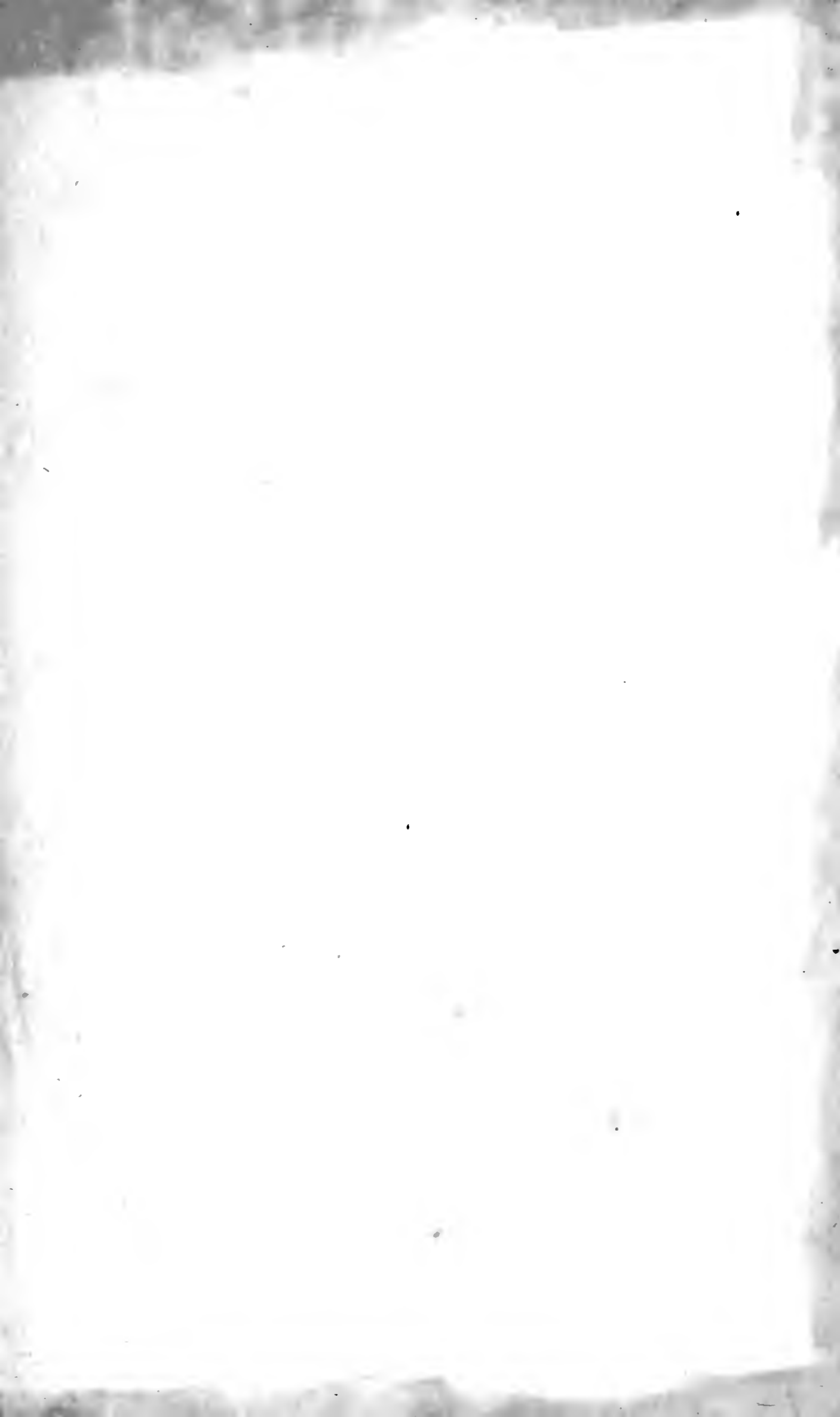


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GULIELMUS DUGDALE
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Ovid:
*Nescio qua natale solum dulcedine cunctas
 Sinit et immemores non finit esse sui*

Wenceslaus Hollar delin. et sculpsit

T H E
ANTIQUITIES
O F
WARWICKSHIRE

I L L U S T R A T E D ;

From Records , Leiger-Books , Ma-
nuscripts , Charters , Evidences ,
Tombes , and Armes :

B E A U T I F I E D

With Maps , Prospects and Portraitsures

By *WILLIAM DUGDALE*.

MANTUAN,

*Cuncta aperit secreta dies , ex tempore verum
Nascitur , & veniens ætas abscondita pandit.*



LONDON,

Printed by *Thomas Warren* , in the year of our Lord
God , M. D C. LVI.



TO MY HONOUR'D FRIENDS
THE GENTRIE OF
WARWICK-SHIRE.



HAT all things perish by Age and time, or some unhappy accidents, is a thing not to be denied; the consideration whereof, hath not a little incited me to the undertaking of this present work; which, after no small cost and pains, being thus finished, I offer unto you my Noble Countrymen, as the most proper Persons, to whom it can be presented, wherein you will see very much of your worthy Ancestors, to whose memory I have erected it, as a *Monumentall Pillar*, and to shew in what Honour they lived in those flourishing Ages past.

In this kind, or not much different, have divers persons in Forrein parts, very learnedly written; some whereof I have noted in my *Preface*: And I could wish that there were more that would adventure in the like manner for the rest of the Counties of this Nation, considering how acceptable those are, which others have already performed, though but briefly; viz. the *Perambulation of Kent*, by *Mr. Lambard*: The *Survey of Cornwall*, by *Mr. Carey of Anthonie*: The *Description of Leicestershie*, by *Mr. Burton*; and the *Antiquities of Canterbury*, by my speciall friend *Mr William Somner*: To which I may adde A short view of *Staffordshire*, by *Mr. Sampson Erdslike* (late of *Sandon* in that Countie) not yet publisht; a Gentleman whose memorie is very precious in those parts for his great knowledge in Antiquities.

What I have said of our *Warwick-shire* Families, is whilst they

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they have been seated in the Countie; and, where I could, pointing briefly at their extractions: for to have gone farther would have been both improper, as out of my bounds, and impossible for me to effect, as may well be deemed by those that understand what a taske it is to find out authorities for the asserting of no more than one Descent. Great is the commendation that is justly due to most of you, for promoting this publique work, by so noble a freedom to me in the sight of your antient Charters and Evidences, which have afforded also many notable discoveries in relation to others aswell as your selves: Nor is it a little honour you deserve for that pious, though due respect, shewed to your dead Ancestors, by representing to the world a view of their Tombes, and in some sort preserving those Monuments from that fate, which *Time*, if not contingent mischief, might expose them to.

But principally must I acknowledge the signall furtherance, which this Work hath received by my much honoured Friend Sir *Simon Archer* Knight, a person indeed naturally qualified with a great affection to Antiquities, and with no small pains and charge, a diligent Gatherer and preserver of very many choice Manuscripts, and other rarities, whereof I have made speciall use, as almost every page in the Book will manifest.

That this my endeavour will have a candid acceptance, I no whit doubt; my principall ayme having been, by setting before you the noble and eminent Actions of your worthy Ancestors, to incite the present and future ages to a vertuous imitation of them; the continued welfare, and lasting honour of your selves and hopefull posterity, being the unfeigned wishes, of

Your most devoted and
humble servant

William Dugdale.



TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE
CHRISTOPHER LORD HATTON,

COMPTROLLER OF THE HOUSEHOLD

*to the late KING CHARLES, and one of his
Majesties most Honorable Privie-Councill.*

MY LORD,



It is little lesse than twenty years
since I had the happinesse to be
first known to you, and to receive
your encouragement to go on in the
getting of fit materialls for the work
I have now at last (through God's
assistance) though with no small dif-
ficulty, accomplished; towards which
I had then made some little progress:

wherein I ever found you so great and constant a favourer
of my endeavours, not only by the free opening unto me your
choise and costly Treasurie of extraordinarie rarities, whereof
the margents of the Book will declare what great use I have
made; but by procuring for me, both accesse to most of the
publique Records in this Nation, and affording me the chief
support I then had, whilst I laboured therein. So that, besides
your great deserts, as a principall *Mecœnas* of learning, and
more especially of Antiquities, wherein your skill and know-
ledge far surpasses any within the compasse of your own Orbe
(the Nobility) that I know, and therefore the more fit to
judge thereof; the influence that this work hath had from
your Lordship, doth justly challenge a publique and gratefull
acknowledgment, which I hope will not be wanting from all
persons, especially those that it concerns, as it hath from me,
who

who with abundant thankfulnesse for these high favours , do now present it to you.

Had I been farther happy in your judicious assistance, and advice for its fabrick and composure , I am sure it would have appeared much more beautifull than now it is ; but that , through your distance from hence , by reason of our sad distractions , could not be expected. Such therefore as it is , I humbly offer to your Lordship , well knowing that your goodnesse will accept thereof, rather as a testimonie of my gratitude , than any other merit , from

Your Lordship's most obliged
servant and honourer

William Dugdale.

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That the prefixing an Introduction to this present work, is as essentiall as the Porch to a greater building will not be doubted; I shall therefore, by way of Preface, speak briefly of Historie in generall, and then of that which may most properly usher in the following Discourse.

It is Historie, saith an eminent person, that hath given us life in our understanding since the World it self had life and beginning, even to this day; and carried our knowledge over the vast and devouring space of many thousand years, having made us acquainted with our dead Ancestors, and out of the depth and darknesse of the Earth delivered us their memorie and fame. And as this is no little satisfaction to all discreet men, so may it be of much advantage, in regard that by a serious observance of the Actions that former times have produced, with their circumstances and issues, a far greater knowledge may be obtained, than the longest life can otherwise afford. Hence is it, that the Antients have bestowed such paines in this kind, as hath been long ago noted by an old Writer; Antiores nostri, quoth he, ab antiquis temporibus labentis seculi excursus prudenter inspexerunt, & bona seu mala mortalibus contingentia, pro cautela hominum notaverunt, & futuris temporibus semper prodesse volentes, scripta scriptis accumulaverunt: Hoc nimirum videmus à Moyse & Daniele factum, &c.

As for the work itself, it is an Illustration of the Antiquities with which my native Countrey (Warwickshire) hath been honoured; in accomplishing whereof, I have spent the chiefest of my time for much more than twenty years, diligently searching into the vast Treasuries of publique Records, besides a multitude of Manuscripts, originall Charters and Evidences in private hands, as the margents where they are cited do manifest; therein imitating Polybius, Livie, Suetonius and Tacitus, who made speciall use of the publique Records of Rome, which were preserved at their Temple of the Nymphs, and at that of Libertie in the Aventine (as ours in the Tower of London and the Rolls chiefly are); so likewise Thucidides, and of later times Sigonius in his de Regno Italiæ, Du Tillet in that of France, and divers more, whereof the learned Selden hath most judiciously taken notice.

Nor do I want example for Discourses of this kind scilicet the Antiquities of particular Countries, Places, and Families by men of eminent learning; witness that of Provence in France by Caesar Nostradamus; of Brescia (a Citie in Italie) by Octavius Rossus; of Languedoc by Guil. Catel; of Bresse and Burgie by Sam. Guichenon; and very lately of Flanders by Anth. Sanderus, who hath most exquisitely represented, by curious Cuts, the Cities, Towns, Monasteries, Colledges, and Gentlemens Houses of note, in those parts, for the better ornament of his Storie.

Perhaps there are some who may expect in this my undertaking, that I should ascend much higher with my discourse of divers Places and Families than I have done, supposing it as possible to speak of the Saxons times as those since the Norman Conquest: but to the consideration of such I shal offer, what likelihood there is, that Memorials of any thing could be preserved, where War did so much abound: For in the time of the Saxon Heptarchie most certain it is, that there was no little striving by those petty Kings to enlarge their Dominions, whereby great wast and spoil was occasioned: And no sooner had King Egbert subdued the Northern Britans, with those that inhabited Cornwall, overcome Bernulph King of Mercia, united Kent, Surrey, the South and East-Saxons to his West-Saxon Kingdom (being therefore reckoned the first English Monarch) and left the possession of all to his son Ethelwolp, which hapned in the year DCCCXXXVI. from our Saviour's Incarnation, but that the Danes, with other barbarous Northern Nations began to infest this Kingdom, vehemently afflicting and wasting the land by the space of CCCXXX. years, even unto the coming of the Normans, sparing neither age nor sex, as saith mine Author, ita ut mirum in modum illiterati Comites penè omnes: nay the very Clergie themselves were so ignorant, as that in the beginning of King Alfred's reign (which was about the year DCCCLXXII.) there were few Priests on the South of Humber that understood the Latine service, or that could translate any writing from Latine into English.

Neither did they much minde learning, till a little before the Conquest by Duke William, as may appear by the testimonie of an authentique Writer; who saith. Non paucis ante adventum

a Sr. Wair.
Raleigh in
the Preface
to his Hist.
of the
world.

b Ord. vit.
in prologo
ad Hist.
Eccles.
321.

c In his
Epist. to
Aug. Vin-
cent's
Discov. of
Errors &c
d Impr.
Lugd.
1614.

e Impr.
Brescia
1616.

f Impr. To-
loze 1634.

g Impr.
Lugd.
1650.

k Vide W.
Malmf.
19 b. n. 40.
C. Et
Chron.
Ethelwar-
di f. 478. a.
n. 40.
1R. Hoved.
f. 236. b. n.
40.

m Affer.
Mencv. de
Ethelwara-
bus gestis
p. 34.

n Ex prof.
Epist. Regis
Ethelred ad
Past. S.
Greg.
o W.
Malmf.
19 a. n. 50.
C.

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ventum Normannorum annis, &c. Not few years before the coming of the Normans, the Clergie were content with disorderly learning, being scarce able to stammer out the words of the Sacrament; he which understood the Grammar being admired of the rest. So that it is not such a merveil that we have no more light of storie to guide us in those clauer times, as tis a wonder there is any thing at all left to us, by reason that learned men were exceeding scarce, and that the Monasteries, which were the preservers of what is left to us of that kind, suffered such miserie by those barbarous people, who were grown so powerfull in this Realm, that for fear of loosing all, King Edmund was constrained to yeild, that Aulafe King of Norway should enjoy the whole Land from Watling Street Northwards: The like agreement in the year M. XIII. in the reign of King Ethelred, were the people forced to, by Sueno King of Denmark.

But to come neerer to my purpose: forasmuch as 'tis a single Countie, which is the subject of this following tract; and that I have proceeded therein by viewing each Hundred apart, I resolve in the first place, to take notice of what antiquitie the division of this Realm, into Shires and Hundreds is said to be; for of the positive time when it was first cast into Counties our best Historians, for want of good light (by reason of the Warrs and distractions before spoken of) are to seek; Ingulphus referring it to King Aethelred, about the year DCCCC. which was towards the end of his reign; H. Huntendon to King Egbert (by circumstance) who began his reign in Anno DCCC. for these are his words--- Postquam autem Reges West-Seaxe cœteris prævaluerunt, & Monarchiam obtinuerunt, terras per XXXV. Provincias sibi dividerunt.

Now, that it was King Egbert (the West Saxon) that so united the Heptarchie, is plain enough; but they are both short: for there is no doubt, but some division thereof into Counties, was long before, though not directly the same throughout that was afterwards by King Egbert; otherwise, why were Egga and Leuricus witnesses to King Ethelbald's Foundation-Charter of Crowland in anno DCCXVI. stiled, the one Comes Lincolnæ, and the other Comes Leicestræ? Besides, as Mr. Selden from Ina (King of the West-Saxons in anno Dccxx) his Laws observes, If any Ealdorman were guilty of an escape, he was to forfeit his Shire, perdat suum Comitatum, as the old Latin translation hath it: So that, had there not been Counties then, this could not have been said: Therefore what Ingulphus mentions as to the first division of this Realm into Counties and Hundreds by King Aelfred, was doubtless meant of Hundreds only, however his pen slipped: For VVilliam of Malmesbury, who mentioneth the occasion of that King's constitution of the Hundreds only, delivereth the same reason that Ingulphus by that mistake doth for Counties and Hundreds both--- Et quia occasione Barbarorum, &c. That by example of the Danes the naturall Inhabitants were greedy of spoil, so that no man could passe to and fro, in safetie, without defensive weapons; Aelfred therefore ordained Centuries, which they terme Hundreds; and Decimes which they call Tithings, that every English man living under Law, should be within some Hundred and Tithing; and if he were accused of any transgression, he should forthwith bring in some one of the same Hundred and Tithing, that would be his suretie to answer the Law; but if he could find none such to undertake for him, then to abide the severitie of the Law: And if any guilty person should fly, before or after his giving such securitie, that then all within the Hundred and Tithing should be fined to the King.

To give some reason why they were called Counties, I shall here exhibite the authoritie of an ancient MS. which making mention of Osulph Earl of Northumberland, hath these words --- Nec invenitur, quod ante prædictum Osulphum Comitum, aliquis fuerat Comes Northumbriae, & per consequens nec ibi Comitatus; quia Comitatus à Comite dicitur, id est dignitas Comitum, vel tantum spacium terræ quantum ad Comitem pertinet. Whereof more to the same effect in the Glossarie of the learned sir H. Spelman Knight, titulo Comitatus, is to be seen, and that matters of Controversie were heard before the Earl in his Countie-Court, or before his substitute, whom the Saxons called *geþef*, and *Scipegeþef*, that is Shire-reeve, *Scipe* or *Scipen*, signifying in our old English to part or divide, or rather (as we yet say) to share a thing; and Reeve (from the Saxon word *geþef* or *geþeua*) a Provost or Steward, which name is yet used in divers Mannours, being attributed to him who is appointed to collect the Lord's Rents.

Having said thus much of the beginning and occasion of the Hundreds, I shall adde a line or two more, from the aforesaid Gloss: where there is a large and learned discourse upon that word. Est autem Hundredus, &c. The Hundred is a portion of the Countie, wherein anciently dwelt an hundred Sureties for the King's peace, as a Tithing wherein were ten; and therefore a Hundred contained ten Tithings, the number of an Hundred being Ten times ten.

And 'tis not a little observable, that before the Normans entrance, the Bishop sat in the Hundred.

p Math.
Westm. in
en. 940. Et
R Hoved.
f. 42. b. n.
40.

q Math.
Westm. in
en. 1013.

r Ingulph.
Hist. f. 495.
b.

s H. Hunt.
lib. 1. f. 170.
b. l. 30.

t Ingulph.
Hist. f. 485.
c. l. 48.

u Tit. of
Honour. c.
2. Cap. 5 §
3.

w Leges
Inæ. Cap.
36. apud.
Bramp-
ton MS.
Cap. 31. Et
vnde Cap. 8.

x Will.
Malm. f.
24. a. n. 40.
y Chron.
Æthel Du-
nelm in
lib. Bodl.
f. 4. b.

z temp. Re-
gis Eduar-
di qui apud
regnavit in
en. 946.

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Hundred-Court, with the Lord of the Hundred, as he did in the Countie-Court with the Earl, and in the Shireeves-Turn, with the Shireeve---Primi igitur sedebant, saith^a Sir H. Spelman, in omnibus regni Comitibus & tribunalibus Episcopi; in Regali quidem palacio cum Regni magnatibus; in Comitatu unâ cum Comite, & Justiciario Comitatus; In Turno Vicecomitis cum Vicecomite; In Hundredo cum Domino Hundredi: sic, ut in promovenda Justicia usq; quaq; gladius gladium adjuvaret, & nihil inconsulto Sacerdote (qui velut Saburra in Navi fuit) ageretur.

^a In Epist. ad Tom. 1. Concl. Vide R. Hoved. f. 260. b. n. 40.

And so likewise after the Conquest, till King William prohibited it, as is evident by these ensuing words of his Mandate^b to the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln;---Propterea mando & regia autoritate præcipio, ut nullus Episcopus, vel Archidiaconus de Legibus Episcopali-
bus amplius in Hundredo placita teneat, nec causam, quæ ad regimen animarum pertinet, ad judicium secularium hominum adducat; sed quicumq; secundum Leges Episcopales de quacunq; causa vel culpa interpellatus fuerit, ad locum quem ad hoc Episcopus elegerit & nominaverit, veniat, ibiq; de causa sua respondeat, & non secundum Hundredum, sed secundum Canones & Episcopales Leges rectum Deo & Episcopo suo faciat.

^b Cart. 2. R. 2. per. Inip. m. 13. n. 5.

Howbeit, besides this dividing the Kingdom by King Alfred, as hath been said, it should seem that he made an exact Survey thereof, much like that which was afterwards performed by King William the Conqueror---Talem Rotulum, saith Ingulphus^c, speaking of Doomesday-book, & multum similem ediderat quondam Rex Alfredus, in quo totam terram Angliæ per Comitatus, Centurias, & Decurias descripsit, sicut prænotatur, qui quidem Rotulus Wintoniæ vocatus est, quia deponeretur apud Wintoniam conservandus: which Roll, time hath consumed, I believe; for I could never discern that our greatest Searchers after Antiquities had seen it.

^c Ingul. H. f. 5. 16. b.

Yet of that Survey so made by the Conqueror, there is still remaining a most perfect and excellent memoriall, kept in the Treasurie of the Exchequer, at Westminster, and intituled by the name of Liber Judiciarius, or Doomesday-book; by the light whereof I have been guided in discovering the most antient possessors of the principall places in this Shire: touching which Survey our Historians do somewhat differ in the time when it began, as these Authorities, cited in the margin, do shew; but the Red book manifests, that it was in the fourteenth year of that King's reign; and that it was not perfected till the xxth. the volume it self declareth.

M Paris. M. Westm. 16. n. Conq.

That this work was performed with great curiositie and strictnesse, observe what an eminent and very antient Historian^a saith---Misit autem dehinc Rex potentissimus Justiciarios per unamquamq; Scyram, id est Provinciam Angliæ, & inquirere fecit per iurjurandum, quot Hydæ, id est jugera, uni aratro sufficientia per annum, essent in unaquaq; villa, & quot animalia: Fecit etiam inquire quid unaquæq; Urbis, Castellum, Vicus, Villa, Flumen, Palus, Silva redderet per annum: Hæc autem omnia in Chartis scripta, delata sunt ad Regem, & inter thesauros deposita usq; hodie servantur. And to the same purpose Ingulphus Abbot of Crouland, a Writer of great credit, who lived in that age, (saying^c, that he himself went up to London, and took brief notes of the lands belonging to their Monasterie, so surveyed, as they were recorded in the before specified Book, for his successors better knowledge) hath this expression---Totam terram descripsit, nec erat Hyda in tota Anglia, quin valorem ejus & possessorem suum scivit; nec Lacus, nec locus aliquis, quin in Regis Rotulo extitit descriptus, ac ejus redditus & proventus, ipsa possessio & ejus possessor, Regiæ notitiæ manifestatus, juxta taxatorum fidem, qui electi de qualibet patria, territorium proprium describebant: the substance of all which is thus Englished by an old Poet^d.

Cron. de Berm. 17. Conq.

H. Hund. tend. 18. Conq.

R. Hoved. 19. Conq.

Ypod. N. 20. Conq.

d H. Hund. tend. f. 212. n. 10.

^e Ingul. Hist. f. 5. 16. b.

^f Ib.

^g Rob.

Glouc. MS in bibl. Bodl. f. 99. a.

The Kyng William for to witte the woꝛthe of his londe,
 Lete enqwere streȝtliche thoꝛw; al Engelonde,
 How many plowsh londe and eke hiden also
 Were in eche Schire, and what woꝛthe therto;
 And the Rentes of eche Towne, and of watres eche one
 That he witte the woꝛthe thoꝛw; al Engelonde
 And lete it wyȝte in a Boke, and sithe put hit ȝwis
 In the Tresoure of Westminster ther ashilȝut is
 So that our Kynges sitthen, when that they raunsome toke
 Alreȝd wiȝt what folke myȝt paie, they founde in this Boke.

By this Survey is evident to be seen, what vast possessions the Conquerour did bestow upon those Normans, Britans, Anjovins, and other French that had assisted him, the better to interest them in the keeping of what he had thus by strong-hand got; of which I shall have occasion to mention many in the following tract, and therefore have spoke the more largely of it: And shall

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furth^r crave leave, considering how vast a change this Conquest made, to go on a little in taking a breif view of the courses then exercised to make a firm establishment thereof.

And first for his Crueltie to the native English, 'tis evident, that he spared not the very Clergie, imprisoningⁿ Stigand Archbishop of Canterbury till he died, with many others; degrading divers Abbots, wasting the lands of Wolstan Bishop of Worcester, Walter Bishop of Hereford, and Frethric Abbot of S. Albans; compelling many of the Nobilitie and others to forsakeⁱ the Kingdom; forcing divers, aswell Priests as Lay-men, driven^u out of their possessions, to betakeⁱ themselves to Woods and Deserts, where they were constrained to live as Savages, whereby there was scarce^m a great man left; all sorts of men being reduced to such miserie and servitude, that it was held a disgrace to be accounted an Englishman--- *Tantum tunc Anglicos abominati sunt, saith Ingulphusⁿ, ut quantocunq; merito pollerent, de dignitatibus pellerentur, & multo minus habiles alienigenæ de quacunq; alia natione, quæ sub cœlo est, extitissent, gratanter assumerentur: For which being toucht with compunction when he lay upon his Death-bed, he cryed out thus to his Friends.---Multis^o (ô Amici) gravibusq; peccatis onustus, contremisco, & mœx ad tremendum Dei Judicium rapiendus, quid faciam ignoro: and so goes on deploring his iniquities; and amongst other of his sins that lay heavie upon his conscience, he hath this expressionⁿ.---Naturales Regni filios plus æquo exosus habui, Nobiles & vulgares crudeliter vexavi, injustè multos exhæreditavi, innumeros, maximè in pago Eboracensi, fame seu ferro mortificavi.*

And of his more particular proceedings against them, and advancing his Normans, observe this notable relationⁿ from a person^{*} that lived in the next age. Post regni conquestionem &c. After the Conquest of the Realm, there was diligent enquiry made, who were in Armes at the battail against the King, that had saved themselves by flight: To these and the heirs of those which were slain therein, all hope was shut for obtaining any of their lands or possessions; Nay, it was thought to be a great favour that they were permitted to live: yet those which were required to put themselves in Arms and did not, and others that were not in the battail, with much and earnest suit had obtained favour from their new Lords, though without hope that their Children should succeed therein; and at length their sons began to retain those possessions at the will of the Lord: but after a while they became odious to them, and were driven away every where from their estates; neither was there any man that would restore what he had so taken from them: So that the Natives being thus despoiled of their substance, and hated, made a common complaint to the King; whereupon advising with his Councell, he decreed, that what they could obtain from their Lords, either in consideration of any merit or service, by lawfull agreement, they should enjoy to themselves without interruption, but by way of descent they should challenge nothing: which, with what discreet consideration it was provided (*saith mine Author*) is manifest enough, especially because by this means, they were thenceforth for their own sakes bound to studie all obsequiousnesse to their Lords, as to the purchasing of their favour; for none of this conquer'd Nation. *saith he*, did possess any thing which seemed to be his own by right of Descent, but what onely through his deserts, or by agreement he could obtain.

But besides these ways of high oppression, he wanted not divers subtille devices to secure his dominion.

First by building[†] of Castles in sundry parts of the Realme: Then to prevent tumults, in the Night season not only disarming the native English; but causing^{*} a Bell to be rung in every Parish, at eight of the clock in the evening, at the sound whereof every one was to cover their Fire and go to rest.----Item ut ferociam populi ad otium perduceret, omnibus arma ademit (*saith Polidore*) statuitq; ut quisq; paterfamilias vesperi, circiter horam octavam post meridiem, testis cineribus igne dormitum iret; & ad id signum vicatim dari voluit per campinas, id quod etiam nunc servatur, & Normanicè vulgò dicitur *Cobertfeu*. And in that year in which he triumphed, *saithⁿ M. Paris*, he took with him some of the English Nobility into Normandie, and married them to Norman Ladies; and in like sort did he marry divers English women to his Normans; continuallyⁱ loading the people with heavy Taxes, to the end they might have enough adoe in busying themselves how to live, rather than to have any leisure to stir up commotions. Moreover, for the better new-moulding them, he introducedⁱ hither, the Norman fashion in making Conveances and Grants, viz. by Deeds sealed with wax, whereas before, they were testified with Crosses, and subscribed by those which were present; causing the Laws of the Land, Statutes of the preceding Kings, and all Pleadings to be written in the French tongue. Nay, to the end that the English Language might in time wear out of use, he took care that the French should be taught in Schools; as also in writing appointed that the French Fashion should be imitated: And for the better accomplishment of his designe, introduced the termes of Hawking, Hunting, Tennis-play, Dice, and other pastimes in that Language.

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Baltinglasse. (2) Of Richard Murden Esquire, at ~~Boston~~ **Boston**, whose sole daughter and heir is the Ladie Harvey, widow of Sir Stephen Harvey Knight of the Bath (3) of Sir Edward Ferrers at **Badley**: Clinton, whose heir is Henry Ferrers Esquire, now Lord of that place (4) And of Sir Edward Devereux Knight and Baronet, at **Alton** juxta **Bermingham**, whose grandson and heir is the present Viscount Hereford.

Of the Religious Houses, Hospitalls and Chantries (those signall Monuments of our Forefathers Pictie) I have shewed their Foundations, endowments, and continuance, with their dissolutions and ruine, which gave the greatesse blow to Antiquities that ever **England** had, by the destruction and spoil of many rare Manuscripts, and no small number of famous Monuments.

And to the end that my discourse of the severall places, may be the more perspicuous, taking notice of that excellent expression of ^a Arias Montanus, viz. -- Si enim absq; locorum observatione res gestæ narrentur, aut sine Topographiæ cognitione Historiæ legantur, aded confusataq; perturbata erunt omnia, ut ex iis nihil non obscurum, nihil non difficile elici possit, I have drawn exact Schemes of the severall Hundreds; wherein, besides the rectifying of divers places, which stand amisse in the ordinarie Maps, are inserted many that were hitherto omitted, fixing them according to their direct stations, as also the depopulated Villages, and other places of note, whereof there is mention in the following work; extending the Rivers neerer their originall heads, and adding sundry petty streamlets, heretofore not taken notice of by our Geographers.

In etymologizing the names of Towns and Places, I have not been over-bold, because most of them had their originall denomination from the Britans, or Saxons; and that Time hath much varied the antient name, by contracting it for the more ease in pronounciation, or in some sort altered it from what it was at first, as is evident in most of them: Nor should I have adventured thus far, had I not received much light from that learned Gentleman Mr. VVilliam Somner of **Canterbury**, my singular friend, unto whom I cannot attribute enough for his great knowledge in Antiquities, and those commendable works, which he hath ^a already published, and is now taking pains in.

Much variation there is, I confess, in the names of sundry places and persons, which perhaps may cause some doubt of my care therein: but in that I have been very curious, having Records, or other authentique writings for my authoritie, which I thought much more fit to follow, than to deliver the names as they are now written.

And as my chiefe aime hath been to illustrate the Antiquities of this Countie, so must I desire my Readers to observe, what intricate parts I have walkt in, to make good that undertaking; scil. the whole series of publick Records, and a multitude of antient and obscure Manuscripts, as the references to them do shew: for the better understanding whereof, because the narrownesse of my Margent hath confined me to such brevity, I have added a short Scheme adjoyning to my Index, which will plainly demonstrate what those pieces of words, and single Letters do mean, with notice where the said Records and Manuscripts were, when I had the perusall of them. And, whereas I have cited, nothing to give testimonie of the Churches Dedications, that what I have said therein of them, is from divers old VVills, Testaments, and other authorities in the Registries of the Bishops of **Cowenre** & **Lichfield**, and **Gloucester**, which to have instanced particularly could not well be done, in regard they were all in loose parcells.

And moreover it is to be noted, that to such or such parts of the Pedegrees where no quotation at all is entred, the proof to make them good, will appear in the historical part. And lastly, that the passages of later times are obvious to the present age wherein we live, or have been delivered to me from persons of credit, unto whom they were certainly known.

Perhaps it will be expected, that I should have deduced my Storie of the Places and Families, to this present year, scil. 1656. But as of that there is no great necessitie, in regard whatsoever is memorable of them cannot be unknown to many observing men; and may much more freely, and without danger of exception, be spoken of by the next generation; so must I plead mine own disability to perform it; partly by reason that some, who had the custodie of our publick Records, were over-curious in vouchsafing a view of such things which concern the last age, deeming it an hinderance to their profit, that ought should be made publick in that kind; and partly in regard that some Gentlemen, doubting that the sight of their Evidences might expose their estates to be questioned, have been nice in yielding thereunto. And 'tis not unlike that some, but for the most part the younger branches of many Families, may think themselves neglected, because their Descents and Matches are not memorized in this work, but to the greatest part of these, I can very justly say, that I had no exact knowledge of them, nor fit means to accomplish it, which is (I hope) a sufficient Apologie.

Of the Incumbents to Ecclesiasticall Benefices, I confesse there is not in this work, an exact succession, divers being omitted, whereof some, which men now living, knew: But the reason is easily given; viz. the neglect of the Bishop's Secretaries, to record their Institutions; which hath

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^a In P. o.
1620 ad
Hill de ter-
ra Sancta.

^a Antiq. of
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^b Gloss. ad
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se ip.
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Impr.
1654.
^c Dist. Sax.
Anglo Lat.

THE PREFACE.

never been so great as in this last Centurie: for to such a height was it grown, within our own time, that notwithstanding ample Fees were received in consideration thereof, they seldome kept a Paper-book for that purpose; but at best, made a brief note of it upon the Instrument of Presentation, which being slightly put on a File, was soon after broke off, and lost.

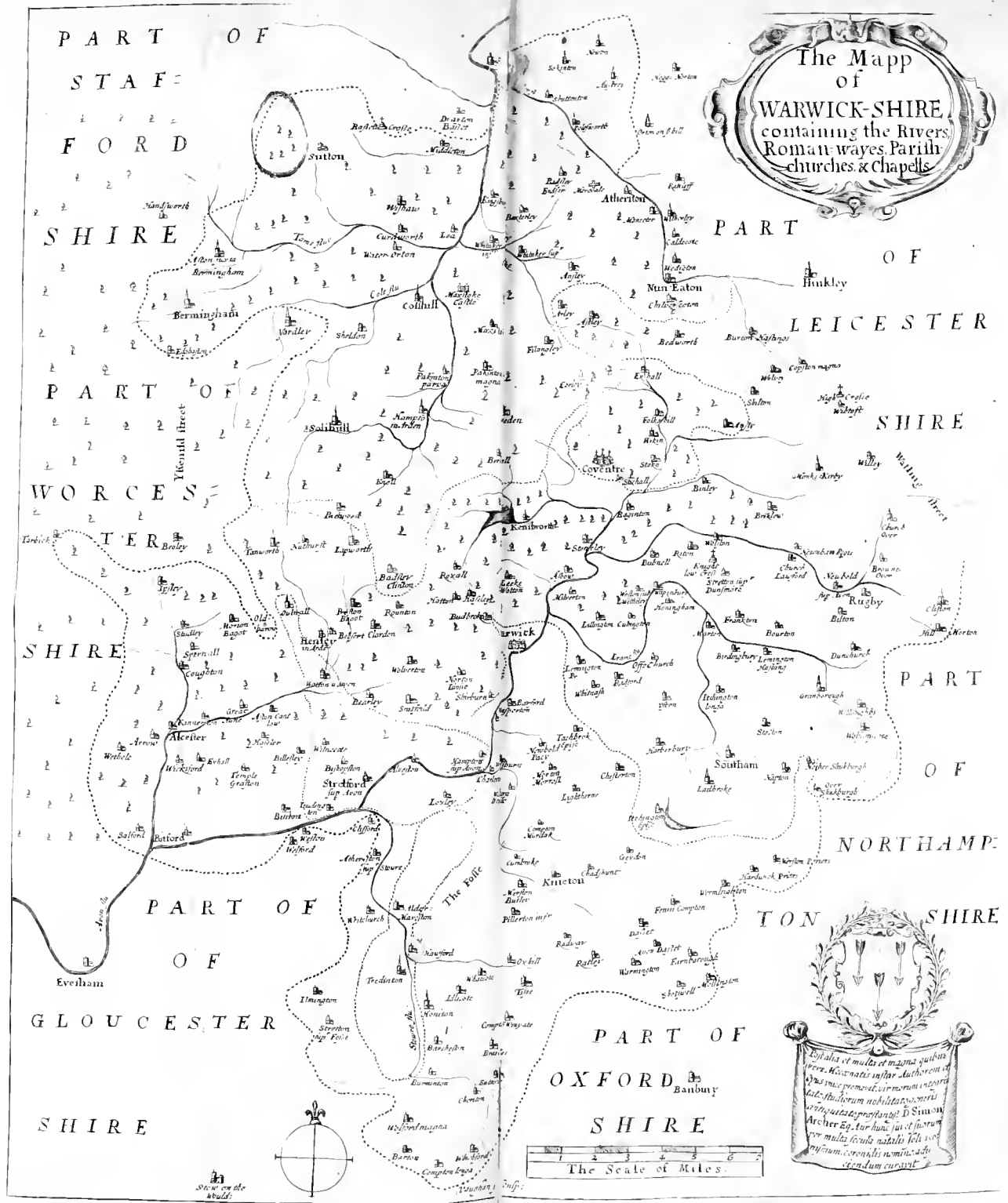
Nor of the Abbots, Abbesses, and Priors, is there any perfect Series, in regard that the Bishops Registers have noted but few of them, and that other Records are therein, for the most part silent.

And now to conclude this Proëme, I shall farther advertise my Reader, that though the following Work seemeth by its Title to relate meerly to this Countie; nevertheless there are some Descents, and much that is historicall, which doth not a little concern many Families in other parts, forasmuch as not a few Lordships in it are possesst by such persons, whose residence is elsewhere, and that matches of heirs female, either hither or from hence, have been so frequent. And it is no lesse considerable, that divers discourses therein are of generall importance, as to matter of knowledg, pointing out the originall or antiquitie of severall things whereof most men perhaps are not as yet so far informed; scil. of Parishes, Consecration, and Dedication of Churches, Feasts of such their Dedication (called Wakes) Mercates and Faires; solemnities antiently used at the Baptizing of Children; the sacred and Courtly Ceremonies in conferring the honour of Knighthood; as also of Sepulture, Grants b, Charter, Seales, Mortuaries, and others, whereunto the Index briefly directeth. In all which, and throughout the whole work, I have to my utmost, endeavoured the plainest stile, as most meet (in my Judgment) for such a business; well remembering that of Cicero, how an Historian should be qualified, scil. not of necessitie to be an Orator, satis est non esse mendacem, saith he. The Truth is it, which is principally to be aimed at; for a little after he thus goes on, Nam quis nescit primam esse Historiæ legem, ne quid falsi dicere audeat? deinde ne quid veri non audeat? ne qua suspicio gratiæ sit in scribendo? ne qua simultatis? Hæc scilicet fundamenta nota sunt omnibus.

As undertaking (I acknowledge) this would have been more proper for such a one whose Ancestors had enjoyed a long succession in this Countie, whereunto I cannot pretend; for my Father was the first, who marrying with a daughter of the House of Swinfen in Staffordshire, seated himself therein, and in the same Parish where my present habitation is; being by birth of Cletherow, in Com. Lanc. and descended from a Familie of good antiquitie in those parts: But I presume, that the less my relations are, the more acceptance will my endeavours find with the ingenuous, and learned, to whose Judgment I only submit both my self and it.

Cic. d. Ora.
tor. lib. 2.
§. 12.

Id. §. 13.



The Mapp
of
WARWICK-SHIRE
containing the Rivers
Roman-ways Parish
churches & Chapells

Epistola de multis et magnis quibus
vires, Accurati in hac ditione et
viresque promouit, ut morum et
sane, studiorum nobilitate, et
viresque, utatque profunde. B. S. S. S.
Archer Eg. tur hunc ius, et hunc
viresque, utatque nobilitate, et
viresque, utatque profunde.



THE ANTIQUITIES OF WARWICK-SHIRE ILLUSTRATED.

The Hun-
dreds.



AVING in my Introduction past through those elder times in which so little light is to be found, whereby more particular and observable Discoveries might be made; I shall now, by the guidance of that incomparable Re-

* In Scat.
penes Thef.
& Came-
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cord, viz. * **Doomeday-Book**, shew what **Hundreds** there were in this County at the **Norman Conquest**; and though all the particular Towns which were contained in each of them do not directly appear, yet by what I shall say, may be discerned, whereabouts those Hundreds did lye, and neerly guess at what they contained: But whether those were the same that were set forth by King **Alfred**, or if altered, when, and how, I cannot take upon me to say; believing rather, that they might have received some alteration; For by what shall be shewed by and by, it will appear that all those did not continue long after the Conquest, but others started up in the places of some of them; and at this day, instead of them all, which were in number Ten, at the Conquest, there are now only Four in being, and not one of them reteyning the name of any that were then.

The Names of the Hundreds in the Conquerours time.

Ferhole hundred

Honesberte h.

Tremelau h.

Berricestone h.

Mereton h.

Stanley h.

Bomelau h.

Pathelau h.

Fernecumbe h.

Colethill h.

Now contained within the hundred of **Kilneton**.

Now contained within the hundred of **Knightlow**.

Now contained within the hundred of **Barlichway**.

Now contained within the hundred of **Hemlingford**.

And because I have a desire to shew (so far as I have any Authority) where the *Vestigia* of those Hundreds were, I have here inserted the names of such Towns as are positively exprest in **Doomeday-Book**, to be within each of them; whereby may be discerned, in probability, of what extent they were, in regard that the other Towns, which lye intermixt with these, must, in all likelihood, be contained therein.

In **Ferhole** Hundred.

Brilles, **Huntone**, **Oatesbe**, **Ticheboche**.

In **Honesberte** Hundred,

Ferneberge, **Herdeboche**, **Radwef**, **Warmin-**

tone, **Rotelet**, **Wimelesstone**, **Deretone**.

In **Tremelau** Hundred.

Taschebroc, **Cotkestone**, **Cedleshumie**, **Pllar-**
betone, **Mortone**, **Fulrei**, **Etendon**, **Perse-**
stone, **Bereford**, **Liffecorne**, **Pilwehold**, **Al-**
nodelstone, **Cestretone**.

In **Berricestone** Hundred,

Almedone, **Coelnitone**, **Berricestone**, **Stratone**.

In **Colethelle** Hundred.

Caldecote, **Filunger**, **Albulvestreu**, **Etone**, **Ail-**
spede, **Cettone**, **Credebozde**, **Witacre**, **Gre-**
nedone, **Perstone**, **Celverdestoche**, **Alberlet**.

In **Stanley** Hundred,

Wilneie, **Lamintone** (Pr.) **Albestone**, **Guitone**,
Rietone, **Bericote**, **Erburberle**, **Cobintone**,
Bubenhalle, **Wetstone**, **Witenas**, **Solwa**.

In **Mereton** Hundred.

Flechenho, **Graneberge**, **Hill** (juxta **Levington**)
Criptone, **Wilmescote**, **Epton**, **Hodencelle**,
Lelleford, **Doncerce**, **Lumintone** (*Hastang*)
Icentone (*longa*)

In **Patelau** Hundred,

Hantone, **Ludstone**, **Wotone**, **Cliforde**, **Mele-**
cote, **Wilmecote**.

In **Bomelau** Hundred.

Smitham, **Anestie**, **Focheswelle**, **Wetstone**,
Boztone, **Wara**, **Albeta**, **Stratone**, **Chirch-**
berle, **Herdeberge**.

In **Fernecumbe** Hundred.

Beothelle, **Netweham**, **Opton**, **Hildebozde**,
Witladesford, **Hildebereud**, **Schreburne**, **Be-**
nintone, **Cotune**, **Haseleje**, **Holehale**, **Ha-**
selobe, **Mortone**, **Bichemerse**, **Stodlet**.

But of all these hundreds, except **Four**, there is not to be found (after that time) a word in Record, viz. **Mereton h.**, **Stanley h.**, **Pathlau h.**, and **Tremelau h.** instead of the rest there being **Winklow h.**, **Cnuchelaw h.** (now **Knightlow**) **Chinton** (now **Kilneton h.**) **Humelsozd** (now **Hemlingsozd h.**) **Barlichway h.** (now also in being) **Cotes h.** and **Chiknef h.**

Of the antiquity of the present **Hundreds** (I mean so far as I find them mentioned in Record) I shall shew in their several places, as the Rivers lead me into them: And touching the continuance of the rest (that is, whilst I find mention of them) I will now expresse what I can, and so leave them; referring only **Pathlow** to be spoke of when I come into **Barlichway h.** because it yet hath a kind of being, termed by the name of the **Liberty of Pathlow** unto this day.

Of **Winklow h.** I find mention in the *a Rot. P.* 21. *21. H. 2.*
of **H.** 2. it paying then **four** Marks for a Mur-
ther,

b Rot. p. 24. H. 2. ther. In the ^b 24 of H. 2. seven shillings and foure pence for murther, and in ^c 5. *Joh. 3* marks. After which time it is called onely *Leta de Brynklow*; viz. ^d 8. E. 3. upon the Taxation of a fiveteenth and tenth; which word *Leta* importing that which at this day we call *Leet*, sheweth that there was a Court here belonging to the Kings Jurisdiction, for part of the Countrey thereabouts; the Towns and Villages there mentioned to be within the same, being these.

Leta de Brinklow.

Belwigham Regis. Herdeburgh-magna. Herdeburgh-parva. Lalleford-longa. Peubold. Pantun. Lalleford-parva. Gosford. Brownes wabere. Penton iuxta Clifton. Church-wabere. Celler-wabere. Walton iuxta Litchby. Pennham-parva. Paylington. Peubold. & Stretton. Cstantwihull Wylfe. Wybetosfe. Wykeble monachorum. Wotthurst. Copston major. Stretardeston. Wyttchroke. Hopsford. Anstye. Barnaulght. Shulton. Copston parva. Wolbey. Burton. Shitford. Stretton-Baskerville. Hyde. Bramcote. Riton iuxta Bulkington. Bulkington. Weston iuxta Bulkington. Werton-Jabet. Wedworth Ecclesdale. Folkehill. Keretwey. Princethorpe. Astley.

But for the Etymologie of the word *Leet*, I cannot well be satisfied, except it proceed from the Saxon word *gelaethian*, id est, *Congregare*, which may very well be: For in *Kent* those divisions of the Countrey are called *Lathes*, which with us are called Hundreds.

Of *Merton*-hundred and *Stanley*-hund. I onely find, that they paid severall Fynes for murther in ^a 21. 24. & 29. H. 2. and in ^{r. R. 1.} howbeit, in 8. E. 3. they are both under the title of *Leta* and not *Hund.* as I have said before in *Brinklow*. Yet it seemes that *Stanley* continued the name of a Hundred longer than *Merton*; for in ^s 7. E. 1. it is called *Hund. de Stanley*.

The particular Towns and Villages in each of them, I have here inserted (as in *Brinklow*) out of the said Roll of ² 8. E. 3.

Leta de Merton.

Mordenhull. Lodbroke. Rodburne. Southam. Napton. Shukeburgh-super. Fleckenho. Wolfhamcote. Pethercote. Grenburgh. Wolfcote. Caldecote. Salesbrugge. Wylebie. Levington-Hastang. Hull. Bradwell. Herdwik. Burthingbury. Stocton. Stonythorpe. Bascote. Arley. Sloley. Itchington-longa. Merton. Ethorpe. Honingham. Wapenbury. Stretton super Duntmore. Frankton. Burton. Dralcote. Thurlaston. Dunchurch. Loffe. Hull. Moxton. Clifton. Rokeby. Bilton. Church-lalleford. Wolrycheton. Merton.

Leta de Stanley.

Herbury. Stibichale. Itchington-Episcopi. Doughton. Offchurch. Radford-Symelic. Levington-Pr. Peubold-Cumin. Pulberton. Comuscote. Lullington. Cubington. Weston iuxta Methley. Bohenhull. Ryton super Duntmore. Whitthashe. Wzandon. Wretford. Solwe. Caloudon. Wilken. Wilmale. Stoke. Bugginge. Winkle. Whitley. Wilney. Coventre. Coundon. Radford. Allesley. Bakinton. Ashoe. Kenellworth. Mobercote. Leke-wotton. Hull.

Of *Tremelau*-hundred, I find, that in ^b 1. R. 1. and ⁵ *Joh.* it fined for Murther: but as I

meet with no mention thereof afterwards, so The Hundred can I no further point out where it is, than I have already signified.

Of *Chikenel*-hundred, it appears that it fined for Murther ⁱ *Anno 29 H. 2. 1. R. 1.* ^{i Rot. P. de} and ⁵ *Joh.* but no more. ^{codem an.}

Of *Cotes*-hundred, & the like in ²⁹ *H. 2.* ^{k Rot. P. de} But whether this of *Cotes* was any part of the Countrey about *Wapwick*; for the Village at the East end of the Town, now called *Coton-end*, was anciently called *Cotes*, as I shall have occasion to shew hereafter. Or whether *Coton* in the Parish of *Churchober*, anciently also called *Cotes*, as in due place shall be shewed, I cannot determin.

And as for *Chikenel*-hundred, I must leave the discovery thereof to others, having no guess whereabout it should be.

So much therefore shall suffice touching the Hundreds, which are not now in being. And because it will fall out that I must begin this work with *Knightslow*-hundred, I shall therefore here shew what I have met with thereof.

Of Knightslow-hundred.

I shall not need to enumerate the Towns and Villages which it now contains, the Map saving me that labour.

The first mention I find in Record of it, is in ¹ 16. H. 2. where the Sheriffe accounts ^{l Rot. P.} ^{16. H. 2.} *Cent. sol. pro placitis conclatis*; and there it is called *Sipesocha de Cnuchrelawa*, those of *Chinton*, and *Humeliso*, having there the same title of *Sipesocha*. The word ^m *Secha*, by Expositors, signifying a free Court, where Pleas of Debt, Covenant, Trespasse, Detinue, &c. are held; but for the first syllable *Sipe*, I rather suppose it should be ^s *Sithe* the Saxon letter *p* (which was in use long after the Conquest) being mistaken for *p*, and then if so (and that Mr. *Lambert*'s exposition of the word *Sithsecundman* to be *Legalis homo*, or *Militaris homo*, be right) it will not be improper to interpret *Sithesocha*, to be *Curia libera legalium hominum*: for the Hundred Court, we know, is *Visus franc. pleg.* as we commonly terme it. And if it be taken in the sense of *Militarium hominum*, it agrees well enough with the nature of that meeting; for to this day in some Counties they are called *Wapentac*'s from the touching of his speare who had the government of the *Wapentac* assigned to him by the principal sort of men that did associat with him; as Mr. *Cambden* (speaking of *Wapentac*'s) observeth out of the Laws of *St. Edward*.

In *K. John*'s time I find it by the name of ⁿ *Hundred de Chnitelowe* to answer *XL. Marc. de fir-* ^{n Lib. rub. 233. b.} *ma.*

In the account of *William Lufcy* (Sheriffe of the Shires of *Warw.* and *Leicest.*) ²¹ *H. 3.* it is thus recorded.

De firma de Knistelawe XL. M.

De auxil. vicecom. ejusdem Hundredi XV. l. ^{o In бага de diversis}

De franc. pleg. ejusdem Hundredi IIII. l. XL. d. ^{Inquis. penes Thes. & Camer. Scac.}

De warth ejusdem Hundredi XIII. s. IX. d.

Summa XLVI l. Xs. V. d.

And amongst the Presentments made by the Hundreds before the Justices Itinerant ⁴ *E. 1.* there is one from this Hundred, the title whereof is, *Hund. de Knytelawe.*

In ^p 11. E. 1. It was found by *Inq.* that the

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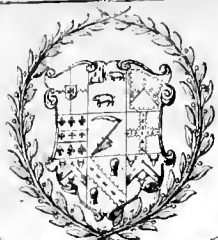
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The Scale of Miles



☞ The Sites of Monasteries,
● Villages,
🏰 Gentleman's Houses,
◇ Depopulated places.

The Hundred of Knightlow.

q Ex ipso Rot. in fene. penes Remem. Regis.

Rot. Fin. 4. E. 3. m. x.

the Hundred of **Knypetlow** (to then it was written) was yearly worth **XXIX. l. XVII. s.**aving to the Sheriff his two Turnes by year; and that **Richard de Stretton**, whilst he lived, paid yearly for the same **XXIX. l. XVII. s.** to the Kings Exchequer.

Upon Inquisition taken 9. E. 2. by vertue of the Kings Precept, (amongst other things,) to certify how many and what Hundreds there were; what Cities, Boroughs, and Towns, &c. and who were owners of them; It is certified, that the Hundred of **Knypthlawe** was then in the Kings hand. And in 4. E. 3. the King by his Pat. dated at **Westm.** 3. Jan. granted the Bayliwick of this Hundred **dilecto valetto** suo **Edmundo de Shireford**, to his well-beloved Esquire **Edmund Shireford**, to hold during life; paying by the hands of the Shiriff, for the time being, the antient ferm thereof, according to the Statute in that case made.

But, since that time, finding little thereof memorable, I shall here adde a List of those Towns, within the precincts of it, which do yet owe fure to this Court. **Wolston. Lillington. Lemington. Hasling. Prince thope. Hopsford. Lodbroke. Wubbenhill. Burdington. Shilton. Barnacle. Napton. Stretton super-Dunsmore. Radford-Semeley. Bourton. Draycote. Wemcote. Church-Ober. Walton in parocha de Monkskirby.**

A word or two now of the place, whence it takes the name, which is a **Tumulus**, or little heap of earth, standing on the brow of the Hill upon the great road-way leading from **Cobentre** towards **London**, as you enter upon **Dunsmore-heath**, commonly called **Knighlowlow-hill**, or **Knighlowlow-crosse**, the latter Syllable **Lowe** (as we now pronounce it,) but antiently and more truly **Lawe**, signifying a little Hill; and so Mr. **Cambden**, in his **Remains** observes, that the Scots who border nearest to **England** doule the word in that sense to this day.

That these **Lowes**, or artificially raised heaps of Earth, were antiently made to cover the Bodies of such as were slain in the field, in the time of the Romans, we have the testimony of **Tacitus**, where he makes mention of **Varus**' his overthrow in **Germany**; and of **Germanicus** (who is there called **Caesar**) his coming to the place of that slaughter, and finding the carcases unburied.

—igitur Romanus qui aderat, excercitus (saith he) sextum post cladis annum trium legionum ossa, nullo noscente alienas reliquias an suorum humo regeret, omnes ut conjunctos, ut consanguineos, aut in hostem ira, maesti simul & infensi condebant. Primum extruendo tumulo cespitem Caesar posuit gratissimo munere in defunctos & presentibus doloris socius. These last words implying, that every Souldier brought his turf, or turfs to the raising of a **Tumulus**, according as his respect was to the defunct; and that **Germanicus** himself laid the first, as eminent persons have used to do the first stone in the foundation of some notable building.

And that this course in covering the Bodies, not onely of such as were slain in the feild, but of others, was also very antiently used by the Danes and other Northern Nations, I shall here exhibite the testimony of **Olaus Wormius**; who, now in our age hath brought to light the old Cymbrike antiquities; and, amongst other things, touching the ancient Danish Burials, hath these words

—Ab antiquis Epochas quasdam, a sepeliendi ritibus apud septentrionales introductas esse accepi;

qui cum varii fuerint, illi quoque, eorum habitu ratione, subinde mutabantur. Sic enim membrana mea M. S. tres numerari solent hominum etates, qua ab Inferiarum modo denominationem acceperunt. Prima **Holfold**. Secunda **Hofgold**. Tertia **Christendoms old**. Primitus enim defunctis iussu soluturi, in campo plano juxta viam regiam, aut defuncti pradium sito, circum rata magnitudinis lapidibus efformabant, oblongum tamen, viginti quandoque orgyarum longitudine, latitudine trium: In hoc defuncti cadaver cremabant; cineres collectos urnis includebant, ac in circi medietallo locatos grandioribus undique stipabant saxis, superinjecto saxo aliquo latiore quo cetera tegerent. Hinc totam aream lapidibus, arenâ, glebaque terrestri replebant, ac in formam monticuli collem desuper attollebant, quem demum cespitibus tgebant, ut viriditate sua oculos praterentium recrearet. Hac sepultura **Rolfer**; & hunc sepeliendi ritum at **Rolfe** dixerunt. Regibus tantum hunc honorem habitum voluit; alios autem pompa minore tumulatos, &c. Addunt alii Reges tumulos ad magnitudinem & figuram carinae maximae navis Regia descriptos. Secunda etas, **Hofgold** dicta, ea fuit, quâ cadavera incremata atque integra cum suis ornamentis, in circulo, ex grandioribus confecto saxis, locabant, aliisque circumquaque tgebant, arenam & glebas terre exaggerando usque dum in justam monticuli exurgeret altitudinem, qui cespitibus & aliis saxis demum exterius exornabatur. In praelio casos in unum cumulum conjiciebant, quem **Malcoffe** vocabant, & supra eos terram exaggerabant, ut in monticuli speciem agger cresceret. Tertia & ultima etas **Christendoms old** determinatur, ex quo nos Christiani demortuos jam tumulare soleamus, &c.

Which learned Author, further to manifest this usage from other writers, thus goes on — Scien- dum autem quod Dani, cum propter defectum saxorum pyramides & obeliscos extruere minime potuerint, eum in memoriam Regum & heroum suorum, ex terra coacervata ingentem molem, montis instar eminentem statuerunt.

—Dani, & cum pyramides (&c. ut supra) atque illis adeo in locis, ut plurimum, quo saepe homines commearant, aut iter haberent, in viis publicis quo posteritati memoriam clarissimorum virorum consecrarent, & quodammodo immortalitati mandarent. citing also that of **Virgil**.

—Fuit ingens monte sub alto Regis Dercenni terreno ex aggere bustum Antiqui Laurentis, opacaeque ilice tectum.

which the learned **Gawyn Douglas**, sometime Bishop of **Dunkel** in **Scotland**; thus translates.

—Under the montane **Lair** there stude fote hote ane bing of erth upheit like ane mote contengng the cauld astis and birnt banis of auld Dercennus King of **Laurentanis oberheloe** with aktn treis, &c.

The like expression hath also the said Poet, speaking of the tomb of **Cajeta**, **Aeneas** his Nurle.

At pius exequiis **Aeneas** ritè solutis aggere composito tumuli, &c.

The reuthfull than, and the devoute Prince **Enece** perfozmed dewly thy funerall serbyce apoun the sepulture as custome was and gyle ane hepe of erd and kistill moit gart uprays

Nec levi opera (saith he) aut sumptibus exiguis hi tumuli conficiebantur; Testatur enim historia

u 10. p. 43.

x 10. p. 45.

y Pet. Lindbergius in suis veterum monumentis.

z Job. Cypræi Ant. eccl. Slefvic. lib. 1. cap. 2.

a Lib. xi. Aeneid.

b 10. lib. 7

c Olaus Worm. p. 3

s Taciti Annal. lib. 1. cap. 62.

Vide etiam Cambr. Brit. in Wilts.

Olai Wormii monumentum Dan. p. 40.

Norvagia in Haraldo Harfagre, regulos duos in Naumedal, fratres uterinos, tribus integris annis, impensis magnis in unico tumulo fabricando laborasse.

Now, forasmuch as it appears, by what hath bin said, that these heaps of earth were at first so raised to cover the Bodies of some one person of note, or else of many slain in the Field and brought together, I shall adventure upon the Etymologie of the word *lowe* or *lawe* (for they are indifferently called.)

That it might have its originall from the old British word *Llehan*, *id est, locare, vel collocare*, as Dr. *John Davies* in his Dictionary expoundeth it, and so by contraction be pronounced *lawe*, is not improbable; for so it expresseth the same that *tumulus* with the antients did. *Nam & terra congestio super ossa Tumulus dicitur*, as we read in the most learned and ancient Commentary of *Servius* upon *Virgil's* iii. *Aeneid.* ver. 22. And we know well that the word *Tumulus* signifieth the same that *Sepulchrum* or *monumentum* doth; and yet not properly from the very nature of the word, but by a Metonymie. And that the British word *Llehan* might proceed from the Latine *locare*, is also likely enough, forasmuch as it is apparent^d, that the Romans did, by kind and most insinuating praises, make the old Britons overstudious of their language and customs.

Add hereunto, that the Romans calling the places wherein they layd the bones of the burned corpses *loculos*, as it is clear à *locando*, and that the British *llogel* is the same with *loculus*, and it will not seem unutable, that they may have taken their word, whose custome of interring they imitated or expressed. And then, that the Saxons coming after, who frequently changed the vowels, indifferently using the *C* for *L*, and the like, expressed the verb *logian* also, for *collocare*, or *componere*, as we see *Marc.* i. 12. It may very well be, that both Latine, British, and Saxon are all derived from the same Greek Fountain, seeing *λογω*, as it signified many things with the ancient Greeks, so it was often used for *cubare facio*. *λογω* also doth often signify *cubo, jaceo*; and from this acceptance of the verb cometh *λογος* and *λογος, lectus*; our Dutch *leggen* or *liggen, jacere, leger, stratum, cubile*; as also *llehan, logian, logis*, &c.

But forasmuch as in things at this distance from us, by reason of their antiquity, we cannot go upon very absolute certainties, I will adventure upon another, and, in my opinion, more likely conj.ecture.

Bustum, as we find in *Pompeius Festus*, proprie dicitur locus in quo mortuus est combustus, & sepultus; diciturque bustum, quasi bene ustum. *Servius* likewise, upon the 185. verse of *Virgil* his xi. *Aeneid.* maketh this distinction. *Pyra est lignorum congeries. Rogus, quum jam ardere ceperit, dicitur. Bustum jam exustum vocatur.* It is therefore not unlikely that the Antients, in imitation of the word *bustum* (which signified the place where a man was burned and buried) made their word *lowe* from *loge*. For illustration therefore of this Etymologie observe, that, not onely *leg* or *lig*, but *loge* also signified a flame, as it should seem from *λογε* or *λογος, flamma*, the initial *p* being here taken away, which sometimes is added; as when the English *flanke* is made out of the Teutonike *lanke*. I will not alleage here the

British word *llogg, incendium, ustio*, and *lloggt, rere*; for they may seem too much different: but I do refer my self to the old Gothike Monuments, in the which, *loge* signifieth a flame.

Willeramus Abbas in his Paraphrasis also upon cap. 8. ver. 6. of the *Canticles*, useth *loghon*, and *lloghon* instead of *ardere, flammam emittere*. Those likewise who, as yet in *Frisland* do entertain their ancient Country language, call the flame *loehene*: yea almost all the other low-Dutch call a fired straw bunch to dry their vessels withall by the name of *lochter*. Of this *loge* therefore, which antiently signified a flame, cometh *lowe bustum*, without doubt; even as the word *law* is corrupted out of the old Saxon *lagu, lex*. and as the word *malu* is made of *maga, stomachus*. And that it was so, I am much the more confident, when I consider; that in the Northern parts of *England*, as also in *Scotland*, where the vestigia of our ancient language, the Saxon, are most to be found, the flame of any fire is called *lowe* to this day; the common people usually saying, that the fire *low's*, when it blazeth or flameth: consonant whereunto is that of the before specified Bishop of *Dunkel* in the said translation of *Virgil*.

e Lib. 7. f. 164. b.

As king *Latpnus* kindyllis on there gyse
Apon the Altaris for the sacrifice
The clere childis the dry fyre byndis
Duhare that also by her fader standis
Labinia the maid his doughter fare,
Ane selcoth thing to se in hir hare
It sempt the hate fyre kindollit bycht,
And hir gay cleshting all with lowis licht
Can glete and sperkilland bren up in ane bleis
His ryal tressis inflambit, &c.

f Aique omnem ar-natum flamma crepitante cremari.

Now for the word *Tumulus*, it may very well be derived, either from *cumulus*, which signifies a heap, or from the verb *tumeo*, to swell; for it is taken promiscuously, not onely for a place of sepulture, but any rising ground, as in xii. *Aeneid.* — *Et tumulum caput, &c. — tumulique ex aggere satur.*

Nor is it unlike, but that these *Tumuli* have bin instead of Altars to Sacrifice unto the Ghosts of the dead, as the same *Virgil* bears witness, *Et statuent tumulum, & tumulo solennia mittent.* We also observe, that there was Sacrifice offred to those Ghosts upon *Tumuli* which were plac'd at a great distance from the party deceas't, as we find likewise in the before mentioned Authour, — *tumulum Rhetæo in littore inanem constitui.*

And *Andromache*, although in a Græcian Citty, Sacrifices *Hectorum ad Tumulum*. As for the fashion of these *Tumuli* in *Homer's* days (near 3000. years since) let himself speak, *ἔκδοξ' ἄνδρ', &c.*

g Iliad. lib. 3. v. 197.

— *Terramque supersudere recentem, tum facto tumuloredeunt.*

And in the same place *Achilles* complains how small a *Tumulus* he had made for his beloved companion *Patroclus*; and intreats those that should survive him to raise it to a greater height. *ἔκδοξ' ἄνδρ', &c.*

h Ib. v. 189.

Exiguum statui tumulum, quicumque relictus Post nostram fuerit mortem, belloque superstes, Illius extructus manibus consurgat ad astra.

Of which desire, you shall find in the last Book of

of the *Odysses*, that the *Græcians* were not unmind-
full, but built a Sepulcher for him and *Patro-
clus*; a large one indeed, which served afterwards
for a land-mark, as appeareth from the same Au-
thor, in these words, *ἵδμεν δὲ τὸν ἐνθάδε*, &c.

2 Odyss. lib.
xlii. v. 80.

*Hos super Augustum tumulum vastumque pelagici
(Littore sublimi qua clauditur Hellepontus)
Struximus, ut notum per secula longa maneret,
Etque mari longè speculantibus obvius esset.*

2 Per. 636.

And this was the fashion of these Monuments in
Homer's time, even for the most famous persons,
which may be taken notice of in many other pla-
ces; as that whereof he makes mention in the
third Book *ἄλκιμονος Ἑκτορος*.

And a little after, another, *Πολύβορος Μυῖνος*;
which is there called a high Hill. As also in the
23. Book, wherein he seems to give notice, that
that manner of Buriall was in fashion long before
the *Trojan* wars: for *Nestor* calls that rising
ground, of which he forewarn'd his Son *Antilo-
chus* in his chariot-race, the monument of some
man dead long before; which agrees to that au-
thority, likewise which we find in the last Book
of the *Iliads* in the Burial of *Hector*;
*Et tumulum saxi ingentibus undique firmant,
Affunduntque super terram.*

Now, it is agreed upon by the best of Authors,
that not only the *Græcians*, but most of the Ea-
stern Nations borrowed their Philosophy, their
ways of Sacrifice, and Buriall from the *Ægypti-
ans*, and, very probably, this custom amongst the
rest; especially having so noble a pattern as those
much fam'd Pyramids were; which no man doubts
to have bin the Monuments of some of their Kings.
And that this fashion did continue till *Virgil's*
time, his distich upon *Balista* will verify.
*Monte sub hoc lapidum tegitur Balista sepulcris,
&c.*

A word or two now, touching the burning of
dead Bodies, in regard it hath bin observed by
some judicious persons, who have dig'd to the
bottom of divers heaps of earth which are called
Lowes, especially on *Cogleby* heath in *Derby-
shire*, that there have bin found burnt Bones and
Charcole there. So also at *Lilburne* in *Port-
smouth* shire, as Mr. *Cambden* observeth; and in
the Isle of *Man*, severall Urnes with the like
burnt Bones and Coal.

1 Anno
1653.

There is a remarkable place in *Plinie*, out of
which we learn, that it was not an ordinary or
usuall thing amongst the antient Romans to burn
their dead Bodies: yea, that divers great families
never did it; but, that it was most used about
them, who dyed in an expedition of a remote
War, amongst enemies thirsting after an inhumane
and hostile revenge. The custom it self, and the
reason thereof is set down by *Plinie* in the 54.
Chap. of the vii. Book of his *Naturall History*.

—*Ipsam cremare apud Romanos non fuit veteris
instituti: terrâ condebantur. At postquam longin-
quis bellis obrutos erui cognovere, tunc institutum.
Et tamen multa familia prius servavere ritus, si-
cut in Corneliâ nemo ante Syllam Dictatorem
traditur crematus. Idque voluisse, verum talio-
nem, erui C. Marii cadavere. Varus Quintilius
his exemplo, and many such like terrified them;
—*Ipsius quoque Consul's Corpus*, saith *Florus*
Lib. iv. Cap. 12. where he speaketh of *Varus*,
quod militum pietas abdiderat effossum. Neither
had they any reason to expect better usage of the*

Britans than of the *Germans*; seeing divers of
their *Generals* (as *Cavallacus*, *Galcacus* and o-
thers) had sufficiently declared, how they took it,
that the *Romans* came, in such away, to disturb
the tranquillity of their Island, and studied to
enslave them all. It seemeth therefore, that any
Consul, or eminent warrior dying in such an ex-
pedition, was, for that reason, burned upon the
level near the *via strata*, or *militaris*; And
having by this course deprived the exasperated e-
nemies of their hope in ever being able to abuse
the dead Body, they did moreover hinder them
to scatter the very Bones in haste, when the whole
Army congested upon them pure grassy turfs, cut
from the surface of the ground; which is the rea-
son why it doth not appear by any hollowness,
whence the earth was taken that raised the *Tu-
mulus*.

And thus much shall suffice for these *Tumuli*,
or *Lowes* (of which kind there are many more
in this County); a good part whereof I do ac-
knowledge to have received from the learned
Franc. Junius, my worthy friend.

As for the first syllable *Knigh* (this *Tumulus*
being called *Knighstlow*) it is a Saxon word and
hath divers significations; sometimes it is used
for a Man-Child, sometimes for a Young Man,
Servant, Bachelor, or unmarried Man. In the Sa-
xon Gospels the Disciples of our Saviour are cal-
led leopning cnihtas: but most commonly is that
name of Knight attributed to a Souldier, or one
that beareth Armes: for the antient manner of
conferring the honour of Knighthood, was *bal-
theo militari decorare*. We call them now in La-
tine *Milites*; the Italians *Cavallieri*; the French
Chivaliers, in regard they serve as Souldiers on
Horse back: but I will not enlarge my self fur-
ther on this subject, it being so fully handled by
others; concluding that this *Low* was the *Tu-
mulus* or monument (doubtless) of some eminent
Souldier in the Romans time.

But the Cross sometime there, was of later erec-
tion, as in most publick places of concourse the like
hath bin, to put people in mind of the great be-
nefit God hath vouchsafed for the Redemption of
mankind by the passion of his Son; which, no
doubt, to all pious Christians is of very good use,
however, upon pretence that they were idolized,
are now demolished in most parts of this King-
dom.

According to my proposed method, beginning
with the River *Avon*, (which hath its head near
Pavesby in *Portsmouth*-shire,) I shall ob-
serve that the original thereof is Brittain; *Aufona*
or *Avon*, with them signifying the same as *Fluvius*
in Latin: and that at its entrance into this Coun-
ty, it meeteth the great Road called *Watling-
street*, whereof I hope it will not be thought in-
congruous to take here some speciall notice.

That it was a work of the Romans is not to
be doubted. Whilst *Agricola* (saith *Tacitus* n) go-
verned *Brittaine*, severall wayes were enjoyned, and
far distant places (by the purveyours commande-
ment) that the *Connirey* should carry from the near-
est standing Camp, or wintering places, to those
that were far of and out of the way; and the *Brit-
tans* complained, (as the same *Tacitus* writeth),
that the *Romans* wore out and consumed their bo-
dies and hands, in clearing of woods, and paving
the Fens, with a thousand stripes and reproachfull
indignities: And we read (saith Mr. *Cambden*)
in

The like
was thae
of *Severus*
at *Porte*
mentioned
by *Camb-*
den. And
that called
Hubletw
in *Decon*
id est tumu-
lus Hubba.
Lel. col.
vol. 1. p.
234.

m Camb.
Brit. edit.
Lond. anno
1637. p.
170. Sel-
dens tit.
of Honour
p. 769.

Watling
street.

n Tacit. in
vita Agri-

in ancient Records. That in the days of Honorius and Arcadius, there were made in *Wiltaine* certain beaten wayes from Sea to Sea. And that this was the Romans work, *Beda* testifieth. The Romans (saith he) inhabited within the wall which Severus had made overthwart the Island towards the Southern side, which the Citties, Churches and Street-wayes, there made, do witness at this day.

From this Way was that ancient City *Verolaminum* (near St. *Albans*) called, in the Saxons time *Wetlingaceaster* *p*, as appeareth by K. *Ethelreds* Charter, whereby he granted lands to the monastery of St. *Alban*, in the year of Christ 996.

Great was the cost and labour, in carrying of Stones, Gravell and Sand, for the making those ways firm and lasting, as may yet be seen in divers parts, where the soyl it self, within many miles, yeildeth not such materials. Nay it hath bin observed, that near St. *Albans*, in digging the ground where *Wetlingstreet*-way antiently went, Gravell and Sand hath bin found ten foot deep in the earth, and eighteen foot in breadth, with great flint stones in the bottom, such belike, saith mine Author, *q* as were at first upon the top thereof. And, in what great account these wayes have antiently bin, may appear by the eminency of the persons, who were employed as Officers for taking care in the oversight of them; *Augustus Caesar* himself not disdaining the task: And sometimes the *Ediles* took charge of them, as it appears by *Caligula* his causing the Edile-vestment of *Flavius Vespasianus*, when he executed that place negligently, to be publickly dawbed over with dirt: and sometime that imployment was committed *Collegio Quaestorum*.

They had rules let down *de muniendis & struendis viis*, which they called *Legem viariam*, as appears by *Celius* his Epist. to *Cicero*; and these they called *Viocuri*, for *viarum curatores*; yea they committed the tuition of the wayes to the Gods themselves, and called them *Dii vii. Plantus in Mercatore Act. 5. Scen. 2.* calls them *Lares viales*: And *Apollo*, by *Pausanias* is termed *Viarum praeses*. Likewise they used to sacrifice "*Dea vivilia, qua ab erroribus viarum mortales liberat*"; And there is extant an antique Inscription (the Copy whereof *Lipsius* upon *Smetius* hath mentioned) *FORTUNAE REDUCI LARI VIALI ROMAE AETERNAE. Q. AXINS AELIAN.*

Neither were these ways without great account by our Ancestours the Saxons, as may appear by the Laws of St. *Edward*, *De pace quatuor Chiminorum*; that is *Viarum*, *sub majori iudicio*; viz. touching the peace of the four road-ways, in some higher Court: And since that time the Statute *of Mactlebridge* forbiddeth distresses to be taken in any of the Kings High-ways, or common streets; And the Statute called *Articuli cleri* commandeth, that such as abjured, should not be molested while they be in the High ways.

But of those ways let us hear *Rob. of Gloucester* in his old ryme, though he be somewhat mistaken, as well in the Tract of them, as in the Makers.

Faire weyes many on ther ben in Englonde;
But four most of all ther ben I understonde,
That thurgh an old kyng were made ere this,
As men shal in this boke assir here telle I wis.

Fram the South into the North takith Ermingestre.

Fram the East into the West goeth Ekeneld strete.
Fram Southest to Northwest, that is sum del grete.

Fram Dover into Cheshire goth Watlyngstrete.

The feth of thise is most of alle that tilleth fram Toteneys.

Fram the one end of Coztwasse anone to Cateneys.

Fram the Southwest to Northest into Englonde ende,

Fosse men callith thilke wey that by mony toln doth wende.

Thise foure weyes on this londe kyng Belin the wisse

Made and ordeyned hem with gret Fraunchise;
For whoso dide therein ony theste other ony wou;

He made suggement therof and gret vengeance ynou.

Clifton.

BUT I will forbear to enlarge my self any further on this subject, and take a view of *Clifton*, which standeth upon the top of an indifferent hill, on the South-side of *Abon*, having its name from the scituation; *Clippe*, and *Clive* with the Saxons, signifying not onely a rocky place, but any shelving ground.

In *Domesday-booke* it is written *Clifstone*, the Norman Transcribers of the certificate made upon that Inquisition taken by the Countrey, mistaking (without doubt) the Saxon letter *F*. which is thus written *f*, for a *p*.

In the time of K. *Edward* the Conf. this Town was posselt by *Alwine*, who is commonly called *Alwinus viccomes*; a great man in those days, and lineall ancestour to that worthy and long lasting family of *Arden*, that hath flourished ever since in this County, as I shall shew when I come to *Curdwoth*, in *Hemlingford*-Hundred.

Which *Alwine* gave *2* it to the Priory of *Coventre*, for the health of his soul, by the content of the said King *Edward*, and of his own sons: but after the Norman-Conquest Earl *Alberic* (Progenitor to that noble family of *Vere* antiently, and yet, Earles of *Orford*) unjustly seized upon it and outed the Monkes; as it is certified by the Conquerours Survey, in which it is found to contain five Hydes. There was then a Church, and two Mills, the value of the whole Lordship being rated at *liiii. l.*

I have not seen by any Record, how it came out of the line of this *Albericus Comes*; but certain it is, that it continued not long therein: for it is evident that *Ernald de Bois*, who lived in K. *Stephens* time, was owner thereof. And that it was given to him by *Robert*, surnamed *Bossu*, then Earl of *Leicester* is not to be doubted; for upon the grant *a* of the custody of his heir in the 7. year of K. *John*, it is said to be *de feto Saiheri de Quinci*, which *Saierus* married *b* *Margaret* Sister and one of the coheires of *Robert Fitz-Parnell* Earl of *Leicester*, and had by her, in partition, the moiety of the Honour of *Leicester*.

2 Lib. Domesday.

a Cart. 7. Joh. n. 58.

b Rot. de Inquis. & tenuris penes Thef. & Cambr. Scacc.

Hoc

o Beda Eccl. hist. cap. 11.

p M. Paris. in vit. Abb. p 240 34. p 241 37.

q Lelandi Col. vol. 3. p. 280.

r Sueton. in vespas. n. 5.

s Sutton in Claudio n. 24.

t Cicero Epist. l. 8. E. Epist. ad Fam.

u Arnob. lib. 4. adversus gentes.

Vide Hist. Angl. script. col. 2357 n. 30.

w 52. H. 3. cap. 15. r 9. F. 2.

M. S. in bibl. Bodl. 10. b.

c Rot. Fin.
7. Joh. m.
12.

Hoc flemma ex
codice MS. Hen-
rici comitis Stan-
fordia deducum
est.

Ernaldus de Bos-
co, primus, Se-
nescr. comitis
Leic.

Ernaldus de Bos-
co, secundus

Ernaldus de Bos-
co tertius.

Ernaldus de
Bosco, quartus

Johanna uxor Thomæ
de Estleja

d Ex vi-
dentiis.
Ric. Cham-
berlein de
Alley, ar.

Johannes de
Bosco filius
& hæres, ob-
iit sine pro-
le.

Magr. Will.
de Bosco.

Johan. Lo-
vel miles.

Isabella foror
& hæres

Will. la zouch de-
Haringworth.

Matildis filia &
hæres

f Regist.
Abb. de
Leic. in
Bibl. Cot-
ton. f. 34. b.

This Ernald gave to the Abby of **Leicester** (of the said Earls foundation, whose Steward he was) the perpetuall Patronage of the Church here at **Clifton**, with the Chapels of **Waber** (id est **Woburn**) **Ober** **Rokeby**, and **Pelton**.

g Rot. de
Quo war.

To whom, after severall descents, succeeded John; who, in 13. E. 1. claimed by Prescription a **Court-leet** here with other Priviledges; and **Free Warren**, granted by K. H. 3. to Arnold his father; all which were allowed. And to him William; who in 21. E. 1. settled divers mannours, lying in the Counties of **Warwick**, **Leic.** and **Northampton**. upon William la Zouch and Maud his Wife, and the Heirs of their two Bodies lawfully begotten: in which entayl, a Knights fee in this Lordship likewise passes, but no mention of the Mannour.

h Fin. le-
vat. xv.
Mich. 21.
E. 1.

So that, 'tis like, it was granted away before; and, very probably, in the 13. of E. 1. before the making of the Statute of *Quia emptores terrarum*, in regard that **Clifton** is found afterwards to be held of the **Zouches** of **Haringworth** (who were Heirs of **Boys**) and not of the Honour of **Leicester** as formerly; which could not (I conceive) have bin, if it had bin after that Statute.

i Cart. 27.
E. 1. m. 15.

The next possessor of this Lordship was William **Revell** (of whom and his Family I have spoke in **Petbould-Revell**;) which William, in 27. E. 1. obtained a Charter of **free Warren** in all his Demefin Lands here; as also in **Petbould** and **Woburn** in this County; And in 1. E. 2. entayled it upon himself and the heirs of his body; but, for lack of such issue, on William Inge for life; and after his decease on John the Son of William Revell and the Heirs of his Body; with divers remainders. In the Male line of which William, it continued not more then two descents after; but by an Heir female devolved to Robert de Witteney of **Witteney** in **Herefordshire**, as the Pedegree in **Petbould-Revell** sheweth; from whom Sir Robert Whitney of the same

k Fin. le-
vat. O-
ctab. Hill.
1 E. 2. Mar.

place and County Knight, now Lord of this Mannour, is descended.

The Church (dedicated to the *Assumption* of our Lady,) being anciently a Prebend of the Castle at **Leicester**, but afterwards granted to the Abby there, was appropriated by Geffry **Muschamp** Bishop of **Con.** and **Leic.** in K. John's time. And in Anno 1291. 19. E. 1. valued at xxv. marks, the Vicaridge being then rated at v. This is commonly called Pope **Nicholas** his taxation.

l Regist.
Abb. de
Leic. in
Bibl. Cot-
ton. fol. 7. a.

m Ex vetu-
sto exem-
plari penes
Decan. &
capitulum
Leic.

In the 26. of H. 3. the Vicaridge was valued at viii. l. xx. d. the *Procurations* anciently paid to the Bishop of **Coventre** and **Leic.** out of this Rectory being v. s. vi. d. The Originall ground of which payment arose by reason of the damage that the Bishop and his Successours were like to sustain after such appropriation made; because the Parson was to give entertainment to the Bishop when he came to visit; forasmuch as the Bishop might visit *ecclesiasticum*, that is every particular Church, if he pleased: so that there was good cause, that he should, upon the appropriation, *pro indemnitate sua & successorum suorum*, reserve something to be paid, in regard they must travail at their own charge.

n Ex am-
plo codice
M. S. in
Seac. penes
Remem. R.

o Ex vete-
ri codice
M. S. penes
S. Archer
mil. fol.
24. b.

p Ex Codi-
ce cartaco
M. S. apud
castell. de
Ecclesiale.
anno 1637

Now that the word *procuratio* imports matter of Dyet, I could shew many pregnant instances, but I will make short, and exhibite these for all.

q Bowl.
fol. 78. a.

Anno 1290. Memorand. quod die Mercurii in festo S. Luca Evang. Dominus Episcopus cepit procuracionem suam in cibis & potibus apud **Bordesleg**, & pernoctavit ibidem.

r Giff. fol.
326. b.

Gauf. de Clintona omnibus (&c.) Sciatis me concessisse in Elemosinam Ecclesiam S. Marie de Chening. & Canonicis ejusdem, terram de Wridefen quam dederam Rad: sororio (&c.) Pro hac concessione debent ipsi Canonici eidem Rad. procuracionem quamdiu vixerit, (&c.) So that here you see, that whereas the word *procuratio* doth simply signify procurement, which is for another to do that which the party himself ought; whereupon the word Procurator, in the Civill Law imports as much as an Attourney in the sense of the common Law: so is it in this case strained, by the same reason, to express Dyet or entertainment, which another takes charge of to ease the party himself, on whose care it must otherwise rest.

s Ex Regist.
de Kenilw.
penes S.
Clarke Bar.
anno 1640.
p. 10.

Now for the term of *Appropriation*, because I would once for all make it clear to every ordinary capacity; it commeth from the French word *appropriar*, id est *aptare vel accommodare*, and properly signifies in our Law (as Dr. Cowell in his *Interpreter* observes) a severing of a Benefice Ecclesiasticall, which originally and in nature is *juris divini*, & in patrimonio nullius, to the proper and perpetuall use of some Religious-House or the like: for without the consent of the Bishop, no Religious Orders could receive any Appropriation or Tithes, as by a decree in the **Lateran**-Councell Anno 1180. was ordeined. *Ecclesias & decimas* (are the words) *de manu laicorum, sine consensu Episcoporum, tam illos* (that is Templars and Hospitalars, against whom the Provision was chiefly made) *quam quoscunque alios Religiosos, recipere prohibemus*; which was confirmed in the Generall Councell of **Lateran** under Innocent the 3. Anno 1215.

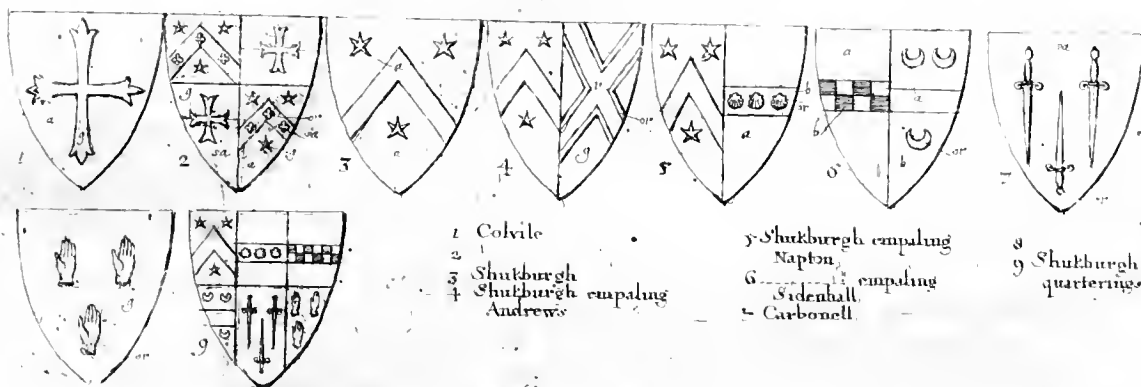
t Of this see more in Cowells *Interp.* verbo *Appropriation*.

How they first began see Sir H. Spelman's larger work of Tithes, edit. Lond. anno 1647. p. 151. and so forward.

u Seldens *Hist.* of Tithes p. 142.

Patroni vicariæ	Incumbentes, & tempora instit.	Patr. vic.	Incumbentes, &c.
Langt. fol. 39. b.	<i>D. Nich. de Bredon</i> Capell. xvi. kl. Nov. an. 1315.		<i>Rad. Bradshaw</i> Pbr. i. Oct. an. 1b. f. 44. b. 1446.
Northb. f. 21. a.	<i>Symon Prior</i> Pbr. x. kl. Apr. an. 1327.	<i>Abbas & Conu: Leic.</i>	<i>Galfridus Clark</i> Pbr. xxii. Aug. Bo. f. 7. b. an. 1448.
1b. f. 57. b.	<i>Joh. de Oneley</i> Pbr. xii. kl. Jan. an. 1353.		<i>D. Wills Chaundeler.</i>
Streit. f. 20. b.	<i>Joh. Malesours</i> , ix. Apr. an. 1372.	<i>Thomas Shuckbo-rough</i> gen.	<i>D. Ric. Cowper</i> cap. xv. Nov. Sh. & P. f. 14. a. an. 1536.
1b. f. 22. b.	<i>Joh. de Addestoke</i> Pbr. ii. non. Oct. an. 1375.	<i>Carolus Waterhouse</i> Gen.	<i>Edm. Pearce</i> cleric. xix. Jan. an. 1576.
Sk. f. 7. b.	<i>Will. Pynke</i> , xxvi. Apr. an. 1392.	<i>Elizabetha</i> Re- gina.	<i>Ric. Tynney</i> cleric. xxvi. Oct. 1b. f. 47. a. an. 1576.
Burgh. f. 18. b.	<i>Joh. de Wendyburgh</i> cap. ult. Febr. an. 1406.	<i>Will. Dilke</i> Gen.	<i>Mathens Kyng</i> , iii. Martii an. 1597.
Bull. f. 2. a.	<i>Alex. Sherman</i> cap. xxvii. Apr. an. 1416.		<i>Petrus Eccarsfall</i> Cleric. 1. Apr. An. 1598.
1b. f. 7. b.	<i>Rob. Dent</i> , cap. ii. Martii an. 1418.	Here was a fair spire Steeple, as an eminent Land- mark, seen over all this part of the Countrey in regard of its height and situation of the place; which, in the year 1639. was pull'd down to save the colts of its repair.	
Heyw. f. 14. a.	<i>Will. Thurston</i> Pbr. xix. Dec. an. 1424.		
1b. f. 37. a.	<i>Joh. Thornton</i> Pbr. v. Sept. an. 1438.		

Clifton
Armes in the Church-window



Though *Rugby* was anciently (as I have already shew'd) a member of *Clifton*, yet because it hath bin of long time, and now is, a Parish of it self, I shall leave it till anon; and, pursuing my designed method, go on with *Brownf. Over, Peuton*, and *Wiggin*, which are of this Parish of *Clifton*, on the North side of *Abon*. And first for *Brownf. Over*.

Brownf-Over.

in Domes- day lib.

IN the Conq. Survey this town is written *Gan- ra*, the Norman Clerks not being used to our English *W*. but instead thereof used a *G*, as *Gualterus* for *Walterus*, *Guillelmus* for *Willelmus*, *Garde* for *Warde*, and many more as might be instanced.

This name of *Waure* (for so it is afterwards, of a long time, written, as well as the two other towns of the same name, of which I shall speak hereafter (*viz.* *Church-waure*, now *Church-Over*, and *Thester-waure*, now *Cester-Over*) hath its denomination from the eminent site thereof, being upon a Hill: But however it is thus written, the Countrey people call it *Over*, and not *Waure*, which signifies no less, (as we experimentally know) then a high situation: for all towns named *Overton*, or *Wauerton* (as I shall have occasion afterwards to instance) do stand upon hilly-ground. *Over* importing as much as *supra*.

As for the addition of the first Syllable (*Browns*) it is to distinguish it from the other neighbouring towns of the same name, which was joyned therewith, as 'tis apparent, by reason that one *Bruno* x had his feat here in the Conq. time, and held two hydes of land in this place of *Geffrey Wince* (a man of great note in these parts, as I shall demonstrate when I come to *Donkshirby*.)

In this place *Earl Alberic* (of whom I have spoken already in *Clifton*) held, then also, two hydes and a half; And one *Radulfus* (of whom I shall make mention in *Holme* and *Peuton*) half a hyde.

Upon the Aide *a* for marriage of the Kings Sister xx. *H. 3.* there is one mark for half a Knights fee in *Brunsewaure* of the fee of the Earl of *Winchester* (in regard of that part of the Honour of *Leicester* which he held, as I have already shew'd in *Clifton*.) And in the 55. of *H. 3.* it appears, that *Ernauld de Boys* (of whom I have also spoken in *Clifton*) held four Knights fees in *Wetton*, *Bulkinton*, *Clifton*, *Wauere* (*viz.* this *Wauere*) and *Wibstoff*: so that it may (without doubt) be concluded, that the possession of this Mannour belonged as anciently to the family of *Boys*, as *Clifton* did. How or when they parted with it I know not; but in 8. *E. 1.* it (being then written *Bruneswaure*,) was granted, by *Robert Hovel*, and *Alianore* his wife, to *Theobald Malegal*, and *Nicholas Test*, Merchants of *Luke*, to be held of the said *Robert* and *Alianore* and the heires of *Alianore* for ever, paying 1. d. at Easter yearly for all services; and for this they yet

x 1b.

y 1b.

z 1b.

a Tiffa de
Newillin
Seac. penes
Remem.
Regis.

b Fin. le-
vat. O. Tab.
Hill, 8. E. 1

gave then C C. marks of Silver: so that, it seems to have been of the inheritance of *Alianore*. And yet in 13. E. 1. did *John de Bosco* (of whom I have made mention in *Clifton*) claim 'a Court-leet here, and other liberties, used by his ancestors time out of mind; As also *Free-Warren*, by the grant of K. H. 3. to *Ernauld de Boys*, his Father; exhibiting the Kings Charter for the same, which was allowed.

But from the before specified *Theobald* and *Nicholas* was it purchased 'by *William Revell* in 20. E. 1. which *William*, in 27. of the same K. Reign, obteyned a Charter 'for *Free-warren* in all his demesne Lands here: And in 35. E. 1. entayled 'it with *Clifton*, as hath been there exprest.

When these *Revells* parted with it I find not; nor have I seen any thing more thereof till 11. E. 4. that *Thomas Bellers* Gentleman releas'd to *Richard Boughton* Esquire all his right therein; which *Richard* was of *Little-Lawford*, and dyed 'seized thereof 3. R. 3. leaving *William* his Son and Heir, whose descendants, there continuing, have enjoyed it to this day.

The Chappel here, (dedicated to St. *Michael*) with tythes of Corn and Hay, as also one yard land and a messuage belonging to the mother Church of *Clifton*, were given 'by *Ernauld de Boys* (viz. the first) to the Abby of *Leicester*. In which Chappel & there is Christening and Buriall, by the speciall grant of the Abbot of *Leicester* in regard of the distance of this village from the Mother Church of *Clifton*, and the hindrance of access thereto by the overflowing of *Abdon*, oft times.

Armes in this Chappel, viz. in the East Window.

Gules a cinquefoile ermine. Old Earl of *Leic*.

Newton.

Adjoyning to this Village is *Newton*, having its name from the first plantation there, which was then new (it seems) in comparison of the other adjacent Towns.

In 'the Conq. time *Turchil de Warwic* (Progenitor of the *Ardens*) held it, viz. by Tenants under him, the remembrance of whose names are not of consequence, it then containing 3. hydes as is certified in the generall Survey.

A great part of this village belonged to the Priory of *Kenilworth*; some whereof was given 'thereunto by *Geffrey Clinton* in H. 1. time, at the Buriall of *Geffrey* his Father, founder of that Monastery (as shall be shew'd in its proper place): which grant 'Henry de Arden, Grandchild of the above mentioned *Turchill*, confirmed. And the rest, viz. two Hydes, *Ernauld de Boys* (of whom I have already spoken in *Clifton*) gave; which Land he the said *Ernauld* (as by his grant appears) had of *Geffrey Clinton* before specified. The residue in K. Steph. time did *Hugh Bagot* purchase, & together, with *Cotes* (now *Coton*) of *Raphe de Dunnerne*: And in consideration of xl. s. which *Ingeram Bagot* his Brother gave him towards his expedition beyond Sea with *Otuerus de Sulley*, granted them both to the said *Ingeram* to be held of *Rob. fil. Odonis*, the chief Lord of the Fee. Which *Ingeram* had issue *Simon*, who sold 'to the Monks of *Combe* three yard land here; *Raph de Mora*

one of the Heirs to *Robert fil. Odonis* confirming 'the grant.

[But of these *Bagots* I purpose to speak, when I come to *Preston Bagot*, where I shall insert a scheme of their descent.]

Afterward; viz. in 8. Joh. *Robert de Cotes* (now called *Coton* in the Parish of *Church-Dor.*) obteyned by exchange 'from the Abbot and Covent of *Combe*, all the Land that they had in *Newton*, for Lands which he gave them in *Cotes*. And in the '25. of H. 3. *Nichola*, the Widow of *Simon Bagot* of *Preston* (in this County) releas'd to the Abbot and Covent of *Combe* and their successors, the whole right which she had by reason of her dowrie, in all those Lands of *Cotes* and *Newton*. So that in '36. H. 3. that which the Monkes of *Combe* had in *Newton*, answered for the sixth part of a Knights-Fee, upon payment of the aid for the Kings transference into *Calcoine*; which, as it seemes, was viii. yard Land, or else they had more granted after that time to them; for, in '4. E. 1. they enjoyed so much. In the 'xx. of E. 3. it answered also for the sixth part of a Knights Fee.

But, in R. 2. time, by new gifts or smaller measure, that which the Abby of *Combe* had there, was rated at xxi. yard Land and 1. Acre, accounting 48. Acres to a yard of Land.

Thus did this Monastery continue possessed of *Newton* till its dissolution. After which, viz. in 36. H. 8. the K. granted 'away (with divers other Lands) that which belonged to the Monks of *Combe*, to *Thomas Broke*, and *John Williams*, and to the Heirs of *Broke*, by the name of the Mannour of *Newton*. And yet, in the same year, I find a Licence 'to *Mary Dutcheff* of *Richmond* to Alien the very same Mannour to *Henry Leigh* Esquire. And afterwards by Inquisition 'taken upon the death of the said *Henry*, is it found, that he dyed seized thereof 14. Apr. 3. Eliz. and that *Edward* his Son and Heir was xx. years of age. But what became of those Lands, which the Pr. of *Kenilworth* had here, I have not seen.

Below *Newton*, Eastwards, lyes *Wiggin* so called of later time. *Wiggin* signifying an habitation; in resemblance whereof we have the Saxon word *bigengan* for inhabitants. As also in the Northern parts the name of *Wiggin* for a fair House, or Gentlemans seat, but antiently this was called *Holme*, having been a Village in the Conq. time, though now there be scarce any thing left but a Mill: which name it took from the situation, lying in a nook betwixt the River *Avon*, and a small brook that comes from *Shawell* in *Leicestershire*, as the Map will shew: for such grounds as are in whole, or for the most part, compassed with waters, are so called, as we may observe almost every where.

In the Conq. time *Turchil de Warwick* held it, by his under-tenants.

From whom it came, with the rest of his Lands, (as it seemes) to the Earles of *Warwick*; for of their Fee it afterwards was: and thence, partly to *Camvile* and partly to others. That which *Camvile* had here, being granted to 'Henry de *Rokeby* from *Richard de Camvile*, was by the Canons of *Leicester* obteined, in H. 2. time, in consideration of the Chappel of *Rugby*, given by them to him and his Heirs, which Chappel

g Rec. de
Cumba
(scil. Vite-
lius A.I.)
f. 18. a.

h Testa de
Nevill.

i Claus. A.
H. 4 m. 12.
Esc. de co-
dem an.

k Esc. 14.
H. 6. n. 35.

l Pasch. R.
29. H. 8.
Rot. 16.

* Esc. 3. E.

m Pat. 36.
H. 8. p. 22.

Benesford
Bridge.

n Plat. co-
ram Joh. de
Vallibus
& aliis 12
E. 1. Lic. in
Hund. de
Guthlax-
ton rot. 39.

was a member of **Clifton**, as hath already been manifested. But the Mill, yet standing, they had & from Robert the Son of *Fulco de Holme*, who in xx. H. 3. was certified to hold the x. part of a Knights fee here of the Earl of **Warwick**.

Here also had the Canons of **Roucester** in com. Staff the sixth part of a Knights fee, held of the said Earles; but when or by whom granted I find not. The like 6. part & did the Lady *Joane Beuchamp* of **Bergabury** hold in 14. H. 6.

The greatest proportion, if not all, of which particulars, excepting what the Monkes of **Combe** had, came at length to *William Leigh*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife: for in 29. H. 8. were they seized thereof by the name of the Mannour of **New-Bigging**, which devolved to *Henry Leigh* Esquire, who had it in 3. Eliz.

But the Mill, and what else belong'd to **Combe** was granted out of the Crown in 36. H. 8. unto *Thomas Brooke* and *John Williams*, and to the Heirs of **Brook**.

I have now done with the Parish of **Clifton**; towards the North-west part whereof the River **Swiff** (that riseth above **Lutterworth** in **Leicester** shire) which takes its name from the nimble course thereof (doublets) falls into **Avon**. This River crossing **Watlingstrete** entrencheth **Warwick**-shire at a Bridge called now **Benesford-bridge**, but antiently **Brunesford-bridge**. But whether this Bridge had its name from that Colony of the **Romans** called *Bennones*, whose station was at **High-cross**, (not far distant from hence, where the **Fosse** meets with **Watlingstrete**.) as Mr. *Cambden* conceives, is hard to say. It may very well be, that if the right name thereof be **Brunesford**, as I find it antiently written, it might have its originall from *Bruno*, who held **Bruneswaure** in the Conq. time (as I have already shew'd :) for his seat was not far thence you see. But all that I have met with concerning this Bridge, is, that by a presentment of the Jury before the Justices Itinerant at **Leicester** 12. E. 1. it was then found to have been broken: and that the Towns of **Lutterworth** and **Cotesbach**, were to repair the one half thereof; viz. that side which is in **Leicester**-shire: and **Maure** and **Maure**, viz. **Church-Ober** and **Cester-Ober** (for that they lye on each side the water,) that towards **Warwick**-shire.

Church-Ober.

I Have now only, on this side that River, the town of **Church-Ober** to speak of; with **Coton**, antiently a village, though at present there be but one House in this Parish; and then I must step on the South side of **Avon** again.

In the time of *Edward* the Conf. one *Waga* (as the Book of *Domesday* calls him) was Lord of this place, of whom, when I come to speak of **Moston** in **Barlichway**-hundred, I shall say more. But after the Norman invasion *Robert de Stafford*, Progenitor of that great family, I mean the Barons of **Stafford**, had it. In the Conquerours Survey this town is written **Wara**, and there certified to contain 7. Hydes: yet we now pronounce it **Ober** (for the reason I have shew'd in the Etymologizing of **Wotton-Ober**) and call it **Church-**

Ober, for distinction from the other adjacent of same name.

Howbeit there is no mention in *Domesday-Book*, of any Church here in the Conq. time; nor, indeed, in most other places of this County: Nay we are not onely without all knowledge when our Churches were first founded and endowed; but very much to seek as touching many of their presentations and Institutions within that compass of time, in which we are sure such there were. *Mirum non est in rebus antiquis Historiam non constare.*

Let us therefore observe what we can find, in generall, as well concerning the originall of Parishes, as when they were so fixed, that the Inhabitants, within that precinct, were restrained from paying Tithes to what Church they pleased; in which scrutiny I hope it will not be taken amiss, if here I make a short digression.

In the year of Christ 266. Peace being then restored under *Galienus*, *Dionysius*, the Pope ordeined Churches, Church-yards and Parishes, to Priests. This other Popes had done before, but Priests being driven from their charges, in *Valerian's* persecution, he again did it. But long after those days the Church was in her infancy, as that approved Author venerable *Bede*, will tell you: for he saith, that in the Province of *Bernicia* and *Deira*, *Paulinus*, who first converted the people in those parts to the Christian faith, Baptized them in the River **Swale**; there being not, about that time, either Fonts or Churches: and this was about the year of Christ 627. Howbeit in **England** *Honorius* (the fifth Arch-Bishop of **Canterbury**) about the year 636. was the first that ordeined Parishes; ut singulis ministris singulos greges quos curarent posset attribuere. That he might assign to every Priest the particular flock on which he should have charge. And our eminent Antiquary (Mr. *Selden*) speaking of those antient times hath these words, In the Primitive times of the English-Saxon Church; viz. about the year 684. the Bishop and the whole Clergy of the Dioces, were as one body, living upon their endowments (bestowed on the Bishoprick) and their treasure that came from the sundry places of Devotion, whither some one or other of them, at the Bishops appointment, was sent to Preach the word and Minister the Sacraments, every Clerke having his dividend for his maintenance. And *Cuthbert* the xi. Arch-Bishop of **Canterbury**, about the year 752. obtained of the Pope, that the Bodies of the dead should be buried in Church-yards, within the Cities; whereas before, the custom was to carry them out of the walls to be interred.

But the first express mention of limitation of profits (other than of the endowing) to be given to this or that Church, is in those Laws of *K. Edgar*, made about the year 970. (as Mr. *Selden* saith) where a threefold division is of Churches. The first is called *Ealdan Mynstre*, that is Senior Ecclesia, which name antiently was given to Cathedralls. The second a Church that hath *Legeþrope* or place for buriall, The third Church that hath no *Legeþrope*; where it is ordeined, that every man, having not erected a Church of his own, shall pay his Tythes to the *Ealdan Mynstre* & *reo hyppnerre* to hyppre; that is, to the antientest Church or Monastery where he hears Gods service.

And

o Plat. in
Thes.

Originall
of Parishes

p Decret.
Dionys. PP.

q Eccl. hist.
ven. Bede
lib. 2. cap.
14.

* From the
River Tees,
which di-
vides York-
shire from
the Bisho-
prick of
Durham,
to Edmbo-
rough
Frieth.

† The East
part of
York-shire
called Hol-
derness.

‡ Godwin
de presul. p.
59.

§ Hist. of
Tythes p.
254.

‡ Godw. de
presul. p.
65.

¶ Hist. of
Tythes p.
262.

And in the Synod at **London** held by **Anselm** Arch-Bishop of **Canterbury** *An.* 1102. it was ordained, * *ut decime non nisi Ecclesiis dentur*; whereby it is plain, that Tythes were given, before that time, at liberty. Nay, such had been the use to pay Tythes where they pleased, that Pope **Innocent** the 3. in the year 1199. writes to the Arch-Bishop of **Canterbury**, *ut Ecclesiis parochialibus iusta decime persolvantur*.

The Epistle is worth observing, therefore have I quoted the place exactly where it is to be seen at large. And Mr. **Selden** says, *It is most certain, that before about the year 1200. after Christ, it was most commonly practised by the laytie, to make arbitrary consecrations of the Tithes of their possessions to what Monastery or Church they would; sometimes giving half, sometimes a third part, and at their pleasure, all in perpetuall right, or otherwise according to the nature of those consecrations in other Countries.* And, 'tis sure enough, that many years after that, the people practised such arbitrary disposition of their Tithes: for in the Councell at **Uyons**, convoked in the year 1275. by Pope **Gregory** the x. it was ordained; *Quod nulli hominum deinceps liceat decimas suas ad libitum, ut antea, ubi vellet assignare, sed matri Ecclesia omnes decimas persolverent*.

It should seem, that anciently men payd their Tithes to that place where they had a mind to be buried, which was the cause that they often waded the payment to their proper Parish Church; for Mr. **Selden** observes, that in an old Councell of **Trbur** in the year 895. it was decreed, *ubi quis decimas persolvebat vivus, ibi sepeliatur & mortuus*.

But I find that **Simon** Islep Arch-Bishop of **Canterbury**, in the year 1362. did assign, and appoint that the stipend of a Priest should be but lxvi. sol. viii. d. a year, *quod plures furari coegit*, says the Historian.

A word now touching the first beginning of Institutions to Benefices by the Bishop.

In the National Synod held at **Westm.** *An.* 1124. by John de Crema the Popes Legate, it was constituted (saith the before specified learned person) *quod Nullus Abbas, nullus Prior, nullus omnino Monachus vel Clericus, Ecclesiam, sive decimam, seu qualibet beneficia Ecclesiastica de dono laici, sine proprii Episcopi autoritate & assensu, suscipiat; quod si presumptum fuerit, irrita erit donatio huiusmodi; and some allowance was given to the Canons by the King: yet it is most certain (saith he) that the practice was for divers years otherwise; and that Churches with Tithes, were most commonly given by lay Patrons without the Bishops assent or institution; and that aswell by filling them with Incumbents, as appropriating them to Monasteries, Chapters, or otherwise.*

I now return to **Church-over**, whereof the first mention I find after the Conq. time, is, that the Monastery of **Combe** had much land here by the gift of **Robert de Wauere**, fil **Sewardi**; and this is very antient; for K. **H.** 2. confirms it; whence I conclude, that either the same **Robert**, or **Seward** his Father, was first enfeoff of a great part, if not of all this Village, by the said **Robert de Stadford**, or some of his descendants.

Such was the affection of this **Robert de Wauere** to the Monastery of **Combe**, that amongst other his grants, he gave thereunto 96. Acres of cr-

able Land in this Lordship with his body there to be buried; and that his *Obit* might be as solemnly kept, as if he had been a Monk of the house. Which grants **Roger de VVauere**, sonne of the said **Robert**, (in some called **Rogerus de Church-waver** (confirms to the said Monastery. And after him **Ernaldus filius Ernaldi de waver**, gave Lands in this town to the said Abby cum corpore suo, *Radulphus filius Elena, dicta de Church-waver* ratifying the same. So that the quantity, which the Abbot of **Combe** had in this place in R. 2. time, was six messuages and three yard Land, containing in the whole 155. Acres and a half; with two Acres and five doles of Meadow.

But this town was then called **Waver-Roger**, by way of distinction from **Wunet-waver** and **Thesster-waver**; the reason whereof is plain, **Roger de Wauere** (son of **Robert**) being sometime Lord thereof.

How or when it past from these *Waver's* I am yet to learn: nor have I seen any thing further of it till 20. E. 1. that **Gefferey Stapleford** and **Joan** his Wife entayled it upon the Heirs of their two Bodies. From hence therefore must I make a leap till 9. E. 2. at which time **John de Chireford** and **Geffrey de Morton** were certified to be Lords thereof: but it seems, that **Morton's** moytie came shortly afterwards to the Monastery of **Kenilworth**; for it appears, that the Abbot and Convent of that House obtayned licence of the King in 7. E. 3. to purchase it from **Roger de Boywill**, then Parson of **Lalleford**, and **John Lok** Vicar of **Willington**; who, as Feoffees in trust, had it in their hands to convey unto them accordingly: After which it is plain, that they presented to the Rectory, *alternis vicibus*, as it fell void; but what Lands or Rents they had here I find not, forasmuch as the Survey in 26. H. 8. mentions not any. Nor whither the Monks of **Combe** obtayned it, to augment what they had in this place, so given as above said, can I say; but certain it is, that after the dissolution of that Monastery, what they had here past by the name of a Mannour, as appeareth by the Licence unto **Mary** Dutcheis of **Richmund** for aliening thereof unto **William Dixwell** and his Wife, in 36. H. 8. (whereby 'tis like that she had the first grant of it from the Crown.) Since which time the **Dixwells** of **Coton** (hard by) have been owners of it, as it seems.

As for **Shirford's** moytie, 'tis plain, that it divolved to the family of **Puresey**, by Marriage of **Margaret**, Daughter and Heir of the before specified **John de Shireford**, unto **Philip Puresey** of **Munsterton** in **Leicester-shire**; and continued in that line for divers ages, as by their presentments to the Rectory may be discerned.

In this Parish upon the old Roman way called **Watlingstrete**, is to be seen a very great **Tumulus**, which is of that magnitude, that it puts passengers besides the usuall road. But of this kind I have spoken before in my discourse of **Sanctloth-bill**, therefore I need not to enlarge my self further on that subject.

In *an.* 1291. 19. E. 1. the Church (dedicated to the Holy Trinity) was valued at vii. marks and a half; and in 26. H. 8. at 9xv li. At which time the *Procurations* and *Synodals*, payd out thereof, were ix. sol. vi. d.

g 1b. fol.
114.b.
h 1b fol.
115. b.

i Rot. per-
gam penes
A. B.

k F. levat.
craft. Joh.
Bapt. 20. E.
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l Nomina
collatum.

m Pat. 7. E.
3. p. 1. m. 7.

n Pat. 36.
H. 8. p. 17.

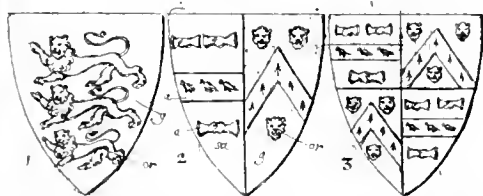
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penes S. Ar-
cher mil.
39. a.

Patroni Ecclesie Incumbentes, & tempora Instit.

Langt. fol. 79. b.	Ioh. de Schireford, paronus hac vice.	Ioh. de Kent accolitus x. Kl. Iunii an. 1321.
North. f. 18. b.	Thom. le Irreys, & Alicia de Schire- ford.	Ioh. de Brochurst Pbr. vii. Id. Iunii an. 1323.
Ib. f. 47. b.	Philippus Puresey.	Petrus de Bilney Cap. v. Kl. Maii an. 1349.
Ib. f. 50. a.	Pr. & Conv. de Ke- milworth.	Eustach. de Burneby Cler. Kl. Aug. an. 1349.
Swet. f. 16. a.	Philippus Puresey.	Nich. de Dransfeld Pbr. Kl. Aug. an. 1367.
Ib. f. 22. a.	Pr. & Conv. de Ke- mill.	Rog. de Wavre Pbr. xiii. Kl. Sept. an. 1374.
Burgh. f. 13. b.	Vill. Purfray ar.	Joh. Grantham Cap. iiii. Jan. an. 1403.
Heyw. f. 30. b.	Pr. & Conv. de Ke- mill.	Will. Treberveth, iiii. Maii an. 1433.
Ib. f. 31. a.	Vill. Purfray ar. dom. de Church- waver.	Symon Moss, x. Kl. Aug. an. 1433.
Ib. f. 33. b.	Pr. & Conv. de Kenill.	Ric. Aystowe, xx. Maii an. 1435.
Str. & P. f. 2. b.	Mag. Thom. Pure- say ar. hac vice, ex concess. Nich. Puresey ar.	Hugo Puresay Scholaris, xv. Iunii an. 1533.
Ib. f. 13. a.	Edw. North gen. hac vice, Pair. ra- tione concess. Pr. & Conv. de Kenil.	D. Thom. de Warmyngton cler. 6. Aug. an. 1535.
Samp. & B. f. 42. b.	D. Episcopus.	Rog. Eliot art. Mag. xvi. Jan. an. 1566.
Bentham bandell. F.	Vill. Dixwell ge- ner. & concessi- one Ioh. Puresey ar.	Will. Bentley Cleric. xxix. Iunii an. 1566.
Ib.	Thom. Leigh de Stonley miles.	Rob. Myddilmore Cler. vi. Aug. an. 1566.
Overton bandell.	Vill. Leigh miles.	Rog. Vicars Cleric. v. Jan. an. 1596.

Church-Over
Armes in the Church windows

- 1 England
2 Puresey impaling Shireford
3 Puresey quartering Shireford

Coton juxta Church-over.

Coton, antiently called **Cotes**, is in this Pa-
rish (**Cote** and **Cotan** in the Saxon signifying
a House or Habitation, as we know in our ordi-
nary language,) but being a Member of **Church-
Over** is not mentioned in the Conq. Survey.
Nor afterwards, that I have seen, till **Hugh Ba-
got** gave it, with **Pewton** to **Ingeram** his Bro-
ther (as in **Pewton** I have observed;) which gift
Roger Bagot, Son of the said **Hugh**, confirms,
for **Cotes** enely: wherein is exprest, that
William Trussell as chief Lord of the fee, ra-
tified the same, being one of the Heirs of **Robe-
tus filius Odonis** (as when I come to **Worley** I,

shall have occasion to shew;) and thereup-
on received homage of the said **Ingeram** in the
Hundred of **Wartlichway**.

Here was a family to whom this place an-
tiently gave name, *scil. de Cotes*; who held that
which they had of the abovementioned **Bagots**,
and were Benefactors to **Combe**, as appears by
some petty grants of Land given to those Monks:
one of which line had Buriall at **Combe**, as may
seem by bequeathing his Body thither, with a
Rent of iii. sol. per annum, to boot. But **Simon
Bagot**, in **H. 2.** time, was he that gave most Land
here to that Monastery, besides the homage and
service of **Robert de Cotes** and his Heirs for all that
the said **Robert** held of him in **Pewton**; which
William Trussell, before mentioned, confirmed.

So that what the Monkes of **Combe** had in
Cotes, was half a Knights fee, which they
held of **William Trussell**; and he of **Raphe de
Mora**; and he of the Baron of **Stafford** in **36.
H. 3.** Wherein they claimed a **Court-Leet** in
13. E. 1. with other Priviledges; calling it the
Mannour of *Cotes super le mans*, (or *super waldas*,
as it is recorded **4. E. 1.**) these Hilly parts being
then, and after called **Woulodes**, as many other
of that kind are to this day in other Counties;
And in **18. of E. 1.** they obtained a Charter of
Free-Warren to them and their successours, in
all their demesn Lands here. The quantity of
their possessions in **R. 2.** time, being rated at ix.
yard Land lxxxiii. Acres and a half, accounting
48. Acres to a yard Land. But after the dissolu-
tion of the Monasteries, this Mannour so belong-
ing to the Monkes of **Combe**, then called **Coton
lay wood**, was granted out of the Crown (*inter
alia*) to **Edward Clinton** in **5. E. 6.** who as it
seems, soon past his title therein unto **Thomas
Marrow**; for in the same year I find, that the
said **Thomas** had Licence to alien it unto **William
Dixwell**, Esquire, to whose descendants it still
continues.

Hill-Morton.

Returning now to the South side of **Avon**, I
find, below **Clifton**, a little rivulet falling in-
to that Channell. This rising about **Creek** in
Northampton-shire comes through **Hill Morton**,
which Town takes its name from the situation;
Hill antiently written **Hull**, conteyning that part
standing on the Bank, and **Morton** where the
Church is, that below in a moorish flat ground.

In the Conq. time it was in the possession of
the Earl of **Mellent**, who had a large share in
this County, as by the particulars, when they
come in my way, I shall shew. Howbeit I do
not find that this Earl of **Mellent** continued long
owner of all those Lands in this County, bestow-
ed upon him by the Conq. but that his Brother
Henry de Neuburgh (advanced to the Earldom
of **Warwick** towards the later end of the Conq.
time,) posselt the greatest part of them; and, a-
mongst the rest, had this **Hill-Morton** (then cal-
led **Mortone**, as appears in **Doomesday Book**.)
For in **11. H. 2.** when **William** Earl of **Warwick**
certifies what Knights Fees he held *de veteri Fe-
offamento*; that is, whereof they that so held them
were enfeofed of in the time of **H. 1.** the Record
says, that **Philippus de Estlegh** held 3. Knights
Fees:

Fees: And though the names of the places where they did lye, be not there exprest, 'tis very evident by the sublequent testimonies, which I shall produce, that **Hill Porston** was one: for the 'Receivers of the aid for the Marriage of the Kings Sister to the Rom. Emperour 20. H. 3. do certify; for **Astley** and **Milberton** one Fee and a half; **Wellingston** one Fee; and **Porstone super Dunsmore** (which is this **Hill Porston**) half a Knights Fee; all which were then held of the Earl of **Warwick** by **Walter de Estleg.** (Grand-child of the above mentioned **Philip**.) and do make up three in number, being the proportion the said **Philip** enjoyed; which Fees in 36. H. 3. were held by **Thomas de Astley**, Son of **Walter**, of those Earls. But **Astley** is the place where I purpose to speak Historically of this antient family; and therefore here shall onely trace down the succession to this, which went out with a younger branch; For the above mentioned **Thomas de Astley**, marrying a second Wife (as the descent herewith drawn doth shew) had issue, by her severall Sons. To **Thomas** the eldest of them he gave **Hill Porston** and the advowson of the Church; entayling it upon any Brother or Sister of the whole Blood, in case **Thomas** should dye without issue; which grant bears date in May 47. H. 3. But this **Thomas** the donee about the 'beginning of E. 1. time dyed without issue, leaving his Brother **Raphe** his Heir; from whom in a direct line did descend Sir **Francis Astley** of **Melton Constable** in **Posff.** Knight, Lord of this Mannour, lately deceased.

b Testa de Nevill.

c Testa de Nevill.

d Autogr. penes Fr. Astley Eq. aur.

e Rot. de Quo war.

f Ex autogr. penes eundem Fr. Astley.

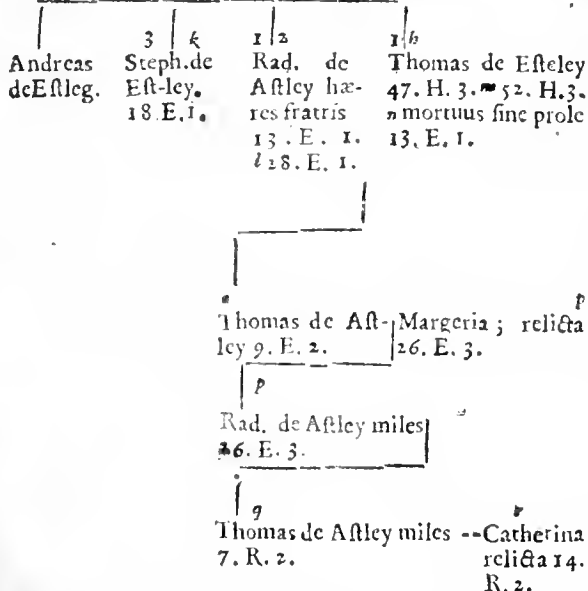
g Rot. de Nom. Vill. 9. E. 2.

h Ex Autogr. penes eundem Fr. Astley.

i Northb. fol. 30. b. Bullock f. 3. b.

a Autogr. penes eundem Fr. Astley.

Thomas de Estleg. Editha filia Petri Constaprima leg miles 47. H. 3. ble de Melton in com. Noiff. rel. 18. E. 1.



Of **Edith** (Mother to **Thomas**.) to whom this Mannour was sôgiven, I find, that she continued many years a widow after her Husbands death. And in 18. of E. 1. granted * to her Son **Stephen**, all her Lands in **Melton Burgh**, **Maria**, **Langhara**, **Birmingham**, **Snitterley**, **Winton**, **Glamforde**, **Sarlington**, **Scharnton**, **Cottingham**, **Whimingham**, **Wyldobeston** and **Porwich** in the County of **Posff.** which descended to her by inheritance after the death of **Geffrey**, the Son of **Peter Constable** of **Melton**, her Brother.

And if there be truth in tradition, (as there is likelihood for antiquity,) that fair Monument of Free-stone, with the statue of a Woman, ex-

cellently wrought, lying in the midst of the South Isle of **Hill Porston** Church, was erected for this **Edith**, whereof the tabernacle, or cover over her head, is very like to that of Queen **Eliano**'s (Wife to K. Edw. 1.) which is of brass in **Wellesminster** Abby.

This **Thomas**, to whom **Hill Porston** was sôgiven by his Father, obtained to himself and his Heirs in 49. H. 3. a Charter * for a weekly **Perccate** here upon the Saturday, and a **Fair** yearly, to begin on the even of **St. John Baptiste**, and to continue for three dayes: which Grant being made at such time as the King was a Prisoner, the Barons exercising regall authority in his name, held not valid; and therefore in 52. of the same Kings reign, he procured a new Charter, ratifying the **Fair**, but altering the **Perccate** to Wednesday. At which time he also had **Free warren** granted * to him and his Heirs in all his demesne Lands here.

For this **Thomas**, who dyed before the 13. of E. 1. is there yet standing a very fair monument betwixt two Pillars in the Church of **Hill Porston**, opposite to that of his Mother **Edith**, whereon his statue of free-stone lyeth cross leg'd in Armor of Male, as when I come to speak of the Church may be seen, whose Brother and Heir, viz. **Raphe de Astley**, in 13. E. 1. claymed a **Court Leet**, and other Priviledges in this Mannour by Prescription; and likewise exhibited K. H. 3. Charter for the **Perccate**, **Fair**, and **Free warren** (last before mentioned) all which were allowed.

To whom succeeded **Thomas**, his Son and Heir, certified * to be Lord of **Hill Porston** in 9. E. 2. who liking not the Wednesday **Perccate** there, procured a new Patent f in 8. E. 3. for to have it upon the Tuesday; continuing the **Fair** as formerly, and renewing the Charter of **Free warren**: And in the same year obteyned Licence s for amortizing of certain Lands lying within this Lordship to maintain a Chantry-Priest to sing Mass for ever, in the Chappel of our Lady contiguous to the Parish Church of **Hill Porston**, for the Souls of him the said **Thomas** and **Margery** his wife; As also of **Edith Astley**, (before mentioned) and of the Father and Mother of the said **Thomas**, their Heirs and Ancestours, and all Christian Souls deceased.

This **Thomas** in 9. E. 3. had a speciall Parent, b exempting him from Knighthood.

And in 17. E. 3. gave i the perpetuall Patronage of the Church of **Hill Porston** to the Dean and Canons of the Colledge of **Astley** (then newly founded by **Thomas** Lord **Astley**, the chief of that family) and dyed k before the 20. of E. 3.

But of his descendants, forasmuch as their residence hath been in **Posfolk** I have here no more to say.

The Church Dedicated to St. John Bapt.

IN An. 1291. 19. E. 1. the Rectory was valued l at xviii. marks. And in 26. H. 8. The Vicaridge at vi. l. x. sol. At which time the **Procurations** and **Synovalls** payd out thereof, were viii. sol. Out of which Rectory is there a **Pension** n of xiii. sol. iii. d. yearly payable to the Bishop; originally reserved upon the appropriation thereof (as all others of that kind were) in recompence of the benefit, that he and his Successors might receive f 338. b.

b Cart. 49 H. 3. m. 7.

c Cart. 51 H. 3. m. 9.

d Rot. de Quo war.

e Nom. Vill. f Pat. 8. E. 3. m. 24.

g Est. 8. E. 3. n. 76.

Rot. fin. 8. E. 3. m. 7. m. cedula.

Pat. 8. E. 3. p. 1. m. 7.

h Pat. 9. E. 3. p. 2. m. 3.

i Pat. 17. E. 3. p. 2. m. 30.

k Northb. f. 122. a.

l Ex. c. M. S. n. Scac. m Ex cod. M. S. penes S. Archer eq. aur. f. 41. a. n Staff. & Kempe f 338. b.

^o Regist. Vocat. the white Book per-
vès Decan. & Cap. in 177. b. Ex ipso autog. per-
vès Dec. & Cap. Lib. Northb. f. 41. a. 1b. fol. 52. b. 1b. f. 53. b. Stret. f. 11. b. Sk. f. 2. a. Heyw. f. 22. a. 1b. 1b. fol. 32. a. Heyw. f. 41. a. Bo. f. 1. a. Bowl. f. 140. a. Bl. f. 7. b. 1b. f. 11. b. Sampf. & B. f. 1. a. 1b. f. 42. a. Overton bundell. c.

ceive out of the Church, in * case no such Appropriation should have been made.

Patroni Ecclesiæ Incumbentes, & temp. Instit. Thomas de Estleya miles. Philippus de Estleya Cleric. frater ejusdem Thomæ. Sans date.

Pr. & Conv. de Thom. de Dunton diac. an. Erdbury. 1286.

Patroni Vicariæ

Will. de Walton Pbr. 4. Non. Sept. An. 1343.

Galfr. de Lyllburne, xiii. Kl. Martii An. 1349.

Joh. de Rokeby Pbr. iiii. Kl. Oct. An. 1350.

Joh. Rolf. Pbr. vi. Id. Jan. an. 1362.

Will. Mecke Cap. viii. Kl. Dec. An. 1386.

Rie. Millford Pbr. xxvi. Aug. An. 1428.

Cato Halys Cap. 1. Oct. An. 1428.

Will. Nicholl. Cap. vi. Oct. An. 1433.

Joh. Coton Pbr. ii. Dec. an. 1442.

Joh. Kempe Pbr. iiii. Junii an. 1447.

Edw. Bate Pbr. xi. Oct. An. 1493.

D. Thom. Morres, ult. Apr. An. 1521.

D. Joh. Grendon Cap. xvii. Apr. An. 1525.

Edw. Hopkynson Cler. xxiii. Junii An. 1553.

Rob. Wigston Cleric. xii. Apr. An. 1565.

Thom. Hodgkinson Cleric. viii. Apr. An. 1602.

Henricus Dux Suffolcia.

Edw. Comes Hertfordia.

Eliz. Regina.

But there is something else, which I must not pass by, before I leave this place, and that is the foundation of two **Chanterpes** here. The one of them by ^p Sir Edmund Trussell Knight, in the Chappell of our Lady adjoining to the Parish Church, for the soul of Thomas Astley deceased, and the good estate of Margerie late Wife of the said Thomas; of their Children that were then living, and for the souls of their Children deceased: as also for the Souls of John Primrose, and of the Lady Edith Astley; and for the good estate of Sir Raphe Astley Knight, and Dame Agnes his Wife; Sir Edmund Trussell Knight, and Dame Margerie his Wife; and of Thomas Meilour Priest, and for their souls after their decease.

The Patronage of which Chantry, by the Bishops Instrument for Ordination thereof, was reserved after the death of the same Sir Edmund Trussell, to be in the Heirs of the said Thomas Astley and Margery. And for the maintenance of a Priest, perpetually to sing Mass there, for the purposes above mentioned, the King gave Licence to the said Sir Edmund to amortize four messuages, fifty acres of land, seven acres of meadow, and xxvi. sol. Rent in **Hill Morton**, as it may seem by the Jurors certificate returned upon the Writ of *Ad quod dampnum* thereupon.

This Sir Edmund Trussell bore for his Armes a crosse forme fleuritè debruised with a bendlet, as appears by the impression of his Seal,* which I have seen affixed to his first Instrument of Presentation to the said Chantry; And I suppose that he married Margery, the Widow of the said Thomas Astley, though it be not directly exprest in the Ordination before specified.

It is very like that this Chantry swallowed up that whereof I made mention in 8. E. 3. viz. which Thomas Astley had Licence to found: for upon the Survey taken an. 37. H. 8. there was no other but this in that Chappell of our Lady, the lands belonging whereunto were by the Commissioners in 37. H. 8. certified to be of the yearly value, over and above all reprises, of iiii. l. xviii. sol. x. d. For the other Chantry was in a Chappell of St. James in **Hill super Dunmole** (as the Record expresses;) which is that part of the town, situate upon the Hill Westwards from the Church; and founded by ^p Mag. Thomas de Morton in 18. E. 3.

The certificate in 37. H. 8. expressly says he was a Priest, and the word *Mag.* imports as much; yet in the Licence given to him to amortize lands thereunto; viz. one messuage, one yard land, and four acres; as also four acres and one rood of meadow in **Hill Morton** aforesaid; it is for a Priest to sing Mass for the good estate of him the said Thomas and Alice his Wife, and Margerie their Daughter during their lives; and for their souls when they should depart this world; As also for the souls of Adam de Morton his father, and their ancestours, &c. But it seems, he was a married man, and a professor in some other science.

The value thereof in 37. H. 8. was certified to be xlv. s. viii. d.

In this Lordship of **Hill Morton** there were also eight messuages, and one yard land and a quarter given by one William Poyntell, to the Hospitall of St. John Baptist in **Lutterworth** for the finding of a Chantry Priest, there to sing Mass for the souls of him the said William and his Wife (3. E. 3.)

q Esc. 16. E. 3. n. 17.

r Penes Dec. & Cap. Lib;

f Ex cod. M S. de certific. va- lor. omnium Cantuar. Colleg. &c. in com. mar. 37. H. 8. penes S. Archer eq. an. f. 9. b.

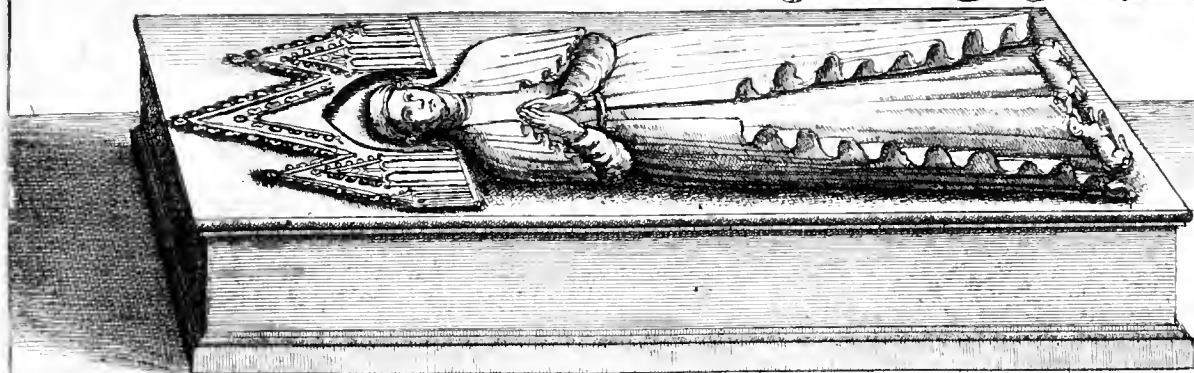
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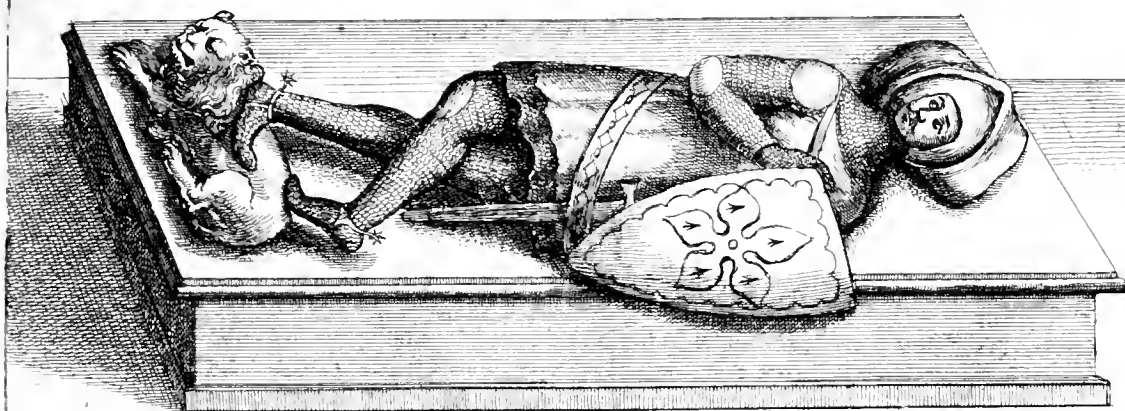
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In the midst of the South Ile

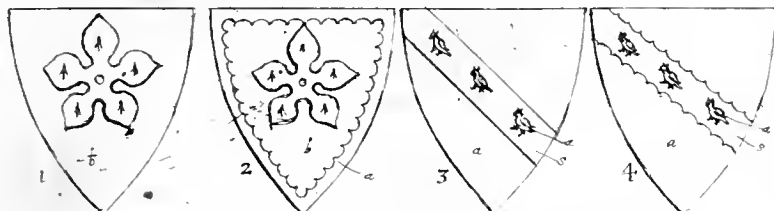
Ne maiorum cineres à nepotibus neglecti videantur
Sepulchra eorum sic illustravit Isaacus Asileus Baro.
Francisci Asilei Eq. auri. frater et heres



Between two pillars on the North side of the South Ile

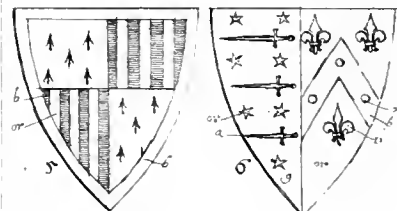


In a South window of the Church



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|------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 1 Asiley of Asiley. | 3 Savile. | 5 Knightley |
| 2 Asiley of Hillforton | 4 Savile. | 6 Choute impaling |

In the east window of the South Ile.



In the middle Ile of this Church are two grave-stones of marble, each of them having small portraictures in brass of a man and a woman, with divers children: on one of them is this Inscription.

Here lyeth Thomas Perkins and Alice and Elizabeth, Our Lord save their souls from everlasting death. Amen

On the other this

Here lyeth Richard Tant and Margueret his wife, God bring their souls to everlasting life. Amen.

Rugby.

ON the South-VVest side of this little Rill, which comes from Hill Morton, lyes **Rugby**, bounded with **Abon** towards the North; but in *Domesday-Book* written **Rocheberie**; **Berle** signifying with our ancestors a Court or habitation of pore; And **Roche** a rock or quarry of

stone; for such there is VVestwards from this town about half a mile; and 'tis very like that the ground, whereon the town stands, being high, is of the same condition, though that the quarry lye not very near the surface of the earth; so that then the nature of the soyl, may be the occasion of the name. Howbeit in all the elder times si- thence, it is written **Rokebpy** with a **k**. instead of the **Ch**.

In the Conquerours time *Turchil de Warwick*, of whom I have already made mention, was owner of it, one *Eddulfus* (for so he is called in *Domesday-Book*) then holding it of him; it sayeth being then certified to contain two hydes and a half: the posterity of which *Eddulfus* continued posselt thereof, holding it by half a Knights Fee of the said *Turchill's* Heirs, till it went away with a Daughter and Heir in *Edw.* the first his time, as the descent will shew.

h Testa de Nevill.

Eddulfus

Eddulfus, tempore
Conquestoris.

Thurbertus filius Hadewolff.

Henricus de Rokeby.

Henricus de Rokeby Annabilla.

Ranulphus de Rokeby.

Annabilla filia & hæres, uxor.
Joh. Goband militis.

But *Thurbert*, the son of this *Eddulfus*, is sometimes called *Thurbertus filius Hadewolff de Bilineja*; for it seems he had also a Seat at *Wilney*, (now called *Winey*) and sometimes *Thurbertus de Rochebe*; and was a notable benefactor to the Monks of *Combe*, giving a large precinct of his land in *Wilney*, adjoining to *Smite*, (within which *Smite* the monastery was founded) the lands being exprest by boundaries after the ancient manner; which grant was ratified by *Henry* son to the same *Thurbert*, who calls himself *Henricus de Rokeby filius Thurberti de Biliney*; adding to his fathers gift the Mill of *Wilney*, and some other land: for the better assurance whereof, *Henry de Arderne*, grandson to *Turchill*, confirms the grant, though that, with a great part also of his inheritance, was taken away by the Conquerour, or King *H. 1.* and given to the Earl of *Warwick* (as I think) before that time, which was in the reign of *K. Steph. Roger* Earl of *Warwick* being a witness therunto: for Earl *William* (son of *Roger*) adds his Charter of confirmation to them all, which needed not, had he not been possessor of *Arderne's* lands.

Here was a little Castle at *Rokeby*, which stood about a furlong from the Church Northwards; as is to be seen by the banks of earth, and part of the moat, yet remaining. I am of opinion, that this was one of those Castles which were built in King *Stephens* time; for fearing the coming of the Empress (as saith mine Author) concessit ut quilibet procerum suorum munitionem, seu castrum, in proprio fundo facere posset; Almost all which were demolished by the command of *K. H. 2.* about the third year of his reign. And besides the probability thereof, the Inhabitants have it by tradition, that it was Sir *Henry Rokeby's* castle.

This *Henry de Rokeby* was a benefactor to the Abby of *Pipwell* in *Northamptonshire*, as appears by what he gave in *Rokeby*, where the Monks of *Pipwell* had a grange. He also gave all the land which he had in *Holme*, to the Canons of *Leicester* (whereof I have already spoke) for the advowson of the Chappel of *Rokeby*, which was a member of *Clifton*, and belonging to that Abby: touching which Chappel there was a sute betwixt the said *Henry*, and the Abbot of *Leicester* in the 2. year of *K. John*; and bequeathing his body to be buried at *Combe*, therewith gave the yearly rent of half a mark of silver, issuing out of the Mill of *Aston* (juxta *Birmingham*) in this County; which *Henry* had issue *Henry*, who confirmed all the grants to that Abby made by his grandfather and father, adding something from himself in *Wilney*. But it seems that the difference concerning the advowson of the Chappel

of *Rokeby* ended not till this time: For by a fine levied 5. H. 3. betwixt *Henry Rokeby* and the Abbot of *Leicester*, it was concluded, that the said *Henry* and his heirs, should exhibit a fit Clerk to the same Abbot and his successors, whom they might present to the Bishop; which Clerk should pay to them yearly, the ancient and due pension, that the Abby of *Leicester* had wont to receive out of the said Chappel, of *Rokeby* in right of their Church of *Clifton*: And to perfect this agreement, the said *Henry* gave to that Abby for ever, a yard land in *Holme*.

This *Henry* was a Knight; for so by his grant under seal he is stiled; whereby, with the consent of *Ranulph* his son and heir, he gave a yard land in *Rokeby* to the Prior and Monks of *Witby*. And in the 39 of *H. 3.* obtained for himself and his heirs a Charter for a weekly *Mercate* here every Saturday, and for a *Fair* yearly, beginning on the Even of *St. Laurence*, to endure for three daies; with *Free warren* in all his demesne lands in *Warwickshire*. For the advantage of which *Mercate*, the Abbot of *Combe* earnestly moved the Monks of *Pipwell* for permission, that they might purchase, or erect a house in *Rokeby* to receive those Monks of theirs, as they should have occasion to imploy thither. Howbeit in 13 E. 1. *Annabilla*, the Widow of the said *Henry*, holding this Mannour in dower, and claiming *Free warren* with a *Mercate* and *Faire* here; for which she exhibited the Charter of *K. H. 3.* extended her claim further than that Charter warranted, as it seems: for it was then found, that she challenged liberty to punish the breakers of the Assize of Bread and Ale, whereof being not seized, the Shiriff entred upon the *Market*, *Fair* and *Free warren* for the King. To which last mentioned *Henry* succeeded *Ranulph* his son and heir, who dyed before 20 E. 1. for in the 24 of that Kings reign, *Raph Basset*, son and heir of *Simon Basset* of *Sapcote*, granted the custody of *Annabil* his daughter and heir, with her marriage, to *Peter de Leicester* Clerk. Which *Annabil* was the wife of Sir *John Goband* Kt. Howbeit *Annabil* her mother being married to *Mundevill*, held *Rokeby* in dower. 3 E. 2.

In 1 E. 3. the before specified *John Goband*, and *Annabil* his wife, had a Court *Leet* and other privileges granted to them in this their Mannour of *Rokeby*, after which it continued not long in that family; for in 23 E. 3. *John* the son and heir of Sir *John Goband* Kt. past the inheritance thereof, with the advowson of the Church, to *Raph Lord Stafford*, and Sir *John Oddingells* Kt. and their heirs. In which grant he makes mention, that the same was settled upon *John Brown* and *Annabil* his wife, and upon him the said *John Goband*, and his heirs, by *John Charnells* Parson of the Church of *Sweepston* in *Leicestershire*. I suppose that this *Annabil* married to her second husband the before mentioned *John Brown*: for in 20 E. 3. *John Brown* is said to be Lord of *Rugby*, which doubtless was in her right. After which, in 24 E. 3. Sir *Thomas Charnells* Kt. releast to the said *Raph Lord Stafford* all his interest in this Mannour. And in 7 R. 2. *Nicholas Goband*, Rector of the Church of *Cley*, did the like to *Hugh Earl Stafford*, son of the said *Raph*; in consideration whereof he received xl. l. sterling. Which

Nicholas

n Oñ.
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a Ex autogr. in bibl. Hutton.

b Cart: 39
H. 3. m. 3.

c Regist. de Pipwell, f. 148. b.

d Rot: de Quo warre

e P. T. Hill: 20 E. 1. rot: 64. f Ex autogr. in bibl: Hutton.

g Regist. de Pipwell, f. 39. a.

h Ex autogr: penes Dec: & cap: Liche: k Esc: 1 E. 3. n. 28.

l Ex autogr: penes Edm: Peto de Chester-ton ar. an. 1651.

m Ex evidentiis in Scac: quondam Roberti Catesby armati. o Autogr: p in bibl. q Hutton

i Reg. de Cumba (scilicet Vitol. A. 1) f. 39. a. k Ex autogr. penes S. Archer mil. l Regist. de Cumba, f. 39. a. a Reg. de Cumba [scilicet Vitol. A. 1.] f. 40. b. b Ib. f. 41. c.

* Ib. c Ib. f. 39. a.

d Jo. Tinemmenfis hist. aucta Mss in bibl. Bodl. lib. 19. c. 42. e R. Howard: f. 281. b. n. 20.

f Ex. 19. H. 3. m. 6. g Regist. de Pipwell, f. 39. a. h Reg. Ab. de Leicester in bibl: Cotton: f. 7. a. i Plat. de T. Mich. 2 Job: rot. 26. in dorso. k Reg. de Cumba, f. 41. b. l Reg. de Cumba, f. 40. b. m Ib. f. 41. b.

Nicholas Goband sealed with three Crosses crosslets fitchè upon the fesse, to difference him from the principall branch of that family, who bore a plain fesse, and 3. besants in chief.

The Release of Sir *John Odingells* to the said Baron of *Stafford* I have not seen, Howbeit, there is no question, but that such a thing there was: for in the same 23. year of E. 3. the Lord *Stafford*, as Patron of the Church, exhibited his Clerk to the Abbot of *Leicester*; according to the Agreement before exprest.

This Mannour continued in the Family of *Stafford* till the death of *Humphrey Duke of Buckingham* in 38. H. 6. but how much longer I have not yet seen: for the next mention I find thereof is, that Ric. 3. an. 1. of his Reign granted it to *John Lord Dudley*, and to the Heirs of his body, in which Patent it appears, that it came to his hands by the death of *Margaret Countess of Richmond* (who was mother to K. *Henry 7.*) and that he so gave it to the Lord *Dudley* for his faithfull service in favouring his (usurped) title to the Crown. It should seem that *Thomas Lord Stanley* (who was Husband to the Countess of *Richmond*) held it during his life: for I have seen a Grant by the said Lord *Dudley* dated 1 Aug. 2. R. 3. whereby he makes *dilectum consanguineum* (for so he calls him) his beloved Kinsman *Will. Catesby Esq.* Steward thereof, whensoever it should come into his hands, or the possession of his Heirs; and to receive for his yearly Fee ten marks sterling; In which grant it is exprest, that the said Lord *Stanley*, then had it for that term.

But I perceive it came again to the house of *Stafford*, though I have not yet seen how nor when; for immediatly upon the attainder of *Edward Duke of Buckingham*, *Henry 8.* granted it to Sir *Gilbert Talboys Kt.* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, and the Heirs of their two bodies; exprest, that it was *Edward late Duke of Buckingham's* attained. Which Sir *Gilbert* and *Elizabeth*, had issue *Elizabeth* their Daughter and Heir wedded to *Ambrose Dudley* (afterwards Earl of *Warwick*;) who in 2 Eliz. sold it together with the advowson of the Church to *John Wyrley* and *Dorothe* his wife. Which *Dorothe* dyed, seized thereof ult. Martii 28. Eliz. Francis her Son and Heir being then 40. years of age.

In an. 1291. 19. E. 1. the Church (dedicated to St. *Andrew*) was valued 2 at seven marks and a half. And in 26. H. 8. at xvii. li. xix. s. ii. d. over and above xx. sol. yearly Pension issuing out of it to the Abb. of *Leicester*; and ix. sol. vi. d. for Procurations and Synodalls.

Patroni Ecclesiæ Incumbentes, & temp. Instit.
Abb. de Leic. ad nominationem Henrici de Rokeby milit. secundum tenorem cyrographi inter ipsos.
Alex. de Rokeby Cleric. .. an. 1253. (37. H. 3.)

Annabilla domina de Rokeby. Rog. Capellanus, .. an. 1291. (19. E. 1.)

D. Rad. Bassett ratione custodia heredis de Rokeby.

D. Petrus de Lecest. Rob. de Halughton Pbr. iiii. Non. Julii an. 1301.

Annabilla de Munde ville D. de Rokeby Ric. de Toucestre accolitus, xii. Kl. Dec. an. 1313.

Joh. Gobant.

Abb. & conv. Leic. ad nominationem Joh. Goband. D. de Rokeby.

Abb. & C. de Leic. ad nominationem D. Joh. Goband mil. D. de Rokeby.

Abb. & conv. Leic.

Joh. Goband.

Abb. & C. de Leic. ad denominationem D. Baronis de Stafford.

Abb. & C. de Leic. Will. Parker Pbr. iiii. Kl. Sept. an. 1361.

Abb. & C. de Leic. ad nominationem D. Rog. Geffen Pbr. xiii. Kl. Jan. an. 1361.

Rad. Comit. Staff. Abb. & C. de Leic.

Abb. & C. de Leic. ad nominationem Comit. Staff.

Abb. & C. de Leic.

Rog. Martin civis & Alderm. Lond. & alii ratione concess. Ambr. Dudley mil. & D. Eliz. Talboys uxoris ejus filia & heredis Gilb. Talboys milit.

Joh. Wyrley sen. an. 1570. Joh. Wyrley jun. gener. & Percivallus Angrome yoman.

Joh. Costa medicina D.

Geo. Wilcockson de Wolvey in com. War. cleric. & Henr. Clerk de Rugby gen. ex concess. Humf. Burneby de Rugby ar.

Radulphus Gobant Cleric. Autog. penes Dec. & Cap. Leich. Autog. Ib. ... an. 1313.

Joh. Falconarius ... an. 1314.

Ric. de Walton Pbr. Northb. f. 26. a. Julii an. 1332.

Will. de Lyons Pbr. vi. Id. Ib. f. 38. b. Martii an. 1341.

Will. le Pynhere Capell. Autog. penes Dec. & Cap. Leich. ... an. 1349. 23. E. 3.

Peirus de Bilney Cap. xii. Northb. f. 42. a. Kl. Aug. an. 1349.

Will. Parker Pbr. iiii. Kl. Sept. an. 1361.

Rog. Geffen Pbr. xiii. Kl. Jan. an. 1361.

Will. de Langton Cler. xi. Kl. Ib. f. 22. b. Sept. an. 1375.

Joh. Baron Pbr. Id. Jan. an. 1376.

Ric. de Hesell Pbr. iiii. Apr. Ib. f. 31. b. an. 1384.

Thom. Thurston Cap. xix. Bull. f. 2. b. Apr. an. 1416.

Joh. Stones Cap. iiii. Aug. Bawl. f. 20. b. an. 1454.

Will. Melder Cap. penult. El. f. 5. a. Aug. an. 1507.

Joh. Swalle, xxi. Martii an. 1527.

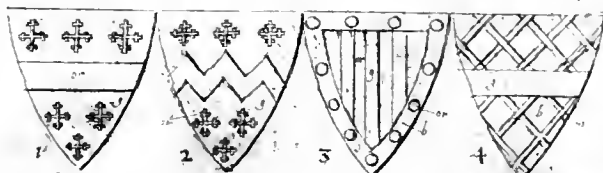
Anth. Blake Cler. vii. Julii an. 1558. (4. & 5. Ph. B. f. 11. a. & M.)

Edw. Bolton Cleric. ix. Dec. an. 1570.

Jonathan Grover Cleric. Mortu. xii. Martii an. 1622.

Will. Wilcockson Cleric. Mortu. xxviii. Martii an. 1627.

Rugby
Armes in the Church Windows



1 Beauchamp
2 Engaine

3 Bullet of Weldon
4 Munde ville

Bilton.

Southwards from **Rugby** stands **Bilton**, which was the freehold of one *Illuinus* before the Norman invasion. And in the Conq. Survey certified to contain five hydes; whereof all, except one virgate, were then possessed by *Roger de Montgomerie*, Earl of **Arundell** and **Shrewsbury** (of which Earl I shall speak more largely when I come to **Wolston**) that virgate belonging to *Turchill de Warwick*. In the certificate of what Earl Roger held, it is written **Belstone**; but in the other of *Turchill's* lands **Bentone**, mistaking, as I suppose, the *u.* for an *n.* in regard it was there written **Bentone**, the **i.** being changed for the **u.** according to the ordinary pronunciation of many words amongst the vulgar; as in **Lalleford** (the very next town) which is usually called **Lanford**; and of latter times so written.

Marie the wife of this *Walter*, she, for her confirmation thereof, had a gold Ring and a palfrey given to her by the Abbot; which *Walter* left one only daughter his heir named, *Beatrix*, who brought this Lordship in marriage to *Roger* the son of *Geffrey de Crast* (owner of *Craste* in *Letchester-shire*, whereof he took his name) and confirmed the gift of his Father in Law, as he acknowledges he promised to do, the very day when he marryed the said *Beatrix*, standing before the dore of the monastery, in the presence of *Geffrey* his Father, *Robert* his Brother, and divers others: And afterwards, upon the buriall of the same *Beatrix* in the Church-yard at *Wpswell*, with *Roger* his son and heir, gave also to those Monks for the health of her soul xi. selions of land, and a piece of meadow in *Wilton*: which *Roger* (the second) following the steps of his ancestours in bounty to that Abby, ratified all that his Grandfather, viz. *Walterus fil. Hingan* gave; and for the better assuring thereof levyed a fine thereupon at *Westm.* on the Eve of *St. Peter and Paul* 7. R. i. adding of his own gift common of pasture in *Wilton* for three hundred Ewes, twelve Kyne and a Bull, five Sows and a Boar with their Pigs, sixteen Oxen, and six young Beasts; and fewell in *Wilton-moor*, as much as should be necessary for the expence of the Monks in their grange at *Wilton*: which grange hath been usually called *W Dunchurch grange*, in regard that the lands belonging thereto, did lye in the fields of *Dunchurch* and *Wilton*; but it is situate in part of *Wilton*.

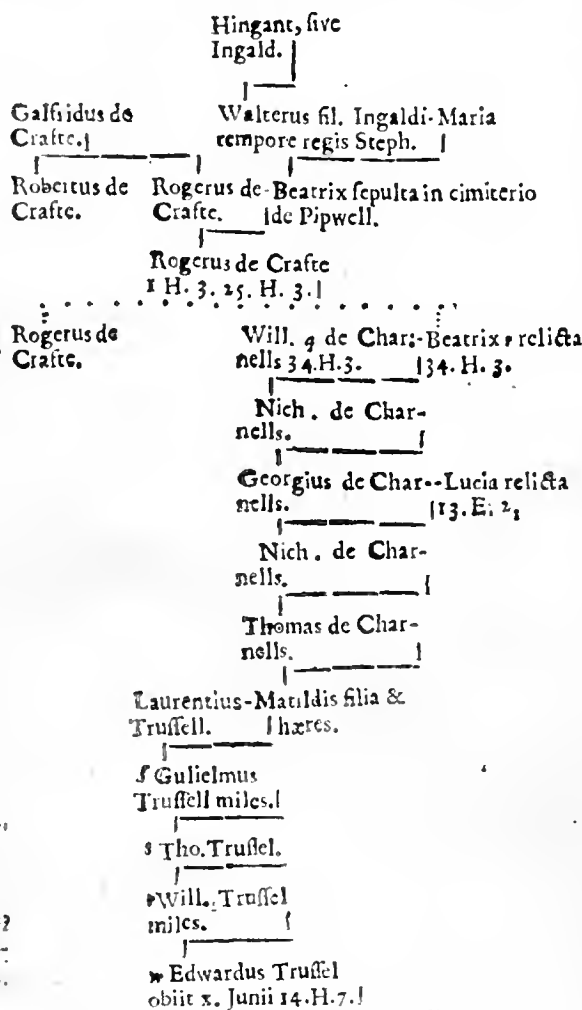
This last Roger was in Armes against K. John (towards the end of his reign) at that time, when ^b Robert Fitzwalter, (a great Baron,) was made *Princeps militiae*; id est, the Generall: for the better carrying on of which work, the people attributed to him the title of *Mareschallus exercitus Dei & Ecclesia*, but this enterprize not thriving, it was called a Rebellion, and those that had a hand therein were glad to seek for mercy; amongst which this Roger was one; who, by the favour of K. H. 3. (son of K. John) upon returning to his allegiance, had his lands that were seized on for that insurrection, restored to him again; which Roger (for it might be he) was living in 20. and 25. H. 3. for I find him charged & in both those years for a Kts. fee in **Wilton**. Howbeit, after that; viz. in 36 H. 3. (upon collection of the Aide for the Kings transference into **Castigoigne**) Roger de Crafee answered for a Kts. fee in this place: but I suppose that this was the third Roger; for 'tis not like that the other could then be alive.

i Pat. I. H. 3. p. 1. m. 16.
k } Testa l } de Newill.

It doth not appear to me, clearly, how **Bilton** went from this line of *Crasie*; but *Charnels* was the next that, I find, possess it, and if I may take my liberty to guesse, I shall suppose, that it was by a Daughter of *Crasie*.

About the beginning of *Edw. 1. time*, *Nicholas Charnells* Kt. entayled "this and other Lordships in *Leicester-shire* on his son *George* and the heirs male of his body, and for default of such issue on *Sir William Charnells* Kt. brother of the said *Sir Nicholas*, with divers other remainders. In which family of *Charnells* it continued till the beginning of *R. 2. time*; and then by *Maude*, daughter and heir of *Thomas Charnells*, came to *Trussell*.

a Regiſ. de Pipwell. f. 54. a.
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y Pat. 22. x Joh. Truffel obiit y Joh. Vere Comes-Eliz. & foror &
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Of the before specified *Nicholas*, I find, that being in that Rebellion with the Barons against *K. H. 3.* (so happily crushed in 49 of his reign) he was of the retinue to *Hamon Straunge* (a great man towards the coast of *Wales*, and one of the most active of those Barons) but afterwards, through the Kings mercy, received his pardon for that offence: And, in the beginning of *E. 1.* time, had the trust (amongst other men of note in this County) to be constituted one of the Justices of Goal-delivery; for so I find him recorded in *an. 2. 9. 3. 6. f. & 8. E. 1.* Which *Nicholas* left issue *George*, who, amongst divers other men of valour in that time, had summons to be at *Warwick* upon *Twede* upon the feast day of the Nativity of *St. John Baptist*, 29 *E. 1.* sufficiently furnished with Horse and Arms to attend the King in his expedition against the Scots. Which *George*, by a fine levied *Oftab. Trin. 2 E. 2.* entailed this Mannour, with the advowson of the Church, upon (his son) *Nicholas Charnels* and *Joan* his wife, and the heirs of the same *Nicholas* by her the said *Joan*; reserving unto himself first an estate for life therein: and was one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament of *6. E. 2.* but after that time he lived not long: for in *13. E. 2.* *Lucia* his widow held this Lordship in dower. To whom succeeded *Nicholas* his son, of whom I find, that in *18 E. 2.* he was joyned with *Roger la Zouch* for the choosing of xxx *Hobelers* and lx *Archers*, in the Counties of *War.* and *Leic.* for an expedition into *Galcoine*. In *13 E. 3.* one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held at *Westminster*. In *20 E. 3.* of the retinue to *Thomas Husfield* then Bp. of *Duresme* in the French expedition (which B. was the Founder of *Duresme-Colledge* in *Orford*, and *Duresme-House* in *London*.) In *30 E. 3.* assigned one of the Justices in this County for putting the statute of *Labourers* in execution; And that he had issue *Thomas*, and he *Maud* a daughter and heir, wedded to *Laurence Trussell* of *Cubledon* in *Staffordshire*, by which means this Lordship, with divers Mannours also in *Leicestershire*, devolved to that family: but was not enjoyed without great suits: for *John Charnells* of *Beutworth*, in this County, (combining with one *John Marshall* Parson of the Church of *Swepton* in *Leicestershire*, who had been a feoffee in trust for those lands) intruded himself into the possession of a large part thereof, obtaining a Charter of *Free-warren* in this Mannour of *Wilton* to himself and his heirs: And, for the better effecting of his purpose, deduced his pretended title from the King; alledging, that *Edw.* Prince of *Wales* (Father to the King) dyed seized of it, having been enfeoffed thereof by the said *John Charnells*: And, the better to carry on his design, caused an Inquisition to be taken after the death of the said Prince, whereby it was found accordingly: so that after much suit, in the latter end of *E. 3.* time, exhibiting a Petition in Parliament, 1 *R. 2.* the K. directed his Precept to the Judges of the Common Pleas to do her right therein; whereupon (it seems) she recovered it: for in *9 R. 2.* she, with *Laurence Trussell* her husband, demised it to Sir *Raph Ferrers* Kt. to hold during his life, paying a Roke onely at the Feast of the Nativity of *St. John Baptist* yearly. After which it continued in the line of *Trussell*, till the beginning of *H. 8.* time: (for though I finde in the Institutions of *10.* and *14. H. 4.* that Sir

Robert Lytton Kt. as Lord of the Mannour, presented to the Rectory, I conceive it to be an estate to him in trust onely; because, neither before nor after that time, is there any mention of him otherwise) and then by *Eliz.* daughter of *Edward*, but sister and heir to her brother *John*, it came to the Earls of *Orford*: for in *22 H. 7.* the K. granted to *John E. of Orford*, and to *John Vere* Nephew of the same Earl, the wardship and marriage of the said *Eliz.* to the intent (as the Record saith) that she should be married to the said *John Vere*, who was then servant to the King, and next heir male to the above said Earl.

Of which *Trussells*, whose seat was at *Aylmesthorpe* in *Leicestershire* (which they also had by *Charnells* heir) I have onely added the descent, that the succession of this Lordship may be the better illustrated; for in *Warwickshire* they had no employment of note. But by *Edward* Earl of *Orford*, towards the latter end of *Qu. Eliz.* reign, was it sold unto *John Shugborough* Esq; then one of the six Clerks in Chancery; which *John* dyed seized thereof in *42 Eliz.* leaving *Henry* his son and heir, of whom *Edward Boughton* of *Lawford* Esq; (having those lands in *Wilton* sometime belonging to *Wipwell-Abby*, which after the dissolution were obtained by his Grandfather) purchased it about the beginning of King *James* his reign; and procured afterwards a Charter of *Free-warren* to him and his heirs therein; which *Edward* disposed thereof to *Thomas Boughton* his second son, who now, scil. anno 1640. maketh his residence here.

The Church (dedicated to *St. Mark*) was in *a. 1291. 19 E. 1.* valued at ix marks; but in *26 H. 8.* at xv l. xs. vi d. the *Procurations* and *Synodals* then being ix s. vi d.

Patroni Ecclesiar. Incumbentes & temp. Instit. *Thomas de Lecestria* rector eccl. de Beaulton. a. 1303. 7 E. 2. *Joh. de Charnells*, filius D. Georgii de Charnells, 8. Kl. Julii, a. 1322. (16. E. 2.) *Ric. des Aspes*, xii. Kal. Junii, a. 1322. (16. E. 2.) *Gilb. de Sutton* accolitum. iii. Non. Sept. a. 1349. (23. E. 3.) *Ric. de Wodeman* Pbr. xv. Martii, a. 1390. (14. R. 2.) *Joh. Wyllie* Cap. xx. Sept. an. 1409. (10. H. 4.) *Joh. Redyman* Cap. . . Martii, a. 1413. (14. H. 4.) *Thom. Rygby* Diac. 14. Aug. a. 1429. (7. H. 6.) *Joh. Woburn* Pbr. xxvii. Apr. a. 1444. (22. H. 6.) *Joh. Worsley* Pbr. xix. Martii, a. 1445. (24. H. 6.) *Magr. Will. Rafe*, xxix. Julii, a. 1527. (19. H. 8.) *Rob. Dyffie* cler. 16. Jan. an. 1558.

n Pat. 52. H. 3. m. 18. o Matth. westm. in an. 1264. & 1265. p Pat. 52. H. 3. m. 18. q Pat. 2. E. 2. in dorso. r Pat. 3. E. 2. m. 28. s Pat. 6. E. 2. m. 13. t Pat. 8. E. 2. in dorso. u Claus. 29 E. 1. in dorso, m. 13

x Ex an. tog: penes, Dic: Cap. Lichf. y Pat. 18. E. 2. p. 2. m. 38. z Claus. 13 E. 3. p. 1. in dorso, m. 43. a Rot. Fr. 20 E. 3. in dorso, m. 14 b Godwin de presul. p. 132, 133 c Pat. 30. E. 3. parte 3. in dorso, m. 17. d Claus. 1. R. 2. m. 19. e lb.

f Cart. 38. E. 3. n. 20.

g Claus. 1. R. 2. m. 19.

h Fin. le. cat. Off. Trin. 9. R. 2.

i Pat. 22. H. 7. p. 3. m. 2.

l Esc. 42. Eliz.

m Pat. 18. Jac. n Cod. MS in Scar.

o Cod. MS penes S. Archer, mil. f. 40. b. p lb.

Regist. de Wipwell; f. 8. b.

Northb. f. 4. a.

lb. f. 17. a.

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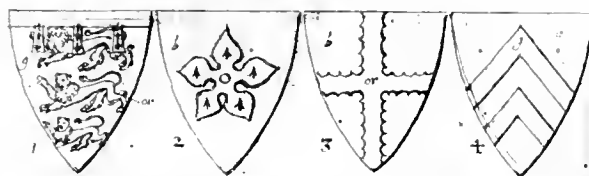
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- B.f. 11. b. de Bylton vidua 1558. (1 Eliz.)
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Joh. Co. Oxon.
- B.f. 12. b. Alicia Worcester D. Thomas Shapman cler. 6.
vidua ratione ut Apr. an. 1559. 1. Eliz.
supra.
- B.f. 44. a. Will. Randall fir- Edmundus Enos, x. Dec. an.
maritus manerii 1570.
de Bylton.
- Morton. Will. Replingham Joh. Enewes in art. baccal.
bundell. de Harborow- 18. Maii, an. 1621.
incert. magna genero-
sus, ratione di-
miss. Co. Oxon.

Bilton
Armes in the Church windows.



1 Earle of Lancaster
2 Ailev

3 Charnels
4 Whitehorse

Church-Lawford.

Westward from Bilton, and near the bank of **Abon**, stands **Church-Lawford**, (within which Parish is likewise the Village of **Long-Lawford**, lying somewhat higher upon the same River.) In the Conq. time it was rated ^a for 5 hydes, and then held by one **Rainaldus** of **Roger** Earl of **Arundell** and **Shrewsbury**, but written **Lelleford**. The lands of which **Roger**, in these parts, came afterwards to the family of **D'Albany**. But in **H. 2.** time, **Roger Hayrun** was Lord ^b of this place, in whose male line it continued till **E. 2.** time, held ^c of the heirs of the said Earl of **Arundell**: So that, 'tis without doubt, that this **Roger Hayrun**, or his Father, was first enfeoffed thereof by one of those Earls. And it may be that **William Hayrun**, who lived in the beginning of **K. Steph.** time, was ^d Father of the same **Roger**.

Of this family there were three **Rogers** successively, all Benefactors ^e to the Monastery of **Combe**; whose grants **John Fitz-Alan**, chief Lord of the Fee (by descent from **D'Albany**) confirmed^f. The last whereof gave ^g a piece of wast ground called **Womchill**, lying also within this Lordship, to the Abby of **Pipwell**, with a younger son, who was admitted Monk of that house, upon which those Monks built ^h a sheepcote, and planted trees, it being thenceforth called **Parham**. As also ⁱ his water-mill here, with the luit of the town, and their heirs, thereto, together with the seat of a wind-mill: and ^k bequeathed his body to be buried in the Abby of **Combe**, thereupon giving to the Monks in pure and perpetual alms, certain lands of good value. After which, **Agnes** his widow, desiring also sepulture there, gave ^l all her goods, movable and unmovable, with her body, to that Religious House. But in **36 H. 3.** **Will. de Waver** is styled ^m **Dominus de Lalleford** (in right of **Juliana** his wife, questionless; for she is called ⁿ **hæres Rogeri Hayrun**) so also ^o in **3 E. 1.** but how this comes to pass,

Roger Hayrun having two sons, viz. **William** and **John** (as the descent, and what I shall say besides, doth shew) I cannot well imagine: both which were Lords of this place successively, but dyed without issue (**William** being living ^p in **56 H. 3.** and **John** in **89 E. 2.**) leaving two sisters: but ^q because the inheritance should not be divided, and so diminished, **John** gave ^r the same to **Robert**, son to his sister **Margerie**. Which **Robert** was son of **William de Newnham** (by the said **Margerie**) upon whom the said **John**, designing him to be his heir, did, by a fine levied ^s **craft. Joh. Bapt. 1 E. 2.** settle this Mannour, entailing it upon him the said **Robert** and **Eliz.** his wife, daughter to one **Thomas Boydin** of **Stretton**, and to the heirs of the same **Robert** begotten on the said **Elizabeth**; and for default of such issue, to **Nicholas** brother to the said **Robert**, with divers other remainders: so that **Robert** coming thus to the estate, was thereupon called **Robertus de Lalleford**: howbeit when **John** dyed, I (certainly) find not.

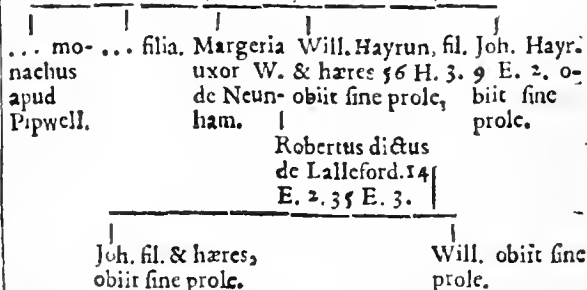
It seems that this **Robert de Lalleford** became a man of note in his time; for in **14 E. 3.** he was one of the ^t Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held: but dyed before the **20 E. 3.** for in ^u that year **John** his son and heir relealed to **John Whitwell** all his right in this Mannour during **Whitwell's** life. Which **John** dyed without issue, so that ^v **William** his brother became thereupon heir; who in **35 E. 3.** granted ^w it to **Walter VVhythors** and **Isabell** his wife, and to the heirs of **Walter**.

Will. Hayrun. & Steph.]

Rogerus Hayrun. temp. H. 2.]

Rog. Hayrun. & Joh.]

Rogerus Hayrun. 36 H. 3.]



From whom descended Sir **Raphe VVhythors** Kt. who granted ^p it to certain feoffees and their heirs; which feoffees passed their title therein to **Henry** Earl of **Derby**, **Guy de Mone** Keeper of the Kings Privy Seal, Sir **Henry Green** Knight, Sir **John Bagot** Kt. and others (all great men in those daies) and their heirs; their grant ^q bearing date at **Bathkinton**, in this County, the monday after the feast day of **St. Dunstan.** 19 R. 2.

What chopping there was with it for the space of xxvi years ensuing, appears not to me: but in ^r **H. 6.** I find, that **Nicholas Parker** of **Thornbury** (in **Gloucestershire**) a servant to **Hamfray** Earl **Stafford**, passed it to the said Earl and his heirs: whence I ghes, that all these feoffments last mentioned were but in trust, in those turbulent times, for this family of **Stafford**: In which line it continued till the attainder of **Edward** Duke of **Buck.** (13 H. 8.) and by that means coming to the Crown, the K. by his Letters Patents, bearing ^s date 29 Martii the same year, granted ^t it to **Thomas**

f Autogr.
penes Will.
Vicecom.
Stafford.
g Nom. vil-
larum.

h Reg. de
Pipwell,
f. 11. a.
i Ib.

l Claus. 14.
E. 3. p. 1.
in dorso. m.
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m Autogr.
n penes
o f. 11. c.
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q } Ib.
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s Pat. 13.
H. 8. par-
te 34.

Thomas Marquess Dorset for life; and afterwards, by the like Letters Patents, bearing date 27. *Junii* 15. of his reign to the said Thomas and to the heirs male of his body.

But I suppose that it came to the Crown, I. Maria, by the attainder of Henry D. of Suffolk, Son to the same Thomas.

For in the next year the Qu. granted Licence to . . . Baylye for aliening thereof unto Thomas Leigh Alderman of London, and his Heirs. (Of whom I shall speak more when I come to *Stonley*) After which, it was in xi. *Eliz.* settled by him on Alice his wife during her life, the remainder to William Leigh his younger son, and the heirs male of his body; whose grandchild Francis Lord *Dumfries*, of whom I shall make further mention in *Peunham Regis*, doth now (*scil.* an. 1640.) enjoy it.

In an. 1291. 19. E. 1. the Church (dedicated to St. . . .) was valued at x. marks; and in 26. H. 8. at xli. xv. sol. iiii. d. the procurations and Synodalls then issuing out of it being viii. sol.

The Patronage of this Church was antiently in the Abbot and Convent of St. Peters super Dinam in France, in respect of the Priory of *Wolfrichston* (now *Wolston*) in this County, (a Cell thereto belonging;) but afterwards in the Prior and Convent of *Carthusians* near *Coventre*, as by the Institutions may be seen; and as I shall have occasion, when I come to *Wolston*, more particularly to manifest: yet never appropriated to either of those religious houses.

Patroni Ecclesie. Incumbentes & temp. Instit.
Procurator Abb. D. Joh. de Berevill Pbr. in
& Conv. S. Petri super Dinam Festo S. Barnab. Apostoli
an. 1300.
Idem procurator. Thom. le Breton Cleric. ix. Kl.
Jan. an. prad.

D. Rex. ratione Petrus de Medburne accolitus,
temporal. Abb. vi. Id. Dec. an. 1325.

S. Petr. super Dinam in manu sua existentium.

Procurator Abb. Rob. le Venour Capell. vi. Kl.
& Conv. S. Petri super Dinam Jan. an. 1326.

Rog. de Boyvile Cap. iii. Non.
Aug. an. 1330.

Joh. de Weston acol. pridie
Non. Dec. an. 1337.

Edw. R. Angl. ratione temporal. Priorat. de Wolfrichston in manu sua existentem.

D. Rex hac vice. Joh. Grene Pbr. xv. Kl. Dec.
an. 1357.

D. Rex (&c.) Will. de Swafeld Cler. iiii. Febr.
an. 1383.

Pr. & Conv. S. Will. Penreth Cler. xxi. Apr.
an. 1408.

Anne ordinis Carthus. juxta Coventre.

Will. Penreth acol. vii. Oct.
an. 1408.

Gregorius Newport decret. bacc. 7. Sept. an. 1416.

Rob. Helpe Pbr. xvi. Oct. an. 1421.

Nich Bolton, xxi. Martii an. 1425.

Joh. Norton in decretis bacc. Bowl. f. 3. a
x. Febr. an. 1452.

D. Thomas Walker, ix. Apr. an. Bl. f. 5. a.
1508. Cod. M S.

Mag. Rog. Carleton, . . . penes S.
an. 1534. Archer eq.

Mag. Rob. Baytt in sacra theol. bacc. iiii. Jan. an. 1546
an. f. 4. a. Sampf. f. 42. a.

Joh. Bradburne hac vice ratione concess. Pr. & Conv. Carthus. juxta Coventre.

Tho. Leigh miles, Humfr. Bate in art. baccal. vi. Febr. an. 1559.

Tho. Leigh miles. Will. Bolton Cler. x. Aug. an. 1567.

Chr. Hoddesden Joh. Selater in art. Mag. xviii. Martii an. 1612.

Gener. hac vice patronus, ex concessione Will. Leigh militis.

Armes in the Church windows.

1. Haltinge E. of Pembroke 2. Beauchamp 3. Heron

Long-Lawford.

This place (as I have said) is in the Parish of Church-Lawford.

In the Conq. time Geoffrey Virce (of whom I am to speak in *Monkskirby*) posselt it; and, in the xii. year of that Kings reign gave to the Monastery of St. Nicholas at Angiers in France, amongst other things, two parts of the Tithes of Corn and Cattel, and the whole Tyth of Wool and Cheefe, arising within the Precincts thereof, which were received by the Prior and Convent of *Monkskirby* before mentioned. In that Grant it is written *Lellebozt*, but in the Conq. Survey, where the same Geoffrey is certified to hold five hydes here, *Lellesozd*; The addition of the first Syllable *Longe*, being of later times used to distinguish it from the other, which we now call *Church Lawford*; and doubtless, was put there to in respect that it lyes not so round together as many othertowns do.

That Nigellus de Albany, Progenitor to the family of Monbray, became posselt of all Virce his lands is apparent: (whereof I shall speak more largely, when I come to *Monkskirby*) which Nigellus, or Roger his Son (who assumed the name of Monbray) enfeoff Robert de Stuteville thereof: for I find that the said Robert, about the beginning of H. 2. time, passed it to John de Stuteville his younger brother; who, for the health of his own soul, and of the souls of his father and mother, Robert his brother, both their childrens souls; as also the souls of K. Henry 2. and his

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c Reg. de
Pipw. f.
119. a.

d Ib. 37. a.
e Ib. f. 119.
b.

f Ib. 121. a.

g Ib. f. 120.
a.

h Ib. f. 121.
a.

a Ib. f. 123.
a.

b Ib. f. 133.
b.

c Ib. f. 134. b.

d Ib. f. 134. b.

e Cart. 11.
E. 1. an. 33.

f Pat. 33.
H. 8. parte
6.

g Pat. 7. E.
6. parte 10

h Pat. 1. M.
parte 14.

i Pat. 4.
Eliz. p. 9.

k Lib. 3. ce-
dular.

l Rot. Rog.
Meyland
quondam
Episc. Cov.
& Lich.
m. 4.
n Pat. de
an. 1. & 2.
Ph. & M.
p. 1.

his Queen, bestowed it on the Monks of **Piptwell**. Within the Precinct of this Lordship was a certain **Spydney** called **Black-thyrne**, whereupon those Monks built a Corn-Mill, and a Fulling-Mill; which graunts were in the beginning of **H. 2. time**: for by the said **John de Stuteville's** confirmation, he ratified it unto the Monks, by the name of **Thyrne-mill**, with the Floodgates and Damme to the same height and breadth, as it was that year in which the said **K. Henry** returned from **Tholose**, viz. the vi. year of his reign. All which were confirmed by **William** the son of the said **Robert de Stuteville**, & **John** and **Roger** sons of the said **John**, and by **Roger de Monbray**, chief Lord of the Fee; as also by **Roger Pantolfe** nephew and heir to **Roger de Stuteville**; betwixt which **Roger** and the Monks of **Piptwell** there were two agreements concerning Common in the Moor of **Long-Lawford**, digging of Turf for fewell, and likewise about fishing in the River of **Avon**; one of these bearing date in xi. **Ioh.** and the other 3. **H. 3.** as are to be seen at large in the Leiger-Book of that Monastery.

In **E. 1.** the Monks of **Piptwell** had **Free Warren** (inter alia) granted to them in this **Lalleford**. But there is little else of moment that I have met with concerning this place, till after the dissolution of the Monasteries; howbeit then, viz. in **f. 33 H. 8.** did the **K. Grant**, (amongst other things) to **Edward Boughton Esq.** and his heirs, the graunge of **Long-Lawford**, **Thyrn-mill**, and divers other lands there, which were belonging to **Piptwell-Abby**. And in **7 E. 6.** the Mannour unto one **Iohn Green** of the City of **Westminster**, and **Raphe Hall** of **London** Scrivener, and their heirs: which **Iohn** in **1 Maria** past away his right therein unto **Elizabeth Boughton**. But I suppose that **Hall's** part came shortly after to one **Thomas Vrightman**: for in **4 Eliz.** the said **Thomas** granted it, by the name of the Mannour of **Lawford**, which belong'd to the Monks of **Piptwell**, unto **Sir Thomas Leigh Kt.** and Dame **Alice** his wife: which **Sir Thomas** dyed & seized thereof; and at this day **Francis Lord Dunsmore**, his great grand-child, (by **Sir William Leigh** a younger son) enjoys it, viz. **an. 1640.**

I have now done with **Long Lawford**.

There is in this Parish of **Church Lawford** a place called the **Stode**, situate upon **Dunsmore-heath**, where was antiently a Chappell: which, with divers Churches and other things, became appropriate to the Priory of **Cobentre** in the year of our Lord 1260. (44 **H. 3.**) and as appears by the Grant of **K. Philip** and **Mary an. 1. & 2.** of their reign, was an inclosed grove; but stands from the town about a mile South-west.

Wolston.

Following the stream of **Avon**, the next place I come to is **Wolston**, which is a large Parish, and contains sundry villages and hamlets: viz. **Sperrston**, **Stretton** upon **Dunsmore**, and **Winsthorpe**, on the same side the River; with **Brandon** and **Bretford** on the other.

In the Conq. days **Earl Roger** held it by **Raimaldus** his under-tenant; it being then certified to contain five hydes and one virgate of land; but in the generall Survey written is **Wulfricestone** in one place, and **Wulfricstone** in another, all under the title of **Terra Rogeris Comititis** (at which

time there was a Church) and had its appellation originally from some antient possessor thereof in the Saxons time, **Wulfricus** being a name usuall in those days; from whence it hath antiently been written **Wulfriceston** and **Wolfricston**, though by contraction it be now called **Wolston**.

This **Rogerus Comes**, before mentioned, is he who was surnamed **de Montegomerico** by our old Historians, being one of the chief Councillours to **William Duke of Normandy** for his expedition into **England**; and, to second his advice, adventured himself in the Battail against **K. Harold**, in which the Duke was victor; whereupon, as a reward for his fidelity and service, he had, first the City of **Chichester** and Castle of **Arundell**; and afterwards the Earldome of **Shrewsbury** bestowed upon him by the Conq. And, by him, or one of his sons, do I conclude, that **Alanus filius Fladaldi**, (progenitor to that great family of **Fitz Alan**) became enfeoffed of this Lordship: for, that he had to do here, I have seen good authority, besides the testimony that his descendants, **Earls of Arundell**, were superior Lords of the fee.

From which **Alan** it divolved to **Roger de Frevill** in marriage with **Sibilla** his wife, whose daughter, 'tis like she was. For I find, that the same **Roger** and **Sibilla** gave lands out of it to the Monks of **Burton** (super **Trent**) in **an. 1132.** (viz. 33. **H. 1.**) quas prius obtulerat domina **Adeliza mater Sibillæ tempore Nigelli Abbatis**, as the Leiger book of that house expresses; but who this **domina Adeliza**, her mother, was, I cannot yet discover.

Here was in **Wolston** a religious House, subordinate to the Abby of **St. Peter** super **Dinam** (in the Dioces of **Sats** in **France**) of which I shall say more anon: resolving now to take notice of the posterity of the said **Roger de Frevill** and **Sibilla**, with whom the inheritance of **Wolston** went, and what I find memorable of them: for the clearer understanding whereof, I have inserted this descent.

Domina Adeliza;

Rogerus de Sibilla
Frevilla. 33. 33. H. 1.
H. 1.

Hamo Ex- Agatha Gaufrid. Robert. Sibilla. Ric. de
traneus i. superstes de Thor- d. Chet- Ric. de
maritus. 21. H. 3. ville. 2. ma Frevil.
ritus. ritus. wode.

Rad. Ex- Agatha G. de Tur- Hamun- Wil. de Rad. de
traneus leStrange vill archi- dus de Chet- Chet-
blin 21. H. 24. H. 3. wode. wode.

Ric.

R. Tur- W. le Bret. Agneta.
vile miles de longa
29. E. 1. Ichindon
& 2. E. 2. 21. E. 1.
& 3. E. 2.

Iohan. Turvile
15. E. 2. 28. E. 3.

Rob. le Guil. le Bre- Aricia
Turvile tun. 12. E. 2.
9. E. 2. 18. 20. E. 3.
E. 2.

Tho. Thur. Wil. Rob. Galfr.
vile 19. E. 3.
fil & hæres.

W. Breun. miles
45. E. 3. 1. R. 21

Guido Breun
9. H. 4.

This

This Roger was a benefactor to the Cannons of **Kenilworth**, by the consent of **Sibill** his wife, giving them one hyde and one virgate of land here. And had issue **Richard**, **Agatha**, and **Sibill**: which **Richard** became a benefactor to the monasteries of **Alcester** and **Combe** in this County; To the first whereof he granted the Church of **Pebworth** in **Gloucester-shire**, and to the other; his Mill, at **Merston** in this Parish: but had no children, it seems, for his Sisters became his heirs: whereof **Agatha** married to **Geffrey Thorville**, and **Sibill** to **Robert Chetwode**; who both, with their husbands, did confirm the gift of **Merston-Mill** made to the Monks of **Combe** by their Brother **Richard**. But, forasmuch as the descent from the said **Agatha** is not so cleared by authority of Record or other evidence, as I could wish; I must, by that light, which I have, point out what I conceive hath most affinity with Truth, which in this and the like uncertainties, is exprest by prickt lines, as in the example may be discerned.

This **Geffrey Turvill** (for it may very well be he) gave the Chappel of **Stockingforth**, with certain lands there, to the Abby of **Leicester**. But the first husband to the said **Agatha** was **Hamon Strange**: which **Hamon**, by his wives consent, confirmed to the monastery of **Kenilworth** five virgates of land in **Wulfricheston**, that **Roger Frevill** and **Sibill** his wife had formerly given thereto; and had issue a daughter named **Agatha**, who gave to the Abby of **Combe** for the health of her soul, and the soul of **Richard** her son, and the rest of her children certain errable land lying in **Wulfricheston** fields. In which grant she is called **Agatha le Strange filia Hamonis le Strange**; but what her husband was I find not.

In 24 H. 3. amongst the Kts. fees which were assigned to **Hawys** the widow of **John Fitz-Alan**, in this County, there is mention of one, held of the said **John**, by **Hamon Turvill**, and another by the heirs of **Raphe Strange**. Which **Hamon** (as I guesse) was the son of **Geffrey Turvile** and **Agatha**; and gave lands in **Merston** within this Parish, to the Monks of **Combe**.

This **Agatha de Turvill** lived to a great age; for I find, that by the procurement of **Geffrey Turvill**, her son; who was Arch-Deacon of **Dublin** and the Kings Treasurer there, she had a Patent whereby herself and her heirs were, during her life, free'd from suit to the County and Hundred Courts for **Wulfricheston**, **Merston**, and **Bretford** in this Shire. Which **Geffrey** being elected Bpp. of **Exeter** in that Kingdom, had the royal assent for confirmation thereof. But the next of this line, that I meet withall, as Lord of **Wolston**, is Sir **Richard Turvile** Kt. in 29. E. 1. then one of the Coroners in this County, an Office, in those days of great accompt, and confer'd onely upon the wisest and discreetest Knights that might best attend thereon: for there is a writ in the Register *Nisi sit miles*, whereby it appeareth, that there was a sufficient cause to remove a Coroner chosen, if he were not a Knight, and had not C. sol. Rent of Free-hold. But I find, that in regard of impotency, he was discharged of that Office, and dyed the same year, as 'tis like; for in 9 E. 2. was **Robert de Turvile** certified to be Lord of **Wolfricheston**, with the members thereto belonging. To which **Robert** succeeded **John de Turvile**; who in 19. E. 2. levied a Fine

thereof; entayling it on himself and his children by **Margaret** his wife; but for default thereof, to **Thomas Ferrers** and his heirs: and left issue **Thomas Turvile** his son and heir, **William**, **Robert**, and **Geffrey**. Howbeit, after the 34 E. 3. that this **Thomas** presented to the Chappel of **Bretford**, I find no more mention of these **Turviles** here.

Nor further of this place till x. R. 2. that Sir **William Wauton** Kt. and Dame **Ismania** his wife, levied a Fine thereof to the use of Sir **William Bagot** Kt. and **William Glym**, and the heirs of the said Sir **William Bagot** for ever: by which Fine it appears that there was special warranty against her the said **Ismania**; whence I guesse, that she was **Turviles** daughter and heir. Which Sir **William Bagot** left issue **Isabell** his daughter and heir, wife to **Thomas Stafford**; who in H. 5. time, past it to the Canons of **Kenilworth** without licence; whereupon, it being seized into the Kings hands, was in 6 H. 6. granted to **John Verney** Clerk, and **John Throgmorton**, to hold for twelve years: but in 10 H. 6. **John Weston** of **Weston**, Sergeant at Law, **John Beauchampe** of **Kenilworth** Priest, and **John Stokes** of the same **Kenilworth** Yeoman, were certified to hold it, with **Merston**, by the fourth part of a Knights fee. How they had it, or how they parted with it I find not; but certain it is, that **Nicholas Metley** a Lawyer, soon after obtained it, and by his last will and Testament, dated 12 Nov. 16. H. 6. appointed, that his Feoffees thereof should hold it to the use of **Joane** his wife during her life, and afterwards to the behoof of **Margaret** his Daughter by the said **Joane**, and her heirs for ever: which **Joane** took to her second husband one **Richard Horst**, who was constrained to defend his wives right therein against **Thomas Throgmorton**, and one **John Brokesby** in 30. H. 6. they then laying claim thereto; but of this suit the Plaintiffs had little benefit as it seems; for after the decease of the said **Joane**, **John Hugford** of **Emscote** posselt it in right of **Margaret** his wife, daughter to the before specified **Nicholas Metley**, and dyed seized thereof 1. H. 7. leaving **John Beaufoe** son and heir of **Joane** his daughter, **Margaret**, **Alice**, and **Anne** daughters to him the said **John** and **Margaret Metley** abovesaid his next heirs, as when I come to **Emscote** shall more plainly be shewed; whereupon in 4. H. 8. scil. 12. Aug. partition being made of **Hugford's** lands, **John Cotes** (of **Honingham**) in right of **Alice** his mother, had these manours of **Wolston** and **Merston**; which **John** by his deed, bearing date xx. Aug. the same year, past them in exchange to **Edward Belknap** Esq. and his heirs, as in **Decret** I shall more fully shew.

This **Edward Belknap** was afterwards a Kr. and by his Testament gave **Wolston** with the manour of **Merston** to his brother in Law, **William Shelley** Esq; and **Alice** his wife, sister of the said Sir **Edward**, and to the heirs of the said **Alice**, reserving first an estate for life in them to his wife: which **William Shelley**, by the said **Alice**, had issue **John Shelley** his son and heir, who dyed seized of them 16. Dec. 4. E. 6. leaving **William** his son and heir 12. years old; who being attainted for treason committed xv. Dec. 25. Eliz. forfeited all the estate he had here, (which was no more than for life, by reason of an entayl made 16. Jan. 23. Eliz.) so that dying

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Archer
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ginton ar.

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Edw. Fer-
res de Bad-
ley ar.

i Placita
de T.
h Hil. 30.
H. 6.
Rot. 322.

l Ex au-
tog. penes
S. Archer
mil.
m Esc. 12
n H. 7.

o Claus. 4.
H. 8. in
dorso, m.
24. & 25.
p Autog.
penes G.
Warner
ar. 1640.

a Manwa-
ring Qu.
17.

b Esc. 4.
c E. 6.
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e Fin. le-
vat. T. Hill.
23. Eliz.

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Kenilw. p.
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Cumb. f.
32. a.

Claus. 24.
H. 3. m. 10.

Regist. de
Cumb. f.
34. a.

Pat. 21.
H. 3. m. 2.
Claus. 22.
H. 3. m. 23.

Claus. 28.
H. 3. m. 8.

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i Fol. 177.
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ing without issue, 15 Apr. 39 Eliz. these Man-
nours, by vertue of the said entail, came to Sir
John Shelley Kt. and Bt. son and heir to **John**
Shelley brother of the said **William**: which Sir
John, by his deed of bargain and sale bearing
date 19 Oct. 10 Jac. conveyed the same to **George**
Warner Gent. and his heirs, the present Owner
thereof, an. 1640.

I now return to the descendants from **Robert de**
Chetwode, by **Sibilla** the other daughter and co-
heir of **Roger de Frevill** (before mentioned.)

This **Robert** had issue **Raph de Chetwode**, and
William; which **Raph** confirmed his Uncle **Rich-**
ard Frevill's grant of **Sperston**-mill to the Abby
of **Combe**: but left no issue, as it seems: for
William his brother inherited the estate; and
having given to those Monks certain errable lands
in **Wolston**-field, left one onely daughter and
heir married to **William le Bretun** of **Long-**
Bechington, betwixt whom they had issue **Guy le**
Bretun. Which **Guy** in 15 E. 2. (with other Com-
missioners) was appointed to assesse the sum of
cc l. imposed upon those Knights, Esquires, and
other men at Arms in this County, who being
summoned to attend the King in person against
the Rebels here in **England** (viz. **Thomas E. of**
Lancaster, and his complices) desired to be ex-
empted from that service.

In 2 E. 3. he was one of the Knights for this
Shire in the Parliament held at **Both**. And in 9 E.
3. one of the Commissioners assigned to assesse
and collect the sum of 120 l. in this County for
the discharge of 1x Hobelers and cc Archers, which
were to be chosen and armed, as also conducted to
Newcastle upon **Tine**.

In 14 & 15 E. 3. he was assigned, with o-
thers, to make sale of the Ninth of Sheafes, Flee-
ces, and Lambs in this County granted to the K.
in Parliament; as also to levy and collect a
Tenth granted in the same Parliament; and
founded a Chantry in the Abby of **Combe** for
one Monk to sing Mass daily there at the Altar of
St. Edmund the Archb. for the soules of **William le**
Bretun his father, and of **Avicia** his wife, and their
ancestours; which **Avicia** was a Benefactress in
the enlarging and beautifying the Church of
Wolston, as her picture in a North window
thereof doth manifest.

This **Guy** had issue Sir **William Bretun** Kt. Lord
also of **Wolberton** in this County, and one of the
Knights for this Shire in the Parliament held
at **Westminster**, 45 Edw. 3. who being con-
stituted Sheriff of the Counties of **Warwick** and
Leicester, 49 E. 3. in 1. R. 2. served again as
one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament
then held at **Westminster**; and left issue **Guy**;
of whom I find nothing memorable, neither can I
trace down this descent any further.

I now come to the Monastery sometime here
situate; which being a Cell, as I have said, to
St. Peters sup Dinam in **France**, was one of those
we commonly call **Wypozics-alien**. But of these
Cells have I not seen many formal foundations;
the course being, for the most part, barely to grant
the Land and Tithes (as by a multitude of instan-
ces might be manifested:) After which the Monks
beyond Sea, partly to propagate more of their own
Rule, and partly to have faithfull Stewards to
transmit unto them a good proportion of the pro-
fits arising out of such their new acquired posses-
sions at so great a distance, built competent places

for the reception of a small Covent, and then sent
over such a number as they thought fit, constituting
Priors over them successively, as occasion required:
which grants were all very ancient, I mean shortly
after the Conquest; being commonly made by
such, who had themselves been Founders of some
Religious House, or at least their Ancestours, or
near Allyes. And that the grant of this at **Wol-**
ston was about that time I have intimated, these
circumstances do much satisfy me; (for in our
publick Records can I find nothing thereof) First,
that the Fabrick of the Tower Steeple hath the
apparent form of those Buildings which were in
use soon after the Normans entrance: And next,
that **Roger de Montgomeri**, the Possessor of this
place in the Conquerours time, stood in a near re-
lation of kindred to **Robert** Earl of **Gloucester**, who
with his Brother **Hugh**, Bp of **Lisieux**, assisted
their Mother **Lescelina** in the foundation of
St. Peters super Dinam before specified, as the
descent herewith drawn will shew; and so con-
sequently was the more like to be a Benefactor to
that Monastery.

Quidam potens de nobili
genere Danorum.]

Richardus 1. dux-Gunnora. Osbertus de-Wevia.
Normanniz. Bolebec.]

Guillelmus, Lescelina. Hugo de Monte-Joscelina.

Hugo episcopus Rob. Aucen- Rogerius de Monte-
Lexovii. sis Comes. gomerico.

But whether there was any grant thereof at all,
otherwise than verbal, is somewhat disputable: for
in those elder times, concessions by Charter were
not very common I am sure, as may appear by this
instance to the Monastery of **Daventre** in **North-**
hamptonshire, viz. by **Stephan de Welton**, of the
Church of **Staverton** in that County, bearing
date in the year 1161. 7 H. 2. In which Charter
there is this expression, "Hanc eandem ecclesiam
de Staverton ad ius ecclesie Daventrensis pertinen-
tem, & membrum ejus, pluribus annis ante hanc
donationem sancto Augustino & suis, patre meo an-
nuente, reddideram; sed nullam charta vel sigilli
defensionem contra posterorum cantelam & vexa-
tiam pulsationem dederam, & actionem meam im-
munitam reliqueram: ut ergo jam ex hoc nunc in
seculum rata sit & stabilis, mea qua precessit red-
ditio, & qua sequuntur adjuncta est donatio; nec-
non & ipsa prefata libertatis concessio, Scriptis &
Sigilli mei testimonio eas pariter munimine con-
firmo."

Leaving therefore the original of this small Mo-
nastery thus uncertain, I will now descend to what
our Records, or other evidences, which I have
seen, do shew thereof.

It appeareth by a publick Instrument of the
Prior and Covent of **Tutbury**, bearing date the
day of the translation of **St. Benedict**, an. 1226.
(10 H. 3.) that the Abbot and Covent of **St. Pe-**
ters super Dinam, had granted to the said Prior
and Covent of **Tutbury** the Church of **Wilst-**
cheston, with all the appurtenances, in considera-
tion of ten pounds sterling to be yearly paid to
them and their successours by the said Prior and
Covent of **Tutbury**; excepting the right of pre-
sentation to such Churches, which were of their
advowson, as they should fall voyd.

But these Priories-alien were seized into the
Kings

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tic. p. 27
c.
f 1b.
g Ord. vi
ial. p. 54
D.

b Registr.
priorat. de
Daventre,
f. 68. a.

i Antogr.
penes Pet.
Went-
worth mil
de Balneo.

* Id est, th
Priory.

f Antogr.
penes Geo.
Warner de
Wolston,
pied.

g Registr. de
Cumbria, f.
53. b.

h 1b. fol.
52. a.
i 1b.

k Claus. 15
E. 2. in
dorso, m. 12

l Claus. 2.
E. 3. in
dorso, m. 32
m Pat. 9 E.
3. p. 1. m. 2.

n Claus. 14
E. 3. p. 1.
m. 3.

o Pat. 15.
E. 3. m. 31.

p Pat. 14.
E. 3. p.
m. 47.

q Antogr.
penes Will.
D. Craven.

a Claus. 45
E. 3. in
dorso, m. 34

b Rot. fin.
49 E. 3.
m. 20.

c Claus. 1.
R. 2. in dor-
so, m. 22.

d Est. 5 H.
4. n. 19.

Kings hands, in respect of the wars he had with France, the Rents and Profits, which issued out of them to those foreign Monasteries, in case they had received them as formerly, being conceived of advantage unto the Kings enemies; for such were the French then esteemed to be, as this Record doth fully manifest. *Que à les maisons en Engleterre sont mandez moignes Franceys de par de la, pur convenient d'eux (id est, of those Houses in France to which they were subject) les quels n'ont consiance de gentz, ne savent le language, ne la manere de la terre. Et ouvre ceo plusieurs d'eux avenont de noitirement feble vie, soeffrent leur maisons de eschoir, divine service amenuiser, & degastent les biens de leur maison, come la chose se monstre en fait, & ont grant indignation que nul Engleis soit avancee entre eux si soit il mi si able persone; Et que plus est a douter come homme suppose communement par eux leur consins & allies, & autres Franceys que demourront ovesqz eux, le Conseil de la terre est descovert, & les biens emporte a les oeps des enemies dont supplient, &c.*

But the first publick seizure made in that kind, (for which I have seen any authority) was in 23 E. 1. as appeareth by the Roul^m of that year, wherein the particular persons in each County, to whom the custody of these Religious Houses was committed, are recorded. Which persons were to retain them in their hands during the Kings pleasure, answering to his Exchequer the profits thereout issuing, according to the tenor of the Ordinance therein made by the King and his Council: whereupon those in this County, and in **Leicester**, were committed to the custody of *John de Shelton* (as the same Record sheweth) all Freeholders and other tenants of those lands being commanded to be observant to the said *John* accordingly.

It seems that K. *Edw.* 2. in consideration of a certain Rent to be yearly paid into his Exchequer, did commit this Cell, with what belonged thereto, unto the Prior thereof, to hold during the Kings pleasure: for so in 1 E. 3. the same Prior by his Petition exhibited to the K. and his Council then in Parliament, doth set forth, whereby he craveth restitution of the lands, goods, and chattels, with the advowson of Churches belonging to that house; and pardon for such arrears of Rent, which were due upon the above mentioned grant of K. *Edw.* 2. whereunto the King was graciously pleased to condescend.

After this, K. *Edw.* 3. seized it again, and committed it to the Prior thereof, for a certain Rent to be paid into the Exchequer yearly; whereof default being made, and the same resumed upon the Petition of the said Prior, he allowed him iii sol. a week for his maintenance; command being given to *Roger de Gray* and *Henry Arderne* to make payment thereof unto him accordingly: but I do not perceive that there was any one Monk there at that time to bear the Prior company.

In 31 E. 3. it appears, that the Prior of this Monastery, having made an agreement to pay xx l. yearly into the Exchequer, as a ferm for this Cell; and being not able to perform it, the King was pleased to pardon ten marks a year thereof for the three next ensuing years. After which, by an extent of these Priories-alien in the 1, 2, and 3. years of K. *R.* 2. I find, that the possessions hereof were rated at xxxiii. ix sol. per annum; and that shortly after it was committed to *Wal-*

rine Waldgrave, paying xx l. yearly into the Exchequer, as *John Chater* Prior of that House had wont to do. Which frequent seizures, giving the Monks beyond Sea little hope to have any considerable profit from their English Cells for the future, occasioned the Abbot and Convent of *St. Peters super Dinam*, to think of making their best thereof. Whereupon, by their publick Instrument, bearing date 10 Dec. an. 1394. (18 R. 2.) expressing, that, by reason of the wars, and distance of place, they had not received any benefit at all from thence of 50 years, their charges in sending over all waies exceeding the profit; and that, were there perfect peace concluded betwixt the Kings of **England** and **France**, the benefit would be so small to them, as that it would suffice for the maintenance but of one religious person to be sent from their Monastery thither: And therefore, considering that it might be of advantage and profit to the Prior and Convent of *Carthusians* near **Cobentre**, then lately founded by K. R. 2. and withall that the said Prior and Convent had given them two thousand four hundred Francks, in good gold of French coyn, to be employed in purchasing Rents and Possessions lying nearer, and more profitably to them; did they, by their said publick Instrument, grant and confirm to the same Prior and Convent of *Carthusians* this Cell at **Woltricheston**, with the advowsons of the Churches of **Woltricheston**, and **Church-Lanford** in the County of **War.** **Wotterst-pirie** in the County of **Northampton**, **Homton-Drehell** in the County of **Leic.** with all other profits and advantages, to the said Priory of **Woltricheston** any waies belonging; to have, hold and possess to them, the said Prior and Convent of *Carthusians* and their successors for ever.

All which was confirmed by the K. Letters & Patents bearing date 5 Julii, 20 of his reign, (upon the return of a Writ of *Ad quod dampnum* thereupon) and thenceforth continued to the said *Carthusians* till the general dissolution of all the Monasteries by K. *H.* 8. After which it came to the hands of *Roger Wigston*, descended from a family of the *Wigstons* in **Leicester**, divers whereof were Merchants of the Staple. Which *Roger* (being a Lawyer, I suppose, for he was Steward to the Monastery of **Wimley** in this County) by his Will dated 34 H. 8. bequeath'd his body to be buried in the Church of **Wolston**; having been Shiriff of this County and **Leicester** in 33 H. 8. and in commission of the peace for divers years. And left issue *William VVigston*, a Justice of Peace likewise in this County, and *Eschaetor*, towards the latter end of K. *H.* 8. reign; as also Shiriff in 5 E. 6. but Knighted in 2 & 3 Ph. & M. who dyed 27 Sept. 19 Eliz. and lyeth buried in the Chancell at **Wolston**, *Roger* his son and heir being then xl years of age: which *Roger* having no issue male, left the inheritance of his lands to his two daughters; whereof *Susanne* was the wife of *Nicholas VVentworth* Esq; who in her right became Lord of this Mannour (for so it is now reputed to be) and left it to Sir *Peter VVentworth* Knight of the Bath, his son and heir, the now owner thereof.

The Church dedicated to St. Margaret.

In an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) the value of the Rectory here was certified at xxxiii marks: out

e Sk. fol. 137. a.

f Pat. 20. R. 2. p. 1. m. 32. g Esc. 19. R. 2. n. 73.

b Ex Cod. MS penes S. Archer mil. de valore eccl. f. 10. b.

i Spert. Qu. 15.

k Rot. Pip. 33 H. 8. warr.

l Spert. Qu. 15.

m Esc. 36. & 37 H. 8.

n Pat. de iisdem ann. in dorso.

o Esc. 19. p. 2 Eliz.

p Cod. MS in Scac.

q Stafford of which, besides the 9 sum of xiii sol. iiii d. due to
 & Kempe, the Bp of **Coventre** and **Litchfeld**, for the time
 f. 339. a. being, as a pension, there was 9 liii sol. iiii d. year-
 r Cod. MS ly to be paid to the poor there, as the composition
 perès S. manifesteth.

The Vicaridge in f. 26 H. 8. was valued at
 xv l. x sol. over and above viii l. yearly allowed for
 the stipend of two Priests serving in two Chappels
 within this Church, and ii sol. per annum for
 1 Synodals.

The appropriation of the Fruits of this Church
 to the Monastery of St. Peter sup. Dinam, was an-
 tient: for I have seen a very old Copy * of the
 ordination of the Vicaridge (commonly called the
 Composition) made by **Alexander de Savensby**,
 Bp of **Cob.** and **Litch.** about the beginning of
 H. 3. time; who at his institution of **Henry de**
Leicester Priest, upon the presentation of the Prior
 of **Tutbury**, Procurator general to the above men-
 tioned Abbot and Covent, makes this appoint-
 ment in the behalf of the said Vicar and his suc-
 cessors, viz. that they shall have all the Obven-
 tions of the Altar, as well of the Mother Church
 as of the Chappels, with a Messuage and a croft
 which one **Alanus** then held; the Vicar out of
 these being to pay Synodals, and to see that the
 Chappels were served by honest and able per-
 sons.

But by another Instrument ^b of the said Bp. it
 appears, that by the consent of the before men-
 tioned Prior of **Tutbury**, there was an assignation
 made of four marks yearly to be paid to the Vicar
 for the time being, out of the profits of the Rec-
 tory, by the hands of the Procurator of the said
 Abbot and Covent, whoever he should be, at
Wolfricheston at two terms in the year, viz. two
 marks at the day of the Assumption of the Blessed
 Virgin, and two marks on the day of her Purifi-
 cation; out of which the Vicar was to give yearly
 xiii coats, each containing three ells, and xiii pair
 of shoes to the poor of the parish, by the oversight
 of the Archdeacon of the place, or his Official;
 and whatsoever was remaining, himself to have
 towards the maintenance of one Priest, there, as-
 sisting him.

There is one thing more, that I am not
 willing to pass by, touching this Vicaridge; viz.
 a Commission * which I find granted by the Bp. of
Cob. and **Litch.** bearing date 1 Dec. an. 1454.
 (33 H. 6.) to certain persons there named, and
 entrusted by him, to enquire of the Ordination
 thereof; forasmuch as the present Incumbent had
 signified to the said B. that the same was so slenderly
 endowed, that, having there the cure of souls,
 he could not maintain himself in that fit manner
 as he ought out of the profits thereof, nor well
 undergo what was incident to him as Vicar; and
 thereupon humbly craves remedy from the B. By
 which Commission the B. gives power to the per-
 sons therein mentioned, to call before them the
 Prior and Covent of **Carthusians** near **Coventre**,
 to whom the Rectory was appropriate; appoint-
 ing, that this enquiry should be made by persons
 of credit both of the Clergy and Laity, and upon
 oath; as also thereupon to proceed in augmenta-
 tion thereof as there should be cause, with power
 of Canonical cōsecution.

By which it appears, that though the Vicaridge
 were formerly endowed, yet, if in the discretion of
 the B. or his successors, at any time after, the
 fruit issuing out thereof to the present Incumbent,

were not esteemed sufficient to maintain him in a
 fit manner, there might be an enlargement made
 out of the profits of the Rectory.

And that the B. may lawfully do this, I could
 manifest by very good authorities, as well as un-
 deniable reason: but, in regard this Argument be-
 longs to men of another profession, and that there
 is already a very handsome Discourse written upon
 this subject by Dr **Ryves**, a learned Civilian, en-
 titled, ^d *The poor Vicars plea*, I will spare that
 which otherwise I could have said therein. Adding
 this onely, that if respect be to be had, that the
 Vicar is to have that competent and laudable sup-
 port as is futable to his degree and quality; for
 work he may not by the Laws, being to follow his
 study, maintain hospitality, releive the poor, pay
 Procurations, and defray all other charges incident
 to his Benefice; and that the Laws do allow him
 to marry, whereby the charge of a single person,
 as antiently they were, is by wife and children
 much, in all probability, increased; then no doubt
 many hundreds in *England* ought to be in this
 case regarded. Neither can the Improprator,
 justly say, he hath wrong, though he purchased the
 Rectory at a dear rate; for he must needs know,
 that it is divolved to him with no more priviledge
 than the Monks had it, who were alwaies subject
 to coercion for the like augmentation, as cause
 required; it being not originally intended, that
 they who lived plentifully in their Cloyster should
 sweep away the chief fruits of the Church, the
 Parish which paid duely their Tithes having little
 advantage from them; and that the Vicar, who
 daily served at the Altar, should snap on short
 commons; but if there were sufficiency for both,
 each to have share; otherwise, if one must want,
 it should not be he that did undergo the work.

I know this will sound harshly in Impropria-
 tors ears, but *Magna est veritas, & pravalere*
debet.

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes & temp. Instit.
Procurator Abb. & Conv. S. Petri sup. Dinam.	Henricus de Leicestria, Pbr. H. 3. Ric. de Blaby Diac. ii. Id. Langt. f. 6. a. Oct. an. 1300.
Prior de Wolrich- ston.	Petrus Mallori , xvi. Kl. Ib. f. 78. a. Dec. a. 1317.
D. Rex ratione Prio- rat: de Wolrich- ston in manu sua existent.	Nich de Stonelay Cap. ii. Id. Northb. f. 61. b. Martii, a. 1357.
Pr. & Conv. S. Anna Carthus. juxta Coventre.	Will. Chamber , Cap. xxv. Burgh. f. 12. a. Aug. an. 1403. Alex. Benet , iii. Jan. an. Ib. f. 27. a. 1410. D. Joh. Hill , Cap. xx. Jun. Ib. f. 30. b. an. 1412. Will. Prestwood , Pbr. xvi. Heyw. f. 5. a. Maii, an. 1421. Ric. Tonsover , xi. Julii, Ib. f. 13. a. an. 1424. Will. Prestwode , pen. Maii, Heyw. f. 27. b. an. 1432. Ric. Habkyn Pbr. xiii. Jun. Ib. f. 31. a. an. 1433. Thomas Arkynden , Pbr. xvi. Ib. f. 37. a. Julii, an. 1438. Will. Killworth , Pbr. iii. Oct. 80. f. 7. a. an. 1447.

Bowl. f.
340. b. ;
1b.f. 141. a.
1b.f. 204. a.
Bl. f. 6. a.

Samp. f. 41. Thom. Gregory de civitate Covent. hac vice ratione concess: Pr. & Conv. S. Anna.

Samp. & Will. Wigston de E. f. 9. a. Wolston, miles.

1b. f. 12. b. Will. Wigston, miles.

Overtor Roger. Wigston. ar. bundell. E.

Overtor Roger. Wigston de bundell. E. Wolston, ar.

Thom. Forster, Pbr. iii. Jan. a. 1493.
D. Laur. Causey, xx. Sept. a. 1494.
Will. Regelde, xii. Julii, a. 1500.
D. Will. Clerke, Pbr. xii. Jan. a. 1512.

D. Thom. More, Cap. xv. Apr. a. 1546. (1 E. 6.)

D. Will. Harwar, art. Magr. ix. Maii, a. 1555. (2 & 3 Ph. & M.)

Job. Middleton, Cler. iiii. Martii, a. 1559. (2 El.)

Edw. Lorde, in art. Magr. xii. Oct. a. 1585. (27 El.)

Hugo Clarke, Cler. v. Jan. a. 1591. (34 Eliz.)

belt about his middle, and a broad sword hanging thereat.

In the same Ile are two fair Grave-stones of marble, on each whereof hath been the pourtrai-
cture of Women in brass, with plates at their feet, wherein were these following Inscriptions, taken notice of by Mr William Belcher many years since, but now torn out.

Hic jacet Johanna nuper uxor Ricardi Botest, quondam uxor Ricardi Metley, nuper do-
mini de Wolston & Merston, que obiit anno domini. MCCCCxlii.

Hic jacet Margareta uxor Johannis Hugford, domini de Comescote, filia & heres Nicholai Metley, domini de Wolston, Merston, Wapenbury & Allesthorpe, que obiit anno domini MCCCCxlii.

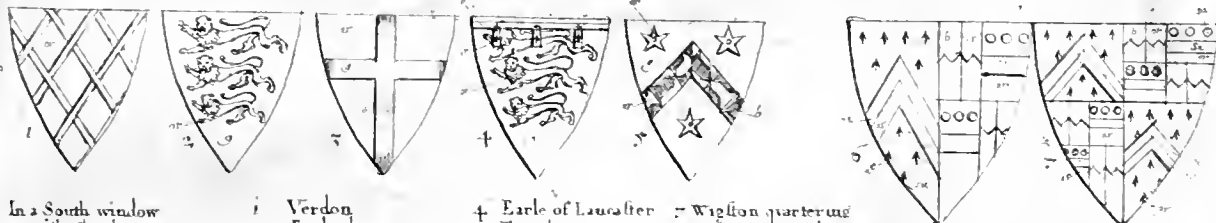
On the former is this Coat of Arms still re-
maining, viz. a Cheveron betwixt 3 Eagles dis-
played, empaling a Cheveron betwixt 3 Hunters
horns, brased. And on the other the same Coats
quartered.

In the Chancell, adjoyning to the South wall,
is a Monument of free-stone, about two foot in
height, with this Epitaph upon the verge thereof.

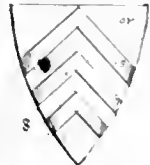
Here lyeth the body of the right worshipfull Sir
William Wigston Knight, who deceased the
xxvi day of September in the year of
our Lord, M D lxxvi.

In the South Ile of this Church are there two
Arches in the Wall: In one whereof there still
lyech a very ancient Statue of a Woman in free-
stone, with a wimplet on her chin, and her hands
in a praying posture. In the other was the Statue
of a Man, as I guess, which is now removed and
laid close to that of the Woman, having his hands
elevated in such sort as the Woman, his head bare,
and hair somewhat long, but no beard; and his
outer garment loose, extending to his feet, with a

In the east window of the Church,



In a South window of the Church.

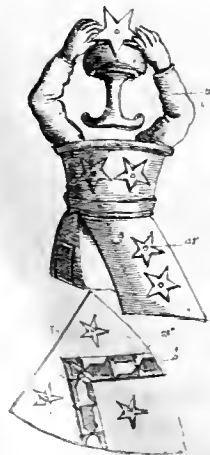


- 1 Verdon
- 2 England.
- 3 St George his Croise
- 4 Earle of Lancaster
- 5 Turvils
- 6 Wigston empaling and Langley quartered
- 7 Wigston quartering & Langley
- 8 Clare E. of Glouc.

In a North Window of the Church

In another North Window of the Church

In the east window of the North Ile.



Merston juxta Wolston.

OF this Mannour, being situate flat and low near the River, where the soyl is naturally marish, and giveth occasion of the name, I shall not need to say much, having already spoken thereof in *Wolston*. It was antiently called *Bretons-Manneur*, *Guido Breton* writing^a himself of this place in 5 and 6 H. 4. But how it past from that family, I have not seen, nor when; the first^b mention which I afterwards find thereof being in 6 H. 5. where *Richard Quatermaynes* of *Londoun*, granted the moytie thereof, with the appurtenances, to *Thomas Vodelow* and *Margaret* his wife, and to the heirs of *Thomas*; and levied a fine^c thereupon the same year: Unto which *Thomas* and *Margaret*, and the heirs of *Thomas*, did *John Boteler* of *Wolbardington* release^d all his right in the other moytie. Whereupon the said *Thomas*, being possessor of the whole, was in 10 H. 6. certified^e to hold it by the service of half a Knights fee. After which it was not long ere that it came to *Nicholas Metley*, and so to *John Hugford*, in right of *Margaret* his wife, daughter and heir to the said *Nicholas*, as in *Wolston* I have shewed: since which it hath past from hand to hand with *Wolston*, and so continues to the owner of that Mannour till this day.

Stretton super Dunsmore

THIS Village takes its name from the situation upon that old Roman way called the *Fosse*; which, being by the common people termed the *Street*, as all great waies and passages are, thence hath the name of *Stretton*: the addition, *super Dunsmore*, being to distinguish it from the rest of the *Strettons* in this County.

In the Conquerours time I find that same *Raimundus*, whom I mentioned in *Wolston*, held^f also this place of *Roger de Montgomerie* E. of *Arundell*; it being then rated for 5 hides, and written *Stratone*.

Within the limits hereof is a very antient Mill (written long since *Purmulne*, but now *Pirreymill*) given^g to the Monks of *Combe* by *Robert de Cherwode* and *Sibilla* his wife (of whom I have already spoke in *Wolston*;) which Monks, in consideration of xx marks, past^h it to the Lady *Albreda Marmin*; who again assigned it unto them for the solemnizing the Anniversaries of her husband *Sir William Camvill*, her self, *William* her son, and the rest of her sons and daughters.

There is no doubt, I think, but that this Mannour came, with *Wolston*, to *Alanus filius Eladaldi*; for I find, that the said *Alan* gaveⁱ certain lands here to the Abby of *Burton*. And from him likewise it is probable that *Roger de Frevill* had it: for in 36 H. 3. *Raph Strange*, who descended from one of the co-heirs to the said *Roger* (as the descent in *Wolston* sheweth) was certified to hold half a Knights fee here of *John Fitz-Alan*, descendant to the before specified *Alanus*: but the next possessor thereof, that I have seen any authority for, was *Thomas de Garshale*, temp. E. 1. (of whom in *Bourton* I have made mention) who, with *Maud* his wife, sold^j it unto *Robert de He-*

riz and his heirs, to hold of them the said *Thomas* and *Maud*, and their heirs, by the service of 1 d. to be paid yearly at *Easter*. Which *Robert*, in consideration of xxx marks of silver, soon after granted^k the inheritance thereof unto *Henry de Hastings*, son and Heir of *Sir Henry de Hastings* Kt. to hold of him the said *Robert* and his heirs by the service of a pair of white Gloves, or 1 d. yearly at *Easter*. But this *Henry* kept it not long; for I find, that *Sir Thomas de Bray* purchased^l it of him within a short time after; to whose posterity, residing here, it continued for divers decents: and at length (as it should seem) by *Elene* one of the daughters and co-heirs of *Richard Bray*, wife of *Edmund Starkey* Gent. in H. 6. time, divolved to that family; in which it rested till 4 Eliz. that *William Starkey* sold^m it, by the name of the capital messuage, and certain lands, &c. in *Stretton* to the Lady *Longvile*; upon whose death it descended to *Bartholmew* her son and heir, by *Bartholmew Tate* of *de la Pre* juxta *Posthampton*, her first husband: which *Bartholmew* in 23 Eliz. conveyedⁿ it to *Anthony Tate* his younger brother, who left issue *George Tate* of *Sutton-Bonington* in *Com. Post.* that, by his deed^o, dated 6 Julii, an. 1620. sold them to *Ric. Taylor* of *Winley* in this County, to whose posterity they still continue.

There is within this Village a Chappel of *All Saints*, which had a Chantry^p therein, founded by *Thomas de Wolwardynon*, Parson of the Church of *Lobenham* (in *Leicestershire*) for two Priests to sing Mass daily at the Altar of *St. Thomas* the Martyr, for the good estates of the said *Thomas*, *William Clinton* Earl of *Huntingdon*, *Richard* Earl of *Arundell*, *John Peyto* the younger; as also of *Alice* and *Margaret*, sisters to the said *Thomas* the Founder, during their lives; and of the reverend Father in God *Roger Northburgh*, then B. of *Cob.* and *Lich.* and for all their souls after their departure out of this life: as also for the souls of *Sir Peter de Wolwardynon* Kt. and the Lady *Aliva* his Wife, Father and Mother of the said *Thomas*: and of the souls of *John de Wolwardynon*, *William*, and *Peter*, brethren of the said *Thomas* deceased; and of all faithfull people departed. For the maintenance of which two Priests, King E. 3. in 19 of his reign, granted^q licence to the said *Thomas de Wolwardynon*, to amortize three messuages, three yard land, four acres of meadow, three acres of wood, and xx sol. rent, with the appurtenances in *Stretton* aforesaid. After this, viz. in 2 R. 2. licence was also granted^r to *Robert de Stretton*, then B. of *Cob.* and *Lich.* to amortize four messuages, and eight yard land, with the appurtenances, lying in this Village of *Stretton*, for the maintenance of a Priest to sing Mass daily in the abovesaid Chappel, for the good estate of the said King whilst he lived; and for the health of his soul, when he should depart this life; as also for the souls of the Kings Father and Grandfather, and all the faithfull deceased. Whence I conclude, that this B. was born here, and took his name of the place, having been first a Canon^s of *Witchfesslo*, and Chaplain to the Black Prince (K. *Richard* the 2. Father:) but an illiterate man he was (saith *Godwin*) in so much as he found it a very difficult matter to obtain Consecration; which nevertheless, through the Kings power, at length he got. in 35 E. 3.

The lands of the Chantry here, founded by *Thomas*

^a Autogr. penes S. Archer milit.

^b Claus. 6. H. 5. in dorso, m. 6.

^c Crastin. p. 15.

^d Claus. 7. H. 5. in dorso, m. 6.

^e Rot. penes Remem. Regis in Scac.

^f Domest. day lib.

^g Regist. de Cumb. f. 51. b.

^h Ib. f. 51. a.

ⁱ Ex Regist. de Burton, fol. 18. a.

^j Testa de Nevill.

^k Ex autogr. penes Edm. Taylor de Winley.

^m Ibid. p.

ⁿ Ibid.

^p Ex autogr. penes Dec. & Cap. Lich. Efc. 19. E. 3. n. 8.

^q Rot. fin. 19. E. 3. m. 2. Pat. 19. E. 3. parte 2. m. 19.

^r Pat. 2. R. 2. parte 1. m. 33.

^s Godwin de presulibus.

α Cod. MS
penes S.
Archer
mil. f. 41. a.
γ Cod. alter
MS penes
mundum S.
A.

Thomas de Volvadynton, viere in 26 H. 8. valued α at iiii l. xiii s. per annum; but upon the survey taken 37. H. 8. at iiii l. xvii s. per annum.

Prinsthorpe.

OF this place, lying in the Parish of **Wolston**, but Southwards from it about two miles, do not I find any mention, till α 4. E. 1. at which time it was written **Prinsthorpe**.

As for the name, it proceeds, doubtless, from some ancient possessor thereof, the latter syllable, viz. **Thorpe**, signifying a Village or Hamlet, for so in the Saxons time they were called; the Dutch to this day (whose Language hath a great affinity with our old English) calling such Villages **Dorpes**, pronouncing d instead of th.

In xx E. 3. it answered with **Stretton** upon the Aid α then collected. And in 31 E. 3. there was a Fine β levied thereof betwixt William de Peeke, Parson of the Church of **Wapenbury** pl. and Nicholas de Stoneley and Hugh de Geydon Priests, Deforciantes, whereby it was settled upon the said William de Peeke for life, the remainder to Sir Richard Trewlow Kt. and the heirs of his body; and for lack of such issue, to John Hockele and Cecelie his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies; and for default thereof, to Nicholas le Eyr, and his heirs.

After which I have seen little considerable of it, till it α came to the Hugfords of **Embscote** in H. 6. time; but whether by Metley's heir, or not, I am yet to learn. In which family it continued till 9 H. 8. that John Hugford sold α it to Sir William Compton Kt. whose great Grand-child, Sir Henry Compton Knight of the Bath (and brother to William late Earl of **Northampton**) now enjoys it, an. 1640.

Brandon.

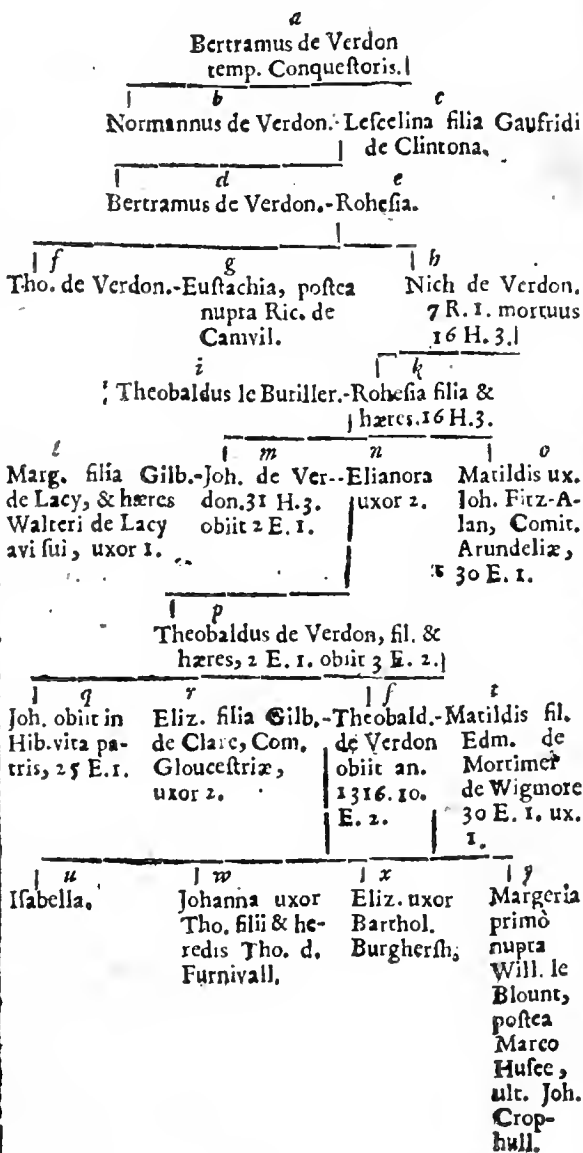
THIS being a part of **Wolston** Parish lying on the other side of **Abon**, and situate at the foot of a Hill, the soyl whereof is sandy and dry, makes me conjecture, that it might originally have its name from the effect that the Sun by heat doth oft-times produce upon such high ground; or otherwise, because, being antiently woody, it was first made fit for tillage by burning the thicker that naturally grew thereon.

In the Conquerours dayes **Turchill de Warwick** was possessor thereof, **Wlſe** then holding it of him. By the general Survey α then taken (where it is written **Brandune**) the extent of it is certified at half a hide, the woods containing four furlongs in length, and two in bredth, and the whole esteemed at xxv sol. there being then a Mill rated at xxvi d.

But **Turchill's** lands being by the Conquerour, for the most part, disposed of to others (as I shall

have occasion in due place to shew) this was (it seems) given to **Geffrey de Clinton** Chamberlain and Treasurer to K. H. 1. and Founder of the Castle and Priory of **Kenilworth** (of whose advancement, and what else is memorable, I am to speak in **Kenilworth**) whose daughter **Leſcelina**, being married β to **Norman de Verdune**, brought it, with other lands, to that noble family: but **Geffrey** her brother had a hope to regain it: for having given γ lands in **Wetford**, near adjoining, to found there a small Cell for Nuns (as in **Wetford** I purpose to declare) which lands were, by those Nuns, very soon after, granted δ to the Monastery of **Kenilworth**, and confirm'd ε by him; covenanted ζ with the Canons of **Kenilworth**, that, if he recovered **Brandune**, he would give them as much land in value as that at **Wetford**, and have that again in exchange.

This **Geffrey de Clinton**, the second, wedded **Agnes** the daughter of **Roger Earl of Warwick**; and had with her in Frank marriage by the gift η of her Father (inter alia) ten Knights Fees of those seventeen that were held by him of the said Earl, *de Veteri Feoffamento*; that is to say, whereof he or his Father were enfeoffed in the time of K. H. 1. which ten, by those covenants of marriage, were to perform their (military) service in the custody of this **Brandune**: whereby 'tis plain, that the Castle was then in being, though it be hard to say whether **Geffrey de Clinton** the Father of **Leſcelina**, or her husband **Norman de Verdune** built it.



f Pl. de T.
Mich. 9.
Joh. rot.
4. Oxon.

g Regist. de
Kenil. p.
138.

h lb. p. 7.

i lb.

k lb. p. 139

l Ex Car-
tulario
Warwic
Comitum
penes Dud-
leum Ba-
ronem
North. an.
1641. f. 51.
a.

a Domest-
day lib.

b Cart. ant.

R. n. 26.

c Fm. 7. R. 1

d Regist. de

Kenil. p.

119.

e Chart.

f Fundae.

Abb. de

Croxden.

g Plac. de T.

h Mich.

i 9 Joh.

j rot. 4.

k Oxon.

l Claus. 9.

m H. 3. m. 4.

n Rot. Pip.

o 16 H. 3.

p Warr.

q Plac. de

banco 26.

r H. 3. term.

s Mich. rot.

t 12.

u m Rob. Fin.

v 31. H. 3.

w n. 7.

x m Claus. 4.

y E. 1. in dor-

so, m. 18.

z o Efc. 30.

aa E. 1. n. 30.

ab p Efc. 2.

ac E. 1.

ad q Rot. Fin.

ae de an. 25.

af E. 1. m. 16.

ag r Regist. de

Croxden.

f lb.

t lb.

u Claus. 18

E. 3. parte

1. m. 27.

w Rot. Fin.

3. E. 3. m.

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In the line of which *Norman* it continued for divers ages, as the descent here inserted sheweth. (their principal seat being at **Alton-Castle** in **Staffordshire**.) But little do I find memorable of it, other than, that, in 7 R. 1. it was garrison'd by *VWill. fil. Ricardi* (a great man in this County, as in **Worshall** shall be manifested) who had then the custody thereof, by reason of the minority of *Bertram*, son and heir to the before specified *Norman de Verdon*. To which *Bertram* succeeded *Nicholas*; who in 11 H. 3. had a Charter of **Free-warren** granted to him and his heirs in all his demesne lands here. And raised a Pool in this place to so great a height, as that the Monks of **Combe** brought an Assize of *Novel-disseisin* against him for drowning their lands in **Stretton** thereby. But it was not long afterwards ere that this Castle underwent the fate, which is incident to such strong holds in time of hostility: for it appears, that the partakers with *Simon Montfort* E. of **Leicester**, who in 39 H. 3. held **Kenilworth** Castle against the King, taking notice, that *John de Verdon*, Grandchild to the before specified *Nicholas*, had Commission to raise Forces in **Staffordshire** against those Rebels, issued out of of that place, and pulled it down.

To which *John* succeeded *Theobald*; who, about the beginning of E. 1. time, extended his **Free-warren** here beyond the bounds of his Barony, into the lands of the Prior of **Coventre** and Abbot of **Combe**; and ingrossed the whole fishing of **Avon**, on the one side, to himself; viz. from **Bretford** to **Sperlines-mill**, which had wont to be common. It seems he rebuilt the Castle: for I find, that it was then again in being (though now nothing remain thereof but the moats and heaps of rubbish) and had a Park thereto, containing a mile in length. As also, that his Tenants were thus distinguished, viz. by Servants, Cottagers, and Free-holders. Of the first sort there being xxv that held xii yard land and a half in servage; that is to say, besides payment of a certain Rent, each of them to find one workman, at the Lords disposal, to labour from Monday next after the feast day of *St. Peter and Paul*, untill the feast of *St. Peter ad vincula* (which is the first of **August**) in every week two daies; and after that time, till **Michaelmas**, to find one man working two daies one week, and three daies another by turns, at such employment as the Lord should appoint. And the Cottagers to find, each of them every week, from the first of **August** till **Michaelmas**, one labourer, to work upon Monday onely, as the Lord should appoint. But the Free-holders, which were onely three, held by a certain Rent and homage, and to do service to his Court every three weeks. It was likewise then found, that he had **Free-warren** here of the grant of K. H. 3. and how he had incroacht upon the Prior of **Coventre** and Abbot of **Combe**; as also that he had a Court **Leete**. Gallows, with assize of Bread and Beer, for a Palfrey yearly payable to the K. Unto which Leet his Father, being a powerfull man, had drawn the Hamlets of **Thurlaston** and **Athoe**, without any justifiable authority: but as to the rest of those privileges, being questioned in 13 E. 1. by what authority he claimed them, he pleaded prescription, which was allowed. To which last mentioned *Theobald*, succeeded *Theobald* his son and heir; and to him his four daugh-

ters and heirs; whereof *Elizabeth* the wife to *Bartholmew de Burghersh* had (*inter alia*) this Lordship in partition assigned unto her: Whose son and heir, viz. *Sir Bartholmew*, shortly after, past it unto *Sir Walter Pavely* Kt. and other feoffees; who in 43 E. 3. conveyed it to *Sir John Delvres* a **Staffordshire** Kt. from whom it came to *Sir John Arundell* Kt. who in 3 R. 2. dyed seized thereof: and so descending to *Sir Richard Arundell*, fell by partition in 16 H. 6. unto *Elianore* wife of *Sir William St. George* Kt. one of the two daughters and heirs to the said *Sir Richard*: which *Elianore* departing this life without issue, it devolved to *Sir Robert Villoughby* of **Cresby** Kt. son and heir of *Thomas Villoughby* Esq; and *Joane*, the other sister and co-heir; which *Sir Robert Villoughby* dyed 5 E. 4. leaving *Robert* his son and heir within age: but *Sir William St. George* had the possession thereof during his life, as Tenant by the curtesy of **England**, and dyed 11 E. 4. the reversion thereby coming to *Christopher Villoughby*, brother of the last mentioned *Robert*, who was at that time 19 years of age.

From which *Christopher*, by *Thomas* a third son, one of the Justices of the Common Pleas in the later end of K. H. 8. reign, descended *Sir Percivall Villoughby* Kt. (late of **Spioleton** in this County, as I shall further shew when I come to speak of that place) who sold it to *Sir Henry Tolverton* Kt. Attorney General to K. *James*, within our memory.

Bretforde.

This was a member of **Bzandon**, as will appear by what I am now to say, having its name from the wideness of the Forde; and for **Bzadforde**, is, by corruption, called **Bretforde**. But the first mention I find thereof, is, that *Geoffrey Clinton* (son to *Geoffrey*, who founded the Castle and Priory of **Kenilworth**) gave land to the foundation of a small Cell for Nuns here; which land is particularly mentioned in his grant, the name of the first Vorreys there, being *Noemi*; but it seems, she liked not the place; for her fellow Nun, named *Seburge*, and she past away the same lands to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, in the life time of the said *Geoffrey Clinton*, and by his consent; *Henry de Clinton*, son of the said *Geoffrey*, afterwards confirming the grant. After this, viz. in 11 H. 3. *Nicholas de Verdon* obtained a special Charter for a weekly **Mercate** here upon the Tuesday, and his great Grandchild *Theobald* had here a Gallows, as a badge of those royal privileges belonging to his Castle of **Bzandon**; which Gallows were in this place at first erected, as I guess, because it lyes upon that great Roman way called the **Fosse**, so that it might be in terror to passengers. But upon partition of *Verdons* lands, it went, with **Bzandon**, to *Burghersh*, in right of *Elizabeth* his mother, one of the co-heirs; since which time they have not been severed.

Here was a kind of Hospital or Chappel of *St. Edmund*; founded, I presume, by the *Turviles*, Lords of **Wolston**; for they were Patrons of it, as appears by the Institutions thereunto.

a Ex eoi-
denc: Rob.
Catesby
attituti.
b Claus. 43.
E. 3. in
dorso, m. 30
c Esc. 3. R.
2. n. 1.
d Esc. 5 E.
4. n. 35.
e Ibid.
f Ibid.

h Esc. 11.
E. 4. n. 50.
i Rot. fin.
12 E. 4.
m. 6.
k Esc. 11.
E. 4. n. 50.

l Regist. de
Kenill, p. 7.
c. p. 38.

m Regist. de
Kenill, p.
116.

n Rot. Cart.
8. E. 2. per
Inspect. n. 4.
o Regist. de
Kenill, p.
13.

p Rot. Cart.
11 H. 3. m.
4. Claus. de
eodem an.
m. 4.

q Rot. de
Quo
warr. 13.
E. 1.

r Claus. 34
E. 3. m. 3.

s Ex Reg.
cov. &
Leich.
episc.

Rieton.

HAVING now done with the Parish of **Wolston**, I come to **Rieton**, situate upon the Southern-side of **Avon**, and usually called **Rieton super Dunsmoze**, for distinction from another of the same name, which is in **Bulkinton** Parish: the reason being obvious enough, forasmuch as the soyl here is of a light sandy disposition, and beareth Rye best of any Grain.

This was one of those towns which **Earl Leo-frike** gave to the Priory of **Cobentre** upon the foundation thereof *An. 1043. 1. Edw. Confessoris*, as I shall further declare when I come to speak of that Monastery. But it seems, that the Monks chopt it quickly away, though it appears not how: for **Aluinus**, 6 Progenitor to the family of **Arden**, had it before the end of the said Kings reign; And in the Conq. time **Turchill**, the son of the same **Aluin**, (commonly called **Turchill de Warwick**) held it. It is there written, **Rietone** and conteyning three hydes and half a carucate, had at that time a Church, and a Mill, the woods thereof being then certified to contain half a mile in length, and two furlongs in breadth; and the value of the whole *1x. sol.*

The word in *Domesday-book* signifying a mile, is *leuca* or *leuva*, which the *French* to this day call a *league*: but that it was used to express a mile, that is to say a thousand paces, and not a league, (which with the *French* is twice so much) observe what *Ingulphus* (an authentique Historian who lived in that age) says: viz. that the English, being now brought under the dominion of the Normans, did, in many things, follow the *French* Garbe; and therefore in the stead of miles they called them *leucas*, that is *leagues*, but intended miles: Nay so carefull were those that took this Survey to account the measure with the scantest, in regard of envious Informers, that they would alwaies express the measure rather more than less of what it really was.

The Leiger Book of **Stonley** says, that this Mannour was a member of **Stonley**, and given to the family of **Arden** by **K. H. 1.** The first part of which expression is like to be true: but I am of opinion, that it was part of those lands which **Turchills** posterity were permitted to enjoy, and not at all out of their possession till they granted it away to the *Hospitalars*, as I shall, shortly manifest: For **Seward de Ardena**, (son and heir to the said **Turchill**) with **Cecelia** his wife, gave it to the Monks of **Thorney** in **Cambridge-shire**, the Mill here at **Rieton**, for the health of his soul; which grant **Henry de Arderne** his son confirmed, which Mill yeilded *xii. s. Rent per an.* in that age: howbeit in these grants and confirmations of **Thorney**, it is written *Rugintunia, Rutunia, and Ruitonia*. In which family of **Arden** it continued till **Edw. 1.** time: **Thomas de Arden** being certified in *7. E. 1.* Lord thereof; and that he held it of the Earl of **Warwick** by the service of half a Kts. Fee. This **Thomas** had here then 1 in demesne three carucates of land and a water-Mill; as also three servants, each of them holding a yard land and a half, and paying a certain yearly rent in money, plowing one day in winter a peice, and one day in Lent, mowing, raking,

making hay, carrying corn, and gathering Nuts, at each work one day.

The Cottagers were at that time *xiii.* in number, who likewise, besides their Rent, did work one day a peice at some of those before mentioned labours. And the freeholders *xv.* which held eight yard land and a fourth part, three acres and a half, and one rode: but their particular names and Rents, for brevity I omit. At that time it was also certified, that the Abbot of **Thorney** held a Mill there, and half a yard land: And the *Hospitalars* had two Free-holders holding one yard land, and a water-Will. But in *10. Edw. 1.* there was a sute betwixt the before specified **Thomas de Arderne** and the said *Hospitalars*; by which suit the Prior of **St. Johns** recovered of the said **Thomas** one Mill, *CC.* acres of land, twelve acres of meadow, and ten acres of wood; and had possession thereof accordingly: howbeit the Earl of **Warwick**, of whose Fee it was, came and interposed with his claim so that there issued out a Writ to enquire of the Earls right therein. After which, viz. in *14. E. 1.* this **Thomas**, though for what consideration I find not, granted all his right therein to the said *Hospitalars*, and their successors: against whom in *9. H. 8.* it was certified, that they had inclosed here three hundred acres of land, and that by this decay of husbandry, if remedy were not provided, the Church there would fall to ruin.

But after the dissolution of the Monasteries **K. Edw. 6.** in *4.* of his reign granted this Mannour, (inter alia) to **John Dudley** Earl of **Warwick** and his heirs; which **John** was afterwards made Duke of **Northumberland**, and lost his head in *1. Maria* (as in **Warwick** I shall more fully shew) After whose attainder, **Queen Mary**, restoring the Romish Religion, granted it, with other things, to **Sir Thomas Tresham** Kt. as Master of the Hospital of **St. John of Jerusalem** in **England** and to his successors: but upon the death of that Queen, the Romish Religion being again suppressed, **Ambrrose Dudley** Earl of **Warwick** (son to the attained Duke: amongst divers other lands which were his Fathers, obtained it to himself and the heirs of his body; who dying without issue, in *31. Eliz.* it returned to the Crown; whereupon the said Queen, by her Pat. dated *28. Oct. 40. Eliz.* passed it to **Randle Crew** of **Lincoln** Esq. and **Richard Cartwright** of **London** Gent. and their heirs; who by their deed of bargain and sale bearing date *xxiii. Junii 41. Eliz.* granted it to **Thomas Dilke** Esq. (but afterwards Kt.) and to his heirs, whose Grand-child **William Dilke** of **Marstoke** Castle now enjoys it.

The Church here was very antiently given by the Prior of **Cobentre** unto the Cathedrall of **Lichfield** in the name of a Prebend: and in *1291. 19. E. 1.* was valued at *xv.* marks; but in *26. H. 8.* at *xi. l. vi. sol. viii. d.* the *Procurations* and *Synodalls* being then *vi. sol. viii. d. per an.* and the Curate a stipendary to the Prebend. But in it are neither Arms nor Monuments.

Bobenhull.

BELOW **Rieton** lyes **Bobenhull**: which, in the Conq. time, being possessed by **Robert de Stafford** (of whom I am to speak in **Wotton**) and

a Regist. Priorat. de Cobentre in Scac. penes Remem. R. f. 75. a. b Domesday lib.

c Ibid.

d Inqul. Hist. f. 117. b. n. 40.

e Penes Thomam. D. Leigh.

g Regist. Abb. de Thorney penes Com. Westmerl. p. 4. f. 1. a. b 1b. Cap. 2. i 1b. p. 9. f. 15.

h Inq. Cap. per H. No. Singb. etc. 53. b.

a 1b. 34. a.

b 1b.

c Pl. de T. Trin. 10. E. 1. Rot. 41.

d Pat. 14. E. 1. m. 20

e Inq. 9 H. 8.

f Pat. 4. E. 6. p. 7.

g Pat. 4. E. 6. p. 14.

h Pat. 4. Eliz. p. 4.

i Pat. 6. Eliz. p. 4.

j Inscript. super tumulum apud War-wick.

k Pat. 40. Eliz. p. 16.

l Autog. penes Will. Dilke ar.

m Fin. le-wat. xv. 10b. Bap. 32. H. 3.

n Inq. Capt. per H. No. ting. etc. f. 54. b.

o Cod. M. S. in Scac.

p Cod. M. S. penes p. S. Archer eq. aur. f.

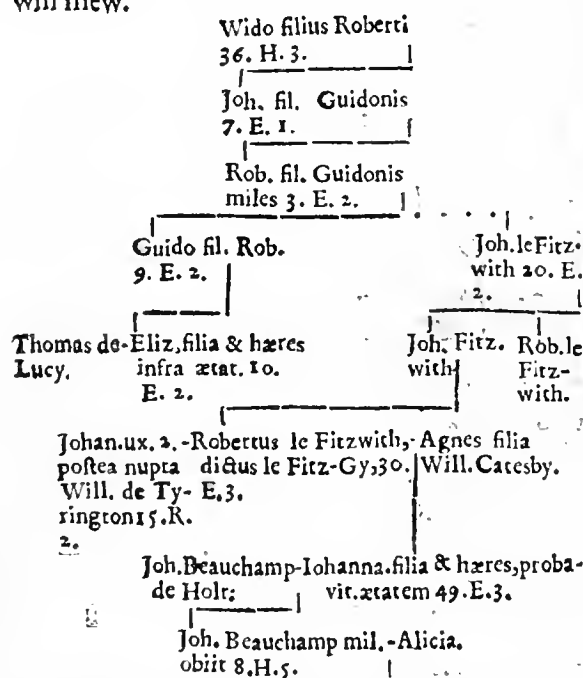
q 48. a.

and, of him held by one *Aluric*, whose freehold it had been before the Norman invasion, contained then five hydes, whereof the woods were two furlongs in length and two in breadth; there being at that time a Mill; but the value of all then certified at fifty shillings, where it is written *Wubenhalle*.

In 13. *Joh.* this Mannour answered for the third part of a Knights fee, amongst the lands which were of the Honour of *Herveus de Stafford*. And in 36. *H.* 3. amongst the fees held of the Lord *Stafford*, it was certified, that the Earl of *Warwick* held two parts of a Knights fee here.

But in 7. *E.* 1. *John Fitzwith* being Lord thereof, held it of *Hugh de Plessers* by the third part of a Kts. fee, the same *Hugh* holding it over of the Baron of *Stafford*; which *John* had at that time here one carucate of land in demesne; ten servants that held two yard land and a half; seven Freeholders holding ten yard land and eight acres; as also eight Cottagers.

In whose family it continued till the later end of *Edm.* 3. time; but then went away with a Daughter and heir, as the descent here inserted will shew.



Ioh. Pauncesot - Margareta filia & Ioh. Wysham
1. maritus. hæres. 2. maritus 1. H. 6.

I am of opinion that these *Fitzwith's* had their seat here, as I shall further instance anon, therefore I purpose here to memorize what I find notable of them. Of this *John*, whom I have already mentioned, I find, that he was the first that assumed the surname of *Fitzwith*, being the son of one *Guido* (or *Guy*) called *Guido filius Roberti*, as in *Shotswell* I shall have occasion to shew; and in 3. *E.* 1. one of those who had Commission for the Gaol delivery at *Warwick*: as also, that in 5. *E.* 1. he attended the King in his expedition into *Wales*; at which time the Welch were reduced to subjection, their Prince being then content to accept of such termes as *K. Edward* would afford him: And, that in 29. *E.* 1. he was one of those that received the Kings precept to be at *Berwick* upon *Twede* sufficiently appointed with Horse and Armes to march against the Scots.

To whom succeeded *Robert*, called *Robertus filius Guidonis*; who, being a Kt. in 3. *E.* 2. wrote

himself of this place; which *Robert* had issue *Guy*, that dyed in 10. *E.* 2. leaving *Elizabeth* his Daughter and Heir within age; who departed this life without issue as it seems; for the inheritance came to *Robert le Fitzwith* Nephew to the last *Guido* by *John* his Brother; which *Robert*, having no issue, settled part of his lands in his life time, upon the said *Robert le Fitzwith*, his Nephew, (as I shall more fully shew when I come to *Bernangre*) the rest descending to him. This last mentioned *Robert* had two wives; *Agnes* the Daughter of *Will. Catesby*, and *Joane* who survived him, and married to *Will. de Tyrington*; and died in 36. *E.* 3. leaving issue *Joane* his Daughter and heir, ward to Sir *Richard Penbruge* Kt. by the Kings grant; which *Joane* married to *John Beauchamp* of *Holt* (in *Worcester-shire*) and proved her age in 49. *E.* 3. whereupon her husband and she had livery of her lands.

This *John Beauchamp* had the honour to be the first man that ever had creation to the dignity of a Baron in *England* by Patent, which bears date at *Woodstoke* x. *Octobris undecimo* R. 2. but he enjoy'd it not long; for the same year the rebellious Lords, having rais'd a potent army, came up to *London*; and there mustering their men in the fight of the Tower, where the King then lodg'd, forced him to call a Parliament, wherein, by their power, they did what they listed, causing Sir *Robert Tresilian* chief Justice of *England*, and divers others to be attainted of treason; of which number this *Sir John Beauchamp*, (then Lord Steward of the Kings house-hold) being one; was thereupon hang'd and drawn and quartered.

But by the Kings writ of *Monstraverunt* directed to the Justices of the Common Pleas in xv. R. 2. upon the allegation of *William de Tyrington* and *Joane* his wife; wherein they set forth, that the said *William* and *Joane* had recovered the third part of this Mannour in 43. *E.* 3. as the dowrie of *Joane*, against the said *John Beauchamp* and *Elizabeth*; it appears, that the said *John* and *Elizabeth*, long before this attainer; viz. the Sunday being the feast day of the exaltation of the Holy cross in 7. R. 2. did demise it unto *John Catesby*, to hold during the said *John Catesby* his life, in consideration of viii. l. per an. to be paid to the said *John Beauchamp* and *Joane* and their heirs: so that, by reason of this demise, the viii. l. Rent per an. only, and the reversion, after *John Catesby* his death, were seized for the King in regard of the aforesaid attainer: And (which is not the least notable) that his coat of male, being then in the hands of one *John Reede* an Armorer of *London*, was thereupon delivered up unto *Henry E.* of *Derby* (afterwards King by the name of *Henry the 4.*) by a speciall command. But this attainer as all things else done in that Parliament of xi. R. 2. held by force, being made void in the Parliament of 21. R. 2. and it being enacted, that all that were then disherited should be restored to their estates; command was given by the K. writ directed to his Eschaetor in this County, to put Sir *John Beauchamp* Kt. son and heir of the aforesaid *John*, into possession of the viii. l. per an. rent, payable during the life of *John Catesby*; which Sir *John Beauchamp* dyed seized of this Mannour 8. H. 5. leaving issue *Margaret* his Daughter and heir, then the wife of *Iohn Pauncesot*, and shortly after of *Iohn Wysham*; who in 1. H. 6. with her husband *Iohn Wysham*, levied

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R. Catesby.

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r Pat. 11.
R. 2. p. 1.
m. 12.

s Th. wal-
sing. Hist
t Angl. in
1388.
p. 365.
n. 20.

u Ib. n.
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w Claus.
15. R. 2. m.
42.

* Claus. 12.
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a Claus. 22.
R. 2. m. 25.

b Eft. 8.
H. 5. n. 70.

c Ib.

b Lib. rub.
f. 157. a.

c Testa de
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d Inq. per
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a Pat. 3. E.
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b Pat. 5. E.
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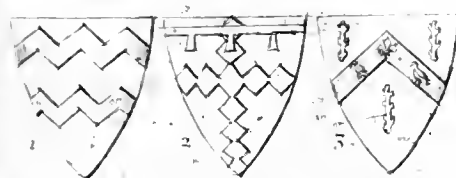
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f Fin. de
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E. 4.
h Fin. de
T. Mich. 3.
H. 8.
i Efc. 8. H.
8.
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l Fin. levat.
xv. Joh. B.
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a 4. Fine of divers Mannours; and amongst the rest of this, whereby it was put into the hands of many, named in the same Fine (which were Feoffees in trust no doubt;) howbeit in ^{10.} H. 6. *John Blounce of Wyggington, in Com. Oxon.* was certified to be Lord thereof: but how it past from him I know not; neither have I seen more thereof till 12. E. 4. that *Thomas Craft* and *Elizabeth* his wife settled a third part of it, by a Fine then levied, upon themselves and the heirs of the said *Elizabeth*. From which *Thomas* it devolved to *John Crosfe*, who in 8. H. 8. ^b passed what interest he had here, by the name of the moytie of the Mannour, unto *Sir Edward Grevill Knight*.

In whose line it did not long continue; for in 29. *Eliz.* *Edward* the son of *Thomas Wotton* ⁱ possessed it; and I have heard that his descendants are still Lords of it.

The Church (dedicated to *St. Giles*) being a *Prebend* belonging to the Cathedral of *Lichfield*, was first ⁱ granted thereunto by *Roger Prior of Coventre* in 32. H. 3. and in *an.* 1291. 19. E. 1. valued ^m at x. marks.

Bobenhull
Armes in the Church windows



1. De la Bevre 2. Charnelle. 3. Merick.

Edwardus Merick
legum doctor, arch
diaconus de Bangor
et prebendarius
de Bobenhull a
1584.

Being now come to the skirts of *Stoneley Parish* wherein the River of *Sow* meets with *Abon*, before I follow the Banks of that River any further on this South-east side, I am, according to my declared method, to take notice of those places, which are situate on the North-west side thereof: but because the Northern part of this Hundred lyes not adjacent to any branch of *Abon*, I must be constrained to observe some few places in that Eastern Corner by their bordering on *Watlingstreete*, or near thereto, till the same great and well known road do meet with the River *Stowfe* at *Benaford* bridge, which will lead me to those other towns that lye on the North-west Bank of that stream, as also of *Abon*. Which being done, I then purpose to discover the original of *Sow*; and so following that Channell, with its branches, not onely to finish all that Northern side of this Hundred, but to take view of the City of *Coventre* with the liberties, which antiently was part of the same, (though now an intire County of it self.)

And having thus declared the course that I purpose to take, wherein the Map will be a proper guide to the Reader, I shall begin with *Stretton*, now a depopulated place, and known commonly by the name of *Stretton-fields*; but antiently called *Stretton-Baskerville*, to distinguish it from the many other *Strettons* in this County; according to which appellation I have fixt it in the Map.

Stretton-Baskerville.

AS all other *Strettons* take their names from some great road near unto which they are situate, so doth this of. that known Roman way, called *Watlingstreet* lying on the North side of it; with the addition of *Baskerville*, in regard that family were antiently Lords thereof, as I shall shew anon. In ^a *Edm.* the Conf. days one *Edricus* possessed it; but after the Norman invasion it was bestowed on *Raph. de Mortimer*, Progenitor to that eminent family seated at *Wigmore* in *Com. Salop*, who had also lands in the Counties of *Driford*, *Lin.* *Salop*, *Wor.* *Hereford*, *Worcester*, *Somerset*, and *Berks.* as by the generall Survey, then taken, appeareth, where this place (written *Stratone*) is rated for three hides, and valued at xxx. *sol.*

How or when it went out of the line of *Mortimer*, I have not found: but the next possessor thereof, that I meet with, was *Baskerville*, and that very antient; for in 12. H. 2. when *Will.* Earl *Ferrers* certified what Fees were held of him, it appears, ^a that *Raph. de Baskerville* held one of those three, of which *William de Baskerville*, his Father, was enfeoffed by (*Robert Earl Ferrers*) his Grand-Father, which must needs be in H. 1. time; whereof this *Stretton* was part, as the Aid-roll ^p in 20. E. 3. manifesteth: For *John de Twyford* was then found to hold the fourth part of a Kite fee here, of the fee of *Tutebury*: which Honour of *Tutebury* did antiently belong to *Ferrers*, as is commonly known. But the first of the *Baskervilles*, that the Records, I have seen, do directly point out to be possessor hereof, was *Walter de Baskerville*, who lived in K. *John's* time; and this is in a pleading ^q betwixt the said *Walter*, and the Priorefs of *Caton* (now *Pan-Caton*) which the said Priorefs claimed in right of the Church of *Burton*, whereunto she alleaged this to belong as a Chappell; and, to fortify her title, produc't the grant of the Church of *Burton* to the Nuns of *Caton* by *Raph. de Turevill*, together with the confirmation of H. (*Nuvant*) Bishop of *Coventre*, whereby it was mentioned to be a Chappel belonging to *Burton*. And, besides all this, she exhibited a writing made by *Alice de Baskerville*, Grand-Mother to this *Walter*, directed to the Bishop of *Coben*, whereby it appeared, that after the truth touching the right of advowson was known unto her, she did for ever after further desist laying claim thereto. But to this *Walter* answered, that what the Nuns had there produced could not prejudice his title; for they had shew'd no grant thereof from any of his ancestours; and alleged, that this of his Grand-Mothers ought not to bind him, in regard she had no interest there but by her dowrie.

This, as it is historical in relation to the Church, so doth it shew, that *Alice* was Grand-Mother to *Walter*; And that *William* was his Grand-Father and *Raph* his Father, I think there is no doubt. Of these, *Raph* was a Benefactor ^r to the Monastery of *Sperevale* (in this County, founded in his time by *Robert Earl Ferrers*;) And *Walter* gave ^s three palfreys in 10. *Johan.* for having respited in the payment of x. l. owing to the King ^t for a Fine, which he made with him; and of ^u xvj. l. debt that he owed to the Jews. But in

Rot. P. 16. Job. ¹⁶ *Job.* this *Walter* was dead: for then *Ysolda* his widow gave C. marks and one palfrey to have possession of her inheritance; as also of the dowry accruing to her by the death of her husband; and that she might not be distreyned to marry. Yet what issue she left, is not known to me, except *Ascelia* (with whom he gave 6 marks rent in frank marriage to *Walter Biser*) was his daughter; which *Ascelia* afterwards married to *Nigell de Pinchbec*. But if she were his daughter, she dyed without issue, as it seems: for in 4 H. 3. I find, that *Raph Fitz-Nicholas*, then Steward * to *William Earl Ferrers* was owner of it †, by descent from *Alice de Baskerville* his Grandmother; and the next year following there was a Fine * levied betwixt him and the Priores of *Eton* touching the advowson of the Church; which was acknowledged to be the right of the same *Raph*, saving to the said Priores and her Church of *Burgton* the ancient and due portion she had wont to receive out of it.

This *Raph Fitz-Nicholas* was a very eminent man in his time, and had here a Mannour-house, as may be inferred by the storing of a pool with fish, for which purpose he had the Kings mandate * to the Constable of *Kenillworth*-Castle to deliver unto him C. Breemes out of *Kenillworth*-Pool (a Fish in great esteem and price antiently, as, when I come to *Sutton* in *Hemlingford Hundred* I shall shew.) In 14 H. 3. he had, amongst other liberties and privileges granted to him and his heirs in divers Mannours, freedom from suit to the Hundred and County-Court, and of the payment called *Auxilium Vicecomiti* for this his Mannour of *Stretton*. And in 41 H. 3. departed this life (at which time he was Steward * of the K. Household) leaving *Robert* * his son and heir, who did his homage the year following. Which *Robert* was summoned * to beat *Worcester*, with divers other great men, on the feast day of St. *Peter ad vincula*, 47 H. 3. to resist the power of *Levelin* Prince of *Wales*, then in hostility; but he afterwards adhered to the rebellious Barons, being of the retinue * to young *Simon Montfort*: Nevertheless, returning afterwards to obedience, he was again received * to favour, finding Sureties * for his future fidelity, viz. *Raph de Pipard*, and *Raph de Pichford* of *Shropshire*; and in 1 E. 1. dyed without issue, leaving *Raph*, * surnamed *Pipard*, his nephew and heir; which *Raph* did his homage in 2 E. 1. having lands in the Counties of *Staff. Derby. Dron.* and *Berks.* by descent from his said Uncle.

In 13 E. 1. this *Raph Pipard* claimed * a Court-leet here, with weyfs and other privileges: and power to punish the breakers of the Assize of Bread and Ale: part of which his claim was allowed, in regard it appeared, that his Ancestours had used them time out of mind; but as to the weyfs he did not speed. After which, viz. in 29 of the said K. reign, he aliened * this Lordship, with the advowson of the Church, unto *John de Twyford*, reserving to himself an estate for term of life onely: and in 3 E. 2. departed * this life, leaving *John Pipard* his son and heir 37 years of age, of whom I shall say more when I come to *Long-Compton*.

This *John de Twyford* made his residence here, as it seems (though *Kirk-Langley* in *Derbyshire* was his antient seat) for in 17 E. 2. I find * him amongst the List of those Knights and Men at Arms, whose names were then returned into the

Chancery for this County. In whose family it continued till H. 7. time, that *Thomas Twyford*, having begun * the depopulation thereof, in 4 H. 7. decaying 4 messuages, and 3 cottages, whereunto Clix acres of errable land belonged, sold * it to *Henry Smith* Gentleman. Which *Henry*, following that example, in 9 H. 7. enclosed 1 DCxl acres of land more, whereby 12 mess: and 4 cottages fell to ruine; and 80 persons there inhabiting, being employed about tillage and husbandry, were constrained to depart thence and live miserably. By means whereof, the Church grew to such ruine, that it was of no other use than for the shelter of Cattle, being, with the Churchyard, wretchedly prophaned, to the evil example of others, as are the words of the Inquis: In which line of *Smith* it continued, till that *Richard Smith*, son and heir to *Sir Walter*, settled it with *Shirefords*, as I have there declared; and since, hath it been posselt by the owners of that Lordship.

The value of the Church, in an. 1291. 19 E. 1. was certified * at viii marks; and in 136 H. 8. at vi lib. over and above ix s. vi d. allowed for Synodals and Procurations: there being antiently a pension * of x s. per annum payable out of it to the Monastery of *St. Dunstons*: but there is not now any part of the Church standing.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.	Incumbentes.	
<i>Rad. fil. Nicholai.</i>	<i>Ric. Clericus, 33 H. 3.</i>	<i>Ex autog. penes Dec. & Cap. Lich.</i>
	<i>Magr. Will. de Langele, die domin: in festo S. Nich.</i>	
<i>D. Joh. de Twyford miles.</i>	15 E. 2.	<i>Northb. f. 1. a.</i>
	<i>Joh. de Rederham Pbr. 17. Cal. Aug. 15 E. 3.</i>	<i>1b. f. 37. b.</i>
<i>Rob. de Twyford.</i>	<i>Henr. de Stretton Cleric: 4 Cal. Aug. 23 E. 3.</i>	<i>1b. f. 49. a.</i>
<i>D. Rob. de Twyford, miles.</i>	<i>Will. de Makworth Pbr. ult. Junii, 4 R. 2.</i>	<i>Streit, f. 77. b.</i>
<i>Rob. Twyford, domicellus.</i>	<i>Joh. VVright Pbr. 25 Sept. 15 R. 2.</i>	<i>Sk. f. 66.</i>
<i>Rob. de Twyford, domicellus.</i>	<i>D. Thom. de Cowdale Pbr. 5 Febr. 1 H. 4.</i>	<i>Burgh. f. 6. b.</i>
<i>Rob. de Twyford.</i>	<i>Simon de Faresleye, 7 Nov. 4 H. 4.</i>	<i>1b. f. 11. a.</i>
<i>D. Rob. de Twyford miles, D. de Langley.</i>	<i>Will. Cole Capell. 14 Febr. 7 H. 4.</i>	<i>1b. f. 17. a.</i>
	<i>D. Will. Toneworth Pbr. 27 Aug. 10 H. 5.</i>	<i>Heyw. f. 10. a.</i>
	<i>Joh. Staunton Pbr. 21 Maii, 7 H. 6.</i>	<i>1b. f. 22. b.</i>
<i>Rob. Twyford ar. D. de Langley.</i>	<i>Joh. Wormegay; 16 Julii, 12 H. 6.</i>	<i>1b. f. 33. a.</i>
	<i>Joh. Bythebrooke Pbr. 27 Sept. 21 H. 6.</i>	<i>1b. f. 41. a.</i>
<i>Tho. Twyford ar.</i>	<i>Rob. Bulmer Pbr. 20 Febr. 26 H. 6.</i>	<i>Bo. f. 7. a.</i>
<i>D. Will. Blount mil.</i>	<i>D. Will. Atkynson Cap. 16 Junii, 10 H. 8.</i>	<i>Bl. f. 8. a.</i>
<i>Joh. Onley & Baldw. Porter generosi, ratione advoc: ejusd: durante minori atate Walt. Smyth D. de Shireford.</i>	<i>D. Edm. Smyth Cler. 12 Junii, 17 H. 8.</i>	<i>1b. f. 11. b.</i>
<i>Walt. Smith miles.</i>	<i>D. Joh. Walker Cap. 3 Sept. 29 H. 8.</i>	<i>Str. & P. f. 14. b.</i>
<i>Ric. Smyth ar.</i>	<i>Ric. Palmer, 10 Novemb. 12 Eliz.</i>	<i>Samp. & B. f. 44. a.</i>

1b. f. 48. a. Rich. Smyth de Shir- Geo. Messenger Cler. 11.
ford, ar. Apr. 23 Eliz.
Bundell B. Will. Welshe de Bur- Will. Robynson Cler. 27.
bage in Com. Leic. Sept. 24 Eliz.
ex concess: Ric.
Smyth.
Overton Galfr. May de Sut- Galf. Amherst, 4 Apr.
bund, Bc ton Cheyne in 1607.
Com. Leic. gen.
1b. Galfrid. Amherst, Ric. Teynton in art. bacc.
Cler. 4 Dec. 1609.

Hyde.

12 Rot. de Nonis garb. &c. in Seas.
This is now alio a depopulated place, but had antiently a Chappel pertaining * to **Hinkley** in **Leicestershire**, whereof (doubtless) it was not long since a member, in regard it appears to be of the fee of **Winchester** (by reason of **Quincy E.** of **Winchester's** interest in the Honour of **Leicester**.)

As for the signification of the name; I shall refer you to the Gloss: of the learned Sir **H. Spelman**, where may be seen the various acceptions thereof; conceiving, that in this place it was first imposed, to exprels a certain quantity of Land sufficient for one Plough to manage. But the first mention that I have met with of it, is in 3 **Job.** where **Will. Mareschall** and **Raph Mallore** levied a Fine of two yard Land here to the use of **Richard fitz Robert**. To which **William** succeeded **Thomas**, who in 55 **H. 3.** held * half a Knights fee in this place and **Eton** (now **Pun-Caton**) with **Sapcote** in **Leicestershire**. After which have I not seen anything considerable relating thereto; till 20 **E. 3.** that **William Moton** answered * for the 8th part of a Knights fee here, held of the Honour of **Winchester**; whose title therein divolved, as it seems, to **Richard Grey** of **Codnoure**, and **Laurence Dutton**: for in 11 **R. 2.** the half Knights fee before specified, lying here and in **Caton**, was certified to have been held by them of **Henry Lord Ferrers** of **Groby**. From which time, till 1 **Maria**, can I discover no more thereof; but then was it found, that **Sir Walter Smyth** (of whom I have spoken in **Shirefozd**) dyed seized of the third part of this Mannour; As also 300 acres of pasture, 60 acres of meadow, and 2 s. rent lying here and in **Hinkley**, purchased of **John Leeke** and **Richard Astell**, leaving **Richard** his son and heir 22 years of age: which **Richard**, in 35 **Eliz.** being posselt * of two parts, seled them upon **William Littleton**, in marriage with **Margaret** his daughter, in the same manner as he did **Shirefozd** (whereof I shall speak at large) since which it hath accompanied the possession of that Lordship.

Burton-Hastings.

1b Domef-day lib.
c R. Hoved. p. 264. 22.
Southwards from **Stretton**, and adjoining thereto, lyes **Burton**, antiently called **Burton-Hastings**, by reason that the **Hastings** were sometime Lords thereof: which, with other Lands, whereof I shall make mention in their due places, being part * of the possessions belonging to **Sinuard** surnamed **Barn**, a potent * man in **England** before the Conquest, was, among other the distri-

butions, which **William the Conquerour** made, given to **Henry de Fereires**, one of his Normans, (Progenitor to that great Family afterwards Earls of **Derby**) and contained then 4 hydes, having 2 mills belonging thereto: the value of the whole being certified at xl s. But in the general Survey it is written **Boxtone**; howbeit in after times, **Burthton**, **Burhton**, **Barugton**, **Barughton**, and sometimes **Burtone**, from the old English word **buph** and **bupgh** (as I guess) signifying, with the Saxons, not onely a place fortified with some warlike rampier or wall, but that which had a kind of fence or closure about it: or else from **gebupic**, and then may it be *colonorum villa*.

In **H. 2.** time half this Town was * given to the Monastery of **Pun-Caton** by **Geffrey le Abbe** and **Emme** his wife (it being of her inheritance) with the consent of **Raph de Turvill** and **Richard le Abbe**, heirs to the said **Geffrey** and **Emme**; and confirmed to them by the Charter of the same King: the residue, as it seems, coming soon after to the family of **Hastings**: for in 36 **H. 3.** it was certified, * that **Henry de Hasteng** held 1. Kts. fee here and in **Shirefozd** of the Earl **Ferrers**. And in 53 **H. 3.** upon the death of **Henry de Hastings**, amongst other Kts. fees assigned in dowry to **Joane** his wife, there was one in this **Burton**, which **Nich. de Turvile** then held.

How or when **Turviles** interest passed away, I have not seen; but, in 9 **E. 2.** **John** the son of **Fouke de Orreby**, having (as by his deed & he expresses) granted all his Lands which he had in the Village of **Borghton** to **William de Herle** and his heirs, paying to the said **John** and his heirs 7 marks of silver yearly, at the feasts of **Easter** and **St. Michael** the Archangel by equal portions, then released to the said **William** all his title to that Rent of 7 marks, reserving 6 marks to be paid by the said **William** during the life of him the said **John**; which release bears date at **Staplefozd** in **Cheshire**, 9 **R. 2.** whereupon, the same year it was certified, * that the Priorels of **Eton**, and **William de Herle** were Lords of this place. Which **William** had issue **Sir Robert de Herle** Kt. assigned * one of the Justices for conservation of the peace in this County in 18 and 19 **E. 3.** who gave * a messuage in **Caton** to the Nuns there; and, in 21 **E. 3.** departed * this life, leaving his son **Robert** then 30 years of age: which **Robert** dyed * in 38 **H. 3.** without issue; whereupon **Sir Raph Hastings** Kt. son of **Margaret**, sister to the said **Robert**, became his next * heir: which **Sir Raph** had issue **Raph**, that dyed 9 21 **R. 2.** leaving issue **Raph**, **Richard**, and **Leonard**. Of these, **Raph** the eldest, being attainted * for Treason, lost his head 20 **Jul.** 6 **H. 4.** for^s conspiring with **Richard Scroop** Archb. of **Doyle**, and others, against the King: but **Richard** his younger brother, a man of better affections to the Crown, had restitution * of his Lands; and, in 2 **H. 5.** underwent * the Sheriffalty for this County and **Leicestershire**. After which, viz. in 9 **H. 5.** he was retained * by Indenture to serve the K. in his wars beyond Sea with 10 Men at Arms, and 30 Archers, taking 2 s. a day for his own wages, 1 s. for every of the said Men at Arms, and 6 d. for every Archer.

In 1, 5, and 11 **H. 6.** he had again the custody * of those Counties. But, in 15 **H. 6.** dyed, leaving **Leonard** his brother and heir xl years of age. Which **Leonard**, being also Sheriff 2 for these Counties in 32 **H. 6.** departed * this world in 34 **E 2** leaving

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Cap. Lib.

e Testa de
Newill.

f Claus. 53.
H. 3. in
dorso, m. 8.

g Ex autog.
penes Tho.
Cotton
Bar.

h Nom.
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i Ex autog.
penes G.
Pudsey ar.
k Pat. 18.
E. 3. p. 2.
m. 34.

l Pat. 19.
E. 3. p. 1.
m. 31. in
dorso.

m Efc. 19.
E. 3. n. 16.
n Efc. 21.
E. 3. n. 44.
o Efc. 38.
E. 3. n. 23.
p 1b.

q Efc. 21.
R. 2.

r Rot. Parl.
11. H. 4.
n. 42.

s Rec. de
T. Hill.

t 4. H. 4.
Rot. 14.

u Ebor.

v Rot. Parl.

w supra.

x Rot. F. 2.

y H. 5. m. 26.

z Ex au-
tog. penes

Cler. Pell.

1 Rot. F. de

risdem ann.

y Efc. 15.

H. 6. n. 58.

2 Rot. F.

32. H. 6.

m. 14.

a Efc. 34.

H. 6.

leaving *William* his son and heir, afterwards Lord Chamberlain to *K. Edw. 4.* and erected^b to the degree of a Baron by the same King; as also made Master-worker^c of the *K. Moneys*, both Gold and Silver; and Keeper of all manner his exchange and interchange in the Tower of *London, Ireland, and Calceps*. This is he whom *Ric. D. of Glouc.* (afterwards King, by the name of *Ric. 3.*) caused to be pull'd from the Council Table, in the Tower, and immediately beheaded upon a peice of Timber within the walls of that place, as our Historians do manifest: But he had a more honourable burial, viz. in the Chapel of *St. George* at *Windsor*, by the appointment of his last Will and Testament^d, and in a place assigned for that purpose by *K. E. 4.* in his life time; where is a fair Monument erected over him by his Executors, for the making whereof he bequeathed an hundred marks.

To whom succeeded *Edward* his son and heir, styled Lord *Hastings* and *Hungerford*; who by his Testament^f in 22 *H. 7.* bequeathed his body to be buried in the Colledge at *Windsor*, near his Fathers Tombe; and left issue *George* Lord *Hastings*; which *George* was afterwards created 3 Earl of *Huntington*, 8 Dec. 21 *H. 8.* and sold^h this Mannour to *Thomas Harvey* Esq; (a rich Merchant) who, by his last Will and Testamentⁱ, bequeathed it, together with one messuage lying in *Wobrosc* in this County, to the use of 3 Priests, during xxi years, to keep an *Obit* for his soul. After which time it returned to his four daughters and heirs; whereof *Lucie*, the youngest, was married to *Thomas Cotton* of *Connington* in *Com. Hunt.* Esq; (formerly in ward to the said *Thomas Harvey*.) Upon partition of whose Lands, this (*inter alia*) being allotted to her, is descended to *Sir Thomas Cotton*, now of *Connington* Br. (great Grandchild to that *Thomas*.) Unto whom, for his singular favours in most freely communicating to me many rarities out of that inestimable Library, which with great cost were gathered by his worthy Father, and with no less care preserved by himself, I stand highly obliged.

After the dissolution of the Abbeyes, that part of this Lordship, with the Rectory, belonging to the Monastery of *Sun Caton*, was granted^k unto *Sir Marmaduke Constable* Kt. together with the site of that Religious House, and divers other Lands: but since, by purchase, is come to *John Hele* Esq;

The Church, being granted^l, very antiently, to the Monastery of *Sun Caton*, was also appropriated^m thereto; and in *an. 1291. 19 E. 1.* valuedⁿ at 7 marks and a half: but in^o 26 *H. 8.* at 4 *l.* 14 *s.* 2 *d.* over and above ix *s.* vi *d.* for Procurations and Synodals, being not a Presentative, but the Cure served by a Stipendiary; in which Church are neither Arms nor Monuments.

Shirforde.

From *Burton-Hastings*, towards the South, lyeth *Shirforde*, whereof there now remains nothing but part of the antient Mannour-house. This place may seem to have taken its name from the Forde or Passage over that little Torrent, which runs on the West part thereof towards *Sun-Caton*, as the Map will shew; *Shire* signifying

clear, and in that sense we still use the word upon some occasions.

As it lyes within the Parish of *Burton-Hastings*, so was it antiently a member thereof, and held likewise of *Ferrers*: but the first mention that I find of it, is in *H. 2.* time, where *Raph* the son of *Robert de Chartres* (a man in some eminency at that time, as I apprehend by the stile of his Deed) confirms^q unto the Canons of *Crebury* (in this County) a yard Land lying in *Shireforde*; for so is it there written: and, by the consent of *Richard* his son, granted unto them ten acres more in pure alms. Amongst the Witnesses to which Deed were *Randolfe Truwe*, and *William* his son. Not long after which time, viz. about the beginning of *H. 3.* reign at the farthest, certain Lands there were given^r to the Monks of *Combe* by *Thomas Trove*, who stiles himself in his Grant, *Dominus de Schireforde*. From which *Thomas*, as I guess, did descend *John de Shireford*; who, in 20 *E. 3.* with *Robert de Herle*, answered^s for half a Knights fee in *Wroughton* and *Shireforde*, then held of the Honour of *Wutbury*.

This *John de Shireford* was also Lord of the moitie of the Mannour of *Church-water*; but, leaving no issue male, these his Lands devolved to the family of *Puresey*, *Margaret* his Daughter taking to Husband *Philip Puresey* of *Munster-ton* in *Leicestershire*: In whose line this Mannour of *Shireforde* continued till *H. 8.* time, being their principal seat in this County.

Will. Puresey de
Munster-ton, temp.
E. 1. & E. 2.

Philippus Puresey-Margareta filia & hæres
3, & 48, E. 3. | Joh. de Shireford.

Will. Puresey,
6, & 21, R. 2.

Thomas Puresey Legis-peritus, & de consilio Ric. de Bellocampo, Warwici Comit. 6. H. 5.

Will. Puresey, -Margareta filia Will. Chetwin
21. R. 1. 1. H. 5. | de Ingestre mil. 21. R. 2.

Will. Puresey, -Mariana filia & hæres Alani Aiot
obiit 6. E. 4. | de Shalston in Com. Buck.

Philippus Puresey, -Isabella, nupra Joh. Puresey,
obiit 8. E. 4. | Denton, 12. E. 4. 12. E. 4.

Joh. obiit Nich obiit Will. obiit
sine prole. f. p. f. p.

Nich. Puresey, qui vendidit M. de Shireford, temp. H. 8.

Which *Philip* was son^t to *W. Puresey* of *Munster-ton*, who bore^u for his Arms, upon a fesse betwixt 3 pair of gantlets, handing each other, 3 marilets: and, being learned in the Laws, became Steward^w to *Raph* Earl *Stafford* for holding his Courts; as also a Justice of^x Peace in this County, from the 38, till the last of *E. 3.* reign. He had issue *William* and *Thomas*: which *Will.* in 14 *R. 2.* had licence^y granted to him by *Ric. Scroope*, B. of *Cob.* and *Wich.* to have an Oratory or private Chappel, in his house here at *Schireforde*; being also in Commission^z of the peace in this County, from the 6, to the 20 of *K. R. 2.* reign (viz. 13, 14, 17, and 20.) But *Thomas* was train'd up to study the Laws; and, in 8 *R. 2.* had an annuity^b of xx *s.* granted to him by *Sir John Warren* Kt. with a Robe and Hood of the better sort, of that sute which he gave to the rest of his

p *Let. Itin.*
vol. 3. f. 91.

q *Ex autog.*
penes Ric.
Newdigate
ar.

r *Regist. de*
Cumba, f.
89. b.

s *Rot. penes*
S. Clarke
bar.

d *Logg.*
2. 10.
e *Efc. 1. R.*
3.
f *Benet. 2.*
37.
g *Mich. R.*
25. H. 8.
Rot. 21.
h *Ex relat.*
Th. Cotton bar.
i *MS penes*
S. Archer,
eq. aur. f.
13. b.

k *Pat. 32.*
H. 8. p. 3.

l *Ex vet.*
memb: penes
Dec. &
Cap. Eich.
m *Burgh.*
f. 166. b.
n *Cod. MS*
in *Seac.*
o *MS penes*
S. Archer,
eq. aur. f.
39. a.

t *Ex autog.*
penes Com.
Denbigh,
u *ib.*

w *Regist.*
de Cumba,
f. 215. b.
x *Pat. ab*
an. 38.
usq; 48. f.
3. in dorso.
y *Scrope. f.*
127. b.

z *Pat. de*
hisdem
a *ann. in*
dorso.
b *Ex coll.*
W. Bur-
ton.

his Esquires, to be yearly paid him out of the Mannour of **Rotley**, *pro consilio suo impenso & impendendo*. He was also in Commission^e for conservation of the peace in this County, from the 13 of R. 2. till 6 H. 5. and had a memorable Grant from *John de Whellesburgh* of the inheritance in reversion of **Fenny Drayton** and **Whellesburgh**, two good Mannours in **Leicestershire**; whereby the same *John* did also pass his Arms to be born by him the said *Thomas*, his heirs and assigns, as entirely as he himself or his Ancestours had born them; all which appears by the Deed^d sealed with his Seal of Arms, and bearing date at **Fenny-Drayton** 21 R. 2. which Arms, *viz.* Or, 3 piles gules, and upon a Canton arg: a mullet Sable, have ever since been born by his Descendants, quarterly with their own.

This Mannour continued to *William*, son and heir of the last mentioned *William*, who married *Margaret* the daughter to Sir *William Cherwynd* Kt. in 21 R. 2. Which *William*, in 6 H. 4. was joyned in Commission^f amongst others to treat with the people about a loan of Money for the K. special service, and rested in Commission for the peace in this Shire from 8 H. 4. till 1 H. 5. But how long he lived, I find not; for the name of *William* holding on to his Posterity, doth to confound the descent, as that without more particular light than I have yet had, I must onely by circumstances distinguish them: which I presume is here right enough done: for the next mention of them, that I meet with, is in 10 H. 6. where *William Puresey* of **Shirford** is certifiedⁱ to hold the Mannour of **Olover** (now **Church-Ober**) in this County, whereof I have already spoke. This is that *William*, who married *Mariana* the daughter to *Alan Ayott* of **Shalfston** in **Com. Back.** and in 12 H. 6. when all the men of note through **England** were sworn to observe divers Articles agreed on in the Parliament then held, is recorded, amongst others in this County, having then his residence here at **Shirford**.

In 19 H. 6. he had Commission^m to treat for another loan: and was a Justice of Peace from the 18, to the 24 of H. 6. In 26 H. 6. he had the Shirralfaty of these Counties; and dyed^p in 6 E. 4. leaving issue *Philip* his son and heir 24 years of age, with *John* a younger son. Which *Philip* in 8 E. 4. being in Commission^f for the assessing of two fifteens, and two tenths in this County, then granted to the K. in Parliament, dyed^p the same year, seized, *inter alia*, of this Mannour; and was buried^q in the Church of **St. James at Badley-Clinton**, as by his Testament he directed; leaving issue^r *John*, *Nicholas*, and *William*. Of these three, *Nicholas* was the last that survived; but all of them dyed^r without issue: and therefore *Nicholas*, son to *John* their Uncle, became heir to the estate, being then in ward to the King for this inheritance. Of whom I find nothing further memorable, than, that he was^s of **Shalfston** in **Buckinghamshire**, and sold^t this Mannour of **Shirford** to *Henry Smyth* Esq; the principal branch of his descendants having for the most part resided ever since at **Drayton** in **Leicestershire** (whereof *George Puresey* Esq; son and heir of *George*, by *Mary* one of the daughters and co-heirs to Sir *Valentine Knightley*, is still Lord, though his seat be at **Wadley** in **Berks.**)

Which *H. Smyth* being son to *John*, a wealthy Citizen of **Cobentre**, (of whom in *Pether's Fleet-*

chamsted I have spoke) bore so great a love to that City, that he contributed^e to the purchase of 50 l. lands *per annum*, for the maintenance of one Priest, 12 poor men, and one woman in the **Gild** of the holy **Trinity**, **St. John Baptist**, and **St. Katherine**, there situate. And was in Commission for conservation of the peace from^d the 17 of H. 7. till his death: as also for Goal-delivery in 17,^e and 23, f H. 7. And had issue Sir *Walter Smyth* Kt. whose Murder here at **Shirford** by his own Lady, assisted with two servants, and the circumstances conducing thereto (which are very memorable) I shall here briefly set forth.

This Sir *Walter*, being grown an aged man at the death of his first wife, considering of a marriage for *Richard* his son and heir, then at mans estate, to that end made his mind known to Mr *Thomas Cherwin* of **Ingestre** in **Staffordshire** (a Gentleman of an ancient family and fair estate) who, entertaining the motion in behalf of *Dorothy*, one of his daughters, was contented to give 500 l. portion with her. But no sooner had the old Knight seen the young Lady, than that he became a tutor for himself, being so captivated with her beauty, that he tendred as much for her, besides a good joynure, as he should have received in case the match had gone on for his son. Which liberal offer so wrought upon Mr *Cherwyn*, as that he spared not for arguments to perswade his daughter to accept of Sir *Walter* for her husband. Whereupon the marriage ensued accordingly; but with what a tragique issue, will quickly be seen: For it was not long, ere that her affections wandring after younger men, she gave entertainment to one Mr *William Robinson* (then of **Drayton-Basset**, a young Gentleman of about 22 years of age) son to *George Robinson* a rich Mercer of **London**: and grew so impatient at all impediments, which might hinder her full enjoyment of him, that she rested not till she had contrived a way to be rid of her husband. For which purpose corrupting her waiting Gentlewoman, and a Groom of the stable, she resolved by their help, and the assistance of *Robinson*, to strangle him in his bed, appointing the time and manner how it should be effected: And, though *Robinson* failed in coming on the designed night (perhaps through a right apprehension of so direfull a fact) she no whit staggered in her resolutions: for watching her husband till he was fallen asleep, she then let in those assassins before specified; and, casting a long towell about his neck, caused the Groom to lye upon him to keep him from struggling, whilst her self and the maid, straining the towell, stopt his breath.

It seems the good old man little thought that this his Lady had acted therein: for when they first cast the towell about his neck, he cryed out, help *Doll* help! But, having thus dispatcht the work, they carryed him into another room where a close stool was plac'd, upon which they set him; and, after an hour, that the Maid and Groom were silently got away, to palliate the business, she made an outcry in the house, wringing her hands, pulling her hair, and weeping extreamly; with pretence, that missing him for some time out of bed, she went to see what the matter was, and found him accidentally in that posture. Which subtill and feigned shews of sorrow, prevented all suspicion of his violent death: and, not long after, went to **London**, setting so high a value upon her beauty, that *Robinson*, her former darling (perhaps for

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e Pat. 17.
H. 7. p. 2.
in dorso.

f Pat. 23.
H. 7. p. 1.
in dorso.

g Ex relat.
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Crabbet in
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h Ex relat.
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E. 2.

for not keeping touch with her, as before hath been said) became neglected. But, within two years following, it so hapned, that this wofull deed of darknes was brought to light by the groom before specified; who, being entertained with Mr *Richard Smyth*, son and heir to the murdered Knight; and attending him to *Cobentre* with divers other servants, became so sensible of his villany, when he was in his cups, that out of good nature, he took his Master to a side, and upon his knees besought forgiveness from him for acting in the murder of his Father, declaring all the circumstances thereof. Whereupon Mr *Smyth* discreetly gave him good words, but wisht some others, that he trusted, to have an eye to him, that he might not escape when he had slept and better considered what might be the issue thereof. Notwithstanding which direction, he fled away with his Masters best Horse; and, hasting presently into *Wales*, attempted to go beyond Sea: but being hindred by contrary winds, after three essays to lanch out, was so happily pursued by Mr *Smyth*, who spared for no cost in sending to several Ports, that he was found out and brought Prisoner to *Warwick*, as was also the Lady and her Gentlewoman, all of them, with great boldness, denying the fact; and the Groom most impudently charging Mr *Smyth*, with endeavour of corrupting him to accuse the Lady (his mother in-law) falsely, to the end he might get her joyncture: But upon his arraignment so smitten was he at apprehension of the guilt, that he publickly acknowledged it, and stoutly justified what he had so said to be true to the face of the Lady and her Maid; who, at first, with much seeming confidence, pleaded their innocency, till at length, seeing the particular circumstances thus discovered, they both confessed the fact: For which, having judgement to dye, the Lady was burnt at a Stake near the Hermitage on *Wolbep*-hearth (towards the side of *Shirford* Lordship) where the Country people to this day shew the place: and the Groom with the Maid suffred death at *Warwick*. This was about the third year of Q. *Mary's* reign, it being May 15. 1 *Maria*, that Sir *Walter's* murder^k so hapned.

† B. I. M.

To whom succeeded the before specified *Richard*, his son and heir; who was strangely juggled out of a fair inheritance, this Lordship being part; the manner* whereof, considering what success hath attended it, is not unworthy the relation.

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This *Richard*, having but one onely daughter, called *Margaret*, by his first wife; and doubting of issue male, treated with Sir *John Littleton* of *Frankley* in *Warwickshire*, for a marriage betwixt his said daughter, and *William Littleton*, third son to the said Sir *John*: In consideration whereof, he agreed to settle all his lands, in remainder, after his own decease without other issue, upon the said *William* and *Margaret*, and the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten; but, for lack of such issue, to return to his own right heirs. And having Writings drawn accordingly, trusted the said Sir *John Littleton* to get them ingrossed. Which being effected, and a day appointed for sealing, Mr *Smyth* came over to *Frankley*, where he found very noble entertainment, and some of Sir *John's* friends to bear him company, in whose prelence the Writings were brought forth, and begun to be read: but before they came to the uses, slept in Sir *John Littleton's* keeper in a sweat,

and told them, that there were a brace of Bucks at lare in the Park, which carryed a glass in their tails for Mr *Smyth's* Dogs to look in (for he loved coursing well, and had his Greyhounds there) but, if they made not hast, those market people, which passed through the Park, would undoubtedly rouse them. Whereupon Sir *John Littleton* earnestly moved Mr *Smyth* to seal the Writings without further reading; protesting, that they were according to the draughts he had seen, and without any alteration. Which bold asseverations, putting him out of all suspicion of sinister dealing, caused him forthwith to seal them, and to go into the Park.

Hereupon the two Children (for they were not above ix years old a peice) were marryd together, and lived in the house with Sir *John*. But so it hapned, that, about six years after, the young man dyed by a fall from a Horse; insomuch as Mr *Smyth*, considering that his daughter had no issue, resolved to take her away, and signified as much to Sir *John*; who, designing to marry her again to *George*, his second son, refused to deliver her; till which time Mr *Smyth* never suspected any thing in the Deed formerly so sealed, as hath been said: But then, upon difference betwixt him and Sir *John*, it appeared, that for want of issue by the before specified *William* and *Margaret*, the lands were to devolve unto the right heirs of the said *William*, which was *Gilbert Littleton* his eldest brother, contrary to the plain agreement at first made. To make short therefore; *William*, the youngest son, marryd her; *George*, the second, enjoy'd her; and *Gilbert*, the eldest, had the estate, as heir to his brother: Which, descending to *John* his son, was kept from Mr *Smyth* the true heir, with whom he had great suits in Law; and at length by his attainder^l for adhering to *Robert E. of Essex* in 42 *Eliz.* came to the Crown [for he^m was drawn into that Treason, as being a man much respected for his wit and valour by those Conspirators, and dyed in Prison.] After which, King *James*, at his first coming to the Crown of *England*, being petitioned by *Muriel* the widow to the said *John* for restitution of his lands; well weighing how popular a man the Earl of *Essex* was, and so consequently all those that took part with him were lookt on by the Vulgar, unto whom an Act of Mercy could not but be, especially at his first entrance, very gratefull, yielded to her request; and by his Letters pat. made a grant of them to her. Whereupon, she still doubting more trouble by suits with Mr *Smyth*, sold them away to Sergeant *Hele*, a great Lawyer: who likewise considering upon what foundation *Littleton's* title was at first built, to the end that it might the better be defended, disposed of them to his 5 sons, viz. Sir *Warwick Hele* and Sir *Francis* (both Knights) *Nicholas*, *Walter*, and *George*. But such is the fate that follows these possessions, that for want of a publick adversary, these brothers are now at suit amongst themselves for them.

And, as none of the line of *Gilbert Littleton* before specified (to whom they so descended by force of the before specified conveyance) doth enjoy a foot of them: so is it no less observable; that the son and heir of *George* by the same *Margaret* (so marryd as I have declared) viz. *Stephen Littleton* of *Polbreach* in *Warwickshire*, was attended with a very hard fate, being one of the Gunpowder Conspirators in 3 *Jac.* for which he lost

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lost his life and estate, as is very well known.

Bulkinton.

Southwards from hence lyes **Bulkinton**, which is a large Parish, containing these Hamlets, viz. **Weston in Arden**, **Ryton**, **Bramcote**, **Wolfsburghill**, **Marston**, **Abet**, and **Bernacle**; of which in their order.

In the Conquerours dayes, this was certified to be in the possession of the Earl of **Mellent**, and held then by **Salo** his under-tenant; at which time it contained 4 hydes and one virgat of land, being valued at xx s. and written **Bochintone**.

That **Ernald de Boys** was Steward to **Rob. Bossu E. of Leic.** I have already taken notice in **Clifton**; but whether this place descended to him as heir to **Robert de Watervill**, his Uncle: or whether he were enfeoffed thereof immediatly by the said Earl, I cannot say; nevertheless that he succeeded **Watervill** as heir, is most probable: for it appears, that **Roger de Watervill**, brother of **Robert**, gave the Church to the Abby of **Leicester**, upon, or near the time of that Monastery its foundation, which was in an. 1143. (8 Steph.) To which Church were then belonging 9 two yard land, called the glebe; with the Chappels of **Bernangle**, **Weston**, **Ryton**, **Marston**, **Schelton**, **Ansty**, and **Bramcote**: all which, except **Schelton** and **Ansty**, do yet continue of this Parish: for in those dayes it was seldome seen, that the possession of the Mannour and patronage of the Church were in several hands before such perpetual advowsons were given to the Monks. Which **Ernald** confirmed the said grant of **Roger de Watervill**: so also did his descendants, the 3 succeeding **Ernalds**.

In 13 E. 1. **John de Boys**, son to the last **Ernald**, claimed a Court-Leet, Gallows, power to punish the breakers of the Assize of Bread and Ale: as also Weyfs; and to be discharged of the common amerciaments of the County. All these, I say, he claimed then by prescription in this his Mannour of **Bulkinton**, **Weston**, and **Ryton**, with **Free-warren** here by grant to **Ernald** his father, which were allowed. To whom succeeded **William** his brother and heir, (as in **Clifton** is manifested.) Which **William** settled this Mannour, with divers other, upon himself for life; and afterwards upon **William de la Zuche** and **Maud** his wife, and the heirs of the same **William** and **Maud**; and for lack of such issue, to the said **Maud**, and the heirs of her body; the remainder to his right heirs. Which **Maud** was heir to the above mentioned **William de Bosco**, as the descent in **Clifton** sheweth.

In the line of **Zuche** [whose chief seat was at **Haringworth** in **Northamptonshire**, by inheritance from **Milesent de Cantilupo**] it continued for divers generations.

^a
Guliel. de Cantilupo
obiit 39. H. 3.

^b	^c	^d	^e
Georg. de Cantilupo	Johanna for & co- Monte fororum & co- Zuche	de-Milifenta altera-Eudo la	
obiit sine hæres, ux. alto. 1. hæredum, de- 2. E. 1. prole.	Henrici de mari- functa 17 E. 1. Hastings. rus.		

^f	^g
Will. la Zuche filius & hæres- obiit 10. Martii, 26 E. 3.	Matilda filia & hæres Joh. Lovel, mil. & Ifabellæ ux. ejus, fororis & hæredis Will. de Bosco.

ⁱ
Eudo de la Zuche, obiit vita patris.

^k
Will. la Zuche, ætat. 30. an. ad mortem avi. obiit 15. R. 2.

^m
Will. la Zuche, ætat. 40. an. 5. R. 2. obiit 3. H. 5.

^o
Will. la Zuche, ætat. 13. an. 3. H. 5. obiit 8. E. 4.

^q
Joh. dom. Zousche, ætat. 8. an. 8. E. 4. attinctus in Parl. 7. Nov. 1. H. 7.

^r
Joh. Zouche, fil. & hæres 23. H. 7.

^s
Ric. dom. Zouche.

^t
Geo. dom. Zouche, plenæ ætat. 6. E. 6. obiit 19. Junii, 19. Eliz.

^x
Edw. fil. & hæres, accrevit plenam ætatem, 6. Junii, 19. Eliz.

In 7 E. 2. the K. granted Free-warren to the before specified **William** and **Maud** his wife, in their demesne lands here at **Bulkinton**, **Weston**, **Ryton**, **Bramcote**, and **Wolfsburghill**, all in this Parish. But afterwards do I meet with nothing more of that family, relating to this place, further than their dying seized thereof, till **Edward**, the principal male branch of those Barons; who, wasting that great Patrimony, descended to him from his Fore-fathers, sold this Lordship, with the rest of the Hamlets in this Parish, to **Humfry Davenport** Esq; and one **Richard Bucknam** Gent. Which **Humfry** and **Richard** past the one moytie thereof to Sir **Christopher Yelverton** Kt. one of the Justices of the K. Bench (temp. Jac. R.) whose Grandchild Sir **Chr. Yelverton** of **Castleton** in **Com. Northampton**. Kt. of the Bath, now enjoys it. And the other moytie to **George Puresey**, fifth son to **Michael Puresey** of **Caldecote** Esq;: which **George** had issue **Gamaliel Puresey**, who sold it to **Anthony Stroughton** now of St. **Johns** in **Warwick** Esq; the present owner thereof.

The Church (dedicated to St. **James**, being granted to the Abby of **Leicester** (as I have already shew'd) was antiently appropriated to that Monastery: and, upon the endowment of the Vicaridge, a pension of xxvi s. viii d. per annum, was reserved out of the same.

In an. 1291. 19. E. 1. the Rectory was valued at xxvi marks; and the Vicaridge at 11 marks: But in 26 H. 8. I find the Vicaridge rated at vi lib. x sol. vi d. over and above

^a Esc. 39. H. 3.

^b Rot. F. 1. E. 1. m. 3. c Esc. 1. d E. 1. n. 16.

^e Rot. F. 2. E. 1. m. 29.

^f Rot. F. 27. E. 1. m. 21.

^g E. Cod. MS penes H. Com.

^h Stanf. b Esc. 26.

ⁱ E. 3. n. k 50.

^l Esc. 5. m R. 1. m. 62.

ⁿ Esc. 3. o H. 5. n. 46.

^p Esc. 8. q E. 4. n. 53.

^r Rot. Parl. 1. H. 7. m. 6.

^s Rot. Cur.

^t Lib. 3. u cedul.

^w Lib. 4. x cedul.

^y Cart. 7. E. 2. n. 27.

^z Reg. Abb. de Leic. in bibl. Bodl. f. 30. a.

^a E. Cod. b MS in Scac.

^c MS penes S. A. eq; an. f. 38. b.

^d Cart. 7. E. 2. n. 27.

^e Reg. Abb. de Leic. in bibl. Bodl. f. 30. a.

^f E. Cod. b MS in Scac.

^g MS penes S. A. eq; an. f. 38. b.

^h Cart. 7. E. 2. n. 27.

ⁱ Reg. Abb. de Leic. in bibl. Bodl. f. 30. a.

^j E. Cod. b MS in Scac.

^k MS penes S. A. eq; an. f. 38. b.

^l Cart. 7. E. 2. n. 27.

^m Reg. Abb. de Leic. in bibl. Bodl. f. 30. a.

ⁿ E. Cod. b MS in Scac.

^o MS penes S. A. eq; an. f. 38. b.

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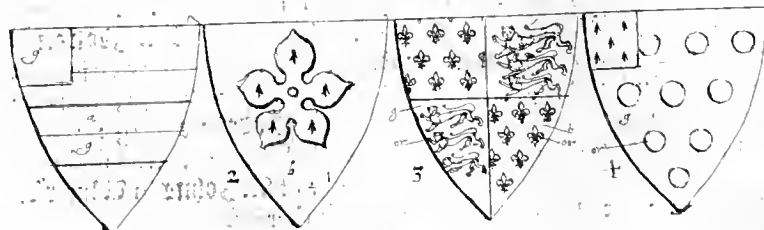
above ix s. vi d. allowed for Synodals and Procurations, nastery of **Leicester**, was granted^d by Q. *Eliz.* in d Pat. 33. 33 of her reign, to the Free-school of **Cipping-** *Eliz. p. 5.* **ham in Com. Rutland.**

Which Rectory, being in the Crown, as parcell of the possessions belonging to the dissolved Mo-

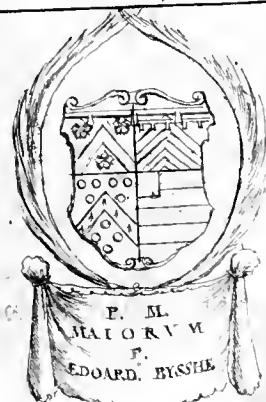
In a North window of the Church.



In the East window of the Chancell.



Boys
Ailley
Engl. & France
Zonch



Patroni Vicariz.

Incumbentes.

Ex aucto.
pendis D. &
Cap. Lich.
Langt. f. 7.
b.
Northb. f.
20. a.
Street. f. 8. b.

Heyw. f.
21. a.
Ib. f. 24. b.

Ib. f. 41. b.

Ib. f. 42. b.

Ib. f. 43. a.

89. f. 8. b.

Bowl. f. 9.

b.

Bl. f. 11. b.

Str. & P.
f. 17. b.

Sampl. &
B. f. 9b.

Ib. f. 11. a.

Ib. f. 30. a.

Ib. f. 46. b.

Overton
bund. C.

Abb. & Conv. de
Leic.

H. 8. Rex Anglie,
ratione dissolut.
Abb. Leic.

Hen. Waver de Co-
ventre, Mercer.

Ric. Waver, alias
Over.

Geo. Belgrave de
Belgrave in Com.
Leic. ar.

Warinus de Swanington Pbr.
an. 1258.

Rob. de Bengrave. 5. Id.
Dec. 1305.

Joh. Bernard Pbr. 4. Non.
Apr. 1326.

Dom. Ric. de Chedle. 4. Id.
Aug. 1361.

Will. Granger Pbr. 26. Mar-
tii. 1428.

Ric. Wytkyns Pbr. 21. Julii,
1430.

Hen. Arbell Pbr. 20. Aug.
1443.

Tho. Sawnder Pbr. 8. Dec.
1444.

Tho. Hille Pbr. 17. Febr.
1444.

Will. Gregg Pbr. 13. Aug.
1449.

Joh. Webbe, Cap. 22. Mar-
tii. 1453.

D. Tho. Lyndon, Cap. 21.
Apr. 1525.

D. Tho. Mower. Cap. 4.
Sept. 1540.

Will. Smyth Cler. 12. Maii,
1557.

Ric. Briscoe Cler. 6. Dec.
1557.

Edw. Jurdayne Cler. 2. Ju-
nii, 1561.

Walt. Enderby, 6. Aug.
1575.

Henr. Bradshaw, Cler.

byooke in Leicestersh. as by Court-Rolls in H. 6.
time I have seen.

Upon the death of the last Ernald de Boys,
5 E. 1. it was found^a, that this Mannour was
by him held in capite of the heirs of the Earl of
Winchester (in right of their partage in the Ho-
nour of Leicester) paying yearly unto them one
Hound called a *Wache*, and seven pence in money
for all services.

Afterwards, scil. in 7 E. 2. Will. la Zuche and
Maud his wife had Free-warren granted to them
here and in divers other places, (as in Bulkinton
hath been said.) Which Will. in 19 E. 3. had li-
cenc^b for amortizing of 8 Messuages, 9 yard land
and a half, and xxx s. annual Rent, with the ap-
purtenances, lying in Clepbroke and Heyre (in
Com. Leic.) this Weston in Arden, Berston-
Jabet, Coton, and Ryton juxta Bulkinton,
(Com. War.) for the maintenance of two Priests
to sing Mass daily in the Chappel of our Lady
within this his Mannour of Weston, for the good
estate of himself, whilst he lived, and for the health
of his soul after he should depart this world; as
also for the soul of William Danet; and for the
souls of the father and mother, with the ancestours
and heirs of the said Will. la Zuche and Will. Da-
net, and of all the faithfull deceased. Concerning
which Chantry, the B. of Cob. and Lich. upon
his Ordination^c thereof, the next ensuing year,
thus declared; That there having been a Chappel
of the blessed Virgin Mary within this Mannour
of Weston, and therein divine service celebrated
time out of mind; which, being grown ruinous,
was then newly fallen down, Sir Will. la Zuche
of Waringworth Kt. had rebuilt the same with a
fair fabrick, in honour of the said blessed Virgin,
for the good estate of himself; as also of Sir Will.
la Zuche of Totesnes, and the Lady Eliz. his
wife, with their children during this life; and af-
terwards for the health of their souls, and for the
souls of Will. de Boys, Sir Endo la Zuche, Meli-
sent de Montalt, Maud la Zuche, Elen^e la Zuche,
and their children departed this life: And for the
souls of Will. Danet and Richard Dobyn, and other
Benefactors, with all the faithfull deceased.

But, whereas the first licence for amortizing the
lands before mentioned was for two Priests (as I
have said) it seems the said Sir Will. la Zuche
chang'd his purpose: for I find, that in 21 E. 3.
he had the K. licence^d for the alteration thereof
for one Priest onely, so that the said Priest might
have another under him for performance of that
service.

Belonging to the Lord Zouch his Mannour-
house here, there was antiently a Park, as it seems:
for, in 46 E. 3. Sir Will. la Zuche had licence^e
to turn a way for the enlargement thereof: How-
beit, in 10 H. 6. where Will. Lord Zouch was
certified^f to hold this Mannour, it is called *Wel-
ton-Arnold*, for distinction from the other *Wel-
tons* in this County, in regard that *Arnold de
Boys* had antiently been owner thereof.

But after the attainder of John Lord Zouch, in
1 H. 7. the K. granted^g it to Sir James Blount,
and to the heirs males of his body: nevertheless,
it seems, that the family of Zouch afterwards re-
gain'd it: for in 6 E. 6. George Lord Zouch was
possess'd^h thereof, and dyedⁱ seized of it, 19 Junii,
19 Eliz. leaving Edward his son and heir, who
sold it to Humphrey Davenport Esq. and Richard
Bucknam, with Bulkinton and other lands; by
which

Weston in Arden.

THIS, taking its name from the Western situa-
tion from Bulkinton, was also, in the Conq.
daies, in the possession of the Earl of Mellent, and
then certified to contain two hydes, which were
valued at xl sol. Since which time the possession
thereof hath gone along with Bulkinton, till now:
therefore shall I not need to make instance by par-
ticular proofs; in regard, that all those Records,
that I have made use of for Bulkinton, do mani-
fest the same. Yet, because there are some things
peculiar hereunto onely, I shall in their order take
notice of them: amongst which this is not the
least observable; that of all these places in the
Parish of Bulkinton, it hath not onely the prio-
rity in rank, where they are mentioned together in
the Records: but even Bulkinton it self, with the
rest, are accounted as members of it; the reason
whereof can be no other, than, that the Lord of
them all had his Mannour-house here, where the
Leef being kept, not onely the Inhabitants of the
other Villages met; but from other places, both in
this County and Leicestersh. which were the
Lord Zouches lands, viz. Clifton, Brownf-over,
Wybbott, Bulkinton and Ryton, in Com.
War; with Althorpe, Elmesthorpe, and Clep-

which means it came to Sir *Christopher Yelverton* Kt. of the Bath, and *Anthony Stoughton* Esq; the present Lords thereof, as *Bulkinton* did.

A Tradition there is, that one of the Lord *Zouches*, who much affected to reside here, and wanting sufficient mowing ground for his use, upon a time invited the Free-holders of *Bulkinton* to his house; and welcoming them with very good entertainment, proposed the purchasing of their several doles in a fair large meadow, which lay fitly for him; All which assented, except one *Rogers*. Whereupon the rest urging him to do as they had done, the Lord *Zouch* said, **Let the Churle alone with his peice**; And so, to this day, the posterity of the said *Rogers* continue posselt thereof, it being called **the Charles peice**.]

Rieton juxta Bulkinton.

k Reg. Abb.
de Leic. f.
35. a. in
bibl. Cor-
ton.

THE first mention that I find of this place, is in that grant k of the Tithes thereof to the Abby of *Leicester*, as a member of the Parish of *Bulkinton*; viz. when the Church of *Bulkinton* was first given thereto by *Roger de Waterville*, of which I have already spoken: but that it was and is a member of *Bulkinton*, or rather *Weston*, where the Lord had his seat, all the testimonies from Record, which I have produced before, do manifest; and therefore I shall not need to say any more thereof.

Bramcote.

l Dome
m day
n lib.
o.

THIS place, in the Conq. time, contained two hydes, whereof one and a half then belonged to Earl *Alberic*, of whom I have made mention in *Clifton*: and the other half hyde to *Ric. Forestarius*, of whom I shall speak in *Chefferton*. But, before the Conquest, one *Salo* was owner of that, which Earl *Alberic* had, being the same man that afterwards held *Bulkintone* of the Earl of *Spellent*. The other half hyde one *Sexi* posselt. It is there written *Bramcote*; perhaps from *Bran*, the Saxon, and *cott* or *coed*, the British word, which signifie the **burnt wood**.

That the inheritance of this Village was as antiently in *Waterville*, as any of those before specified were, I am induced to believe: for *Roger de Waterville* gave p six yard land and the Mill here to the Abby of *Leicester*, by the consent of *Robert* Earl of *Leicester* his Lord (and Founder of that Monastery) which grant was afterwards confirmed q by *Arnold de Boys*, his Nephew, and all the rest of the succeeding *Arnolds*. Yet, in an *Inspec.* made by *Thomas* Earl of *Lanc.* whereby he recites divers grants to the Canons of *Leic.* and amongst those, the same yard land in *Bramcote*, he declares it to have been given to them by *Gesfrey le Abbe*, of whom I had occasion to make mention in *Burton-Hastings*: and, together with his confirmation thereof, ratifies s also the gift of two yard land more, which one *Ranulph* held: so that there being eight yard land therein belonging to the Abby of *Leic.* besides the Mill, and what was appurtenant thereto, the Canons of that House did, as in other their lands in this County, claim a **Court-Leef** and other privileges

Reg.
Abb. de
Leic. in
bibl. Cor-
ton. f.
23. a.
Pat. 22.
E. 2. p. 1.
m. 18.

f Ib.

g Reg. de
Quo wat.
13. E. 1.

therein in 13 E. 1. as granted by the Ks. progenitors to that Monastery, for which they then produced their Charters.

But in 6 E. 2. I find a, that the heirs of *Henry de Hastings* held the third part of a Kts. fee here of *John de Hastings* the elder, then deceased, it being then written *Bzompote*. The like is certified n as to the tenure of that third part by the heirs of the said *Henry* in 49 E. 3. 14 x H. 6. and 167 E. 4. But what the Lord *Zouch* posselt in this Village, I am not able directly to point out: howbeit, certain it is, that something he enjoy'd, in regard the *Free-warren* granted z to him in 7 E. 2. extended into his demesne lands here, as well as in those of *Weston*, *Bulkinton*, and *Ryton*.

As for that which the Abbot of *Leic.* had, it amounted to the third part of a Kts fee: for in 20 E. 3. it is certified, a that so much he held of the Earl of *Lancaster*, who then had the Honour of *Leic.* as is well known. All which lands so belonging to that Abby, were in 38 H. 8. granted b to *Edward Watson* Esq; and *Henry Herdson*, and to the heirs of the same *Edward*; who (as I have heard) had two daughters that were his heirs; the one married to *Turner*; the other to *Lisle*: from which *Lisle* descended *Lisle*, that sold his moytie to *George Puresey* of *Wolverhill* Gent. And from *Turner*, *William*, his Grandson, of whom *Gamaliel Puresey*, son to the said *George*, purchased the other.

u Esc. 6. E.
2. n. 46.

w Esc. 49.
E. 3. n. 10.

x Esc. 14.
H. 6. n. 35.

y Esc. 16. E.
4. n. 66.

z Cart. 7.
E. 2. n. 27.

a Rot. p.
nes S.
Clarke
Bar.

b Pat. 38.
H. 8. p. 4.

Wolverhill.

THE first mention that I meet with of this place, is in 21 E. 1. where it is settled, with *Bulkinton* and other Mannours, upon *Will. la Zuche* and *Maud* his wife, and the heirs of *Maud* by *VWill. de Boys* (as I have in *Bulkinton* already observed.) In that Fine it is written *Wulfars-hill*, which doth import, that the original of its denomination was from one *Wulphere* his residing there; that being a very common name in the Saxons time.

In the line of *Zouth* it continued with *Weston* before spoken of, till a the time of *Edw. Lord Zouch*, the son of *George*, as the Records, which I have cited touching *Weston* do shew; *VWill. la Zuche* and *Maud* his wife having *Free-warren* granted d to them here in 7 E. 2. Which *Edw.* sold e the same with *Weston*, &c. unto *Humphrey Davenport* Esq; and *Richard Bucknam*, in *Eliz.* from whom *Geo. Puresey*, 5th son to *Mich. P.* of *Caldecote* in this County, Gent. purchased f it, whose son *Gamaliel* now enjoys it.

c Lib. 4.
ccul.

d Cart. 7.
E. 2. n. 27.

e Ex.
relati.
Gam.
Pure-
sey.

Merston-Fabet.

THIS Village, taking its name from the flat and moorish situation, had the addition of *Fabet* to distinguish it from the other Towns in this County of the same appellation, in regard the *Fabets* were antiently Lords thereof.

In the Conq. time it was in the possession of the E. of *Spellent*, and certified g to contain one hyde, valued at 3 lib. one *Herennard* being owner thereof in *Edw.* the Conf. dayes; who, after the Norman invasion was glad to become Tenant to it under the said E. of *Spellent*.

g Domest.
day lib.

This,

b Efc. 52.
H. 3.
Efc. 8. H.
4.

i Rot. penes
S. Clarke
Bar.

Reg. de
Cumb. a.
f. 206.

Reg.
de
Leic.
inbibl.
Bodl.
f. 110.
a.

o Reg. de
Cumb. ut
supra.

p Ibid. f.
169. a.

q f. 1b. f.
r 106. b.

f 1b. f.
206. a.

2 Ex alio
Reg. de
Cumb. in
bibl. Cor-
ron. [Vi-
telius A.1]
f. 99. b.

u Rot. de
Quo m.
Pat. 20. E.
3. p. 3. m.
9. per In-
spec.

w Rot. de
Quo m.

2 Pat. 36.
H. 8. p. 22.

3 Ex autog.
penes Wil.
Perkins
gen.

4 Domef-
day lib.

a Reg. de
Leic. in
bibl. Bodl.
f. 16. b.

This, being part^b of those 3 Kts. fees whereof *Philip de Estley*, Ancestour to the family of *Astley*, had been enfeofft in the time of H. 1. (as I have already pointed at in my discourse of *Willmoxton*) was held by his descendants of the Earls of *Warwick* byⁱ the third part of a Kts. fee; and, of them by *Henry*^k surnamed^l *Jabet*, son^m to *Fulco de Merston*; which *Henry* gaveⁿ 4 yard land here to the Abby of *Leicester*, whereupon he was received into that Monastery, as a Canon, and his wife as a sister. To him succeeded *John*^o his son and heir, sometimes called *John filius Henrici de Merstona*, and sometimes *John Jabet*, who was a Benefactor to the Monks of *Combe*, by giving to them lands in this place: which grant K. H. 2. confirmed^p.

This *Henry* had a brother called *Robert*^q; who, having certain lands in this Village, gave^r divers small parcels thereof to the said Monks of *Combe*: and not onely so, but, by his deed made them promise, that he would neither sell nor pawn any of it, except to that Monastery. Which grants to those Monks, with divers more made by several persons, whose names are of no great note, were confirm'd^s by *Thomas* the son to *Walter de Estley*, in an. 1241. 25 H. 3. To whom succeeded Sir *Andrew de Astley* Kt. who confirmed^t to them and their successors for ever a *Court-Leet* here for their own tenants; which, with other privileges, was allowed^u of by the K. in 13 E. 1. But the residue of this town, the said Sir *Andrew* himself held by the service of half a Kts. fee, (as I have already said) and, in 13 E. 1. claimed^v here, by prescription, a *Court-Leet*, Gallows, Weyfs, power to punish the breakers of the Assize of Bread and Ale, *Free-warren*, with immunity from the common amerciaments, and of aid to the Shiriff, it being then accounted a member of *Astley*, all which were allowed. But further than this have I not found any thing considerable of it, other than, that after the dissolution of the Monasteries, that part, which belong'd to the Abby of *Combe*, was, with divers other lands, granted by Letters^x Pat. dated 28 Octob. 36 H. 8. to *Thomas Broke* and *John Williams*, and to the heirs of *Broke*; from whom, it seems, *Henry Waver* soon purchased it: for I find^y, that on the 26 of Febr. next following, the said *Henry* aliened it to *Will. Perkins*, whose descendants do still enjoy it.

Bernacle.

IN the Conq. time; this was in the Earl of *Mellent's* possession^z, and held of him by the same *Herennard* that had *Merston*, whose freehold it had been in *Edw.* the Conf. dayes. By the general Survey it is certified to contain 3 virgats of land, and of wood 4 furlongs in length, and 3 in bredth, the value of all being xx s. and there written *Berenhangre*, the latter part of the name (viz. *hangre*) signifying, of old, the same that *collis* or *mons* doth: but afterwards it is otherwise written.

There were 4 yard land, lying in this place, given^a very antiently to the Abby of *Leicester*, by *Henry* the son of *Fulke de Merston* (of whom I have made mention in *Merston-Jabet*) all of the fee of *Ernald de Boys* before spoken of, and by him

confirmed to that Monastery; as also by K. H. 2. In that grant it is written *Bernangul*; but in *Thomas E. of Lanc.* his ratification^b of a carucate of land to the same Monastery, *Berhangil*.

In 13 Edw. 1. the Abbot of *Leicester* had a *Court-Leet* here for his own Tenants, with other privileges, which he claimed^c to have had time out of mind.

It seems, that the *Fitzwiths* (of whom in *Bobenhull* and *Shotswell* I have spoke) were antiently owners of this place, though the grant thereof to them have I not found: for it appears, that the Canons of *Leicester* granted unto *Guy*, a Knight, then Lord thereof, that he and his heirs should have an Oratory, or Chappel, in his house here at *Bernangre*; provided, that such Priest, who was to celebrate divine service there, before he entred upon that duty, should take a solemn oath in the presence of the Vicar of *Bulkinton* for the time being, that it might be no damage to the Mother-Church of *Bulkinton*; and, that he would be faithfull to the said Vicar. This was in H. 3. time, as will appear by the descent of that family in *Bobenhull*; for his Grand-child *Robert*, called *Robertus filius Johannis, filii Guidonis*, Lord^d also of this place, dyed in the beginning of E. 2. time. From whom descended *Robert*, whose daughter and heir *Joane*, being the wife to *John Beauchamp* of *Holt*, brought this Lordship to that family (whereof also in *Bobenhull* I have spoke.) After which time it accompanied the possession of *Bobenhull*; first to *Panncefote*, afterwards to *Croft*, and then to Sir *Edw. Grewill*, as the authorities there cited will manifest; but further I cannot speak.

It seems, that the *Hospitalars* were antiently Lords of the moytie of this Village; for so in an old Rentall^e of lands, lying in *Astley* and *Shotswood*, they are said to be. Which moytie was, after the generall dissolution of the Religious Houses, granted^f (inter alia) by K. E. 6. 15. Dec. in 4. of his reign, to Sir *Raph Sadler* Kt. and *Laurence Wennington* Gent. by the name of a messuage called *Ferne-place*. Which Sir *Raph* sold^g the same to *John Wade* Gent. and his heirs. From whom, in 3 Eliz. it was pass'd^h by the name of the Mannour of *Barnakell*, to Sir *Rouland Heyward* Kt. and others; who soldⁱ it to *Over*, and *Phyneis*. But *Phyneis* releasing, *Over* pass'd^j the same away to *Richard Perkins*, by the name of the Mannour and capitall Messuage in *Barnakell*. Which *Richard*, in 14 Eliz. granted^k it to *Edw. Aglionby*. And, in 15 Eliz. the above mentioned *John Wade* joyn'd^l with the said *Perkins* in levying a Fine thereupon, by the name of the Mannour of *Barnakell*, 8 Messuages, and Acres of land lying in *Barnakell* and *Shilton*. Which *Edw. Aglionby*, by his deed^m dated 8 Maii, 32 Eliz. granted the reversion thereof, after the death of *Mary* his wife, unto *Mich. Feilding* and his heirs; who dying without issue, it descended unto *Basill Feilding*, late of *Petonham* Esq; his elder brother: which *Basill* settled the same upon *Roger Feilding*, his younger son, afterwards Knighted; whose son, *Basill*, now enjoys it.

b Pat. 12.
E. 2. p. 1.
m. 18. per
Inspec.

c Rot. de
Quo m.

d Reg. de
Leic. ut
supra.

e Reg. de
Coventre,
f. 204. b.

f 1b. f. 55.
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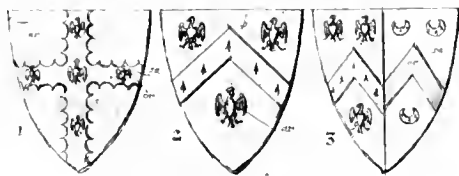
I Have now done with the Parish of **Bulkington**. The next Town in my designed order is **Shilton**, which the Earl of **Mellent** held^p in the Conq. time, *Wallef* being his tenant thereof, whose free-hold it was before the Norman invasion.

It then contained two hydes, having woods of two furlongs in length, and one in breadth, and was valued at xl *sol.* being in the general Survey then taken, written **Scelfstone**. I suppose, that it attended the succession of **Bernangre** for a long time, though I have not light enough from Record to manifest as much; for, in 8 H. 5. it appears, ^q that **John Beauchamp** of **Holt** dyed seized thereof, and that **Margaret** the wife of **John Pauncefort** was his daughter and heir. After which time, till 5 H. 8. have I seen no more of it; but then did **Raph Swillington** and **Alice** his wife pass^r it to **Richard** Bishop of **Winchester**, and others, though to what uses I know not. And, in E. 6. time, was **Thomas Essex** Esq; son of Sir **Thomas Essex** Kt. seized^f thereof.

This Village is now reputed to be a Parish of it self, whereas antiently it was of the Parish of St. **Michael** in **Cobentre**, and the Chappel here appropriated^h to the Priory of **Cobentre**. Howbeit the Inhabitants had^u not then liberty of sepulture in the Chappel-yard, which was made and consecrated by **Roger de Clinton** B. of **Cobentre**, with the permission of the Prior and Covent, but were enjoyn'd to bring the bodies of their dead to be buried at the Mother Church of **Cobentre**, the Curate being a Stipendiary^m to the Prior of **Cobentre**, and removable at his pleasure; having^x onely the small tythes assigned him for his Salary; which, in 26 H. 8. were valued at 5 *l.* per annum. It seems that the interest^p which the said Prior had here, was by Composition with the Canons of **Leicester**, forasmuch as this, with **Anty**, were antiently Chappels belonging to **Bulkington**, and given to the Monastery of **Leic.** by **Roger de Watervill**; for which the said Prior paid x *sol.* yearly to the Canons of **Leicester**.

Shilton

In the South windows of the Church,



Wolvey.

Northwards and somewhat by East from **Shilton**, lyes **Wolvey**, whereof **Alricus** the son of **Meriet** was posselt^x in **Edw.** the Conf: dayes: but after the Norman invasion it

came to the hands of **Robert de Veci**, with other Lands in the Counties of **Leic.** and **Lin.** and by the general Survey^a is certified to contain five hydes and a half, valued at 50 *s.* there being at that time a Church. In that Record^b it is written **Albessa**, taking its name originally (no doubt) from one **Ulf** or **Wulf**, whose seat it was in the Saxons time, and the Saxon word *haga*, which is the same with *domus*, the *g* being, for easiness of pronounciation, changed into *y* or *i*, and the *h* sometimes left out, and sometimes retained, as in 32 E. 1. may be observed.

To the posterity of this **Robert de Veci** it continued not: for, in H. 2. time, the Earl of **Warwick** had it, and enfeofft **Harecourt** thereof, it being part of those 7. Knights fees which **William E.** of **Warwick** in 12 H. 2. certified^c that **Ivo de Harecourt** then held of him *de veteri feoffamento*.

This **Ivo de Harecourt** disposed^d thereof (*inter alia*) to **Robert Basset** with **Beatrice** his sister in frank marriage, to hold and enjoy as freely, as he the said **Ivo** or his father ever held them: which **Robert** was^e of the family of **Basset** of **Riston** (now called **Ruthston**) in **Northamptonshire**, and a good Benefactor to the Monks of **Combe**; for he purchased^f a great part of **Wolvey** from **Thurbert** the son of **Hadhewlfus**, and gave^g it to that Monastery. By the consent^h of **Beatrice** his wife, he gave likewise thereunto C. acres of land lying in this Lordship, with pasture to the same belonging, which K. H. 2. also confirmedⁱ.

This **Robert Basset** had issue^k **Reginald**, who ratified^l to the Monks of **Combe** the said grant by his Father; in which confirmation it is expressed that those C. acres did lye, partly upon **Caldwellehull** on **Wolvey-heath**, and partly betwixt **Sandford** and **Grimeston** towards **Wallingstrete**; adding^m also of his own gift pasture for 500 Sheep upon **Wolvey-heath**. And likewise bestowedⁿ on them the Church of St. **John Bapt.** here at **Wolvey** of his patronage, with all lands, tythes, and obventions thereunto belonging. The one moytie whereof was appropriated^o to them by **Geffrey Muschamp** B. of **Cob.** and **Lich.** in K. **John's** time, at the request of the said **Reginald**; and the other^p, (by agreement betwixt the said **Reginald**, the Monks, and the said B.) made a Prebend to the Cathedral of **Lichfield**; whereof the said B. and his successours was to have the advowson. Which agreement was confirmed^q by Pope **Innocent** the 4. in the 8. year of his Papacy (34 H. 3.) as also by^r **Hubert** Archb. of **Canterb.** **William** Bishop of **Cobentre**, and^s the Prior and Covent of that Church. Other grants^t of land and rent, here in **Wolvey**, did the said **Reginald** make to them, which to particularize will not be much material; as also of lands in **Herbertbury**, whereof I shall say more when I come to that place.

Of this **Reginald** the first^u mention that I find in Record, is in 23 H. 2. In^v 4 and 5 R. 1. he was joyn'd with **Gilb. de Segrave** as substitute for **Hugh. Nuvant** Bishop of **Cobentre**, to whom the custody of these Counties was committed: but, afterwards, viz. for the 6, 7, 8, and 9. years of that K. reign, as also in 21 **Joh.** he had the sole charge of them himself, and accounted for them as Shirriff.

To

a Ex autog. in officio Amorum. To the Monks of **Wolby** he gave a Common of Pasture upon his Heath here at **Wolby**, viz. for their draught Oxen at **Copstone** with 5. Kine and a Bull; and to their tenants of that village Common of Pasture upon the same Heath for all kind of Cattle. As also 20. loads of Heath and Fern yearly to be cut upon the same Heath for those Monks; with liberty to their tenants of **Copston** to get Heath and Fern there yearly for fuel by the space of xv. days before Christmases, and for viii. days before Easter. And whereas the said tenants of **Copston** had wont, in consideration of the said common of Pasture and getting of fuel, to perform certain services to the same **Reginald** and his Father; viz. plowing twice a year, harrowing once, mowing and raking once; and in Harvest one man from every House to gather up Corn: as also from every House a Hen at Christmases, and ten Egges at Easter; the said **Reginald** for the health of his soul, and the souls of his Father, Mother, and Ancestors, released to them all those services.

b Rot. P. c 11 Joh. This **Reginald** seated himself here at **Wolby**, as by that grant appeareth; and had great suites with **Will. de Harecurt**, **Thomas de Astley**, and other Knights, that held of the Honour of **Leicester**: for, in 11. *Joh.* he gave two palfreys, that the cause might be heard before the King; wherein he got the better, as may seem by that Fine of CC. marks, payd into the Exchequer by the said **Tho. de Astley** the year following, *pro falso clamore*. But, having no Children, the issue of his two Sisters became his Heirs, viz. *Yvo de Dene*, and *Rob. de Leicester*. Which **Yvo** had his seat at **Dene** in the East part of **Northamptonshire**, but was highly devoted to these Monks of **Combe**, as may appear by his large concessions to them; first for pasturage for their Horses and Oxen that were employed in Tillage; and likewise for 12. Kine and a Bull in all places within **Wolby**, where his own Horses, Oxen, and Kine, or his Heirs, or others of the same town were to have pasture; as also liberty for them to dig turfe yearly with two men for six days. And moreover of his Mill here, with the Pool below his Mannour-house, and course of water thereto, excepting all the Fish but Eels, whereof the Monks were to have the one half. And afterwards, in further testimony of his bounty, bestowed on them his Mannour-house and whole Lordship of **Wolby**, with the homage and services of all that held thereof; which grants, not onely *Nich. de Dene*, son to the said **Yvo**, confirmed, but *Ric. de Harecurt*, Superior Lord of the Fee by descent from the before specified *Yvo de Harecurt*. So that now those Monks, having a Lordship here, which, in 4. 20. *H. 3.* and 20. *E. 3.* answered for a whole Kts. Fee, claimed in 13. *E. 1.* a Court-Leet and other Priviledges therein, whereof they had allowance: And in 18. *E. 1.* obtained a Charter of **Free-warren** in all their demesne lands here. And in 19. *E. 2.* the like for a **Mercate** every week upon the Wednesday, with a **Fair** yearly to last for three days; viz. the Even of **St. Mark** the Evang. and two days following.

Ex Car. ul. de Erington penes Th. Iolt. Eq. ur. & Bar. 74. b. But, leaving the Monks of **Combe** thus posselt of this Mannour, I shall now observe what I find otherwise memorable in **Wolby**; which is, that one Sir **Thomas de Wolvey** Knight had a fair estate here, and left issue *Joan* the wife of Sir **Henry de Erdington** (of whom in **Erdington** I

shall speak) and **Alice** of **Giles** the Son and Heir to **Andrew Lord Astley**, towards the latter end of *E. 1.* reign: upon which **Giles** and **Alice** and the Heirs of **Alice**, in 32. *E. 1.* he settled 37. mefs. three carucats with ten yard land and a half, lying in **Withpbroke** and this **Wolby** in the County of **War.** Three mefs. 1 carucat of Land, and 6. s. 6. d. rent in **Sisteneby**, and **Dleby** in **Com. Leic.** and 13. mefs. and 13. oxgangs of land in **Scakethorpe** and **Wotham** in **Com. Ebor**; reserving to himself and **Alice** his wife an estate for term of life in the aforesaid lands, paying yearly to the said **Giles** and **Alice** a Rose at the Feast of the Nativity of **St. John Bapt.** for all services. But all that I have seen further of him is, that being one of the Coroners in this County (an Office of great note in those days, as in **Wolston** I have shew'd) in 6. *E. 2.* he was grown so aged, and impotent to undergoe the same, that he had his Writ of ease. And that he bore for his Armes Or a **Lyon rampant sable**, as by his seal and other authorities appeareth: which Seal, being adorn'd, without the compass of the shield, with Castles, makes me suppose, that his paternal ancestours were of the family of **Castell**, residing at **Withpbroke**, hard by.

This **Alice**, the wife to **Giles de Astley**, surviving her Husband, was stiled *domina de Wolvey*, as by the institutions to the Chantry may be discerned; which Chantry she founded in 17. *E. 3.* in the Chappel of our Lady within this Parish-Church, endowing it with two mefs: and two yard land lying here in **Wolby**, for the maintenance of a Priest to sing Mass daily there for ever, for the good estate of her self whilst she lived, and for the health of her soul after she should depart this life: as also for the souls of her ancestors and heirs, and all the faithfull deceased. And left issue *Thomas Lord Astley* her son and heir; of whom, being to speak at large in **Astley**, I shall now say no more than what relates to this Lordship: which is, that he gave 1. mefs. and 36. acres of land lying therein, to the Prior and Coven of **Erdbury**, and their successors towards the maintenance of a Canon in that Monastery, to sing Mass daily for the good estate of him the said **Thomas** and **Eliz.** his wife; and of the same **Alice de Wolvey**, and **Andrew de Astley** whilst they lived; as also for the health of their souls after their departure hence; and for the souls of their heirs and ancestors, and all the faithfull deceased.

To which **Thomas** succeeded *William Lord Astley*, and **Giles** a younger son; which **William**, in 15. *R. 2.* gave to the said **Giles**, his Brother, and **Kath.** his wife, and to the heirs of their two bodies, this Mannour of **Wolby**, paying to the said **William** and his heirs a grain of Wheat onely, at the Feast of **St. John Bapt.** yearly for all services. Of which **Giles** all that I find memorable is, that, in 18. *R. 2.* (which was about three years after he became posselt thereof) by the consent of the Abbot of **Combe**, he admitted one *Will. de Scregham*, to the Hermitage upon **Wolby**-heath, there to live a Heremeticall life in the service of God, and to pray for the souls of him the said **Giles**, his ancestours, and all the founders and benefactors of the said Monastery of **Combe**. When this Hermitage was first founded appears not, but by what is exprest in that Instrument of his admission, it seems, that it stood

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ina solitary place upon **Wolbep**-heath, which long before that time, had been inhabited by Heremites.

d Ib.

In 1. H. 5. there was an Award^d made by **Reginald Grey**, Lord **Hastings**, **Weysford**, and **Ruthin**, and **Richard Crosby** Prior of **Coventre**, upon certain differences, which were at that time betwixt the Abbot of **Combe**, and the before mentioned **Giles**, touching the metes and bounds of their lands on **Wolbep**-heath, and concerning common of pasture, which the said **Giles** challenged in those C. acres of land long before granted to the Monks of **Combe** by **Rob. Bassett**, and **Reginald** his son (as is before exprest) and concerning the sole presentation to the Heremitage before specified, and commoning upon all that Heath: by which Arbitrators it was determined, that the said Abbot and **Giles** should present to the Heremitage in Common, and hold all the said Heath in Common, except the above mentioned C. Acres of land: But all that I further find^{*} of this **Giles** is, that he dyed at **Dunstable** upon the day of **St. Nicholas** the Bishop an. 1427. (6. H. 6.) After which, viz. in 16. H. 7. **Will. Astley** his great Grand-child presented^e one **John Iddezeard** to the Heremitage. From which **William** is **Giles Astley** Esq. now Lord of the same Mannour, descended.

* Inscrip. tumuli apud Astley.

e Ib.

Having thus deduced the succession of **Astley's** Mannour, I am next to take notice of what the **Templars** had here: Of which the first mention I find, is in the Shiriffs account f of 1. E. 2. after the seizure of the lands belonging to the **Templars** into the K. hands; wherein he certifies vii. s. Rent of Assize received at the Feast of the **Annunc.** of our Lady next before of certain Free-holders and Cottagers there; and xx. s. at the same terme for the Rent of a Water-mill and a Wind-Mill let to ferm at xl. s. per an. which possessions were anciently held by the **Templars** of **Alan la Zouch** by the fourth part of a Kts. Fee.

f Penes Cler. Pipe in Scac.

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That the **Templars** were suppressed, and how their lands came to the **Hospitalars**, I shall shew when I come to **Balshall** in **Hemlingford**-Hundred. And that the **Hospitalars** possessions came to the Crown in 31. H. 8. upon that great dissolution of the Monasteries is known sufficiently: at which generall deluge this Mannour of theirs in **Wolbep** was swept in, being then accounted as a Member^b of the Preceptorie of **Balshall** above-mentioned, and continued in the K. hands till 7.

h § Pat. 7. i § E. 6. p. 11.

E. 6. but was then grantedⁱ (inter alia) to **Edm. Aglionby** of **Balshall** Esq. and **Henry Hugford** of **Solthull** Gent. and their Heirs; which **Edm.** in 3. & 4. Ph. & M. aliened^k the same to **Thomas Marrow** Esq. who, the same year granted^l it to **Will. Newman**: of whom, in 3. Eliz. it was purchased^m by **Edmund Scarning** Esq. which **Edmund** dyedⁿ seized thereof 3. Apr. 1. Jac. leaving issue **Ezechias** his son and heir then aged 34. years.

Pat. 3. & 4. Ph. & M. p. 4.

m Pat. 3. Eliz. p. 8. n E. 6. 2. Jac.

Touching that Mannour, which belong'd to the Monks of **Combe**, I further find thereof this; that in 8. H. 6. it was granted by the then Abbot and Covent of that Monastery to **Humsfry** Earl **Stafford** and his heirs, the advouson of the Church with the lands in **Little-Copston**, belonging thereto, excepted.

Here it hapned, that K. **Edw. 4.** being surprized by **Ric. Nevill**, the stout E. of **Warwick**, was carryed away Prisoner to **Stoleham**-Castle in **Yorkshire**; the circumstances whereof I have briefly touched in my discourse of that Earl in **Warwick**.

In an. 1291. (19. E. 1.) the Church (dedicated to **St. John Bapt.**) was valued^o at xx. marks (the one moytie being then a Prebend of **Wichfield**) at which time the Vicaridge was rated, at 1. mark. But, in 26. H. 8. at 9 vi. l. vi. s. iiiii. d. over and above ix. s. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

o § M. S. in p. Scac.

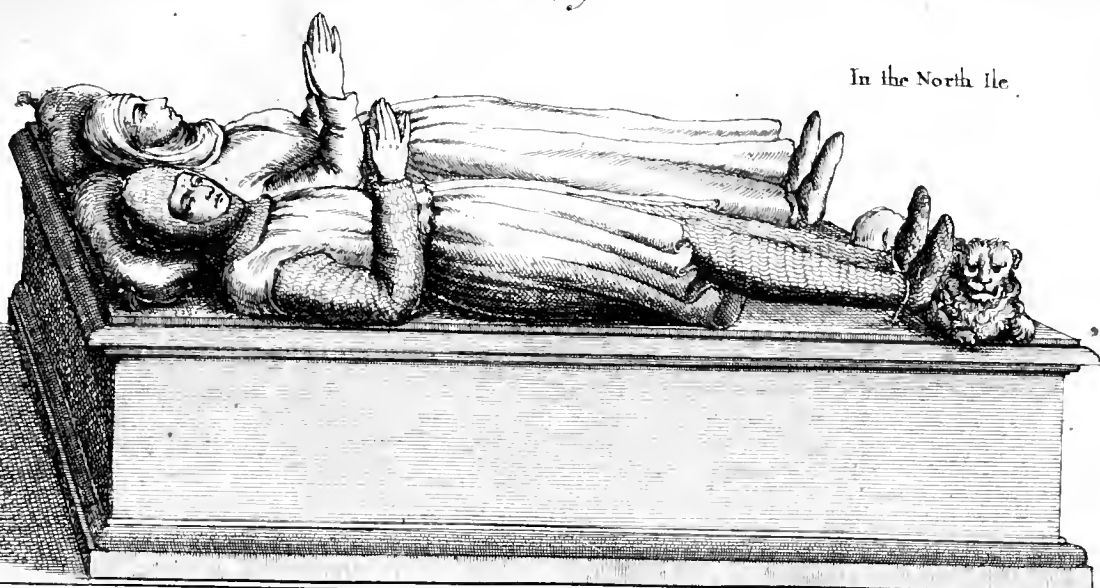
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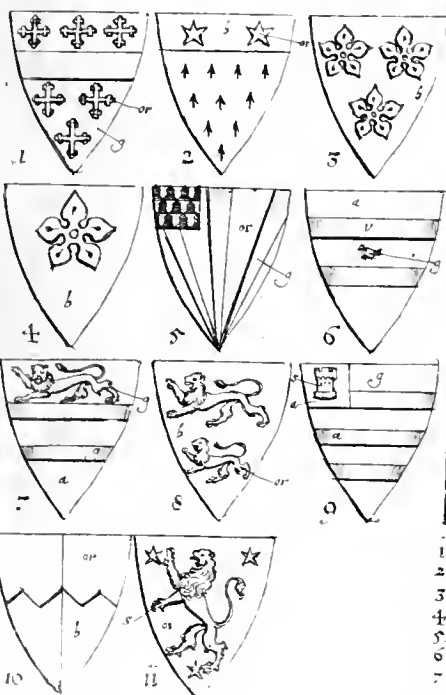
Abb. & Conv. de Cumba.	Hen. de Thurlauston Pbr. 3. Id. Febr. 1301.	Langt. f. 6. b.
	Joh. le Smith Pbr. 12. Kal. Nov. 1352.	Northb. f. 56. a.
D. Tho. Clerc. Canon. Eccl. Cath. Lich.	Joh. Osmunderley 31. Nov. 1429.	Heyw. f. 24. a.
Abb. & Conv. de Cumba.	Joh. Joykin Pbr. 14. Jan. 1438.	1b. f. 37. a.
Prebend. de Wolvey.	Ric. Blockley diac. 28. Nov. 1493.	Bowl. f. 140. b.
Abb. & C. de Cumba.	D. Rog. Wyldie Cler. 3. Febr. 1537.	Str. & P. f. 14. b.
VV. Marton Preb. de VVolvey in Eccl. Cath. Lich.	Ric. Palmer Cler. 10. Julii 1564.	Bentham bund. H.
Humsf. Perot de Belne in Com. VVigorn. Gen.	Geo. VVilcockson Cler. 10. Dec. 1619.	Morton bund. i. a. cert.

Wolvey

In the North Ile.



In the Church Windows.



In a South Window of the Church.



ALICIA UXOR EIVS

- 1 Beauchampe.
- 2 Clinton of Badley
- 3 Afley of Wolvey
- 4 Afley of Afley
- 5 Ballet of Saprole
- 6 Herthull
- 7 Burnaby

- 8 Erdington
- 9 Castrell
- 10 Perot
- 11 Wolvey.

In a North Window of the North Ile.



Dña Alicia de Wolvey que fecit fieri istam Capellam.

Copston-parva.

Northwards from **Wolvey**, and in the same Parish, lyeth **Little-Copston**, now a depopulated place, and known onely by the name of **Copston-Fields**; which originally had its denomination from one **Copsi**, possessor thereof in the Saxons time, as I guess; that being a name then in use: but in the Conq. Survey is there not any exprels mention thereof; so that I do conceive it was involved with **Wolvey**: for, in the beginning of H. 2. time, **Ivo de Harecurt** granted all his land in this place (together with **Wolvey**) unto **Rob. Bassett**, in frank marriage with **Beatrice** his Silter, as in **Wolvey** is shewed. Which **Robert**, very suddainly after, gave to the Monks of **Combe** one carucat of land here. In villa igitur mea, qua dicitur parva **Copston** (saith he) unam caruc: terra, &c. in perpetuam elemosinam dono. So that, it seems he was then owner thereof, which grant K. H. 2. confirmed.

Here was antiently a Chappel, as appears by

the Composition touching the Church of **Wolvey**, betwixt **G. Muschamp** B. of **Cobentre**, and the Abbot of **Combe** (34. H. 3.) whereof I have already spoken.

How it past from **Basset's** posterity I have not seen; but in H. 3. time, **Thomas de Asteley** had it: for, after he was slain in the battail of **Evesham** 49. H. 3. (as in **Afley** is shew'd) this, with the rest of his lands, being confiscate, was given by the K. to **Warine de Bassingburne**. But after the Decree called **Distum de Kenilworth**, whereby, they which were not slain in the battail, aswell as the posterity of those that lost their lives, were admitted to Composition for their forfeited estates. (as in **Kenilworth** is manifested) **Andrew de Afley**, son and heir to the said **Thomas**, past away this his village of **Little-Copston** with the appurtenances, to the Monks of **Combe** and their successors for ever, in consideration of CCCxx. marks sterling, which he received of them to redeem his lands so forfeited as hath been said. After which, viz. in 18. E. 1: the said Monks obtained a Charter of **Free-Warren** in all their demesn lands here; whose

d Pat. 50.
H. 3. m. 34.

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f Cart. 18.
E. 1. n. 2.

a Reg. de
Cumb. f.
31. a.

b Cart. 35.
H. 3. m. 12.
per Inspect.

c Reg. de
Cumb. f.
32. a.

whose possession it continued in till the dissolution of that Monastery.

Wibtoft.

I Now come to **Wibtoft**, a petty village, but eminent for its situation; for it lyeth in one of the Corners, where the two famous old Romane ways, viz. **Watlingstreet** and **Fosse** do meet: in which place once also stood a flourishing City of the Romans, called **Clepechester**, as the tradition goes; whereof I can say no more, than what **Mr. Camden**, in **Leicester-sh.** hath already spoken, the very foundations thereof being now, for the most part, turn'd up by the Plough and spade; and large stones, Roman-brick, with Ovens and Wells; nay Coins of Silver and Brasse, mixt with its ruins, frequently discovered; the earth, so far as it extended, being of a darker colour then the rest thereabouts; and of such rankness, that much of it hath been carryed by the Husbandmen to further distances, like Dung, to make the ground more fertile.

Upon the very thwarting of those two great ways, hath antiently stood some eminent **Cross**, which the Country people called **High-Cross**; but now, instead thereof is onely a pole bearing that name. That this was the station of the **Antonines-Itinerary**; yet nothing more can I say of it, time having worn out the memory of what else was memorable. But I return to **Wibtoft**.

Though it lye in this County, yet is it in the Parish of **Clepeboke** in **Leicester-sh.** and hath a Chappel dedicated to our Lady (viz. to her Assumption.)

The first mention I find of it, is 60. years and more before the Conquest. for **Ulfrie Spot**, a potent man in those days (and founder of **Burton-Abby** in **Stafford-sh.**) gave it by his Will to one **Athelric**, for life, and afterwards to the said Monastery of **Burton**. But, in the *Conq.* time, it was posselt by the Earl of **Mellent**, and in the generall Survey then taken, written **Wibetof**, **Willep** being joyn'd therewith; both which were the freehold of **Sævi** in **Edw.** the Conf. days. After which, ere long, was **Ernald de Bois** enfeofft thereof, with **Clifton**, **Bulkinton**, &c. whereof I have already spoke: for not only an Extent of Knightsfees in 55. *H.* 3. shews, that they were then held jointly of the E. of **Warwick** by 4. Kn. fees; but the possession hereof continuing in the family of **Boys**, and afterwards to **Zouch**, as most of the other did, argues no less.

And I find, that the grant of **Raph Araby** made to the Abby of **Leic.** of 7. mels, 10. crofts, 5. yard land and a half, and one mill lying here, was confirm'd by the same **Ernald**; wherein the Abbot claimed a **Court-leet** and the like Priviledges that he did in **Bulkinton**, and had allowance of them. As also, that the same year, scil. 13. *E.* 1. the Priorels of **Eaton** purchased one mels: and 120. acres of land, lying in this place, of **Gilbert de Houby** (a great man in **Leicester-sh.**) But further can I not speak thereof, than that, in the line of **Zouch** it continued (as by the severall authorities I have vouch't in **Bulkinton** appeareth) till **Edw.** Lord **Zouch**, in our Fathers memory, past it

away, as he did the substance of his antient inheritance.

Willey.

Following **Watlingstreet**, I next come to **Willey**, joyn'd with **Wibtoft** in the *Conq.* Survey; both which, being then held by the E. of **Mellent**, and containing 3. hides, were valued at 4. l. But the first mention that I after meet withall of this place, is in 26. *H.* 2. where **Robert de Wilega** (for so he is there written) paid 3. marks to have a tryall in the K. Court against **Simon de Verdon** for this Village; From the E. of **Mellent**, it came to the E. of **Warwick** (as most of **Mellent's** lands in this County did) and was granted to **Hastings** by one of those antient Earls, as may seem by severall Inquisitions from whom the ancestours to **Turville**, and **Herdebergh** were at first enfeofft, **Robert de Wilega** being one of those families, and called **de Wilega** whilst he resided here, and **de Herdeberg** when he dwelt at **Herdeberg** (now called **Harbozough-magna** in this County) for such kind of alteration of names was usuall enough in old time, as I could manifest, if need were. But what I find memorable in generall, touching this family of **Herdebergh**, I purpose to declare when I come to **Great-Harbozough** before mentioned, where I have inserted a Scheme of their descent; and therefore here I shall chiefly take notice of them as in relation to this place; for I have circumstance enough to satisfy me, that **Herdebergh** had the principall interest and not **Turville**, though **Turville** had part.

In 33. *H.* 3. there was a tryall betwixt **Roger de Herdebergh** and the Abbot of **Preaur** (in **Normandy**) touching the Church here, in respect of the right that the said Abbot claimed therein, by reason of the Cell at **Warminster** in this County, of the E. of **Warwick's** foundation, which was subordinate to that Monastery of **Preaur**; upon which suit, it seems, that the Abbot of **Preaur** recovered the same: for it appears, by the Institutions, that he presented thereto. To which **Roger de Herdebergh** succeeded **Hugh**, that held this Mannour, immediately, of **Hastings**, and had issue **Roger**; who dying in the life time of his Father, left onely two Daughters; **Ela**, the elder, within age in 14. *E.* 1. married to **Will. le Boteler** of **Wenme** in **Com.** **Salop**; and **Isabel** to by whom she had issue **Dionysia** that dyed Childless; and **Alice** wedded to **John de Peyto**; which **John** and **Alice** in 7. *E.* 3. settled the one moytie of this Mannour upon the issue of their two Bodies, and for default thereof upon the said **William le Boteler**, and the heirs of his Body, with remainder to the right heirs of **Ela**. And the other moytie, after the decease of them the said **John** and **Alice**, unto the said **William** with the like remainder. By which means it descended to **Edmund le Boteler**, son to the said **Will.** and **Ela**, as the descent doth manifest; which **Edm.** (being a Priest) dyed 49. *E.* 3. whereupon his Sisters became his heirs to the estate; whereof **Dionysia** the eldest married to **Hugh Cokesey**, and had issue Sir **Walter Cokesey** Kt., unto whom Sir **Fonke Pembruge** Kt., and **Margaret** his Wife, Daughter and heir of **Ida** (or **Idonea**) the second Sister of the said **Edmund**, by **William Trussell** of **Dolham**,

o Rot. P.
26. H. 2.

Efc. 52.
H. 3.
Efc. 9.
E. 2.

q Pat. 33.
H. 3. in
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Pl. de
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Term.
M. 14.
E. 1.
R. 44.

Pl. de
Banco
Term.
Mich.
5. E. 3.
R. 484.

a F. levat
xv. Mich.
7. E. 3.

Efc.
49. E.
3. p. 1.
n. 17.
Rot. F.
50. E.
3. m.
22.

g Regist. de
Burton pe-
nans Will.
D. Paget.
h Domesday
lib.

i Efc. 50.
H. 3.

k Reg. Abb.
Leic. in
Bibl. Cot-
ton. f. 21.
a.
l Pat. 12;
E. 2. p. 1.
m 8. per
Inspec.
n Rot. de
Q. war.
13. E. 1.
o F. levat.
Off. Mich.
13. E. 1.

Hugo de Herdebergh.

Rog.^{de} Herdebergh.



Henw. f. 35.b. Pr. & Conv. de Tho. Wyssowe Cap. 3. Julii
 WWitham ord. 1437.
 Caribus.
 Ib. f. 39.a. Frater Alanus Thoresby Pbr.
 19. Junii 1440.
 Ib. f. 41.b. Idem Pr. & Conv. Will. Newton Pbr. 17. Maii
 1443.
 Ib. f. 43.a. Joh. Gybbons 25. Feb. 1445.
 Str. & P. f. 17.a. D. Matth. Lowder Cap. 8.
 17.a. Oct. 1539.
 Sampf. f. 41.b. D. Rex. D. Joh. Hammer Cler. 14.
 Dec. 1546.
 Sampf. & B. f. 11.a. Ph. & M. Rex & Will. Glenton Cler. 14. Dec.
 Regina. 1557.
 Overton Eliz. Regina. Jac. Pouye Cler. 11. Dec.
 Bnd. C. 1602.

Monkskirby.

Southwards of **Willepe**, and bounded by **Wal-**
lingstreet, lyes that great Parish of **Monks-**
kirby, containing ten petty villages, or hamlets,
 besides the town it self; viz. **Wobhurst**, **Stret-**
eton, **Stretton-subm-Josse**, **Walton**, **Es-**
enhull, **Payllington**, **Petbold-Revell**, **Copst-**
magna, **Pelunham Pador** and **Cester-Dver**, ex-
 tending it self to the North-west bank of **Swiff**,
 as the map sheweth. Beginning therefore with
 the town of **Kirby** it self, I am in the first place
 to take notice of what hath been observed to me
 by my worthy friend **Sam. Roper Esq.** (a Gentle-
 man learned and judicious, and singularly well
 seen in Antiquities, from whom I do acknowledge
 to have received much light for the furtherance of
 this work) viz. certain apparent tokens, that the
 Romans had some station here: for, by digging
 the ground near the Church, he hath met with
 foundations of old Walls, and Roman bricks,
 part whereof I my self have seen; as also 3. or 4.
 heaps of earth in an adjoining pasture apparent-
 ly manifesting themselves to be Monuments of Se-
 pulture for some Military persons in those days;
 which badges are sufficient to satisfy, that it hath
 been a place of note many hundreds of years
 since. And it may very well be, that those mate-
 rials for building, by reason of the ruins before
 mentioned, so ready at hand, became a special
 motive to that renowned Lady **Ethelfleda** * (so
 much taken notice of by our old Historians, and
 stiled *Merciorum Domina*; to begin the stru-
 cture of this place: for in the year of Christ 917.
duas urbes, Eyricebyrig, viz. & Meadby-
rig, post natiuitatem Domini adificauit, saith mine
 Author. And that this is the same and no other,
 though the appellation it now hath, viz. **Kirby**,
 found not like it, I shall sufficiently manifest;
 First, by observing, that **Eyrice**, with the Saxons,
 was the same that after-ages called **Wirk**, and we
 now **Church**; and that **Byrig** in our old English
 signifieth *Civitas* or *Burgum* in Latine; which, be-
 ing now changed into **Wye**, alters not the mean-
 ing of the word, inasmuch as **Wye** with the
 Saxons is no other than *habitatio* in Latine: nei-
 ther is it out of use with us at this day in that
 sense, those orders and rules that are usually made
 in our Court-Barons being called **Wye-Laws**, *id*
est Town-Laws, *Byan* the Verb in the Saxon
 tongue signifying to dwell.

This place, with **Petbold** = *super Abon*;

Petbold-Revell, **Long-Lawford**, **Wapenburg**,
Hampton-in-Arden, **Swistoke**, **Bentley**, **Woun-**
der, **Cester-Dver**, **Pelunham-Pador** and **Hops-**
ford, all belonging to **Leuwinus**, a Saxon, before
 the Norman Conquest; as also great possessions
 in the Counties of **Southampton**, **Wilt.** **Dev.** and
Lin. was, in that generall distribution made by
Will. the Cong. amongst his friends and follow-
 ers, given to one **Geffrey Wirce** of **Little Biltan-**
ny in **France**, and of the family assuming that
 name from the territory there, called **Guerche** ad-
 joyning to **Anjou**; who then came into **Eng-**
land and assisted in the Conquest thereof,
 and, probably, with **Aland Fergant**, eldest Son
 to the D. of **Wiltamp**: for it appears by the
 testimony of a good Historian, that divers per-
 sons of quality in that Province, whereof he
 names some, accompanied him: as also, that
 a third part of the Conquerours Army was
 commanded by the same **Alan**, who had the
 Earldome of **Richmond** given him as a re-
 ward for his service.

This **Geffrey** bore a great respect unto the Mo-
 nastery of **St. Nicholas**, founded at **Anglers** (the
 principall City of **Anjou**, in the year 1020. to
 the honour of **St. Nich.** Archb. of **Plce**, **St. Hie-**
rome, and **St. Lazarus** whom Christ so loved:
 For by his deed, bearing date here at **Kirby** the
 xii. year of **K. William's** reign, he gave thereunto
 both land and tythes out of divers Lordships here
 in **England**, whereof he was posselt by the **Conq.**
 favour; and in particular to the Church of this
Kirby, which he found decayed, and rebuilt, de-
 dicating it to the honour of the blessed Virgin and
St. Dennis; which singular munificence occasion-
 ed the Monks of **Anglers** to send over part of
 their Covent hither, making it a Cell subordinate
 to that foreign Monastery; whereby it became
 one of those we usually call **Wytowes-alien**, and
 thereupon had the name of **Monkskirby**.

By the generall Survey this Lordship was cer-
 tified to contain xv. hides, there being two Priests
 here at that time, who held xxi. carucats of land.
 [These were **Frans** and **Osgot**, as I guess, men-
 tioned in the before specified Charter.] All which
 then extended to x.l. value, whereof the Monks
 of **St. Nicholas** had two Carucats in demesne, and
 vi. bord. holding v. more; and in that Record
 it is written **Chirchberpe**, which gives fur-
 ther illustration to what I have said already
 touching the name. Howbeit of the said **Geffrey**
Wirce have not I seen any thing else memorable:
 nor do I find that he had any Children; so that
 I most incline to believe, that, dying, without
 issue, his possessions in **England** returned to the
 Crown; for all in this and the before cited Coun-
 ties, came to the hands of **Nigel de Albani**, Pro-
 genitor to the **Moubray's**, by the grant of **K.**
H. 1. whose possessions in this Shire, by that
 means, and by marriage of **Segrave's** Daughter
 and heir were of no small extent.

But, returning to this ancient Monastery, I find,
 that **Nigel de Mulbray**, Grand-child to **Nigel de**
Albani, made a generall confirmation unto the
 Monks here, of all the lands, tythes, and other his
 possessions, which had been given to them by his
 Ancestors in divers particular Mannours there ex-
 prest; and in all others, as the grants of **Geffrey de**
Wirce, **Nigel** his Grand-Father, and **Roger** his
 Father witnessed. I am of opinion, that the be-
 fore specified **Nigel de Albani** gave all the rest of
 this

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 de plu-
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 lustres
 de Bre-
 tagne
 per Aug.
 du pair.
 p. 745.

Hist. de
 Britannie
 per... d'Ar-
 gentre Cap.
 100.

Chron.
 Abb. S. Nic.
 apud An-
 giers.

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 tog. in bibl.
 Cotton.

m. Domest.
 n. day lib.

Regist.
 Abb. de
 Furneise.
 part. 2.

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* She was
 Daughter
 to **K. Al-**
fred and
 wife to a
 noble per-
 son called
Ethelred,
 to whom
 the **K.** her
 Father
 gave **Mer-**
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 taining di-
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 ties of this
 Realm.

a. f. Mal.
 b. f. 24.a.
 n. 10.

c. Ingulph.
 hist. f. 495.
 b. n. 30.

d. R. Ho-
 ved. 239.b.

e. Marian.
 Scot. hist.
 M. S. in
 bibl. Bod.
 in an. 917.

f. Domest.
 g. day lib.

this Lordship to those Monks: for in that confirmation made to them by *Rog. de Sutevill* of what his ancestors had given in *Penbold* (*id est, Penbold super Abon*) he makes mention, that they had possessions there in the time of *Geoffrey Wirce*; and that *Nigel de Albani* augmented the same, by grant of certain lands and other benefits. But all that I have seen of any further grants thereunto in this County, is certain common of pasture on *Molbey-heath*, and in *Little-Copston* by *Reginald Bassett* of *Molbey*; and of a yard land in *Rokeby* by *Sir Henry Rokeby* Kt. of both which I have spoke more fully in my discourse of those places.

In *Leicestersh.* I find, that *Hugh de Rampaine* gave unto them 7 oxgangs of land, with the capital Mess: of *Birkby super Wreke*; which grant *Will. de Molbrai*, who was superiour Lord of the fee there, confirmed. And that *Geoffrey Trussell* gave them the Church of *Sharnesford* in the same County; whereof *Will. Bassett* added his ratification. After which, viz. in K. John's time, *Geoffrey Muschamp* B. of *Cobentre*, confirmed to them that which by his Predecessours had been granted, viz. the Church of *Birkby*, with the Chappel of *Moldebzoc*, so that they should hold the same appropriat to their own benefit; as also 3 marks of silver yearly out of the said Chappel of *Moldebzoc* in the name of a pension. And ratified to them the Church of *Wapenbury*, with the Chappel of *Bunningham*, so that they should receive xx s. yearly out of the same, and a stone of wax in the name of a pension: and likewise the Church of *Penbold*; that is to say, two parts thereof to their proper use; and to the third, that the Prior of *Birkby* should present a fit Clerk to the Bishop.

Being therefore thus plentifully endowed, they obtained, in 50 H. 3. a Charter for a weekly *Perceate* upon the Wednesday, with a *Faître* yearly to begin on the even of the feast of St. *Joh. Bapt.* and to continue 3 days: but the Wednesday *Perceate*, after a while, being not found so convenient, they procured K. E. 1. in 33 of his reign, to alter it for Tuesday, at which time he likewise granted to them *Free-warren* in all their demein lands of *Monkskirby*, *Walton*, *Penbold-Pauntun*, and *parva Herdebergh*, with view of *Frank-plege* of all their Tenants in these and other places within this County: as also in *Birkby super Wreke* in *Leicestersh.* with tryal of Malefactors and Weyfs: In consideration whereof, they were to pay to the King, his heirs and successors, v marks yearly. Which Mannour of *Birkby super Wreke* was by these Monks in 14 E. 2. granted to *Roger Beler*, and *Alice* his wife, and to the heirs of their two bodies; paying yearly to them and their successors viii marks, vi s. viii d. at the feasts of St. *Michael* and *Easter* by even portions.

What else is memorable, relating to this Monastery, remains now to be spoke of as it was a *Priory-alien*, viz. first of its sundry seizures made by the King, and next of its dissolution. Of which seizures, haoning by reason of our wars with *France*, as in *Walton* hath been shewed; the first that I have seen authority for, was in 18 E. 1. for, by an Indenture bearing date on the feast day of St. *Mathew* the Apostle, in that year it appears that *Rob. de Sottewell* and *Rog. de Belegeave*, to whom the lands and tenements of the said *Priories-Alien* in the Countyes of *War.* and *Leic.* were by the K. precept committed, did, upon certain conditions and agreements, deliver to the Prior of *Birkby* the said Monastery, with what thereto belonged, and

the stock upon the ground, all prized at estimable rates; In which Indenture, amongst other things it is observable, that Wheat was then rated at vi s. a quarter, Rye v s. Barly iii s. Beans and Pease ii s. viii d. Oats ii s. Swans at iii s. iii d. a peice, and Ducks at i d.

After which, viz. in 14 E. 3. the K. having again made the like seizure, and committed the custody of this, with the other Cels subordinate to the Monastery of St. *Nich.* at *Angiers*, unto their Procurator general in *England* for a certain sum of money, to be yearly paid into his Exchequer at *Michaelmas* and *Easter* by even portions, did, in consideration that the said Procurator should make payment thereof at the feasts of the *Nativ.* of St. *Joh. Bapt.* and St. *Mich.* together with the Tenths granted to the said K. by the Clergy, so far forth as concerned those Cels, restore the same unto the Abbot of the Monastery of St. *Nich.* before specified. But in 50 E. 3. the custody thereof was disposed to Sir *Cannon Rybussard* Kt. to hold from the feast of St. *Mich.* th' Archangel then next following, during the continuance of the wars with *France*, paying xl l. yearly into his Exchequer. Which Sir *Cannon* was onely to have the same benefit of Rent and other advantages as the Mother Monastery at *Angiers* before spoken of, in times of peace usually had: For, upon an Extent in 1 R. 2. it appears, that all the lands belonging thereto were then valued at CCxx l. iii s. iii d. per annum.

But so much were the Monks incumbered by these seizures, and appointment of secular persons to have the rule over them, that, in consideration of a good sum of money in hand, they made a Lease to the said Sir *Cannon Robsart* of all their lands for 25 years. And the superiour House beyond Sea, likewise discerning themselves so set aside, as to the receiving any advantage from hence, made their addresles to *Thomas Moubrey* E. of *Nottingham*, and Earl Marshal of *England*, offering to quit their interest here to him, upon easy terms.

Which Earl, having in 20 R. 2. obtained liberty to found a Religious House of *Carthusian* Monks at *Eppelworth*, or where else he thought fit within the Isle of *Arholme* in *Lincolns.* procured the K. Letters Pat. of licence for the Abbot and Covent of St. *Nich.* at *Angiers* before specified, to grant this their Priory of *Monkskirby*, with the Mannours of *Penbold super Abon*, *Copston* and *Walton* to the same belonging: As also the advousons of the Churches and Vicaridges of *Birkby-monach.* *Penbold super Abon*, *Witthibzoke*, *Wapenbury* and *Sharnesford*, with their pensions, unto the said Monastery of *Carthusians* for ever. Whereupon *John*, son and heir to Sir *Can. Robsart* (the Lessee before specified) by his deed bearing date upon Easter eve, 20 R. 2. releas'd to the King, and to *John de Moreby*, Prior assigned of the then late founded House of *Carthusians* to the honour of the *Visitation of the Mother of God* in the Isle of *Arholme*, all his right and title in this Priory. But no sooner did H. 4. come to the Crown, than that the *Priory-alien* began to find much favour: for in the Parl. held an. 1. of his reign, taking into consideration the losses and inconveniences that had befallen them by the frequent seizure of their lands, and ferming them out in the time of his Grandfather K. E. 3. whereby not onely they had suffered great decay in their buildings; but that the worship of God in that regular way, Hospitality, Alms, and other charitable works, antiently establisht and there accustomed to be performed, were withdrawn, as also the pious desires of the Founders thereby

Rot. F. 14. E. 3. m. 19.

Rot. F. 50. E. 3. m. 16.

Extent. terr: Pri: alien: penes Remem: Regis in Scac.

Rot. F. 14. R. 2. m. 19.

Pat. 20. R. 2. p. 2. m. 14.

Pat. 19. R. 2. p. 2. m. 2.

Clau. 3. H. 4. p. 1. m. 7. in dorso.

thereby defrauded (as the words of the Pat. do import) did by the advice of his Council in that Parliament, restore^t to the said Abbot of St. Nich. at Angiers, the patronage and advowson of those Religious Houses in England, which were subordinate to that Monastery, to have and to hold to him and his successors, so that they should present fit persons to them upon the vacancies that might happen.

Howbeit, this favour of K. H. 4. was not long enjoy'd by them: for K. H. 5. reciting the licence granted by K. R. 2. for founding the said House of Carthusians in the Isle of Arholme; and the power then given to the Monks at Angiers to pass away this Priory of Monk Kirby, with the appurtenances thereunto, as aforesaid; by his Letters Pat. dated at Westm. 28 Junii, 3 of his reign, confirmed the same. Whereupon the said Carthusians, being thus possessed hereof, obtained of K. E. 4. in 8 of his reign, a confirmation^m of those privileges granted to the Prior of Monk Kirby by K. E. 1. in 33 of his reign before specified, extending into all their lands there named, which they enjoy'd therewith till that fatal overthrow of the Religious Houses in K. H. 8. time; when some, being corrupted with temporary profit, and others through terrour, were brought to surrender their Monasteries into the K. hands, the said Prior and Cov. of Carthusians did, not onely give up theirs, but levied a Fine^e thereof; as also of all the possessions belonging thereto; and in particular of this Mannour of Monk Kirby, with the rest of the Mannours, Lands, &c. appertaining to it. Which stay'd not long in the Crown; for the same year was it granted away by the King to Thomas Mannyng, late Prior of the Monastery of Watlington in Suffolke, then newly made Bishop of Ipswich D. of Suff. and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, to be held in capite by the tenth part of a Kts. fee, and the yearly rent of ix l. xiii s.

After which, viz. in 37 H. 8. the K. granted unto Trinity Coll. in Cambridge the Rectory of Monk Kirby, with the tythes, and certain lands, rents, &c. lying in Monk Kirby and the other Villages adjacent, formerly belonging to the before specified Carthusians, to hold to them and their successors in pure alms.

From which Duke this Mannour of Monk Kirby, with the rest before mentioned, devolved to Henry Grey D. of Suff. in right of Frances his wife, daughter of the said Charles, and one of the sisters and co-heirs to Henry Brandon D. of Suff. From whose death the said Frances held it during her life; and dyed 2 Eliz. leaving the Lady Kath. and Lady Mary Grey; daughters to the aforesaid Duke, her heirs; viz. Katherine 19. and Mary 13 years of age. Which Kath. being wedded to Edw. Seymour E. of Hertford, had issue Edw. Lord Beauchamp, that dyed in his fathers life time, father to Will. now Marq. of Hertford, who sold this Mannour to the right honourable Mary Countess of Buck. in our memory (paternally, through that antient and noble family of the Beaumonts of Colcopton in Leicestersh. descended from the Kings of France, as is well known.) Which Mary settled it upon Basil Lord Feilding (now E. of Denbigh) her Grand-child, with divers remainders.

In an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) the Church (dedicated to St. Edith) was valued^s at xxxiii marks; and

in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge^t at xxii l. ix s. 6 d. the Taxation or Ordination whereof was made in an. 1237. (21 H. 3.) as appears by the original Instrument^m. Which Vicaridge, being but of small worth, had an augmentation made thereunto by the bounty of the Lady Aliza, one of the daughters of Sir Robert Dudley, as in Manchester I have particularly shewed.

As this Parish is spacious, so is the present fabric of the Church very large, though of no antient building; having a tall Spire for a landmark over all the Country; which was more eminent than now it is, till the Inhabitants within our memory, to save charges in repairing, pulled down above xx foot of it.

Patroni Prioratus.

Priores de Kirby.

Ric. de Cornubia, temp. H. 2.
Frat. Defensor. 35 H. 3.
Petrus Franciscus monach. 8 Febr. 1314.
Will. Eisnelle monach. 6 Id. Junii, 1326.
Guil. de S. Clemente monach. 10 Kl. Jul. 1335.
Mauricius Aubere Pbr. Id. Nov. 1350.
Oliverus de Desertis, mon. Id. Sept. 1353.
Frat. Willielmus prid. Non. Jun. 1358.

Ex autogr. penes S. A. eq. aur. f. 38. b. u in curia Augmentac.

Abb. & Conv. S. Nich. Andegav.

Patroni Vicaria.

Incumbentes.

Ric. de Suham Cler. 1252.
Helias de Staunford Pbr. 16 Julii, 1304.
Ric. de Paylington Pbr. 8. Id. Sept. 1308.
Joh. Wylmot Cap. 11. Kl. Junii, 1316.
Joh. de Lewes Diac. 11. Kl. Oct. 1342.
Rob. de Stretford Pbr. 3. Non. Oct. 1346.
Ric. de Wylie Pbr. 5. Id. Nov. 1350.
VWill. de Walton Pbr. 7. Id. Apr. 1354.

Ex autogr. penes D. & Cap. Lich. Langt. f. 7. a. lb. 29. b. lb. f. 40. b. Northb. f. 40. a. lb. f. 44. b. lb. f. 53. b. lb. f. 58. a.

Edw. Rex Angl. ratione temp. Pr. de Kirby in manu sua existen.

Prior & Conv. de Kirby.

VWill. Stoneley Pbr. 23. Aug. 1361.
Rob. Grafton Pbr. 8. Id. Jan. 1361.
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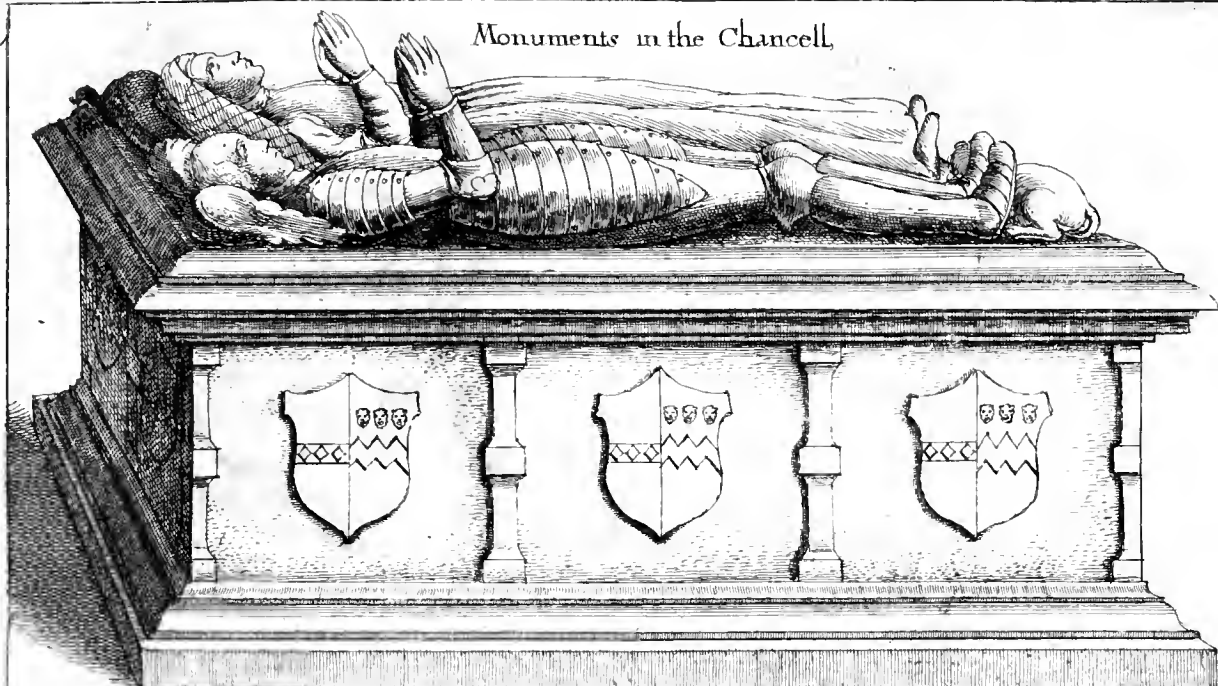
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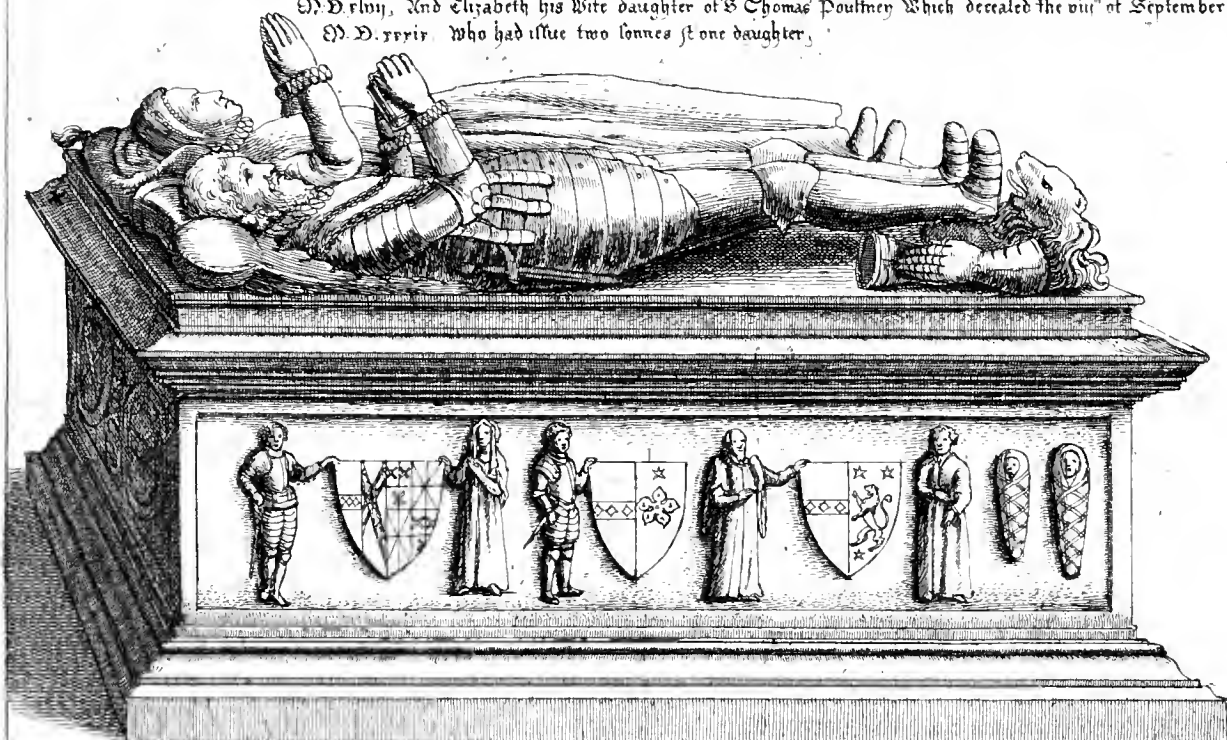
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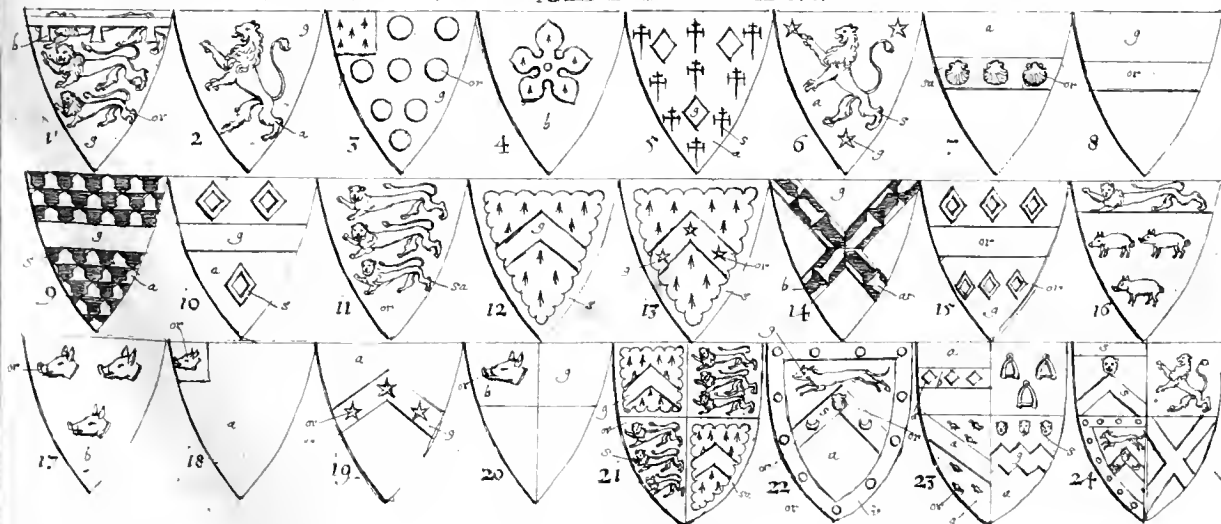
Monuments in the Chancell



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M D cxiij And Elizabeth his Wife daughter of S^r Thomas Poultney Which deccased the viiith of September
M D cxxix Who had issue two sonnes & one daughter



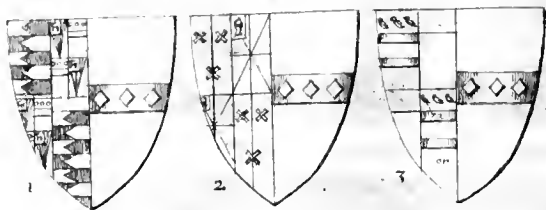
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our lord God M D lxxv. Whom we hope rest in my. Armes in the Church windows.



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| 1 Earle of Lancaster | 5 Wolvey | 9 Bracebridg | 13 Revell | 17 |
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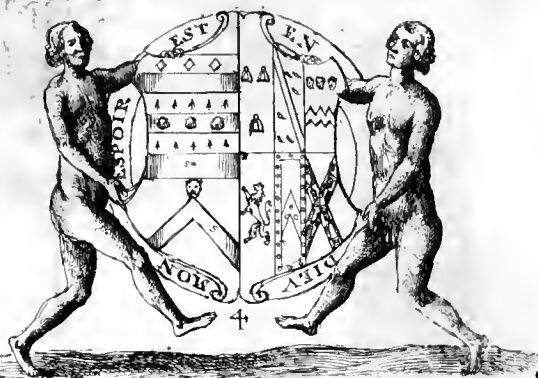
Monkeskirby.

On the North Side of Basill Fieldings monument, express on the last page are these Armes.



1. Peto empaling Feilding
2. Lure empaling Feilding
3. Aplinby empaling Feilding
4. Feilding wth his quarterings.

On the east end of the same Monument,



Brock-hurst.

THis Hamlet, being parcel of the Mannour of **Monkeskirby**, takes its name from the situation thereof upon that bank or **hurst** by the Brook, which runneth a little Eastward from the Church; but of it there is little mention in Record, other than that the Kts fee, which the Prior of **Kirby** held of the Lord **Moubray**, did extend into this place.

Efc. 35
E. 3. p.
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Stret-Aston.

THis, being also part of the Mannour of **Monkeskirby**, lyeth Eastward from the **Fosse** (commonly called the **Street**) and thence hath its denomination. In the same Records where mention is made of **Brockhurst**, is there also of this, and in no other that I have seen; it being written **Stred-Aston**, and **Stroderston**, as well as **Stret-Aston**.

Stretton subtus Fosse.

THis hath its name from the **Street** way also, below which it lyes, and was originally a member of **Petebold-Revel**; and so being possessed by the family of **Revell**, descended by a daughter and heir to **Malory**; and from **Malory** by the like means to **Cave**, and so to **Andrews** and **Boughton**, as the descent in **Petebold-Revel** sheweth: for in 37 H. 8. **Thomas Andrews** Esq; levied a Fine thereof; and in 8 Eliz. it was found, that **Margaret Boughton** (one of the daughters and coheirs of **Edw. Cave**) dyed seized of it, leaving **Edw.** her son and heir, 21 years of age.

Walton.

OF this Village I have not seen any thing in Record till 19 E. 1. it being antiently reputed as parcel of **Monkeskirby**, and the substance thereof belonging to the Priory there. That which is then mentioned thereof, is upon the payment of a Tenth to the Pope by all the Monasteries, as well as Churches, in **England**: at which time it

was certified that the Prior of **Kirby** had 4. carucats of land here. But the particulars I shall not stand to mention, forasmuch as the authorities, which I have voucht in **Monkeskirby** will manifest, that it being therewith granted to the House of **Carthusians** in **Asholme**, came at length to the Crown, and so attending the possession of that Lordship (I mean of **Kirby**) ever since, is now in the Earl of **Denbigh**'s hands.

e Cod. MS
in Scac. penes
Re-
mem. R.

Esenhull.

THis place taketh its name (I presume) from the situation, standing Eastwards from **Monkeskirby**, and upon a rising ground; but was originally a member of **Petebold-Revel**: So that passing from **Revel** to **Malory**, and **Malory** to **Cave**, by heirs general (as the descent in **Petebold-Revel** sheweth) it came at length by purchase to Sir **Walter Smyth** of **Whitford** Kt; who dyed & seized thereof in 1 Mar. Since which, by force of that conveyance whereof I have spoke in **Whitford**, it was possessed for a time by the **Littletons**; but eschacted to the Crown with that Lordship.

[Rot. penes
S. Clerke
Bar.

Efc. 1. M.

Paylington.

OF this Village I have not seen any thing before H. 3. time; and then I find, that **Will. de Turewill** was Lord thereof; for so he writes himself, bearing for his Arms gules 3 chevrons vary. From which **Will.** descended **Nich.** who, in 25 E. 1. was certified to hold here and in **Herdebertwe** half a Kts. fee of the E. of **Lanc.** **Hugh de Herdebergh**, and **John de Charnells**, holding at the same time each of them the 4 part of a Kts. fee here.

b Ex' col-
lect. Will.
Burton.

i Efc. 25.
E. 1. n. 51.

To this **Hugh de Herdebergh** succeeded **Isabella de Hulle** in the possession of what he had here; and to her **Dionysia** and **Alice** her daughters and heirs (as the descent in **Will.** sheweth) betwixt whom partition being made of these and other lands in 17 E. 2. all that they had in this place was allotted to **Alice**, then the wife of **John de Peyto**. It seems, that the residue, or a great part thereof, was antiently obtained by the **Revells** of **Petebold**: for, in 32 E. 1. **Will. Revell** had **Freswarren** granted to him in all his demesne lands here. From which family it descended by an heir female unto **Malory**; and so to **Cave**; and from **Cave** to **Andrews** and **Boughton**,

k Claus. 12.
E. 2. m. 27.

as the descent in **Petebold-Rebell** sheweth. For in 37 H. 8. **Tho. Andrews** Esq; levied a Fine thereof: and, in 8 Eliz. **Margaret Boughton** dyed & seized of it, leaving **Edw.** her son and heir 21 years of age.

Within the precincts of this Village were 4 mess. and 4 carucats of land, whereof **Walter Hopson** Esq; dyed & seized in 1 E. 4. leaving **Eliz.** his sister and heir, then the wife of **Roger Corbet** of **Morton** in **Com. Salop**, 30 years of age. Which lands had afterwards the name of a Manour, **Andrew** the son of **Rog. Corbet** being posselt thereof in 30 H. 8. Which **Andrew** had issue **Robert**, and he **Elizabeth** and **Anne**, his daughters and heirs, of full age in 37 Eliz.

Newbold-Revell.

This place, having been part of the possessions which **Leuninus** had in **Edw.** the Conf. dayes, was, after the Norman conquest, disposed of to **Geffrey Wirce** (of whom I have already spoke in **Spenskerby**). In the Survey then taken it is written **Fent-Petebold**, and certified to contain 8 hydes, valued at vii l. which large extent makes me of opinion, that **Stretton** *subius Fosse*, as also **Elenbult** and **Haplington**, were at that time involved therewith; the possession whereof having also gone along with it ever since, as by what I have already said appeareth.

As for its name, viz. **Fent-Petebold**, there is this to be said, that **bold** in our old English signifies a house, the word **Fent** being onely an addition to distinguish it from the many other **Petebolds** in this Shire; **Fent**, with our ancestors the Saxons signifying dirt; from which reason part of **Cambridge** and **Huntingdonshires** are called the **Fens**. And that it is now called **Petebold-Revell**, is, by reason that the family of **Revell** were anciently Lords thereof, as I shall shew by and by.

But it was anciently reputed a member of **Wapenbury**, in respect that the owners of **Wapenbury** were Lords hereof; it being (doublets) part of those 5 Kts. fees which **Thomas de Wapenbury** held of **Roger de Moubray** de veteri feoffamento, in 12 H. 2. and whereof his ancestors were enfeofft by **Nigel de Albani**, father to the said **Roger de Moubray** in H. 1. time. Which **Nigel** had **Geffrey Wirce** his lands conferred upon him; as in **Spenskerby** I have already intimated.

But touching that ancient family of **Wapenbury** (who had their seat at **Wapenbury**, whence they assumed their surname) I shall speak when I come to that place: And because this **Petebold** came by descent from **Wapenbury** to **Revell**, and afterwards from **Revell** to **Malory**, I have here inserted the pedigree; whereby the same may the better be understood; as also what I shall say historically of the families of **Revell** and **Malory**, whose seat it was.

Thomas de Wapenbury,
12 H. 2.

Ric. de Wapenbury-Juliana soror & hæres
9 R. 1. Rad. Extranei de Cno-
kin.

Tho. de Wapenbury,
1 & 20 H. 3.

Joh. de Wapenbury, ob. f. p. Agnes soror & co-hæres ux. de Beynwill. Margeria ux. de Waf-
singlc.] Jo-
han-
na.]

Ric. de Beynwill, -Lora. obiit 14 E. 1. 24 E. 3. Thomas de Waf- singlc. Hugo-A- Revell li- cia

Ric. de Beynwill. Will. Revell,
14 E. 1.

Ric. de Beynwill, consangu. Rob. Revell, Joh. Revell,
& hæres Ric. & Loræ. æt. 1 E. 2. 1 E. 2.
5. ann. 24 E. 3.

Guliel. Ioh. Re- Guliel. Nich. ux. Iohan. Elena
Revell. vel, ob. f. Revell Revel Ioh. Ma- uxor uxor
prole. miles, rector lory de Ro. de Rob.
ob. f. p. ecc. de Win- Whit- Gre-
Cley- wick. ney. fleij
orton
ob. 6.
R. 2.

Guliel. Revell, obiit seiscus Iohanna Ioh. Malory,
de terris in Buckby in Com. ux. Galf. 6 R. 2.
Northr. & Edmescote in Rey-
Com. Warr. f. prole. nolds.]

Ric. qui cogn: fuit-Margeria filia Ioh. Malory,
Ryvell de Edmesc- Rob. Hugford 4. H. 5.
cote, 7 H. 4. de Edmescote.

Tho. Malory, miles,
23 H. 6.

Rob. Malory obiit
vita patris.]

Nich. Malory, ætat.
13. ann. 20 E. 4.]

Edw.-Doroth.-Geo: Ashby Clemens-Margeria-Ioh. Cope
Cave filia & 2. maritus. Cave 1. 26 H. 8. de Eydon
1. ma. cohæres. maritus. in Com.
ritus. 26 H. 8. Northt. 2.
maritus.

Cath. filia & cohæres, ux. Margarera ux. Thomæ
Thom. Andrews de Win- Boughton de Causton,
wick. ob. 8 Eliz.

Of this name and County, **H. Revel** is the first, whereof the Records that I have seen, do make mention, son to **Rob. Revel** (as I guess) who had to do at **Swinsford** in **Leicestersh.** 29 H. 2. But of this **H.** I can say no more, than that he was a Rebel against **K. John**, for which his lands in this County were seized on; and that in 1 H. 3. returning to obedience, they were restored to him again.

Unto which **Hugh**, succeeded **W. Revel**, to whom **K. E. 1.** in 27 of his reign, granted a **Free-warren** in his demesne lands here, and in other places of this County, whereof I have already spoke. Which **Will.** had issue **John** and **Robert**; whereof **John** was Lord of this place in 9 E. 2. being

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co T.
Mich.
14 E. 1.
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p Knive-
q con, p.

r 52.

being an active man, and of great trust in his time: for in 6 E. 3. he had the joynt custody of this County, with *Thomas de Astley*, and *John de Heyford*. And in 11 E. 3. was in Commission for the levying and receiving Scutage for the K. Army, upon his expedition into Scotland.

In the same year he served as one of the Kts. for this County in the Parliam. held at *Westm.* And the next year following, being appointed one of the Receivers of the xv. and x. granted to the K. in Parl. the year before, was called of that trouble, by the K. speciall favour: as also from the Collection of the Scutage before mentioned, in regard of his speciall employment otherwise in the K. affairs, as the Records & express. At which time I find, that the K. being to make an expedition into France; and to that end taking care for preservation of the Peace here, in his absence, did summon him, being then one of the Kts. for this County, amongst others, to be at *Westm.* the morrow after the Clause of Easter before himself and his Councell, to hear what should be declared unto them thereupon. In 18 E. 3. he was a Kt. & constituted one of the Justices for conservation of the Peace in this Shire. The like authority had he the year following. In 25 E. 3. he served again for this Shire in the Parl. then held at *Westm.*

To this *John Revell* succeeded *Will.* who was of the retinue to *Thomas* Bishop of *Durham* in that French expedition 20 E. 3. whereof I have spoke in *Hil. Morton*. And in 32 E. 3. one of the Kts. for this Shire in the Parliament then held at *Westm.* I suppose, that he then received the dignity of Knighthood; for the next year ensuing he is so styled, and bore for his Armes, *ermine a cheveron gules within a border engrailed sable*; but had no issue, nor either of his Brothers; insomuch as their three Sisters became Heirsto the estate; viz.

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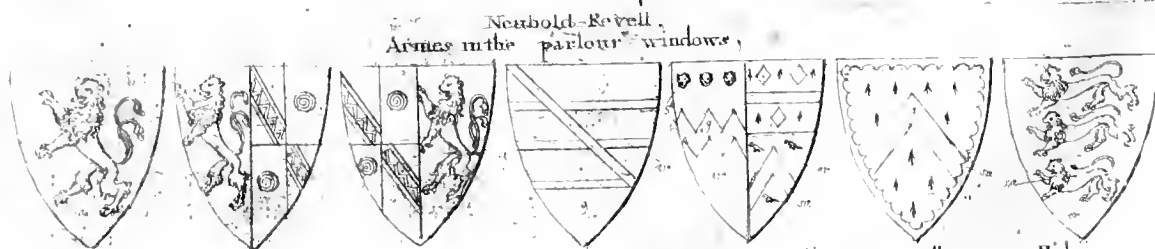
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Copston-magna.

OF this place I shall not need to say much; for as to the Etymologie of the name, what I have exprest in *Copston-parva* will serve turn. And, that it was given by *Geffrey Wirce* to the Monastery of *St. Nich.* at *Angiers* in 12 *Will. Conq.* what I have said in my discourse of *Monkskirby* will manifest.

That it continued in the hands of those Monks, as parcell of the possessions of the Priory-alien of *Monkskirby*, and past therewith to the House of *Carthusians*, founded in the Ile of *Arholme* in 20 *R. 2.* I have likewise signified in *Monkskirby*: as also, that upon the dissolution of the Religious houses in 31 *H. 8.* it came to the Crown; for all which I shall refer my Reader to the Records there cited, not being able to give any further account thereof.

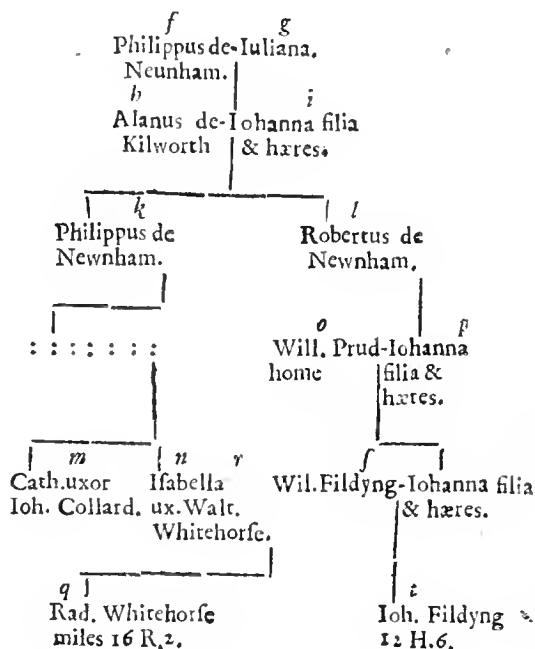
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THIS place, by reason of another not farre off, which hath the same appellation, hath been antiently distinguished from that, by these severall additions; *scil.* *Neunham juxta Kirby-monach.* *Neunham parva.* *Cold Neunham*; and lastly *Neunham Padox*, by reason of a little Park formerly there, as 'tis like.

In the *Conq. Survey* it is rated for one Hide, valued at *lx. s.* and written *Stweham*, *Geffrey Wirce* (of whom I have spoke in *Kirby*) being then posselt thereof; with the rest of whose lands it came to *Nigel de Albani* (asin *Kirby* I have intimated) and was, towards the end of *H. 2.* time, as I guess, granted by *Nigel de Monbray* (Grand-child to the said *Nigell*) unto *Roger de Newham*: for of this *Roger* is there no mention in 12 of that Kings reign, when *Roger de Monbray* certified his Knights Fees: but afterwards I find, that the same *Roger de Newham* held one Kts. Fee of *Nigel de Munbray* before mentioned, which was, doubtlesse, for this place.

To whom succeeded *Will. de Niveham*, who in 11 *Joh.* accounted for vii. marks towards the making up for *Will. de Molbray* that Fine he payd to the King for part of his inheritance, concerning which he was impleaded by *Will. de Stutevill.* From which *William* (who is stiled *Dominus Villielmus de Newnham*, which argues he was a Kt.) it came in proceß of time to *Philip*; and was in 6 *E. 3.* by him settled, for want of issue, on *Robert* his Brother for life; the remainder to *John* another Brother, and the heirs of his Body; and for default of such issue on *Joane*, Sister to the said *John*: And for lack of issue by her, on *Mariot* his other Sister, with remainder to the right heirs of the said *Joane*, then wife of *Roger Ryvell.* But from this *Philip*, descending two Daughters and heirs; *viz.* *Kath.* married to *John Collard*, and *Isabell* to *Walter Whitehorse*, the same *John* and *Catherine*, in 36 *E. 3.* past their title therein unto the said *Walter* and *Isabell*; entayling it upon the heirs of the Body of her the said *Isabell*, with remainder to the right heirs of *Walter.* Which *Walter* had issue Sir *Raph White-*

horse Kt. who in 16 *R. 2.* granted it to *Will. Giffard* and others. From whom, as also from Sir *Will. Bagot* Kt. (who it seems had an estate in trust therein) it was convey'd in 18 *R. 2.* to *John Leventhorpe*, *Thomas Totty* and others, but to the use of the said *John Leventhorpe*; which *John* in 3 *H. 5.* agreeing upon a price with *Totty*, levied a Fine thereof to him and his heirs; upon condition, that the money should be forthwith payd: but the said *T. Totty*, going presently beyond Sea where he was made Captain of the Castle of *Rysbanke* (neer *Caleys*) and a Knight to boot; (for so was he after stiled) hapned to be slain at the battail of *Marke*, so that the bargain could not be compleated. Whereupon the before specified *John Leventhorpe*, being fully siezed of it as his own right, by his deed bearing date 11 *Nov. 12 H. 6.* past it to *John Fildyng* and his heirs: which *John* was great-Grand-Child to *Rob. de Newnham* before specified, as the Pedegree here inserted sheweth; and paternally of a very noble



extraction; *viz.* from the Earls of *Hapsburg* in *Germany*, as is apparent from divers authentique evidences, whereof I shall only give these two for instance; the one a Letter of Atturmy made by *Geffrey* his grandfather, bearing date at *Wunsterton* (*Com. Leic.*) on the feast day of *S. Barnabas* the Apostle 9 *Edm. 2.* in which he calls himself *filius Galfridi, filii Galfridi Comitis de Hapsburg, & domini in Lausenburg, & Rinsiding in Germania*: and wherein, by the consent of *Agnes de Napton* his wife, he gives power to *Will. Puresey* to deliver seisin of his Mannour of *Wunsterton*, before specified unto Sir *Rauf de Stanlow*; as also of one yard land in *Lutterworth*, which his Mother *Maud de Colvile* sometime held: And the other an Acquittance made by the said Sir *Raufe* upon the receipt from him of xlii sterling, wherein he mentions his descent as above said; which Acquittance bears date at *Westm.* 5 *Julii 12 E. 2.*

And that it may not seem strange, that a foreigner, so eminent for his parentage, should thus settle here in *England*, I have here added what I find in an antient *MS.* written about *K. Edw. 4.* time, which manifesteth the occasion thereof, *Memorandum quod Galfridus Comes Hapsburgicus propter*

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oppressiones sibi illatas à Comite Rodolpho, qui postea electus erat Imperator, ad summam paupertatem reductus, unus ex filiis suis, nomine Galfridus militavit in Anglia sub Rege Henrico tertio. Et quia pater eius Galfridus Comes habuit praecones ad certa dominia in **Lauffenburg & Rinsfelden**, retinuit sibi nomen de Felden, Anglice Filding; & reliquit ex Matilda de Coleville uxore sua Galfridum, Johannem & Thomam tunc pueros. Galfridus Filding duxit in uxorem Agnetem filiam Joh. de Napton, qui fuit frater Roberti de Nipton militis, ex Alicia filia Ricardi de Mitterton uxoris sua, & habuit exitum Will. Filding, qui duxit in uxorem Johannem filium Wi. l. Prudhome, ex Juliana filia & herede Roberti de Newnham; & ex illa genuit Joh. Filding militem, qui ex Margareta Purfrey uxore sua genuit Will. Filding mil. qui quidem Will. duxit in uxorem Agnetem de Seyton, & habuit exitum Johannem, Everardum, Edw. & Martinum Filding.

It seems that K. *Henr.* 3. much tending the condition of the before specified *Geffrey*, who was in *Armeson* his part here in *England*, as by what is above exprest may appear, gave him a considerable support in Rents and Fees lying in sundry places: For in a Roll^e of them yet extant, and written in *E.* 3. time, whereunto the title is *Reddus & feodi Willielmi Filding filii Galfridi, filii Galfridi, filii Galfridi Comitum de Hapsberg, Lauffenburg & Rinsfelden*, in the margent thereof is this intertion *Ex dono quondam Regis Henrici filii Regis Johannis*. As the testimony of these things is, in truth, of much honour to those of this Family; I do I perceive that it hath heretofore had no lesse estimation amongst them: for in an old Book^e sometime belonging to the Hospital of *S. John Bapt.* in *Lutterworth*, I find this written *Notum sit omnibus hunc librum visuris, quod ego Willielmus Veyssy Magr. Hosp. S. Joh. Bapt. de Lutterworth praesens fui quando Joh. Fylding, qui postea erat miles, eodem anno quo inserviebat Johannem ducem Bedfordie in Bello contra Gallos, tradidit multas veteres scripturas custodiendas Thomae Bellers Gentilman, quae certificabant dominum Galfridum Filding filium fuisse Galfridi Comitum de Hapsburg &c. (ut supra)* And likewise this following expression^e made by Sir *Will. Filding* Kt. who lived in *H.* 8. time, *The Evidence of all these things was left with Will. Cave the son of Thomas Cave Gentleman, by Sir William Filding before the battail of Tewksbury, and a Bill of remembrance of the same after given to Ric. Cave, which was also written in the book of Will. Veyssy Master of the Hospitall of S. John Bapt. of Lutterworth.*

This was the bok of my fader Syr Everard Fylding.

That they have antiently born for their Armes three Lozenges upon a Fesse, some Seals to^e Deeds before date; as also of K. *E.* 3. and *Ric.* 2. time do testifie: and for their Crest sometimes an Eagle and at other a *Palm Tree*, though of later times altered. And that these matches with *Napton* and *Prudhome* before specified, were heirs, the quarterings on those their Monuments at *Wonskistrby* are satisfaction enough. But I return. This *John* having served in the warrs of *France* and been dignified with the honour of Knighthood, as by what is before exprest appeareth, left issue *William* his son and heir, a person so well affected to the *Lancastrian* side in the Civill Wars betwixt that and the House of *York*, that no sooner did K. *H.* 6. regain

his sovereignty (*viz.* in 49 of his reign) but that he constituted^e him Shirriff of the Counties of **Cambridge** and **Huntingdon**, being then^e a Kt. In which year, fighting on the behalf of the said K. in that memorable battail of **Tewksbury**, he lost^e his life, and was there buried^e.

This Sir *William*, by *Agnes* the Daughter and^e heir of *Seton*, with whom he had^e the Lordship of *Payntesthorpe* in *Rutland*, and a descent^e in blood from those great families of *Vaux*, *Longvile*, and *Bellers* (a younger branch^e of *Monbray*) left^e issue *Everard Fylding* his son and heir, Shirriff^e of this County and **Leicestershire**, in 21. *E.* 4. and in 2 *H.* 7. a Commander in the Kings Army at the battail of **Stoke juxta Newmarke**: So likewise at^e **Black-heath** in *Kent* in 12 *H.* 7. which *Everard*, being made^e Kt. of the Bath at the marriage of Prince *Arthur* in 15 of that King's reign, was Custos^e Rotulorum in the County of **Leic.** within two years after. And by his Testament, bequeathing his body to be buried before the Altar of our blessed Lady in the **Black-Fryers** at **Portsmouth**, departed^e this life in 6 *H.* 8. leaving issue by^e *Jellis Russell* his wife, *Will. Fylding* Esq. Shirriff^e of **Rutlandshire** in 11 and 12. as also in 18 *H.* 8. but afterwards Kt. who having been employed about raising forces out of his Tenants, and otherwise, for the Wars of **France** and **Scotland** in the time of *H.* 8. as by severall Privy Seals^e appeareth, assisted likewise with no lesse than xvi. Horse at his own charges against the Scots; as from the Registers, sometime belonging to the Councell-table, hath been observed: As also^e with ten able persons, most Archers and Gunners, in that Navall preparation made by the same King under the conduct of the Earl of **Southampton**. for preventing such attempts as might be exercised by the Pope or his Agents, whose Supremacy he had abolished: And was in such esteem with *Q. Jane* (third wife to the said K. *H.*) that in 29 *H.* 8. upon her delivery of Prince *Edward*, she sent a Privy-Seal^e unto him, signifying the same, with desire of his congratulation and prayers.

This *S^r Will.* by *Eliz.* Daughter^e to *S^r Thomas Pultney* of *Wiltinton* Kt. leaving issue *Basill* dyed^e 24 Sept. 2 *E.* 6. which *Basill* was Shirriff^e of this County in 11 *Eliz.* and took to wife^e *Godith*, second of the 7 Daughters and coheirs to *Will. Wiltinton* of **Barcheston** Esq; by whom he had issue *William*, Shirriff^e of this County also in 31 *Eliz.* and thrice of **Rutland**; *viz.* 24, 34, and 40 *Eliz.* who being afterwards a Kt. by *Dorothy* the Daughter^e to *S^r Raph Lane* (by a Daughter and coheir to the Lord *Parre* of **Worston**) had issue *Basill*, Shirriff^e of this County in 9 *Jac.* which *Basill* by *Eliz.* Daughter to Sir *Walter Aston* of **Witchall** Kt. had issue *William*, Lord of this place an. scil. 1640. who, being Knighted by K. *James* about the beginning of his reign; (and after made Custos Rotulorum in this County) was in 18 thereof advanced to the dignity^e of Baron and Vicount *Fylding*: And in 20, ob generis claritatem, & nuptias admodum honorandas; sed praecipue ob eximiam virtutem, & erga nos & Coronam nostram, fidem, as the words of that Charter^e import, created Earl of **Denbigh**. And having been constituted Master of the great Wardrobe, and Admirall at Sea in severall expeditions, did likewise, by his marriage with *Susan*, Sister to *George* late D. of **Buck**, not a little enlarge the honour of this Family.

a Rot. F. 49 H. 6. m. 9.

b Claus. 17 E. 4. m. 16.

c Stow's Annals d Lel. I. tin. vol. 6. f. 93.

e Ex autog. penes eundem Com.

* Ex vet. membr. penes G. Laf. eels de Knighton in Com. Not.

h Ex autog. penes eundem Com.

i Rot. F. 21. E. 4. m. 6.

k Polyd. Virg. hist. Angl. p. 573 n. 40.

l Ex vet. membr. penes eundem Com.

m Rot. penes H. S. George Norroy.

n Ex autog. penes prefat. Com.

o Holder P. 25.

q Ex fenestra apud Neunham.

r Ex autog. penes eundem Com.

x Inscip. tumuli apud Kirby. mon.

y Esc. 2 E. 6. 2 Rot. P. 11 Eliz.

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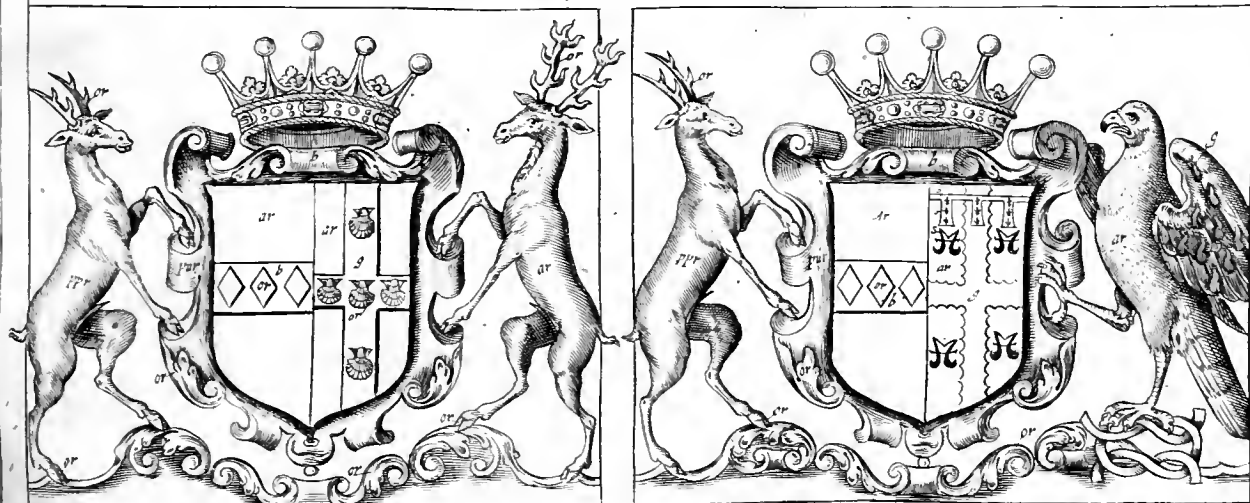
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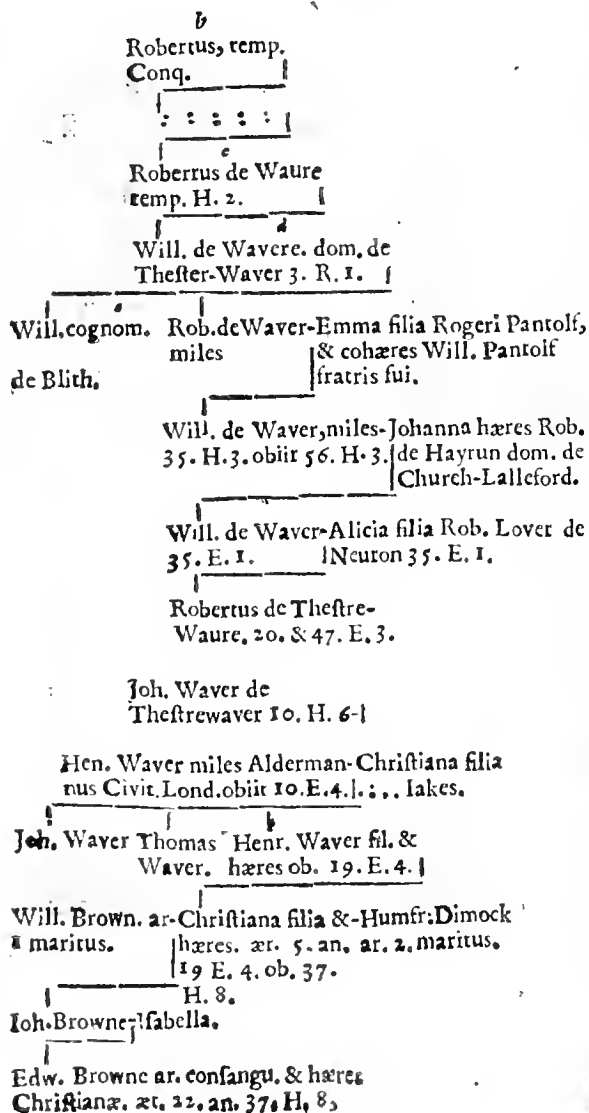
Cester-Over.

*a Chron.
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ton. p. 144.*

THis was, antiently a village of many dwellings, but long since depopulated,* so that there remains now no more than the Mannour House, and that reduced to so mean a condition, as 'tis scarce capable of any Inhabitant, other than an ordinary Fermour, the grounds, for the most part, being converted to Sheep-pasture. Of later times it hath been, by the vulgar, called **Cester-Ober**, which occasioned Mr. *Cambden* in his *Britannia* to represent it as a place of great antiquity, and no lessthen a City in the Romans time: to which opinion, the adjacency of **Watlingstreet** did, as it seems, the more encline him. But that addition, which is, by the corrupt pronounciation of the vulgar called **Cester**, should, in truth, be **Thester**; for so 'tis antiently written, as I shall shew anon, and not used, neither, till a long time after the Conquest: for in **Domesday-Book** it is called **Wara**, where the place now called **Church-Ober** is written **Wauere**, as well as **Wara**; and **Byownd-Ober** also **Wauere**, and **Wara**, as I have already shew'd, with the reason thereof.

As for this addition of **Thester**, for distinction from the other towns before mentioned, it is no more than to signify the Eastern situation thereof from **Spontekirby**, in which Parish it is; and so by contracting two words into one, viz. **The Caster**, or **The Castward**, for the more brief expression is called and written **Thester**.

*b Domesday lib.
c Lib. rub.
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In the Conq. dayes *Geffrey Wirce* (of whom I have so often made mention) posselt it; at which time, being certified to contain 5. Hides, and having a Mill, it was valued at xl. s. one *Robert* then holding it of the said *Geffrey*; which *Robert* was paternall Ancestour (as I conceive) to the family of *Wauere*, written afterwards *Waver*; who, assuming their Sirname from hence, flourished here till toward the end of E. 3. time, as this descent manifesteth.

But the first of this line, touching whom I have found any thing of note, is Sir *Rob. de Wauere* Kt. who wedded *Emma* one of the two Daughters of Sir *Roger Pantolf* Kt. (Lord of **Peubold-Pantolf**) and cohairs to *Will.* their Brother.

This Sir *Robert* was a good benefactors to the Monks of **Combe**; for, besides the grant of 2. yard land, common for 100. Sheep, 24. Beasts, and 30. Hoggs; for xxii. marks of silver he gave them 96. acres of errable land lying in this village, with his Body to be buried in that Monastery; appointing the like solemnity to be performed for his *Obit*, as for a Monk of that Covent.

To him succeeded Sir *William*, his Son and heir, who wedded *Juliana* heir to *Rob. Hayrun*, Lord of **Church-Lawford**; Which Sir *Will.* in 35. H. 3. founded a Chantry in the Priory of **Spontekirby**, and endowed it with certain lands and Rents lying in **Costord**. In 38. H. 3. he was appointed Eschaetor for this County; but, having the K. speciall warrant to be freed of that office, in case he were not willing to undergoe it, as the Abbot of **Perthore** (generall Eschaetor on this side **Trent**) affirmed to the K. he procured a discharge; and in 41 H. 3. obtained a Charter to himself and his heirs for a weekly **Perccate** here upon the Tuesday; and a **Fair** once a year to last for three days, viz. on the Even of St. *James*, and two days following.

In 45 H. 3. he was constituted one of the Justices for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**: but in 48 H. 3. adhering to the rebellious Barons, then in armes, was taken at **Northampton**, and imprisoned; his lands being given to *Roger de Somery* (Baron of **Dudley**.) But afterwards, taking benefit of the *Dictum de Benllworth*, he had the K. letters of safe conduct for access to the Court; and, compounding with the same *Roger*, had all his lands restored again, except the Mannour of **Perstton** (now called **Wavers-Perstton**, in this County) which by agreement betwixt themselves, the said *Roger* and his heirs was, in consideration of his Fine, to have.

After which he was again admitted to employments of trust, as appears by those Commissions of 52. 53. and 54. H. 3. for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**: and dyed in 56 H. 3. leaving *Robert* his Son and heir of full age, and then married. Whose Grand-child, *Robert*, past away the inheritance of this Lordship to *John Lovet* of **Peulton** in 32 E. 3. Unto which *John* succeeded *Will. Lovet* of **Ulcumbe** in **Com. Back.** who, in 9 R. 2. granted 12. mess. 3. tofts, and 13. yard land, lying within this Lordship and **Costord**, in reversion after the death of *Clementia* his Mother, then the wife of *John Parant*, unto *Will. Pursey* (of **Church-Ober**) and his heirs: from whom they descended to *Will.* his Grand-child: for in 10. H. 6. I find, that he, and one *John Waver* were certified to be Lords of this Mannour.

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But, for ought I perceive, the family of *Waver*, notwithstanding its interest here, was at that time very low, and might have sunk to nothing, had not the industry of *Henry*, Citizen and Draper of *London* rais'd it up again: for he it was (being question-lesse a branch of this ancient house) that in 39. H.

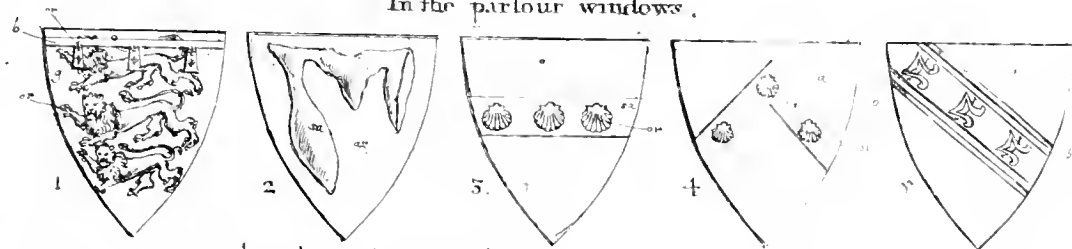
1. Claus. 39. H. 6. m. 6. In dorso. 6. First, obtaining a lease from *Will. Broke* gent. son and heire to *Elene Brooke* late of *Atwell* in Com. *Northampton*. of the one moytie of this man-our, for the naturall life of himself and xii. years after, upon the rent of xi. l. per. ann. sterling, payable at Easter and Michaelmas by even portions; purchased the inheritance thereof from the said *William*, in 5. E. 4. as also, at the same time, bought the other moytie of *Will. Bate* of *Melborne* in Com. *Derb.* Esq. In which year, on Ascension day, being one of the Shiriffs for the City of *London*, he was made Knight of the *Bath*. Whereupon, resolving to restore this ancient seat of his Progenitors, not only to the condition wherein it formerly stood, but to add a greater lustre thereto, the next year ensuing, obtained a speciall Patent from the King to rebuild it with Turrets and Walls embattelled; and to inclose 500. acres of Land and Pasture, with 20. acres of wood for a Parke: and moreover to have a Court-Leet here, with Free-warren, and fishing in all his demesn lands belonging thereto.

2. Claus. 5. E. 4. m. 21. In dorso. *3. Pat. 5. E. 4. p. 2. m. 11.* *4. Godin Q. 31.* This wealthy Alderman, by his Testament^b, bearing date 4. Febr. 9. E. 4. (and proved in August following) bequeathed his body to be buried in the Church of *St. Peter* in *Cornhill*, before the Image of *St. George* there. And gave to the Dean and Chanons of *S. Steph.* Chappell at *Westminster* and their successors an annuall Rent of 5. marks sterling, to endure for xx. years next after his decease; so that they should pray for his soul, and keep on *Obit* there during the said xx. years,

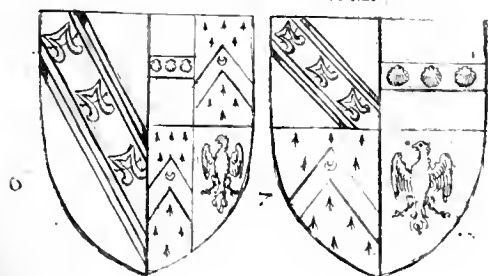
with *Placebo* and Mass of *Requiem* by Note, for his Soul, and for the Souls of *Sir Thomas Haseley* Kt. and *Annes* his wife, and all Christian Souls. And willed, that his Son *Harry* should have this man-our of *Wetherwaver* to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten; and for want of such issue to his Son *Thomas*; with the like remainder to his Son *John*: as also to *Eliz.* and *Anne*, daughters of the testator. Bequeathing likewise an annuity of xx. s. sterling out of it, to the Parson and Wardens of the Church of *Monkskirby*, to keep an *Obit*, with *Placebo* and *Dirige*, and Mass of *Requiem* by Note, yearly, in the said Church of *Monkskirby*, for his Soul; and for the Souls of his Father and Mother; making a certain distribution in money to poor people there.

Which *Henry*, (the younger) dyed 19. E. 4. leaving *Christian* his onely child but 5. years of age; the custody of whose lands was committed to *Thomas Points* Esq. 21. E. 4. during her minority. This *Christian* first married to *Will. Brown* Esq. 37. H. 8. who being a Justice of peace in this County, from 18. H. 7. till his death; and making his residence here, built the Gate-house of timber now standing, as appears by the Armes carved thereon, which I have below exprest: but afterwards became wife to *Humfry Dimock* Esq., and dyed 29. Martii 36. H. 8. leaving *Edw. Brown*, her grand-child and next heire; (viz. Son and heire of *John Brown*, deceased in her life time.) Which *Edward*, the year following his grand-mothers death, sold it to *Sir Fulke Grevill* Kt. From whom it descended to *Sir Fulke* his grandchild, created Lord *Brooke* of *Beauchamps-court*, 9. Jan. 18. Jac. By which means it is come to *Robert Lord Brooke*, his heire adopted, together with *Beauchamps-court*, and other fair possessions.

Cester-Over
In the parlour windows.



Carved on the timber upon the front of the Gatehouse



- 1 Earle of Lancaster
- 2 Hastings
- 3 Waver
- 4 Waver
- 5 Brown
- 6 Brown enpalming Waver
- 7 Brown quartering Waver

I have now but a word or two more to say, and then shall I leave this great parish of *Monkskirby*; which is to observe, that part of the old Roman way, called *Fosse*, leading through it, lyes open like a ditch, having not been filled with stones and gravell in such sort as in most other places it is. And, that on the West-side thereof stands an eminent, *Tumulus*, whereupon a Beacon is now situate, but anciently some noted Bush, as 'tis like, in regard it

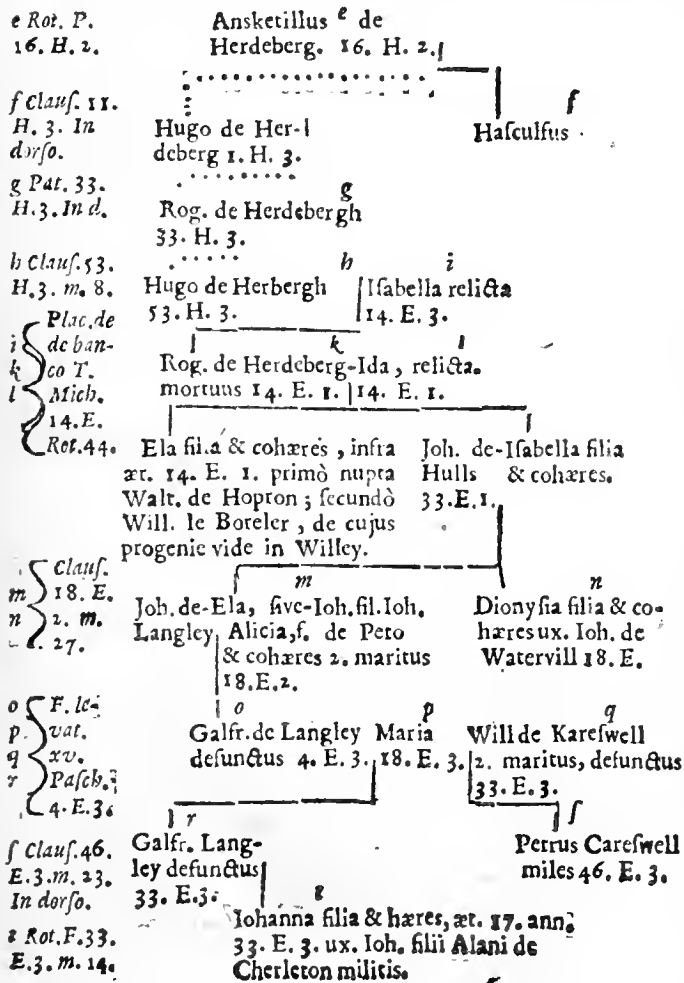
bears the name of *Cloudstep-bath* to this day. But touching these *Tumuli* I have already spoke in my discourse of *Knightslow-hill*, and therefore shall now say no more, then that 'tis hard to guess, whether this had at first its name from one *Claudius* a Roman Souldier, whose place of sepulture it was; or from the Brittain word *Claude*, signifying a ditch, because it is so near the *Fosse*.

Harborow

Harborow magna.

Following the stream of *Swift*, I come next to *Harborow*, commonly called *Great Harborow*, in wick parish there is onely one village more; viz. *Little Harborow*; but antiently they were not divided. In the Conq. time *Ric. Forestarius* (of whom I shall speak in *Chesterton*) held 4. hides and a half here, which were then valued at xx. s.; and whereof, before the Conquest, 4. *Theins* * were posselt. At that time there was one *Anseisus* who held also 4. hides more in this place; which in *Edw.* the Conf. time were the freehold of *Bruning*. These were likewise valued at xx. s., there being then a Priest (which shews that it had a Church so ancient) and a Mill rated at xvi. d. In that Record ^b it is written *Herdeberge*, which gives me occasion to conjecture, that the name at first arose, partly from the situation, and partly from the herds of cattell there kept, the old English word beorge signifying a *Hill*.

When it went out of the hands of these persons above specified I am not able to shew; but long it was not, ere that a family, assuming their surname from hence, posselt a great part thereof: howbeit the residue, in substance, with the advouson of the Church (being that part, it seems, which *Anseisus* held in the Conq. time) did very antiently come to the family of *Langley*: for it appears, ^e that *Geffrey de Langley* gave some part thereof to the Monks of *Combe* in H. 2. time; and that *Geffrey*, (his grandchild) in 39. H. 3. sold ^d to them all the rest that he had here, amounting to 2. carucats; reserving only the said advouson, and a rent of x. li. vj. s. sterling per ann. to himself and his heires, issuing out of those carucats, and payable in the great Church of *Cobentre*, on Christmas eve, Easter eve, Midsummer eve, and Michaelmas eve, by equall portions. But I returne to the line of *Herdeberge*.



Of these, *Hugh de Herdeberg*, was one of that number; who, being in armes against K. *John*, return'd ^v to obedience in 1. H. 3. having then ^v reftitution of his lands seized on for that offence. His grandson, *Hugh*, in 3. E. 1. was constituted one of the Justices for the gaol-delivery at *Watwick*.

Whose son *Roger* left onely two * daughters, betwixt whom the inheritance of this mannour happened to be divided, as it seemes; for it appears, that *Ela* the widow of *Walter Hopton*, in 33. E. 1. passing away her right to *John Hulls* and *Isabell* her sifter, and the heires of the said *Isabell*, it came to *Ela* one of the daughters and coheirs of the said *Isabell*; who, taking to her second husband *John de Peyto*, joyned ^r with him in the entayling thereof upon her issue by the said *John*; with remainder to Sir *Walter Hopton* Kt. and his heirs (son to the before specified *Walter*, as I gueſs). By which means it divolved ^a to Sir *John Hopton* Kt., whose posterity, in 1. H. 5. obtained ^b that interest which *John de Langford*, son of *Henry de Langford*, had here: for some title they had, it seems, by descent from one of the coheirs to *Will. le Boteler*, second husband to *Ela de Herdeberg* before specified, as the descent in *Will.* doth manifest. Of these *Hopton*'s the last was *Walter*, who departed ^c this life in 1. E. 4. seized of the moitie of this mannour; leaving ^e *Eliz.* his sifter and heire then 30. years of age, and wedded ^d to *Roger Corbet* of *Hopton* in Com. *Sa-lap*, from whom descended *Robert Corbet*, who died ^f 30. Maii. 25. *Eliz.* leaving *Eliz.* and *Anne* his daughters and heires within age.

As for the other moitie 'tis plain, that *John de Langley*, first husband to *Ela*, one of the daughters and coheirs to *John de Hulls*, and descendant to *Geffrey* before mentioned, had it in the right of the said *Ela*; whose posterity past it away to Sir *Baldwin Frevill*, the elder, as it seemes: for plain it is, that upon the partition ^g of *Frevill*'s lands, betwixt the sisters and heires of the last Sir *Baldwin* in 31. H. 6. the same moitie (there called the mannour) was allotted ^h to *Thomas Ferrers* Esq. in right of *Eliz.* his wife, the eldest of those coheirs: by which means it descended to his posterity, Lords of *Tamworth*-castle, as by severall ⁱ authorities appeareth. But as for the x. li. vi. s. rent, and advouson of the Church, I find ^k that Sir *Peter Careswell* Kt. son and heire to Sir *Will. Careswell*, second husband of *Mary*, wife to *Geffrey de Langley*, son and heire to the abovementioned *John* and *Ela*, obtained it; and by their deed ^l, bearing date 45. E. 3. granted them unto the before specified Sir *Baldwin* and his heires; by which means they divolved also, with the mannour, unto the family of *Ferrers*.

In An. 1291. (19. E. 1.) the Church (dedicated to *All Saints*) was valued ^m at vii. marks and a half; but in 26. H. 8. at ⁿ xiv. l. xiii. s. ii. d. over and above ix. s. vi. d. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

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Incumbentes.

D. Joh. de Langford, miles. *Rob. de Farendon*. 13. Kal. Lang. f. 7. miles. Jan. 1305.

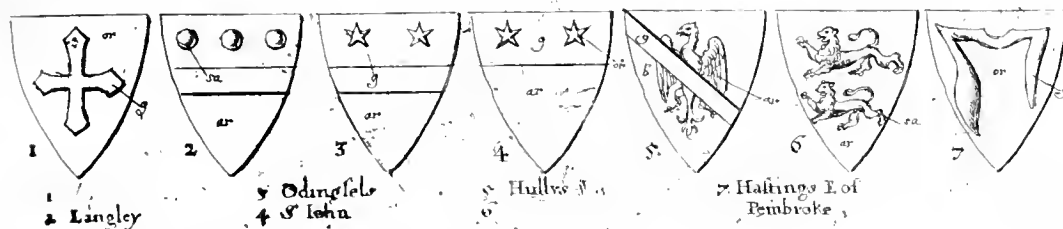
D. Will. de Caverswell, miles. *Adam de Sadyngton* Pbr. Northb. f. 5. Kal. Martij 1335.

Joh. Trillow, Dominus de Pinleye. *Will. de Thornton* cap. Kal. 1b. f. 30. a. Martij 1336. *Hen. Caytewayne* Pbr. 6. Id. 8. b. Aug. 1361.

Fulco

ib.f.15. b	Fulco Bermyncham, miles Procur. generalis, Baldw. Fre-vill, militis.	Simon de Eston. Pbr. 3. Kal. Martij 1366.	Tho. Ferrers, ar,	Tho. Rogers Cap. 18 Oct. 1458.	Bowl. f. 27 b.
Burg. f. 15. a	Adam de Peshale, miles.	Will. Layscheser. 8 Jan. 1404.	Tho. Ferrers mies.	D. Joh. Paynell Pbr. ult. Maii 1497.	ib. f. 202. a
Bull. f. 6. b		Will. Smyth, Cap. 8. Nov. 1417.	Will. Wirley & alii, ex concess. Hamfr. Ferrers de Tamworth, militis.	Anselmus Seyll, 18 Jan. 1540.	Str. & P. f. 17. b.
Hew. f. 6. a	Tho. de Ferrers ar. Rog. Aston miles. Hugo Willoughby, ar,	Tho. Roxson, 8 Aug. 1421.	Joh. Ferrers,	Franc. Kymberley Cler. 16 Junii 1557.	Sampf. & B. f. 10. a
ib. f. 11. a	Tho. de Ferrers. Ric. Bingham. Rob. Aston ar,	Joh. Stodelay Cap. 20 Nov. 1450.	Tho. Basset de Broun-Over, ex conc. Will. Boughton de Lawford.	Tho. Basset fil. dicti. Thoma, 21 Dec. 1629.	Morton Lund. in-ert.

Harborow magna.
Armes in the Church windows



Harborow-parva:

OF this place have I met with nothing, but the mention of what the Abby of **Combe**, and Monks of **Stirby** had; viz. ° **Combe** 3. Meis. and 33 acres of Land; and the Monks of **Stirby** the 4th part of a Kts. Fee.

Newbold super Avon.

THIS is one of those places which **Geffrey Wirce** (before spoke of) held in the Conq. days; out of which he gave^a to the Monks of **S. Nich.** at **Anglers** two parts of the Tythes of corne and cattell, and all the Tythe of Wooll and Cheese; as also of the mill; and a man to gather them. After which time, by the generall Survey, it is certified^r to contain 8 hides, then valued at C. s. and that **Lenninus** held it before the Norman invasion: But with **Wirce** his lands it came to **Nigel de Albani**, progenitor to the family of **Moubray** (as I have formerly intimated) which **Nigel** enfeoffed thereof **Robert de Stutevill** in H. 1. time, as it seemes: for in 12 H. 2. **Roger de Moubray**, son to the same **Nigel**, certified^r, that **Rob. de Stutevill** then held of him 8 Kts. fees de veteri scoffamento [id est, whereof his Ancestour had been so enfeoffed temp. H. 1.] the most whereof lay in **Portk-Wire**, where the chief seat of this family was.

From which **Robert** descended **Roger**, as the Pe-degree on the next page inserted sheweth; who granted away this Lordship to **Roger Pantolf**, his nephew (by **Burgia** his sister) to be held by the service of 1 Kts. Fee: all which was confirmed by the Charter^u of the said **Burgia**, and of **Iseid Pantolf** her grandchild.

But these **Pantolfs** enjoy'd it not long; for **Will.** the son and heire to the before specified **Roger**,

died^w without issue, leaving his two sisters his heirs; viz. **Burgia** and **Emma**. Which **Burgia** gave^x her part to the Monks of **Piptwell**, and **Emma** married to Sir **Robert de Waver Kt.** (of whom in **Chersterwaver** I have spoke) which **Will. Pantolf**, before mentioned^y betook himself to a retired life, and resided in the Monastery of **Piptwell**, having a Chamber assigned him by the Monks there, where he determined to end his days, and to have been a good benefactor to them: but^z, on a time, the Monks removed him out of that lodging, in respect of an entertainment they gave to a great Judge, who travailed (it seemes) that way; which caused him to take such distast, that he presently left the House, and came to **Monks-kirby**, where he after dyed, giving^a to that Monastery what he intended to **Piptwell**; viz. the capitall mess. or Mannour-house of this **Newbold**, with 3. carucates of Land, and fishing in the water of **Avon**.

To Sir **Rob. de Waver** and **Emma**, succeeded^b Sir **Will. de Waver Kt.** betwixt whom and the Monks of **Piptwell** partition^c was made in 35 H. 3. of all the Lands that belong'd to the said sisters and heirs, in respect that **Burgia** had given her part to that Monastery, as I have said, being at that time surnamed **de Bending**. After which; viz. in 11 E. 1. the Abbot and Covent of **Piptwell** had (inter alia) **Free-warren** granted^d to them in all their demesne Lands here in **Newbold**. And in 13 E. 1. they claimed^e a **Court-Leet** and divers other privileges therein, for which they exhibited the Charters of K. R. 1. and K. H. 3. whereunto allowance was given. But, it seems that the Monks of **Stirby**, having the Mannour-house, obtained some further grant of Lands in this Lordship afterwards: for in 4 E. 1. I find^f, that they had the moytie of the Mannour (then written **Newbold-Paunton**) and in 33 E. 1. obtained^g power to keep a **Court-Leet** for their Freeholders and Tenants here, with other privileges. As also a Charter^h of **Free-warren** in all their demesne Lands of this place.

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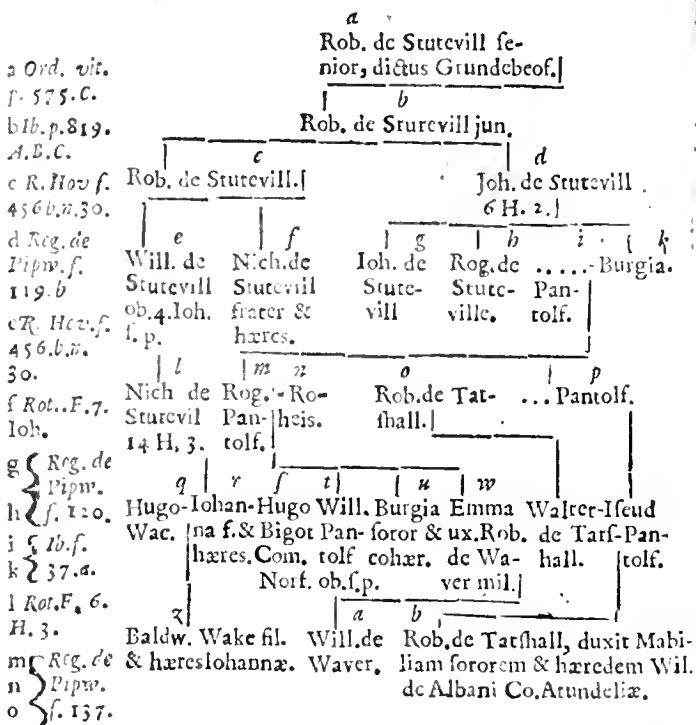
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g Cart. 33
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h ib. m. 63.
i Esc. 26 E.
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Yet I perceive, that *Waver's* interest in *Penbold* was not utterly quitted: for in 26 E. 3. it appearsⁱ, that *Thomas de Waver* held the 4th part of a Kts. fee here of *Joane* late Countess of *Kent*, heir to *Stuteville*, as the descent sheweth.



Which is it, as I think, that one *Will. Barbour* purchased in E. 3. time: for I find, that the said *Will.* bought certain Lands within the precinct of this Lordship, which descended^a to *John* his son, by whose daughter and heir called *Agnes*, wife to *Richard Dalby* of *Brokhampton*, they came to that Family, and had the reputation of a Mannour, whereof the said *Richard* died seized in 20 E. 4. leaving *Robert* his son and heir 30 years of age.

After the dissolution of the Monasteries, that which the Monks of *Pipwell* had here, came thus to be disposed of; viz. all those Lands called *Penbold-grange* to *Edw. Boughton* Esq. and his heirs, by a grant^b from the Crown in 33 H. 8. but the Mannour one *Thomas Wightman* obtayned; who, in 4 Eliz. sold^c it to Sir *Tho Leigh* Kt. Alderman of *London*; whose great-granchild, *Francis* Lord *Dunsmore* had a confirmation^d of it from the K. in 15 Car.

But the other Mannour, which belong'd to the Monks of *Kirby*, did the *Boughtons* of *Walsford* obtain, as it seems; for in 15 Car. *Will. Boughton* Esq; had the Kings confirmation^e thereof.

The Church (dedicated to St. *Bornolph*) belong'd to the Monks of *Kirby* very antiently; for *Geffrey Wirce* granted^f to them the greatest part of the Tythes. And by a confirmation^g thereof made to that Monastery from *Roger de Stutevill*, he relates to the grants, not onely of *John* his father, but of his Ancestours (he means the former possessors thereof) viz. *Geffrey de Wirce*, and *Nigel de Alba i.* In K. *John's* time *G. Muschamp*, then B. of *Cobentre*, confirmed^h it to the said Monks of *Kirby*; upon condition, that during the then Incumbent's time, whose name was *Alardus*, they might receive annually six marks out of it, and afterwards two parts of the profits to their proper use: but that, to the third, the Prior of *Kirby* should present a fit Clerke to the Bishop, who was to discharge Synodals, & all other duties belonging thereto.

In the year 1291 (19 E. 1.) it wasⁱ valued at xix marks, and the Vicaridge at v. marks: but in

26 H. 8. the Vicaridge^p was rated at viii l. xii s. over and above viiii s. allowed for Procurations and Synodalls.

Patroni Vicaria. Incumbentes &c.

Prior & monachi de Kirby. Will. de Walton Cap. 4. Kal. Northb. f. 28. a.

Edw. Rex Angl. ratione temporal. Pr. de Kirby. Ric. de Wyke Pbr. 7. Id. Ib. f. 58. a.

Pr. & C. de Kirby. Walt. de Frelond 17. Kal. Dec. 1366. Str. f. 15. b.

Dom. Rex, ratione temporal. Pr. de Kirby in manu sua. Ric. Tostie Pbr. 14 Apr. Sk. f. 8. a.

Prior. & Conv. de Axholme. Rog. Hunt, Cap. 12 Sept. 1412. Burgb. f. 31. b.

Prior. & Conv. de Axholme. Tho Normanton Cap. 20. Nov. 1450. Bo. f. 11. a.

D. Anna Comitissa Derb. ratione concess. Pr. & C. de Axholme. Joh. Stamford Pbr. 29 Dec. 1458. Bowl. f. 27. b.

Dom. Adam Halsall, 12 Apr. 1539. Str. & P. f. 17. a.

Joh. Coppull, Cap. 10 Jan. 1544. Samp. f. 44. a.

Will. Heather, Cler. 15 Junii, 1557. Samp. & B. f. 10. a.

Edw. Bowne, Cler. 17 Julii, 1572. Ib. f. 44. b.

Rog. Barker Cler. 5 Maii, 1575. Ib. f. 46. a.

Ric. King, Cler. 25 Junii, 1604. Overton, bund. incert.

Henr. Wylde, S. Theol. Bac. 7 Maii, 1611. Neale, bund. incert.

Edw. Boughton ar.

As for the severall Monuments in this Church, I have represented them upon the ensuing pages: on the last whereof is this Epitaph.

Here lieth the Bodies of *Edward Boughton* Esq; and *Eliz.* his wife, daughter of *Edw. Catesby* of *Lapworth Hall* in the County of *Warw.* Esq; by whom he had issue two sons, *Will.* and *Thomas*; and one daughter, *Katherine*; which *Thomas* married *Judith* one of the daughters and coheirs of *Henry Baker* of *South-Sowburie* in the County of *Essex* Esq; and *Kath.* married *Will. Combe* of *Straitsford upon Avon* in the Countie of *Warw.* Esq; which *Edw.* died the 9th of August 1625. and *Eliz.* died the 12th of April 1619.

William the eldest son of the said *Edw.* married *Abigaile* the eldest daughter and coheir of the said *Henry Baker* Esq; and had issue *Edward*, *William*, *Humfrey*, *Elizabeth*, and *Abigaile*: which *Abigail* wife of the said *William* dyed the 21 of Febr. 1635. and *Eliz.* died the 14 of Jan. 1632 and *Abigaile* died the 4 of Sept. 1636.

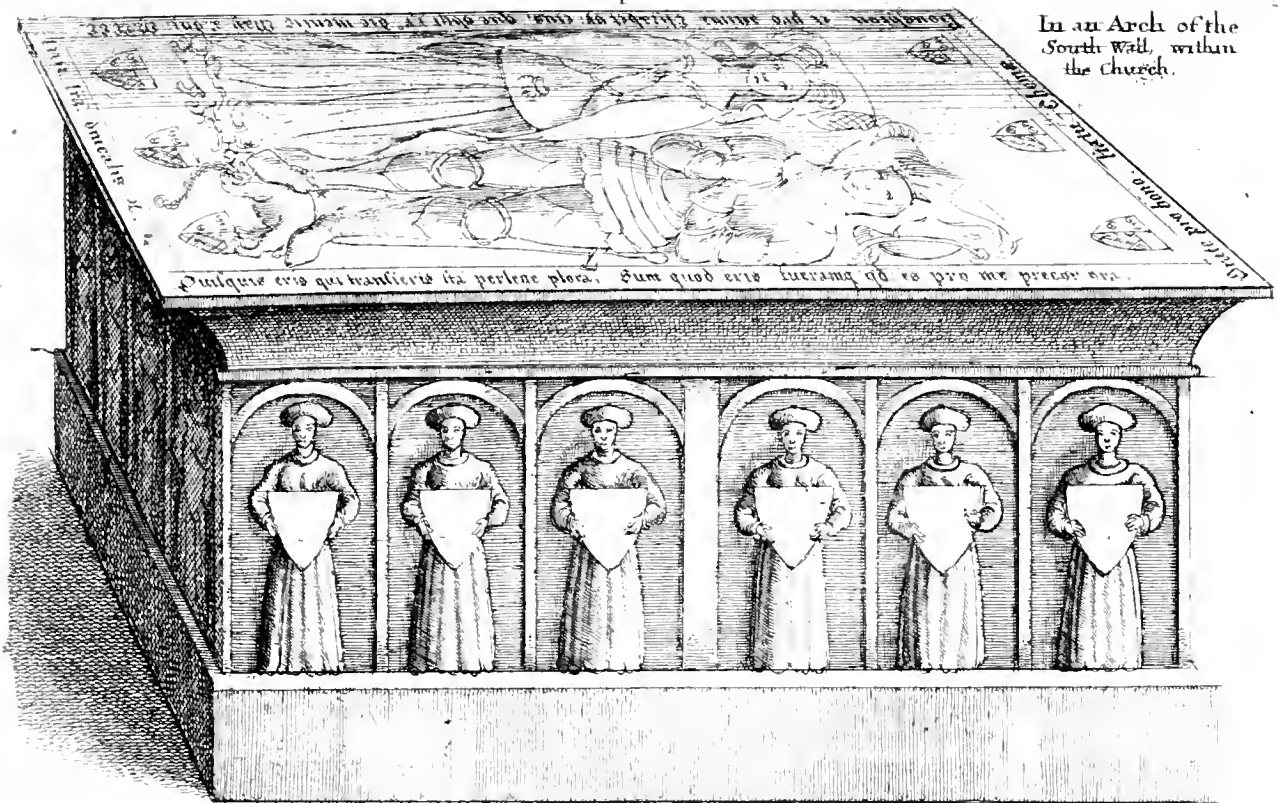
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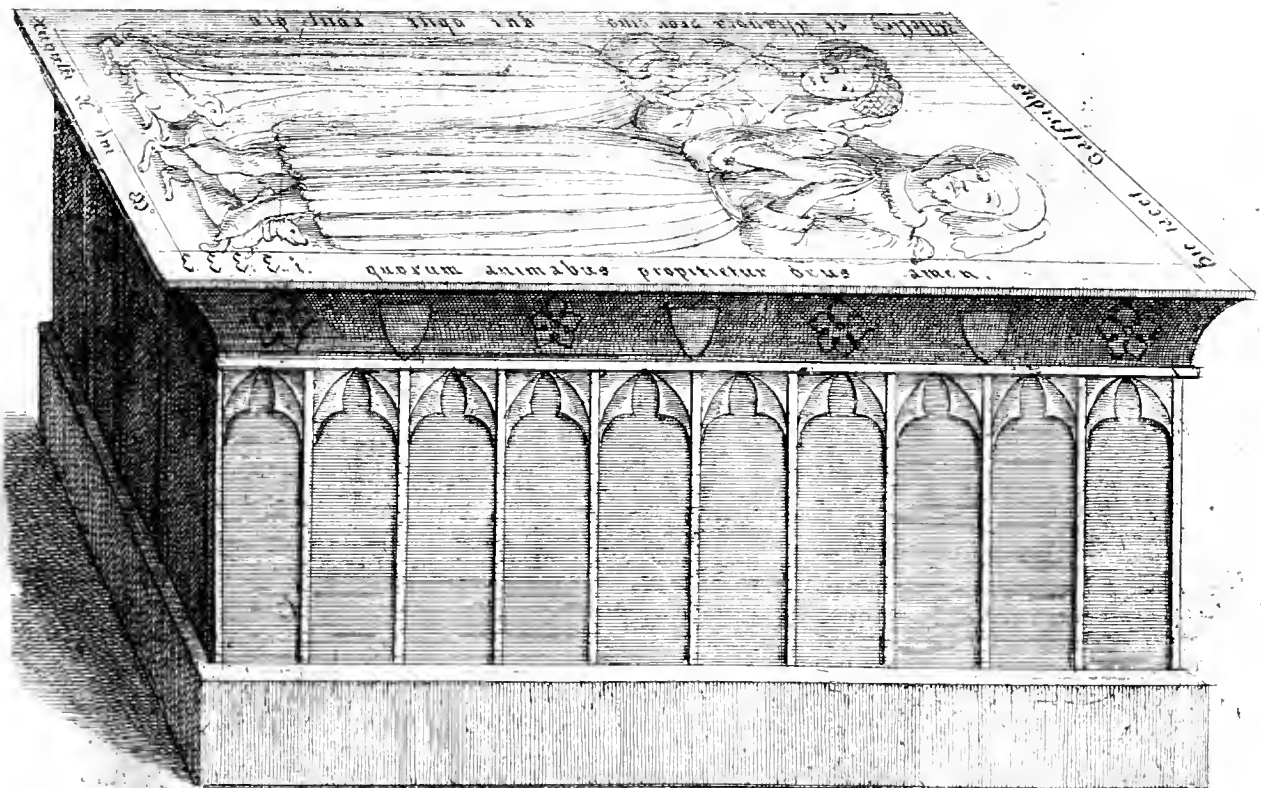
time, where *Will. de Stutevill* confirms^a to *John de Stutevill*, his kinsman, what *Rob. de Stutevill*, father of the said *William*, had given him in *Penbold*, *Collesford*, and *Balleford*: so that I conclude, that it was antiently a member of *Penbold*.

a Reg. de Pipwell, f. 37. a.

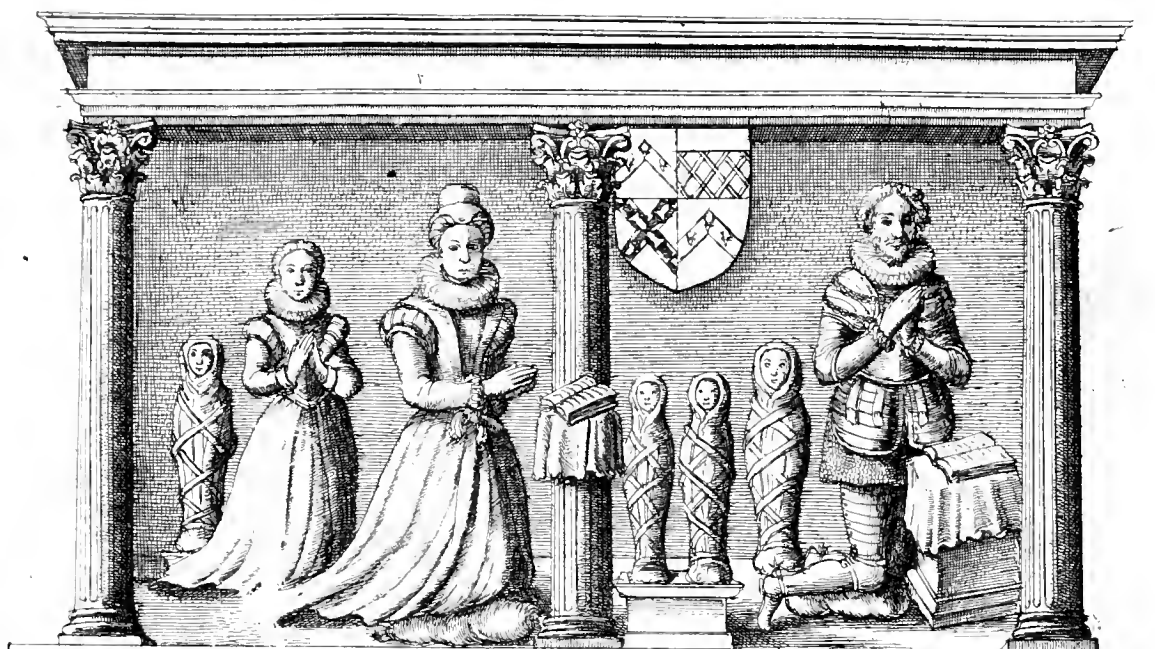
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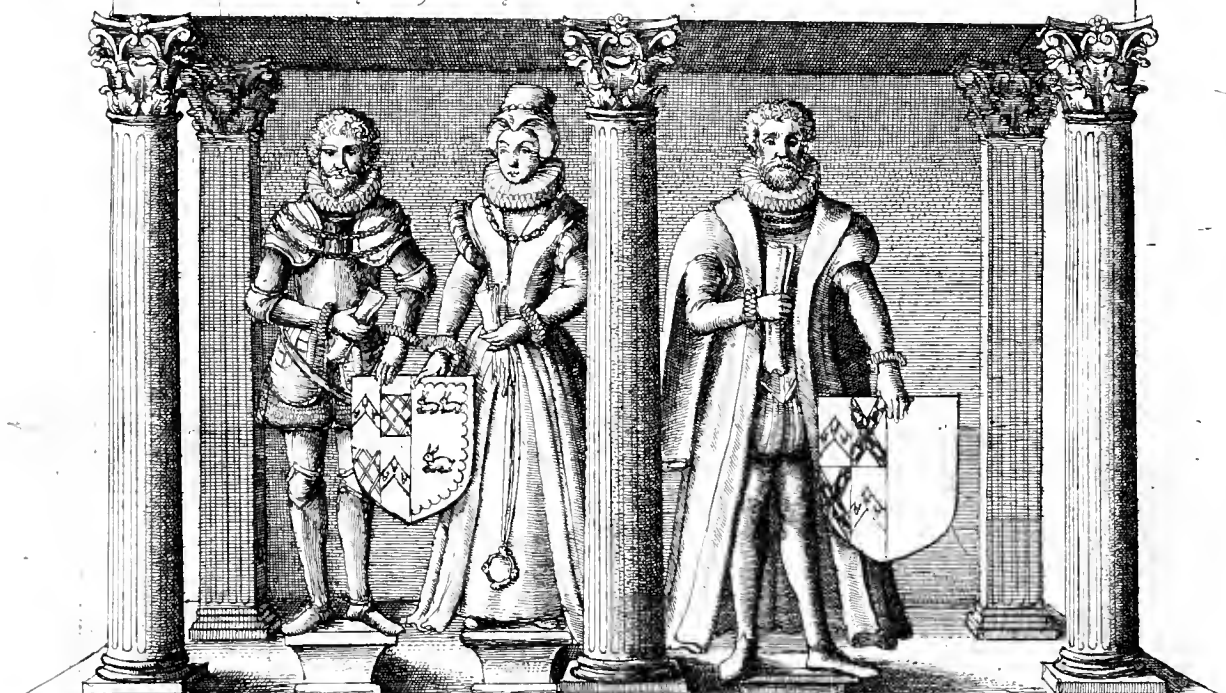
In the middle Alley of the Church, near the entrance into the Chancell.

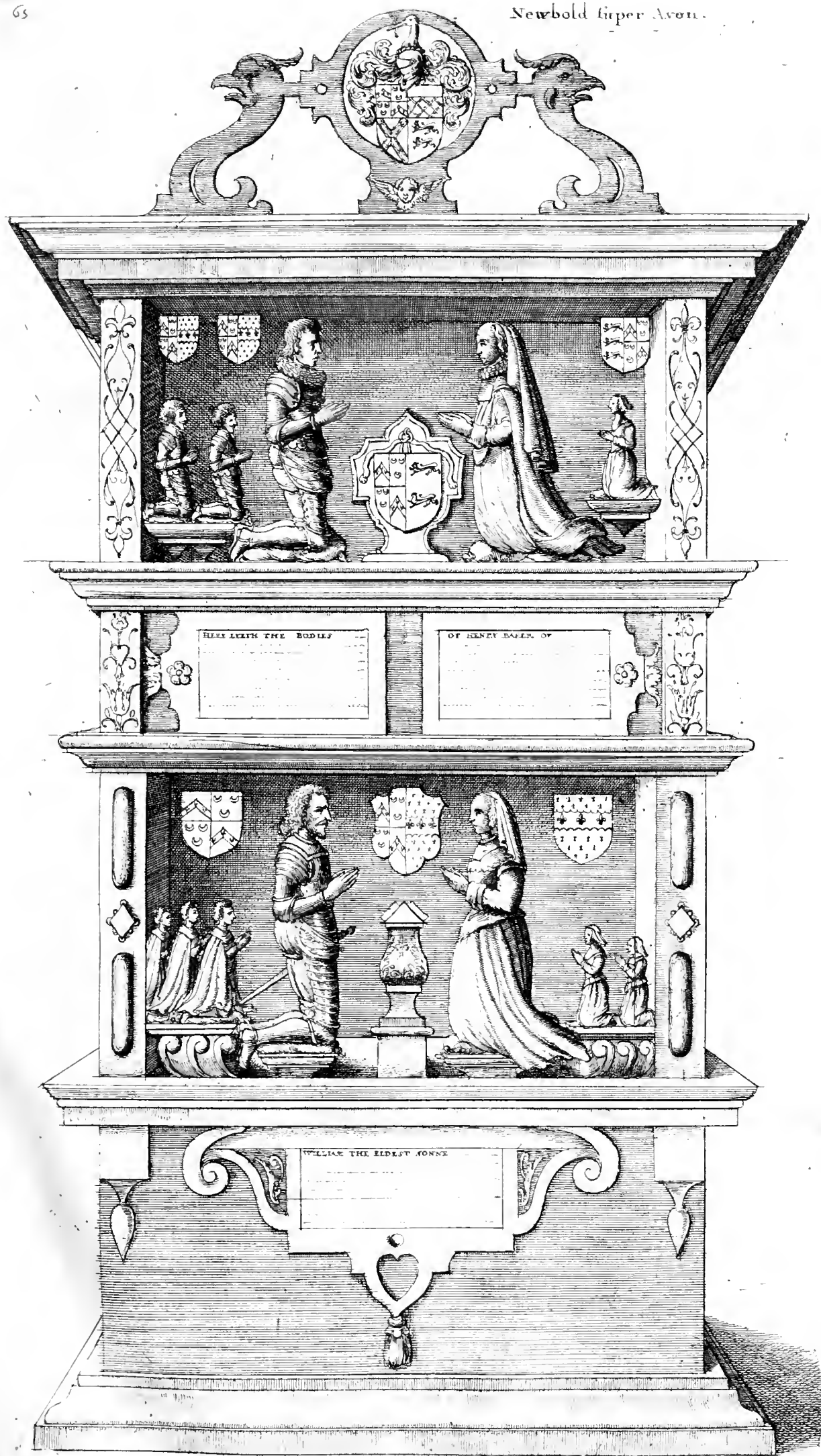


Neubold super Avon.
In the Ile on the South side of the Church.



Edwardus Boughton obiit mortem xxiii die mensis Aprilis. a. dni. 1548.
Elizabeth Boughton uxor Edwardi obiit mortem xiii die mensis Aprilis
a. dni 1585. Whole top is in the Lord God.





bold, and involved therewith when that great Survey was taken by the Conq. whereof I make mention to oft.

That *Stutevill's* lands in *penbold* and this place (as a member thereof) were given to *Pantolf*, in marriage with *Borgia*, siter to *Rog. de Stuteville*, I have already shewed in *penbold*. As also, how that *Will. Pantolf*, dying without issue, *Burgia* and *Enme* his sisters became his heirs. Which *Enme*, being married to *Rob. de Waver*, brought the greatest part hereof to that family: in which it continued, and past with the Mannour of *Therter-waver*, as may seem by some Records which I have there cited.

As for what belong'd to the Monks of *Pipwell*, I find, that in 7 E. 6. the K. granted it to *John Greene* of the City of *Westm.* and *Raph Hall* of *London* Scrivener, and their heirs. Which *John*, in 1, & 2 Ph. & M. had licence to alien the same unto *Eliz. Boughton*; from whom, as it seems, they were afterwards granted to one *Tho. Wighman* Gent. for it appears, that, in 4 Eliz. the said *Thomas* had licence to pass them unto *Sir Tho. Leigh* Kc.

Little-Lawford.

Before the Norman invasion, this was possessed by the same *Alvine*, of whom I have made mention amongst the Earls of *Warwick*; and descended to *Turchill* his son, who held it in the Conq. dayes, one *Leveva* being then his Tenant thereof. By the general Survey & at that time taken, it is certified to contain two hydes, whereunto belong'd a Mill, all valued at xx s. viii d. and there written *Lilleford*. But from this *Turchill* it came to *Henry*, the first E. of *Warwick* after the Conquest; whose Grand-child, *Eari William*, gave it, as it seems, to *Robert de Craft*: for I find, that in 12 H. 2. the same *Robert* was certified to hold one Kts. fee of him *de novo feoffamento*. To whom succeeded *Rog. de Craft* (brother to the same *Robert*) in the possession & thereof, who granted the Mill here to the Monks of *Pipwell* in fee-ferm, for the rent of v marks of silver yearly: which rent was afterwards released to them by *Roger* his son, in consideration of xx marks given unto him by *Walter de Parshull*, son and heir of *Simon de Parshull*, who built the Chapter house at *Pipwell*.

Which *Roger*, afterwards granted this whole Village to *John de Chavini* and his heirs, it being then rated at 2 hydes (the just proportion that it was certified to contain in the Conq. time) *id est*, 8 yard land. For which grant he reserved the Rent of id. to be paid yearly at Easter to him the said *Rog.* and his heirs for all services, excepting foreign; there being for that the 5th part of a Kts. fee due. Which *John de Chavini* past it away to the Monks of *Combe* for C. marks of silver, *Robert de Campanel* confirming the grant in 2 H. 2. time. But, it seems that the Monks of *Pipwell* paid yearly to the Prior of *Witby*, at the feast of *S. Botolph*, x s. for the tyche of their Mill here (it being within the Parish of *penbold super Abon*, the Church whereof belong'd to the Monks of *Witby*, as I have already shew'd) Howbeit, afterwards they withheld that payment, in regard of their priviledge (viz. being of the *Cistercian* Or-

der) yet did they, by Agreements, settle the x s. annuity to the said Prior and his successors for ever.

After which, in process of time, further difference growing betwixt the Monks of *Combe* and *Pipwell*, they of *Combe* required of *Pipwell* 6 acres of land, and xx s. yearly in money, for their interest in this Lordship of *Little-Lawford*, and in the capital Messuage. But the Register of *Pipwell* saies, that in the place where that capital Messuage stood, the Monks of *Combe* had divers Cottages; and that they also had the whole Lordship besides: so that they of *Pipwell*, having there no more than the Mill, with the crofts and holmes thereto belonging, did pay that xx s. yearly, *quia Luna lucet in aqua*.

Upon which differences, there was an Award made an. 1226. (10 H. 3.) by the Abbots of *Stratford* and *Woburne*, appointed for that purpose by a general Chapter of their order; whereby it was decreed, that the Abbot and Covent of *Pipwell* and their successors should for ever enjoy this Lordship with the Mannour-house and all the appurtenances, which heretofore they held as termers of *Rog. de Craft*, excepting 6 acres which the Monks of *Combe* were to have for quietness sake; and that the Monks of *Pipwell* should yearly pay to them of *Combe*, hereupon, xx s. sterling. So that, by all that hath been said, it appears, that *Chavini* had it from *Craft*; the Monks of *Combe* from *Chavini*; and they of *Pipwell* by force of this Award.

But afterwards, to the family of *Craft* it divolved again, it seems; yet how, I have not seen: for in 20 H. 3. *Rog. de Craft* answered for the 5th part of a Kts. fee here, held of the E. of *Warwick*. From whom descended *Geffrey de Craft*, who in 4 E. 1. stiles himself *Dominus de parva-Lalleford*; and from him *Nich.* who was the last of this line that had to do here, for ought I have seen. Neither can I further discover in whom the possession thereof rested for a long time after, untill that *Geffrey de Allesley* had it, which was about the beginning of H. 6. time. Which *Geffrey* married *Margaret*, one of the daughters and heirs of *Henry Sutton* Esq. Lord of *Ditchford-Frery* in this County, where I shall have occasion to make further mention of him; and was in Commission for assessing of the Subsidy granted to the K. in Parl. 9 H. 6. And in 12 H. 6. (with the rest of the principal persons in this Shire) took his oath for observance of the Articles concluded of in the preceding Parliament. In 17 and 18 H. 6. he was constituted one of the Justices of peace in this County; and departing this life, 18 Aug. an. 1441. left issue *Elizabeth* his daughter & heir, wife of *Thomas Boughton* (a *Wesfordshire* Gentleman, as I have heard) whereby this Lordship became transferred to that family, wherein it still continues.

Which *Thomas*, being constituted a Justice of peace in this County in 21 H. 6. so continued till the end of that K. reign, as appears by the sundry renewings of those Commissions. In 31 H. 6. he served in the Parliament as one of the Knights for this Shire; and in 38. was appointed, with others, to array and arm all persons, of body able, and estate sufficient, within this County, for the K. service. To whom succeeded *Richard* his son and heir, constituted Escheator for this County and *Leicester* in 13 E. 4. as also Sheriff in 20.

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Boughton
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And Justice of peace in 22 E. 4. and 1 E. 5. Which *Richard*, being again Shiriff for these Countyes in 2 R. 3. as by the Indentures betwixt him and *Humfry Beauso* Esq; the precedent Shiriff, appears, had the fate to be slain on that K. behalf at *Wostworth*-field, as the tradition is: but therein is a mistake; for the Inquit: taken after his death expresseth, that he dyed 20 Aug. 3 R. 3. which was two dayes before the Battail: therefore 'tis like, that raising Forces in this County for the King, he was encountred by some of the Earl of *Richmond's* Troops in their passage towards *Wostworth*, and by that means lost his life.

Of whose descendants I find, that *Will.* his son and heir was Squire of the body to K. H. 8. and, in 27 of that K. reign, Shiriff of this County and *Leicester*. As also, that *William*, Grandson to the same *William*, underwent the like office for these Countyes in 17 and 32 *Eliz.* being in Commission for the peace the greatest part of that Q. reign. So likewise *Edward*, son and heir to the said *William* the most part of K. *James* his reign, having been Shiriff in 4 *Jac.* But further, as to their matches and otherwise, the Descent here inserted, which briefly points at what else I am able to say in relation to this family here seated, shall suffice.

Tho. Boughton, ar. Eliz. filia & hares
39 H. 6. | Galf. Allesey.

Ric. Boughton, ar. Agnes filia
ob. 3 R. 3. | Longvile.

.... filia & co-Will. Boughton, -D. Eliz. Baring-
hares Joh. Dan- ar. 12. an. 3 R. ton, ux. 2.
vers de Water- 3. sepult. apud
stoke in Com. Dunchurch.
Oxon. ux. 1.

Edw. Boughton, Eliz. filia & Tho. Boughton, Margar.
ar. ob. 1 E. 6. cohæres Wil. de Causlow, ar. filia &
Willington, hares
ar. | Edw. Cave.

Will Boughton, -Iana forer Edw. Boughton, -Susanna fi-
ar. ob. 38 Eliz. Tho. Co- ar. lia Ioh.
ningsby de Brocker,
Hampton- cq. aur.
Court in Com.
Heref. cq. aur.

Edw. Boughton, -Eliz. filia & Henricus-Howard filia
ar. 24. an. hares Edw. Boughton, Edw. Leigh de
38 Eliz. Catesby, filii ton. Ruffall in
jun. Ric. Ca- Com. Staff.
tesby, cq. ar.

Will. Boughton duxit Abigal Tho. Boughton de Bilton
fil. & cohæ. Henr. Baker de duxit Iuditham alteram fil.
Shobery in Com. Effex; ere- & cohæ. H. Baker de Sho-
Aus in gradum Bar. per R. bery, ar.
Car.

Newnham-Regis.

Next below, on the bank of *Avon*, stands *Newnham-Regis*, where depopulation attending the inclosure, hath reduced it to a small number of Inhabitants besides the Mannour-house. In the Conq. Survey there is no direct mention of this place, so that to what it then belonged, I cannot well guess, but do conceive it to have been of

the E. of *Spellent's* or *Turchill de Warwick's* possessions, in regard that it was of the fee of *Roger E. of Warwick*, whose father (Earl *Henry*) enjoy'd the greatest part of the said E. of *Spellent's* and *Turchill's* lands in this County.

From which E. of *Warwick*, the first that obtain'd it was *Hugh fil. Ricardi*, as it seems (of whom in *Wroxhall* I have spoke) who pass it unto *Geffrey de Clinton*, Chamberlain and Treasurer to K. H. 1. and he to the Canons of *Kenilworth* upon his foundation of that Monastery. Which Canons had special grants from them both, to acquit it of all secular services due to either of them, or to the King: in consideration whereof, the said *Geffrey* gave to the above mentioned *Hugh* ten marks of silver; to *Margaret* his wife two ounces of gold, and to *Roger E. of Warwick* two gold Rings, each having a precious stone therein: for it was held of the said Earl by one Kts. fee, as appears by K. H. 2. confirmation thereupon.

But this, for distinction from another *Petonham* within the same Hundred, is called *Petonham-Regis*, in respect that the K. was antiently possessor of it, as is evident also by the *Quo warranto* Roll of 13 E. 1. where the Kings Attorney, questioning the Prior of *Kenilworth* for it, alledged, that K. *Richard* the first was seized thereof. How this claim was determined, I find not; but, that the Canons of *Kenilworth* enjoy'd it till the dissolution of that Monastery, is plain enough; and had allowance of a Court-leet here, and divers other notable privileges.

After which suppression, it continued in the K. hands till 7 E. 6. and was then granted to *John D. of Spothumberland* and his heirs: upon whose attainder in 1 M. the Queen pass it to Sir *Rouland Hill* Kt. and Citizen of *London*. Of whom Sir *Thomas Leigh* Kt. and Alderman of the said City, soon obtain'd it, as may seem by his presentation to the Vicaridge in 1 Eliz. Which Sir *Thomas* afterwards settled it on Sir *Will. Leigh* Kt. a younger son, and the heirs male of his body; who inclosed it, and left issue *Francis* his son and heir, created Baronet 24 Dec. 16 Jac. whose son and heir *Francis*, advanced to the dignity of Lord *Dunsmore*, 11 Julii, 4 Car. and afterwards to be Earl of *Chichester*, now, scil. an. 1650. enjoys it.

The Church (dedicated to) is not presentative, nor hath in it any Arms or Monuments.

Arley.

Having now taken notice of all those places which lye contiguous to the River *Avon*, on its Northside; till the stream of *Sow* meet therewith; I must, in pursuance of my method, ascend to the head of that brook, which riseth Westwards from *Atley*, as the Map will shew, and not far from the skirts of *Arley*: And therefore to dispatch this corner of the Hundred, I will begin with *Arley*, whereof there is a member called *Sioley*, though little taken notice of now: but because I find, that antiently there is mention of it in Records, I must not omit it.

The later sillable of this Towns appellation is very frequently used, as we know, for terminating the names of sundry Villages; and if we ascend to the

a Reg. de
Kenill. p. 1.
b Ib. p. 27.

c Ib. p. 20.

d Carr. 8. E.
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f Rot. de
Warr. 13.
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g Pat. 7. E.
6. p. 8.

h Pat. 1. M.
p. 5.

i Lib. 3.
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the British for its original, we shall find *lle* in that language to be the same with *locus* in the Latine; but if to the Saxons, *lep* there signifieth ground untill'd, and in that sense we still use the word in relation to such land. As for the former, *viz.* *Ar*, 'tis British, and signifieth the same with *super* in Latine, which very well agreeth with the situation hereof, the greatest part of the Parish being high ground in respect of the ascent to it almost every way; so that then *Ar-lei*, is by interpretation, in effect, *locus altus*.

In the Conq. time, this was posselt by one *Cristina*, a great Woman; and with her other lands in this County came immediatly to *Raph de Limesi*, a Baron of eminent note, whose chief seat was at *Walberle*, in those dayes a remarkable place, though now there is nothing left thereof more than some grounds within the precincts of *Solihull* bearing the name, and that somewhat corrupted by length of time.

In the general Survey it is recorded for one hyde, the woods whereof contained a mile and half in length, and half a mile in bredth, all being then valued at *lx s.* and was (as it may seem) a member of *Walberle*; but it is there written *Ablet* in capital letters, the Clerk mistaking the *R* for a *B*.

Of this *Raph de Limesi* and his posterity, I am to speak when I come to *Walberle*, where I shall insert the descent of that family; whereby it will appear, that the daughters and heirs thereof were matcht to *Lindesei* and *Odingsells*, the former a Scot, the other a Fleming. Which family of *Lindesei* continued but a while; but that of *Odingsells* remained even till our fathers' memory, as in *Long-Ichington* I shall fully shew.

Touching this Mannour of *Arlep*, I find, that one *Raph de Limesi*, who lived in K. H. 3. time, had it; and granted the inheritance thereof to *Richard de Limesy* his brother, and to his heirs; which *Richard* had issue *Peter*. Howbeit, whether the above mentioned *Raph de Limesi* issued from some younger brother of the family of *Limesy*, whose descent I have plac't in *Walberle*, I am not able to say: but I have seen an antient Pedegree of *Odingsells* which derives him from that family, as son to the first *Gerard*, who lived in H. 3. time: expressing, that he quitted his paternal name, and called himself *Limesi* (to preserve the memory of his Grand-mother *Bastia de Limesi*, I presume, in that she was so great an heir) which was a course usual enough in antient time to do, as I have elsewhere observed.

Following therefore the guidance of that descent, I have put this *Raph* and his brother *Richard*, as younger sons to the said *Gerard de Odingsells*; and the rather, for that I conceive, that the same *Gerard* was Lord of this Mannour, in regard that he and his brother *William* had a trial at *Northampton* against *Will. de Waverton* and *Gerard de Lindesei* in 28 E. 3. concerning the advowson of this Church; though afterwards it did not constantly accompany the possession of the Mannour, as most in those elder times did: For *Will. de Odingsells* of *Solihull* (son to the before mentioned *William*) had it in E. 1. time; and yet afterwards *Peter de Limesy* presented (as will appear by the Institutions.)

To return therefore to the said *Peter* (son of *Richard*) whom I find thus posselt of *Arlep*, as abovesaid: He had *Free-warren* granted to him and his heirs here in 4 E. 2. and being a Knight in

5 E. 2. assisted the Earls of *Lancaster*, *Hereford*, and *Warwick*, in the beheading of *Piers de Gaveston*; for which, with the rest, he had his pardon in 7 of that K. reign. In 9 E. 2. he was in Commission for choosing of foot-souldiers in this County for the wars of *Scotland*: and the same year one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held at *Lincoln*: In which Parliament the Commonalty giving unto the K. a writ towards the charge of his wars in *Scotland*, the foot-souldiers elected as aforesaid were released by the K. command, this *Peter* being, with others, assigned for levying the said sixteenth.

In 11 E. 2. he was in Commission for enquiry who they were that furnish themselves with Arms, and retained souldiers, horse or foot; or did confederate themselves by private meetings in this County. And, the same year, being constituted Sheriff of the Counties of *Salop.* and *Staff.* had the custody of the Castles of *Shrewsbury* and *Bridgenorth* committed to his charge. In 14 E. 2. he was in Commission for the Goal-delivery at *Warwick*; but afterwards in the rebellion with *Thomas Earl of Lancaster*; for which his lands being forfeited, were seized into the K. hands: and dyed at *Porke* the Monday next before the feast of the Epiphany in 18 E. 2. but whether a natural death or not, the Record doth not specify, leaving issue *John de Limesy* his son and heir, then 24 years of age, on whom this Mannour was settled by the grant of *Kic. de Limesy*, his Grandfather.

What became of this *John de Limesy*, or what issue he had, I find not: but plain it is, that in 2 E. 3. Sir *Roger Corbet* of *Caus* Kt. and *Amicia* his wife, granted unto Sir *VWill. Camvile* Kt. son of *Thomas Camvile*, the reversion of this Mannour; as also of the Mannour of *Sibbesdon* in *Leic.* which Sir *Roger* had a daughter also called *Amicia*, wife of *John de Odingsells*, as in *Long-Ichington* appeareth.

The next mention I meet with of it, is in 19 R. 2. where it appears, that Sir *Roger Corbet* of *Uygh* Kt. dyed seized of a third part thereof, leaving *Thomas* his son and heir aged 23 years. But in 5 H. 4. after the death of Sir *John Odingsells* of *Long-Ichington*, it was found, that Sir *Raph Rochford* Kt. then held it, with *Slowley*, of him the said Sir *John*, by the service of one Kts. fee. As also, in 8 H. 5. that *Thomas Corbet* of *Uygh* then deceased, held 8 mess. and 4 yard lands; and that *Thomas* his son and heir was 28 years of age. Unto which Sir *Raph* succeeded *Henry Rochford* Esq; who past to *Thomas Bate* Esq; all his title therein; of whom *Edw. Lord Ferrers* of *Chobyn* obtain'd it, in 35 H. 6. But further mention thereof in Records have I not seen till 7 E. 6. there being at that time a Fine levied of it betwixt *John Poley* Esq; Pl. and *Rob. Greene* and others before, but to what uses I know not. Nor afterwards till 13 Eliz. that *Tho.* the son of *VWill. Skeffington* (of *Skeffington* in *Leicestersh.*) accomplished his full age. Which *Thomas*, being then posselt of it, had issue *VWilliam*, whose posterity do now enjoy it.

In an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) the Church (dedic. to) was valued at vi marks; but in 26 H. 8. at six l. vi s. over and above ix s. vi d. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*. The patronage whereof, in 12 R. 2. belong'd to Sir *Rob. Grey* of *Rothesello* Kt. and Sir *John Clinton* Kt. by turns.

f Pat. 7. E. 2. p. 1. m. 15. in cedula.
t Pat. 9 E. 2. p. 2. m. 19.
u Claus. 9. E. 2. m. 16. in dorso.
w Rot. F. 10. E. 2. m. 16.
z Pat. 11. E. 2. p. 1. m. 8. in dorso.
a Rot. F. 11 E. 2. m. 5.
c Pat. 14. E. 2. p. 2. m. 24. in dorso.
d Rot. de ter. contra- riantium, 17 E. 2. penes Cleric. Pipe.
e Claus. 19 E. 2. m. 8. Efc. 19. E. 2. n. 67.
h Ex coll. W. Burton
i Efc. 19. 2. n. 16.
k Efc. 5 H. 4. n. 19.
l Efc. 8 H. 5. n. 45.
m Ex au- 108. pe- nes A- nonu Co- kein Ear.
o T. Trin.
p Lib. 3. cedul.
q Lib. 4. cedul.
r MS in Scac.
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t Efc. 12. R. 2. n. 24.
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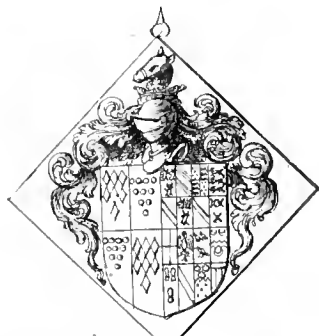
But, in 2 H. 6. it was found^u, that *Eliz. Lady Clinton* had the whole advouſon in dowry from *Robert Lord Grey of Rotherfelde*, ſometime her husband; the inheritance belonging to *Alice* and *Margaret*, daughters and heirs to the ſaid Lord Grey; the one married to *Will. Lord Lovel*, and the other to *Raph Lord Cromwell of Tatthall*.

w Efc. 31.
E. 3. n. 14.

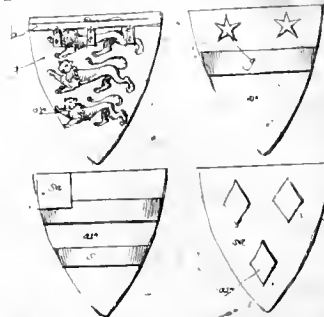
In 31 E. 3. liſenſe^w was granted to *Ric. de*

Caldeford, Priest, for the amortizing of one meſſ. 16 acres of land, one acre of meadow, 8 acres of pasture, and one acre and half of moor, lying here in *Arley*, to the uſe of *Rob. de Sekindon*, then Parſon here, and his ſucceſſors, for a certain Collekt or Prayer to be ſaid by him the ſaid Robert and his ſucceſſors every day in this Church, for the ſoul of *Robert Norreis*, for ever.

This Monument ſtandeth on the North ſide of the Chancell.



Armes in the Church windows.



- 1 The Earle of Lincoln
- 2 Odingſelle
- 3
- 4 Whitacre



Patroni Ecclesiæ.

Incumbentes.

Ex autog. penes Dec. & Cap. Lich. Langt. f. 5. a. Ib. f. 37. b.	Will. D'Oddingsells, miles.	Ric. de Coventre, Cler. 1287.
Northb. f. 47. a. Ib. f. 48. a.	Domina Ela de Oddingsells.	Nich. de VVermyngham, Pbr. 9 Kl. Maii, 1296. VVill. de Bockmor, Pbr. 7 Id. Jan. 1311. Nich. Hoddele, Cap. 3 Id. Nov. 1348. Adam de VVhitindon, Cap. 16 Kl. Junii, 1349.
Ib. f. 53. b. Ib. f. 59. a.	D. Joh. de Grey de Rotherfeild, miles.	Will. de Allespash, Pbr. 3 Non. Aug. 1350. Rob. de Sekynton, Cler. 13 Kl. Febr. 1354.
Swett. f. 1. b. Ib. f. 8. a.	Joh. de Clinton, miles.	Ioh. de Islip, Pbr. 6 Kal. Ian. 1358. Rob. Birchley, Cap. 3 Id. Maii, 1361.
Ib. f. 14. b.	Joh. Grey de Rotherfeild, miles.	Ric. de Walford. 7 Febr. 1365.
Burgh. f. 18. b.		Will. Thomas, Cap. ult. Martii, 1407.
Ib. f. 19. a.	D. Eliz. domina de Clinton.	D. Will. Lowery, 21 Dec. 1407.
Ib. f. 23. a.		Ioh. Benet, 22 Aug. 1409.
Heyw. f. 18. b.		Will. Lynie, Pbr. 22 Junii, 1426.
Ibid.	Will. Clinton, miles, dominus de Clinton & Say.	Will. Hancock, Cap. 3 Oct. 1426.
Ib. f. 25. a.		D. Ioh. Halle, Pbr. 26 Oct. 1430.
Ib. f. 32. a.	Joh. dom. de Clinton & Say.	Ric. Bedworthy, Pbr. 29. Aug. 1433.
Ib. f. 36. b.		Will. Loneleye Pbr. 27 Junii, 1438.
Heyw. f. 44. a.	Will. de Ferrers, mil. Joh. Gresley, mil. Tho. Mollesley, &c. Will. Bull, yeoman, ratione advoc. sibi concessa, hac vice, per Tho. Clinton, milit.	Will. Tuge, Pbr. 11 Martii, 1445.
Ib. f. 8. a.		Ric. Bull, 27 Apr. 1517.
Ibid.	Dom. Edw. Poynings, & alii feoffati ad usum Tho. Clinton, milit.	Henr. Morgan; 20 Dec. 1517.
Sampf. & B. f. 8. b.	Tho. Wood & alii, ex concess. VValt. Aston, gen.	Ioh. Wood, Cler. ult. Oct. 1554.
Ib. f. 10. b.	Walt. Aston, ar. & Eliz. ux. eius.	Nich. Bagaley, Cap. 21 Julii, 1557.
Ib. f. 46. b.	Walt. Aston, miles. Edw. Coke, ar. attorn.	Tho. Butcher, 1 Febr. 1575. Rob. Kercher, Cler. in art. Mag. 29 Junii, 1598.
Overton bund. C.	D. Regina, ratione minoris atat. Walt. filii & hered. Edw. Aston, milit.	

Sloley-hall; which shews, that some person of note hath antiendly dwelt there.

The first mention I find thereof is in 20 H. 2. where the Shiriff accounts for the profit of certain lands here, then belonging to *Reginald de Eton*, who was in rebellion against the King; in which Record it is written **Slalet**. But in E. 2. time, *Peter de Limesy* was posselt thereof, with **Arley**; both which were then seized on for his rebellion, (as I have before declared.) Since which time it hath gone with **Arley** (as a member thereof;) But in 9 H. 5. it was found^b, that *Richard Sloley* of **Sloley**, held of the K. in Capite, one mess. and four acres of land here, by *Sergeanty*; that is to say; giving to the King upon his expedition with his Army towards **Scotland**, one Pole-axe, or xii d. in silver for all services. Which *Richard* dyed 8 H. 5. leaving *John Porter*, son and heir of *Agnes Porter*, sister of *Henry Sloley*, father of the said *Richard*, his next heir, then aged 40 years.

a Rot. P. H. 2.

b Lf. 9. H. 5. n. 17.

Astley.

WIrhin the precincts hereof is the head of **Sow**, of which Brook there is a member of this Lordship that hath its name, viz. **Souley**, now scarce taken notice of, but by a few scattering houses, called **Souley end**: howbeit, in the Conq. time, it was of more regard, for it is mentioned in **Domesday-booke** by the name of **Soulege**.

Before the Norman invasion one *Alsi* posselt this place; but after the Conquest, *Robert E.* of **Mellent** had it; at which time it was rated for one hyde, having woods extending to one mi^e in length, and half so much in breadth. As for the name, there is no question but that it first arose from the Eastern situation from some other made habitable before: for in the Conq. Survey^d, it is written **Estleja**, id est; *locus orientalis*; but corruption in speech hath, in time, changed it to **Astley**, as hote Towns, antiendly written **Eston**, are into **Aston**.

c Domesday lib.

That the greatest part of the E. of **Mellent's** lands came to the first E. of **Warwick** of the Norman line, I have given a touch already in **Hill-Morton**: as also, that *Philip de Estley* is certified to hold 3 Kts. fees of *Will. E. of Warwick*, in 12 H. 2. de veteri feoffamento; by which 'tis plain, that his Father or Grandfather was enfeofft of them in H. 1. time. Of which 3 Kts. fees, this **Estley** was part, as by those Records I have there cited appeareth; and held of the Earls of **Warwick**, with **Wedington**, **Hill-Morton**, **Milberton**, and **Derston-jabet**, by the service of holding the Earls stirrop, when he did get up or alight from Horseback.

e Ex Cartul. warw. Comit. penes Dudl. Bar. North f. 176. b.

Being to speak historically of this family (which was the stock whence the **Astleys** of **Hill-Morton**, and **Wolbey** in this County; and of **Watnall** in **Staffordsh.** are of younger branches descended, I have set down the Pedegree, so far as it relates to this place, beginning with the before mentioned *Philip de Estley*, for his fathers name I cannot discover: and have fixt thereunto that part of *Grey's* descent, as, through **Astley's** daughter and heir, became Lords thereof.

Slowley.

THis is a place now onely known by the name of **Sloley-hill**, there being at the skirt thereof, where the Brook runs, a house still called

Philippus de Estleja, 12 H. 2.]

Ala-Tho. de Estleja, Matilda soror & coheres
9 Joh. Rog. de Camvill.

Iohanna filia Tho. de Estley, Editha filia Philippus, Re-
Ernaldi de miles, casus in Petri Con- cor eccl. de
Bosco. praelio de E- stable de Hil-Morton.
vestham, 49 H. Melton in
3. Com. Norf.

Isabella ux. Andreas de Estley, Sibilla, Thomas de Est-
Wil. de Ber- defunctus, 29 E. 1. 11 E. 1. ley, cui pater
mingham. dedit Hil-Mor-
ton, 47 H. 3.

Nich. de Ast- Egidius de Astley, Alicia filia & Sibilla ux.
ley, fil. & miles, 7 E. 2. hares Tho. Will. le
Bosco, 29. de Wolvey, Boteler de
E. 1. mil. Wering-
ton.

Tho. de Astley, confangu. & Eliz. filia Guid. de Bello-
hares Nich. 19 E. 2. fundator campo Comit. Warwici.
eccl. Colleg. de Astley.

Will. de Astley, Tho. de Astley, miles, Egid. de Ast-
miles, 11 R. 2. 2 R. 2. a quo Astley de ley de Wol-
Parsull in Com. Staff. vey, 18 R. 2.

Regin: Grey, Iohanna filia & Tho Ralegh,
de Ruthin, hares, defuncta 1. maritus.
mil. 13 R. 2. 27 H. 6.

Edw. Grey, miles, dom. de Eliz. filia Henrici Ferrers, filii
Groby iure ux. 27 H. 6. Will. Ferrers de Groby, mil.
23 H. 6.

Edw. Grey, Vic. Ioh. Grey, miles, filius &
L'isfle, 1 R. 3. hares, 36 H. 6. casus in
praelio S. Albani, 39 H. 6.]

Ioh. Grey, Vic. Anna ux. Eliz. ux. Edm. Tho. Grey, mil.
L'isfle, duxit Mu- Ioh. Wil- Dudley, soror cretus in Mar-
rieiam fil Tho.oughby, & coheres, ar. chion. Dorf.
D. Norf. obiit 25. an. 20. 23. an. 20 H. 7. 18 Apr. 15.
6 Sept. 20 H. 7. H. 7. E. 4.]

Eliz. nata post humatum Thomas marchio Dorset,
patris, ar. 7 dierum, 20. ob. 22. H. 8.
H. 7.

Ioh. Grey, miles, Henr. M. Dorf. Francisca filia Adrianus
a quo Henr. Baro cretus in D. Car. Brandon, Stokes,
Gicy de Groby, Suff. decoll. D. Suff. obiit ar. 2.
modo Comes 1 M. 2 Eliz. maritus.
Stamtordix.

Iana ux. Guil- Kath. ar. 19. an. Maria ar. 13. an. 2. Eliz.
fordi Dudley, 2 Eliz. (nupta Martino Keys, ar.
mil. decollata Edw. Comiti & obiit f. prole.)
3 M. Hertf.)

That they took for their Arms *Azure a cinqfoile ermine*, which hath so near a resemblance to the bearing of the antient Earls of *Leicester*, is very well known. And that it hath been no unusual thing for younger branches, or those who held their lands of such great persons, or had other near relation to them so to do, I could manifest by sundry examples; which was the case here, in part, if not in all these instances: for *Thomas de Estley*, son to *Philip*, was not onely Bayliff to *Simon Montfort* E. of *Leic.* (who had that Honour conferred on him by K. *John*, in regard he had married *Amicia* the eldest sister and coheir of *Rob. Fitz-Parnel* E. of *Leic.*) as appears by a Fine that he gave to the King, 9 *Joh. viz.* fourscore

marks and a palfrey, to be discharged of the issues required of him for that Earls lands whil't he had to do with them; but held certain lands by military service of that Honour.

In 12 *Joh.* this *Tho. de Estley* gave a Fine to the K. of C. marks, that he might not go beyond Sea: the Record expresses not whither; but 'tis plain, that the K. went that year with a great Army into *Ireland*, and settled that Realm in obedience to him: therefore thither it was, without doubt, that he had command to attend him. After which, viz. in 17 *Joh.* being in Arms against the K. with the rebellious Barons, he was committed Prisoner to the Castle of *Bedford*, whereof *Falcaus de Breant* then had the custody: But in 1 H. 3. submitting to obedience (or rather being forc't thereto by the wisdom and courage of the famous *Will. Marshall*, then E. of *Devon*, who had the tuition of the young K. and government of the Realm) he had his lands, which were forfeited for that offence, restored to him; and in 4 H. 3. was in Commission for the Goal-delivery both at *Warwick* and *Leicester*.

So also in 5 H. 3. for seizing into the K. hands all the demesns whereof K. *John* was posselt at the beginning of the wars with the Barons; and likewise to take *Eichaets*, as well those lands which were belonging to Normans and Britons, as other strangers, that either came to the K. hands or his fathers, before the said war, in the war, or after it; and to certifie the stock thereupon, with the value, as also in whose possession they were. But after this do I find no more mention of him, than that he wedded *Maud*, one of the sisters and coheirs to *Rog. de Camvile* of *Creek* in *Northampton*. and that he left issue *Walter*; of whom K. *John* exacted Scutage for military service in *Wolston*, in 16 of his reign, as of all others that held by that tenure. Which tax being so great, viz. 3 marks for every Knights fee, was never paid, in regard that the Barons hereupon took occasion to rebel; at which time they brought in *Leves*, the eldest son to K. *Philip* of *France*, took the City of *London*, and grew very outrageous, as our Historians relate.

This *Walter* was posselt of lands in *Whitchford*; which, in 17 *Joh.* were given by the K. to *Alice de Moyun* (of whom I shall speak more fully when I come to that place.) But in 1 H. 3. he received favour of the K. as his father had done; and in 19 H. 3. answered for one Krs. fee in this County two marks upon payment of the Aid for marriage of *Isabell*, the K. sister, to the Emperour.

To him succeeded *Thomas*; who was a Kt. in 26 H. 3. and then constituted one of the Justices for the Goal-delivery at *Warwick*; so also the year following, in which he paid to the K. 15 l. for his Release.

In 32 H. 3. he was sent with divers other great men into *Galloghne*; but within few years after, taking part with the rebellious Barons in 47 H. 3. joyned with those that seized upon the K. profits in this County and *Leicester*. which the then Shirriff *Will. Bagot* had in charge to receive; and grew so eminent for his activeness, that upon the Agreement in 48 H. 3. betwixt the said K. and the Barons; wherein the K. to satisfy them, submitted to those unreasonable Articles, called *Provisiones Oxonii*, which they by power had formerly forc't him unto, constituting several persons

b Rot. F.
11 Joh.

c Rot. P.
12 Joh.

d M. Paris.
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e Ex Coll.
T. Talbot,

f Claus. 1.
H. 3. m. 16
in dorso.

g Claus. 4.
H. 3. m. 14.

h Rot. F. 5
H. 3. in
dorso, m. 1.

Record
de T.
Mich.
42 E. 3
Rot. 49.
7.

i Claus. 16.
Ioh. in
dorso.

m Lib.
n vnb. f.
48.

o Claus. 17.
Ioh. m. 13.

p Claus. 12.
H. 3. m. 16.

q Testa de
Nevill.

r Ex autog.
penes D.
Cap.
Lich.

s Pat. 26.
H. 3. in
dorso.

t Pat. 27.
H. 3. in
dorso.

u Rot. F.
27 H. 3.
m. 5.

v Pat. 32.
H. 3. in
dorso.

x Claus. 55.
H. 3. m. 5.

persons of greatest trust in all parts of the Kingdom to secure what they had so got; he was the onely man deputed in **Warwickshire**, for that purpose, having the title of *Custos pacis*.

Touching their giving battail to the K. at **Lewes**, in May, 48. H. 3. and how both K. and Prince were there made prisoners, I must refer my Reader to our Historians; observing onely, that, during the time the King was thus in their hands, they made use of his great Seal, doing what they listed in his name; and in particular made a Charter to **Thomas de Eftley**, son of this **Thomas**, for a *Mercate* and *Faire* at **Hill-Morton**, which beares date 15. Jan. 49. H. 3. (as I have already, in my discourse upon that place, intimated.) But see the success: after they had got the whole Kingdom into their power; the Ring-leaders of them fell at emulation about sharing the spoil, and superiority in command: which caused such irreconcilable animosities, that contrivances were layd for each others destruction; **Clare E. of Glouc.** making what party he could to ruine **Monfort E. of Leic.** who had both the K. and Prince in his custody at the Castle of **Hereford**: yet, when he had considered his strength, and found, that of themselves it would be very difficult and hazardous, if possible, to effect; rather than he would fail of his ends, he was willing to take in the Royallists to his aid; which could not be well accomplish'd, he knew, without the presence of the K. or Prince for their countenance.

Whereupon plots were layd for the Prince his escape; which taking effect accordingly, an Army was rayled within two months, and at **Chebam** gave battail to the E. of **Leic.** and his complices, where they had a suddain and fatall overthrow. In which conflict **Monfort** himself being slain; and with him *duodecim milites vexilliferi*, saith **Math. Paris**, whereof this **Thomas de Eftley** was one; scarce a man of note escap'd with life, that was not made prisoner: but touching the particular circumstances hereof, having occasion to speak further in **Kenilworth**, I shall now pass them by.

This victory so obtained, the King rewarded those, which adventured their lives for him in that battail with the possessions of his vanquish't Rebels; amongst which, he gave to **Warine de Bassingburne** the lands of this **Thomas de Astley**. Which **Warine**, in 50. H. 3. obtain'd a charter bearing date at **Kenilworth** 22. Oct. for leave to fortify his house at **Bassingburne** in **Cambrydogsh.** and this at **Astley**, and to embattle the walls of them both: but 'tis not very probable that he did any thing thereupon at this place, in regard it was so soon granted away again by him, as I shall presently declare. For that the posterity of those who had thus forfeited and lost their lives, with the rest that were not slain, except the Sonns of **Montfort E. of Leic.** were by that Decree, called *Dictum de Kenilworth* (whereof I shall speak elſewhere) admitted to composition, is not unknown to those who have any cognisance of our English History: I shall therefore here omit the relation thereof, and descend to such particulars as concern the family of this **Thomas**.

And first, to manifest what commiseration the K. had to **Edith** his wife, do observe, that whereas his lands in **Astley**, **Wetinton**, **Willeby**, and **Copston**, in this County; **Ullham**, and **Creek** in **Portsmouthsh.** **Brouton**, **Cotes** and **Hecham**, in **Leicestersh.** were all bestowed on the said **Warine**,

and whereof the value, by extent, was certified to be 15 l. 16 s. 11 d. per ann. he notwithstanding gave unto her those in **Willeby**, **Hecham**, and **Wetinton**, valued at 34 l. 18 s. 1 d. ob. per ann. for the maintenance of her self & children during her life; paying to the same **Warine** and his heirs, only one mark at the Feast of **S. John Baptist** yearly.

I now come to **Andrew**, his son and heir. This **Andrew**, compounding with the said Sir **Warine de Bassingburne**, according to the Edict before specified, had a grant from him of those lands: but for raising of money to that purpose, was constrain'd to pass away his Lordship of **Little-Copston**, before specified, to the Monks of **Combe**, and their successors for ever; from whom he received for the same cccxx. marks sterling: which sum was to fit him for his voyage to the Holy-Land, as by the originall Charter appeareth. Shortly after which, the said **Andrew** was received into favour, giving security for his faithfull demeanour towards the K. and his heirs; **Rog. le Strange** of **Shropsh.** and **Nich. Haverham** of **Portsmouthsh.** by their speciall acts in Court, undertaking for him therein. And being thenceforth put into the condition of a loyall subject, as to purchase of lands or any other thing (the K. confirming the grant made to him by the said **Warine**) he was, in 12. E. 1. joyn'd in Commission with **Raph de Hengham**, (a learned and eminent Professor in the Law, of that time, and afterwards chief Justice of the Common pleas) for taking Assizes of *Novel-disseisin*, *Mort d'ancestor* &c. in this County.

In 13. E. 1. he claimed by Prescription, a Court-leet, Gallows, power to punish the breakers of Assize of bread and beere, *free-warren*, with other privileges, in this Lordship with it's members; viz. **Perston-Jabet**, **Wedington**, and **Wilverton**; and had allowance of them. After which; **seil. in 28. E. 1. Edm. de Bassingburne** brought an Assize of *Mort d'ancestor* against him for this manour before the then Justices *Itinerant*, but prevailed not therein, as it seemes. Of his farther publique employments, I finde, that in 24. E. 1. he had summons (with divers other great men) to be at **Newcastle** upon **Tine**, the first of March, there to attend the K. with Horse and Armes to vindicate the injuries done by **John K. of Scotland**. As also the next year following, to be at **Newcastle** again, upon **St. Nicholas** day, to attend **Pr. Edward**, who then went as Generall against the Scots. And afterwards, the same year, was enjoyned to be at **London**, the Sunday next after the *Octaves* of **S. John Baptist**, furnish't with Horse and Armes to wait upon the K. in his expedition beyond Sea (into **Flanders** and **Gascoine**): but, it seemes he was dispens't with for his personal service in that voyage: for I finde, that **John de Clinton** and he were then assigned by the Prince (who during the K. absence was deputed his Lieutenant here in **England**) to make choyce of such Knights and others of this County, whom they should think fit, and to retien them by wages for attendance on the said Prince at **London** on the *Octaves* of **St. Michael** the same year. And, that in 26. E. 1. he had command to be at **York** at the feast of *Pentecost*, accoutred with Horse and Armes to march against the Scots; which was the time that **K. Edw.** had the victory at **Falkirk** in **Scotland**.

This **Andrew** gave (or rather sold) to the Canons of **Orbury** a wood, lying within the precincts of **Chilverscoton**, called **Herewardshay**, which

which his Father had of the grant of *Tho.* the son of *Thomas* the son of *Seherus de Stoke*. And dyed in 29. E. 1. leaving *Nicholas* his son and heir aged 24. years; who, doing his fealty had then livery of his Fathers lands. Which *Nicholas* in 1. and 3. E. 2. being constituted one of the Commissioners for conservation of the peace in *Warwicksh.* and to see the Statute of *Winchester* observed, in 5. E. 2. was a Knight, and bore for his Armes a *Lion rampant*, as by his Seal appeareth. But, in 7. E. 2. attending the K. in that unfortunate expedition against the Scots, was taken prisoner in the battail of *Stribeltn*, where many a gallant Englishman had the same fate, or lost his life. The time of his death I cannot certainly point out; but he dyed without issue: for I find that *Thomas* his nephew, viz. son of *Sir Giles de Astley* his younger brother (and with him taken prisoner at *Stribeltn*) became heir to the estate: and in 19. E. 2. had livery of his lands, being then of full age. Which *Thomas* was a Knight in 10. E. 3. and such a man whose pious and noble actions gave no small lustre to this family. For, in 11. E. 3. he founded a Chantry in the Parish-Church here at *Astley*, of one Priest to sing Mass daily for the health of his soul, and for the soul of *Eliz.* his wife (daughter to *Guy de Beauchamp E. of Warwick*) as also for the souls of his Father and Mother, and all the faithfull deceased; to which he had licence for the amortizing of 8. mess. 2. carucates of land, pasture for 2. horses and 4. Oxen, crj. s. viij. d. rent, with the appurtenances lying in *Astley*, *Wolbepe*, *Spilberton*, and *Willoughby* in this County.

In 12. E. 3. he was assigned one of the Commissioners for conservation of the peace; and to be assistant to *Ric. E. of Arundell*, and *Tho. Lord Berkeley* for arraying of all men in this Shire, according to their several estates and faculties. The same year he had licence to grant the advowson of the Church, here at *Astley*, to the Guardian and Priests belonging to the Chappell of our blessed Lady therein, for the health of his soul, and the souls of his ancestors, and all the faithfull deceased; which, by *Rog. Northburg*, then B. of *Cob.* and *Litch.* was appropriated thereunto 8. Kal. Oct. following. Who, thereupon reserved these pensions; viz. to the Chapter of *Litchfield* 5. s. to the Chapter of *Cobentre* as much; and 13. s. 04. d. to the Cathedral of *Litchfield*, to be payd at the feast of *S. Mich.* th' Archangel yearly out of the profits thereof. Which Chantry, as appears by the Bishops said Instrument of Appropriation, consisting of 4. secular Priests; one called the *Custos*, or Warden, and another the Subwarden, was founded for the good estate of the said *Thomas de Astley*, the Lady *Eliz.* his wife, and of Dame *Alice* and *Alice*, Mothers to them both, their heirs and successors; as also *Roger* then B. of *Cob.* and *Litch.* and after their decease for the health of their souls, and of the souls of *Sir Walter de Astley* and *Isabel* his wife, *Sir Thomas de Astley* and *Joane* his wife, *Sir Andrew de Astley* and *Sibill* his wife, *Nich. de Astley* and *Alice* his wife, *Sir Giles de Astley* (father of the said *Thomas* the founder) *Sir Thomas de Wolvey* and *Alice* his wife; and of *Sir Thomas de Clinton* Knight.

For augmentation of which number to seven Priests and one Clerk, in 14. E. 3. he obteyned licence to amortize 2. mess. 3. yard land and half, 2. acres of wood, and 2. s. - 8. d. rent in *Wol-*

broke, *Hapstord*, and *Bedworth*. In that year he was joyn'd in Commission with the Bishop of *Worcester*, the Abbot of *Stoneley*, and Prior of *Erdbury* to supervise the ninth of Sheaf, Lamb, and Wooll for this County granted to the K. in Parliament. And the next year did he grant to the Prior and Covent of *Crebury* and their successors 1. mess. and 36. acres of land lying in *Wolbepe*.

Thus was the heart of this worthy person still more and more enlarged, as we see by these his pious concessions; and yet, thinking all not enough, procured licence of the K. for the changing these Chantry-Priests into a Dean and Secular Canons; and to grant to them and their successors the perpetuall patronage of the Church of *Hill-Morton*, which was appropriated thereto by the said *Rog. Northburgh* Bishop of *Cobentre* and *Litch.* 3. Cal. Martii the same yeare, with reservation of x. s. annuall pension to be payd out of the profits thereof at the feast of *S. Michael* th' Archangel. Whereupon he then began to erect a most fair and beautifull Collegiat-Church in the form of a Cross, dedicated to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, with a tall spire covered with lead, whereof I shall say more anon. Which foundation consisted of a Dean and two Canons, who were to be secular Priests, each having their lodgings appointed to them, with particular lands out of the before mentioned possessions so given; the Dean being to provide a Priest, as perpetuall Vicar there, and by him presented to the Bishop, by the the B. to be instituted, and by his mandate to the Chapter of his Church, to be admitted, having v. Marks by the year, quarterly, for his salary: And likewise another priest with a fit Clerk to serve the Parishioners in the said Church.

Shortly after which; viz. in 20. E. 3. did *Tho. Beauchamp E. of Warwick* grant thereunto the Church of *Long-Stanton* in *Cambrydgeshire*. Nor was it long after, that the before specified Founder added more: for, in 36. E. 3. I finde that he gave ix. marks and x. s. yearly Rent, issuing out of lands situate in *Ulburn* and *Creek* in *Northamptonsh.* and lxv. s. v. d. ob. q. rent out of lands in *Shustoke*, *Stungley*, and *Pum-Caton* in this County. And lastly his son, *Will. Lord Astley*, in 12. R. 2. xl. s. yearly rent issuing out of the manour of *Bentley*, to *John de Plompton* Vicar and then Sacrist, and to his successors for ever.

Having now done with the endowment, I have a word or two more to say of the Founder, relating to his publique employments; which is, that in 33. E. 3. he was the first in ranke authorized by commission in this County for arraying of men in the K. absence, according to the Statute of *Winchester*. As also in 35. constituted one of the Justices of peace in this Shire. And that, by *Elizabeth* daughter to *Guy de Beauchamp E. of Warwick*, he had issue *Sir Will. de Astley*, and *Sir Thomas*, both Knights, with *Giles* his third son, from whom the *Astley's* of *Wolbepe* are descended (as I have already shewed). Of which *Sir Thomas*, in respect he had some publique employments, of note, in this County, I shall say something, leaving his posterity, by *Eliz.* daughter, of *Richard Harecourt*, son of *Sir Will. Harecourt* Kt. whose cofin and next heir she was, seated at *Wadthull* in *Staffordshire*, where they still continue.

In 2. R. 2. he was in Commission for taxing a Subsidy in this County. In 8. for collecting a

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n. Pat. 17. E. 3. p. 2. m. 30.

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q. Ex ipso autog. ibid.

r. Pat. 20. E. 3. p. 2. m. 26.

s. Pat. 36. E. 3. p. 2. m. 13.

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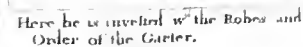
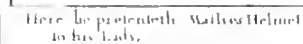
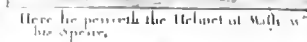
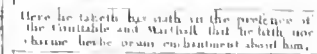
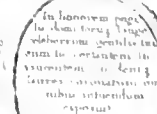
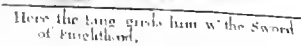
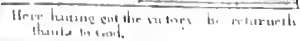
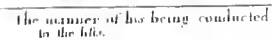
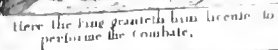
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a. Rot. F. 8. R. 2. m. 19.



Clauſ. 8. xv. and x. having been one of the Kts. for this ſhire in the Parliament, wherein they were granted. He was alſo the ſame year retain'd by Indenture for one whole year to ſerve the K. in an expedition which he then perſonally made into France, with three Archers well armed and fitted for the war, receiving for himſelf xii. d. *per diem* beſides the accuſtomed reward; viz. in proportion his part of ccc. marks for thirty men at Armes by the quarter; and for every of his Archers 6. d. *per diem*; of which he was to receive a quarters pay in hand; and to have the benefit of all ſuch priſoners as himſelf or his Archers ſhould take, except he or they did fortune to take the K. of France himſelf or any of his ſons, or Captains generall; or any perſon that acted in, or were contrivers of the murder of Jo. D. of Burgoine.

Of which family; viz. of Watthull, was the famous John de Aſtley; who, on the 29. of Aug. Anno 1438. (17. H. 6.) maintaining a Duel on Horſback within the ſtreet called St. Antoine in Paris, againſt one Peter de Maſſe a French-man, in the preſence of Charles the vii. K. of France, pierc'd the ſaid Peter through the head, and had (as by the Articles betwixt them was conditioned) the Helmet of the ſaid Peter, being ſo vanquiſh'd, to preſent unto his Lady. And on the 30. of Jan. 20. H. 6. undertook another fight in Smythfield within the City of London, in the preſence of the ſame K. H. 6. with Sir Philip Boyle, an Arragonian Knight; who, having been in France, by the K. his maſters command, to look out ſome ſuch hardy perſon, againſt whom he might try his ſkill in feats of Armes; and miſſing there of his deſires, repaired hither. After which combat ended (being gallantly perform'd on foot, with Battail-axes, ſpears, ſwords and daggers) he was knighted by the K. and had an annuity of c. marks given him during his life. Nay, ſo famous did he grow for his valour, that he was elected Knight of the Garter, bearing for his Armes the Coats of Aſtley and Harcourt, quarterly, with a label of 3. points Ermine, as by a very antient MS. book ſewherein the Enſignes of thoſe Kts. of that honourable order are depicted, appeareth.

But I return to the before ſpecified Sir Will. de Aſtley (eldeſt ſon to Thomas, founder of the ſaid Coll. Church.) He was in Commiſſ. for the Peace, upon the ſeverall renewings thereof, from 17. R. 2. till 6. H. 5. And in 3. H. 4. assigned to enquire concerning the diſturbers of the Laws, and framers of Lyes. In 4. H. 4. for arraying of men: In 6. to treat with the people for a loan of money to the K. and left iſſue one only daughter, by whom the inheritance of this great Houſe devolved to the Grey's of Ruthin. But before I ſpeak farther thereof I muſt add a word or two more of this family of the Aſtley's, in reference to them as they were Barons; which is, that Thomas, who was ſlain in the battail of Ewelham, is reputed by our Hiſtorians ſo to have been: for before 49. H. 3. have we no particular ſummons to Parliament to diſtinguiſh the Barons from other great men. But his ſon Andrew was ſummoned in 23. 24. 25. 28. 32. 33. and 34. E. 1. Nicholas in 30. E. 1. as alſo in 2. and 3. E. 2. And Thomas (who founded the Coll. Church) in 16. 22. and 23. E. 3. as appears by the Records of thoſe times. Howbeit William never had ſummons. Which inſtances, do ſhew, that what is now claim'd as due by cuſtome, was not ſo eſteem'd in thoſe days.

To this William ſucceeded Joan his daughter and heir, firſt marry'd to Thomas Raleigh of Farnborough in this County. Which Thomas, by his

Teſtament, bearing date here at Aſtley the Wednesday after the feaſt of St. Luke the Evang. 6. H. 4. bequeath'd his body to be bury'd in the Quire of this Coll. Church, and ten pounds for performance of his Obit: and gave xx. marks alſo to find a Prieſt to ſing Maſs, for his Soul, the ſpace of 3. years. He likewiſe bequeath'd a bowl of ſilver, with a cover to the Lord Aſtley, and to the Lady Joan his wife a diamond, with a ſilver bowl and cover. To every Yeoman ſervant of that houſe vi. s. viii. d. and to every groom iii. s. iii. d. After whoſe death, which hapned at that time, as by the Probate of his will appeareth, he marry'd to Reginald Lord Grey of Ruthin, whoſe poſterity, by her, poſſeſt this place for divers generations, and were advanced to great honour (as I ſhall ſhew anon) for which reſpect it will not be amiſs to take ſome notice of this Reginald, (their common anceſtor) and whence he ſprung.

He was ſon of Reginald Lord Grey of Ruthin, ſon of Roger by Elizabeth the Daughter of John Lord Haſtings of Bergabenny, and Iſabel his wife, one of the daughters and heiſt to Will. Valence Earl of Penbroke; by means whereof he became heir to the laſt John Haſtings E. of Penbroke, as I ſhall ſhew more fully when I come to Willongley. Which Rog. was firſt ſummoned to Parliament in 28. E. 1. by the name of Roger de Grey Chivalier: but his ſon Reginald had in all his ſummons the addition of de Ruthin, the Caſtle of Ruthin being his ſeat, and granted by K. Edw. 1. to Reginald (Lord Grey of Wilton) his grandfather.

Betwixt this Reginald (who had great poſſeſſions in Wales) and Owen Glendowr there grew ſome difference, about a Common lying between the Lordſhip of Ruthin, and the Lordſhip of Glendowr, whereof Owen was owner, and took his ſurname. Which Owen, during the reign of K. R. 2. was too hard for the Lord Grey, being then a ſervitor in Court to K. Ric. (with whom he was at the time of his taking by the D. of Lanc. in the Caſtle of Flint): But, after K. Richard's depoſall, the Lord Grey, as better friended than Owen, entered upon the Common. Whereupon, Owen, having many friends and followers in his Countrey (as thoſe that be great with Princes commonly have) put himſelf in Armes againſt the Lord Grey, whom he meeting in the field, overcame, and took priſoner, ſpoiling his Lordſhip of Ruthin; ſo that many reſorted to him from all parts of Wales, not knowing but that he was in as great favour then as in K. Ric. days: others alſo putting in his head, that now the time was come, that the Britons, by his means, might recover again the honour and liberties of their anceſtors. The Lord Grey therefore thus made priſoner, was conſtrain'd to ranſom himſelf at ten thouſand marks, the King conſenting, that the Lord Roſſe and Willughby, with other of his friends and allies ſhould endeavour to raiſe the ſaid Fine, in regard (as the Record expreſſes) the King knew him to be a loyal and valiant Knight.

After which, viz. in 9. H. 5. he was retain'd by Indenture to ſerve the K. in his warrs beyond Sea for half a year, with ſix men at Armes, himſelf accounted one; and 18. Archers mounted, armed and arrayed according to their ſeverall conditions, taking *per diem*, for himſelf 2. s. and for each of his men at Armes 12. d. with the accuſtomed reward, and 6. d. a piece for his Archers: As alſo to have the benefit of all priſoners they ſhould take, excepting Kings, Princes, or any of the Royall blood;

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blood, and especially *Charles* the Dauphin of *Wennois*, or any that murdered *John* Duke of *Burgoyne*, or were consenting thereto. And in 3. H. 6. was again^w retained to serve the K. for half a year in his French warrs, under the command of *John* D. of *Bedford* (the Kings uncle, then Regent of *France*) with xx. men at Armes and 60. Archers, for the like wages.

Of his children, by the first wife, from whom the Earles of *Bent* are descended, it concernes me not, here, to speak: but by this *Joane* (the heir of *Astley*) he had issue *Sir Edward Grey* Knight, who wedded^{*} *Eliz.* the daughter of *Henry Ferrers*, and grandchild and heire to *Will. L. Ferrers* of *Grobby*, in whose right^x he was *L. Grey* of *Grobby*. Which *Edward*, having been in Commission^y for the peace in this County 21, 22, and 23. H. 6. was in 28. H. 6. appointed^z, with others, to treat with the people for a loan of money to the King; and dyed^a in 36. H. 6. leaving *Sir John Grey* his Son and heir, aged 25. years, and *Edm. Grey* a second son, created^b *Lord Lisle* by K. E. 4. in right of *Eliz.* his wife, daughter to *John Talbot* Visc. *L'isle* (sister and heir to *Thomas* son of the said *John*) and afterwards made^c Visc. *L'isle* by King R. 3. (viz. 28. Junii. 1. R. 3.) Which *Edward* was, with others, in 4. H. 7. assigned a Commissioner^d for choosing of Archers in this County for relief of the Dutchy of *Britanny*; and dyed in 7. H. 7. (1492.) as may appear by the Probat^e of his Will, whereby he bequeathed his body to be buried in the new Chappell of our Lady, begun by himself to be built in the Colledge of *Astley*, where the body of *Eliz.* his late wife was interred: but he had another wife, called *Jane*, whom, by the said Will, he appointed to cause certain lands to be amortized, to endow and find a Priest perpetually to sing in the said Chappell for his Soul, and the Souls of his late wife *Eliz.* as also the said *Jane*, and all Christen Souls.

Of his descendants the Pedegre before inserted taketh notice; I shall therefore return to *Sir John Grey*, his elder brother, the heir of this Lordship. This *Sir John* marryed *Eliz.* the eldest daughter of *Ric. Widvill*, Earl *Rivers*. (as is sufficiently manifested by our Historians, in regard that K. E. 4. afterwards made her his wife^f, the said *Sir John* being slain in the battail of *St. Albans* 39. H. 6.) and had issue by her *Sir Thomas Grey* Knight, created^g Marq. *Dorset* 18. Apr. 15. E. 4. who sat^h in his habit at the upper end of the table that day amongst the Knights in *S. Edwards* Chamber: but for near relation and affection to the young King (murdered by *Ric. D. of Glouc.* the then Protector, his unnaturall uncle) was, 18. Oct. in 1. R. 3. attaintedⁱ of treason. Whereupon King *Ric.* by his Letters^j pat. bearing date 2. Aug. 2. R. 3. granted this Lordship to the above mentioned *Edward* Visc. *L'isle*, and the heires male of his body: But in 1. H. 7. the Marq. being again restored^k, posselt himself thereof; and, by his testament^l bequeathing his body to be buried here, in the Coll. Church, before the Image of the Blessed *Trinity* (in the midst of his closet, within the same Colledge, on the South side) dyed^m 20. Sept. 17. H. 7.

By which Testament he willed, that his Executors should cause to be said for his soul, in every of the 4. Orders of *Friers* in *London*, an hundred Masses by the Fryers in each place, with as much hast as might be after his decease. And that c. marks should be disposed in Almes to poor people at his buriall. Likewise, that the Hospitall of *Lutter-*

worth in *Leicesterth.* of his patronage, to be appropriate to the said Colledge of *Astley*, if the Dean and his Brethren, or their successors could obtaine such appropriation to be lawfully made within 3. years after his decease; to the intent that they should especially pray for the Souls of K. E. 4. and Q. *Eliz.* his consort, and all Christen Souls.

By the Lady *Cecily* his wife (daughter and heir to *Will. Lord Bonville*, marryed afterwards to *Henry* E. of *Wiltth.* who likewise bequeath'dⁿ her body to be buried in the same Chappell, where the Marq. her husband was interred, appointing a tombe to be made over the place of their sepulture) he left issue *Thomas*^o of *Dorset*; which *Thomas* impaled^p 30. acres of wood and pasture, for to make that parke, here at *Astley*, now called the *Little-parke*: and enlarg'd^q the great parke, here, with 90. acres of land, in 12. H. 7. taken out of the precincts of *Astley*; which, to this day, bears the name, of *Astley-laund*. And by his Testament^r, bearing date 2. Junii 22. H. 8. bequeath'd his body to be buried in the Church of *Astley*, neer unto his father; appointing, that his mothers will should be observed for the maintenance of two Priests in the Chappell there; as also, that his Executors should, with all speed and diligence, after his Funeralls were performed, and debts payd, make and build a Chappell here at *Astley*, according to the will of his father, with a goodly tombe over his father and mother: which being done, to make another tombe in the midst of the Chancell, where he himself resolved to be buried. And after that should be finished, then to build an Almshouse for xiii. poor men, there to inhabite, and to be for ever nominated by his Executors, during their lives, and afterwards by his heires; each of them to receive xii. d. a week for their maintenance, with a livery of black Cotton yearly, price 4. s. which said payment he appointed should be made out of the Rents and profits of his manours of *Bedworth* and *Parkinton*, and all such lands and tenements as were in the occupation of the Lord *L'isle*, reputed or taken as parcell of the same Lordships, the surplussage to be bestowed in repaying the said Almshouse and keeping his *Obit* yearly. And dyed the same year, as may seem by the probate of his said Testament, leaving issue *Henry*; who marryng the Lady *Frances*, eldest daughter to *Charles Brandon* D. of *Suff.* and *Mary* the Q. of *France*, his wife, was, in her right (by reason her two brothers dyed without issue) created^s D. of *Suff.* 11. Oct. 5. E. 6. In whose time it hapned that the Monasteries were dissolved; for effecting of which work, his father in law *Charles Brandon* D. of *Suff.* was not a little active, as may appear by the large share he had of their possessions. And there want not circumstances to shew, that this *Henry*, then Marq. *Dorset* was stirring enough therein: for amongst other the lands belonging to those religious Houles, he had all that appertain'd to this Collegiate Church, granted^t to him and the Lady *Frances* his wife and his heirs 7. Aug. 37. H. 8. which he enjoy'd not long: for leaving issue onely 3. daughters, (*Jane*, the eldest, wedded^u to *Guilford Dudley* 4. son to *John* D. of *Northumb.* *Katherine*, the second, first^v to *Henry* L. *Herbert*, eldest son to the E. of *Pembroke*, and next (for she was divorc'd^w) to *Ed. Seimour* E. of *Hertford*: The 3. viz. *Mary*, to *Martin* Keys Sergeant-porter to Q. *Eliz.*) upon the death of King *Edward* 6. he was allured, through the ambition of the said D. of *Northumb.* (whose

o *Fankin.*
Qu. 22.

p *Inq. 9. H.*
8. *super de*
pop.
q *Inq. su-*
per depop.
3. E. 6.
r *Thomer*
Qu. 10.

s *Trin. R.*
E. 6. Rot.
14.

t *Pat. 37. E.*
8. p. 13.

u *Stow*
Ann.

w *Catal.*
Nobil. by
R. Broke

y *Stow's*
Ann.

w *Ibid.*

* *Efc. 23.*
H. 6.

x *Efc. 27.*
H. 6.

y *Pat. de*
iisd. ann. in
dorso.

z *Pat. 28.*
H. 6. p. 1.
m. 17.

a *Efc. 36.*
H. 6.

b *Cart. ab*
Anno 15.
vsq; 22. E.

c *Cart. 1.*
R. 3. m. 3.

d *Pat. 4 H.*
7. in dorso
m. 20.

e *Doget.*
Q. 13.

f *Efc. 1. R.*
3. *Efc.*

g *Trin. R.*
15. E. 4.
Rot. 12.

h *Stow's*
Annals.

i *Efc. 1. R. 3.*
virtute
offici.

k *Pat. 2. R.*
3. p. 1. m.
10.

l *Rot. Parl.*
1 H. 7. m.
32.

m *Blamyr.*
Qu. 7.

n *Efc. 17.*
H. 7.

aim was no less than to have the whole sway of the Kingdom) to countenance the proclaiming of his daughter, the Lady *Jane*, to be Queen, pretending the designation of K. *Edw.* by his will. Which attempt not thriving, *Northumberland*, with some others lost their heads: Howbeit, the D. of *Suff.* though favoured, as not deemed so speciall an instrument therein as the other, could not rest quiet, it seemes: for finding that Q. *Mary* had a purpose to match with *Philip*, son to the Emperour *Charles* the 5. he came into this County and *Leicester* sh. and set out Proclamations to incense the people against it: whereupon the E. of *Huntington* was sent with a power into these parts to prevent all danger; which occasioned him, seeing he was forsaken, to put himself under the trust of one *Underwood* (as 'tis said) a keeper of his Park here at *Attley*, who hid him some few days in a large hollow Tree there, standing about two bow-shoot South-westwards from the Church: but, being promised a reward, betray'd him; so that it was not long ere he lost his head on *Tower-hill*.

After which, the Lady *Frances*, his widow, married to one *Adrian Stokes* Esq. who, holding this Lordship, as part of her dowrie, much defac't the Church before-specified, as not onely by tradition of the Inhabitants, but a Presentment upon oath in 1. *Eliz.* may appear; which manifesteth, that he caused the tall and costly spire made of timber, together with the battlements, all covered with lead, to be pull'd down, being a land-mark so eminent in this part of the wood-land, where the ways are not easy to hit, that it was called the *Lanthorn of Arden*. As also the two fair Iles, and a goodly building, called *S. Annes Chappell*, adjoining, the roofs of which were likewise leaded. By reason of which sacrilegious action, the steeple, standing in the midst, took wet, and decayed, so that, about the year 1600, it fell down to the ground, and with it a great part of the Church, *Ric. Chamberlain* Esq. being then Lord of this mannour, by the grant of Q. *Mary* to *Edw. Chamberlain* his Fa-

ther (of the family of *Chamberlain* of *Spirburn* in *Oxfordsh.*) who, with some contribution from the Country, did, about the year 1607, begin the building of the Tower again; but, in stead thereof, took totally away all the west part of the Church, with the North and South cross Iles, making that which was the Quire the body of the Church, but pulled down the other beautifull Chappells on the North & South-side of the Quire, setting up that which stood on the North-side at the East end for a Chancell, wherein were the monuments of *Edw. Grey* Visc. *Lisle* and his 2. wives: And in that on the South side of *Thomas Grey* Marq. *Dorset* and his Lady, with their statues in Alabaster excellently cut; and in the vault underneath the same their bodies; that of the Marquess embalmed and wrapt in cerecloth many double in a coffin of lead; which, through the vain curiosity of some being opened, his corps was found as intire, and free from any seeming corruption, as if he had been but newly dead.

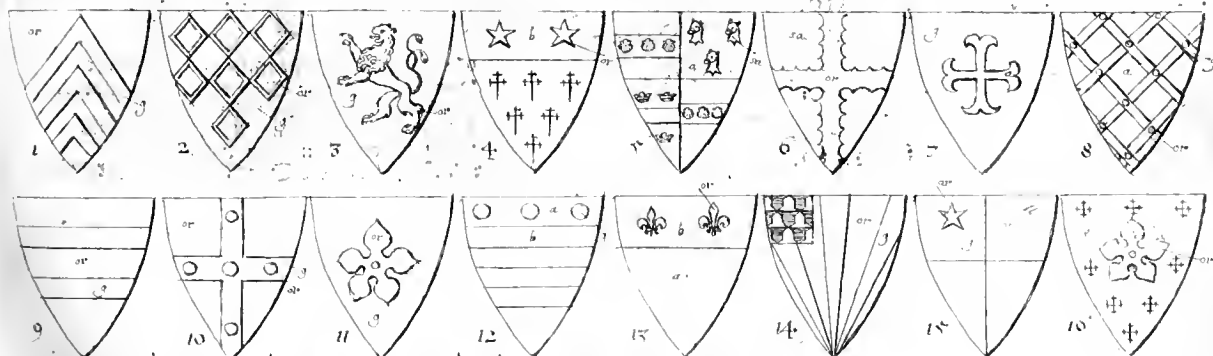
At the pulling down, and translating of which Chappell, it was resolved that the monuments should be set up againe in the Church, the said corps with the Coffin of lead being accordingly removed thither: howbeit, this good intention afterwards cooled, and the statues of the Marquess and his Lady were cast into the Beisfey, that of the woman having a Coronet on her head; and those of the other thrown into an old out-house amongst lime and rubbish; all which I my self have seen.

But, as to the succession of this Lordship, it is now come to *Richard Chamberleyn* Esq. son and heire to *Rich. Chamberlein* Esq. Register of the Court of Wards, by conveyance from *Richard Chamberlein* afore said (father of *Jane*, wife to the Register of the Court of Wards) and *Edw. Chamberlein*, grandson and right heire to the said *Richard*. Which *Edward* lately dyed without issue.

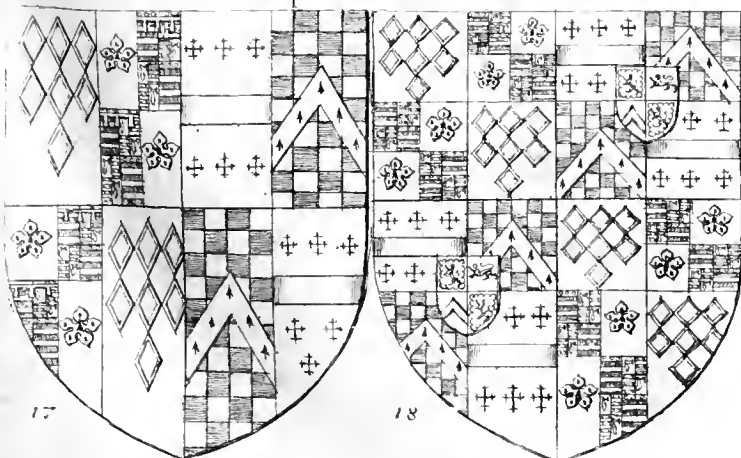
In An. 1291. (19. E. 1.) the Rectory was valued at x. marks: but in 26. H. 8. the yearly revenues of the Collegiat Church were certified at xlvii. l. viii. d.

Attley

In the windows and roose of the Church



In the Window of the Chappell on the South side the Quire



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| 1. Clare E. of Glouc. | 9. Harcourt |
| 2. Ferrers of Groby | 10. " |
| 3. D. Albany E. of Arundell | 12. Gray of Ruthin |
| 4. Clinton E. of Huntington | 13. Clinton of Colthill |
| 5. " | 14. Babel of Sapote |
| 6. Viford | 15. Vere E. of Oxford |
| 7. Beke | 16. Vmfravile |
| 8. Trussell | 17. Edward Gray |
| | 18. Vicount Lisle |

Patroni Ecclesiar.		Incumbentes.	Patroni Decanatus	Decani.
Ex autog. penes D. & Cap. Lich. Ibid.	Editha quondam ux. dom. Tho. de Astley. Andreas de Astley miles.	Steph. de Astley Cleric. 1285. Petrus de Haverhulle 1286. Rob. de Happesford Pbr. 6. Id. Apr. 1366. Will. Creke Pbr. 3. Non. Oct. 1336. Joh. de Corley Pbr. 17. Kal. Apr. 1342. Ric. Large Pbr. v. Kal. Nov. 1343. Thom. de Haytele Cap. 3. Id. Nov. 1347. Joh. de Plumpton Pbr. 18. Apr. 1383. Joh. Milner Cap. 9. Martii. 1414.	D. Regin. Grey. D. Johanna Grey. Edw. Grey miles, dom. Ferrers de Groby. D. Henr. Stafford miles, & D. Cecilia ux. ejus Marchionissa Dorset. D. Tho. Grey March. Dorset. Margar. Marchion. Dorset.	Will. Hull Cap. 21. Apr. Henr. f. 21. a. 1428. Will. Grepenhale 14. Aug. Ib. f. 28. a. 1432. Rog. Webster Pbr. ult. Dec. Ib. f. 32. b. 1433. Rog. Creek Pbr. 5. Nov. Ib. f. 43. a. 1445. Tho. Persebrigge Cap. 1. b. Bowl. f. 30. Junii. 1454. Ric. Norton legum Dr. 16. Nov. 1507. Jo. Brereton in decretis bacc. Ib. f. 5. b. 28. Oct. 1509. Will. Bulwike. 23. Maii. Ib. f. 8. b. 1520. Str. & P. f. 16. b. Rob. Brok Cler. 6. Aug. 1538.
Northb. f. 29. b. Ib. f. 30. a. Ib. f. 40. b. Ib. f. 42. a. Ib. f. 45. b. Strete. f. 30. a. Arund. f. 143. a.	Patroni Vicariz. Decanus Eccles. Coll. B. Maria de Astley. Patroni Decanatus. Dom. Tho. de Astley miles.			
Northb. f. 40. b. Ib. f. 45. b. Ib. f. 46. a. Ib. f. 51. b. Ib. f. 57. a. Strete. f. 2. a. Ib. f. 30. a. Sk. f. 2. a. Ib. f. 12. b. Burgh. f. 8. a. Ib. f. 25. a. Ib. f. 34. a. Arund. f. 143. a. Bull. f. 8. a.		Will. Ernald Pbr. 6. Non. Martii. 1342. Galfr. de Sutton Cap. 3. Id. Oct. 1347. Joh. Ives Cap. 16. Kal. Maii 1348. Joh. de Gouteby Cap. 13. Kal. Nov. 1349. Joh. de Burg. Pbr. 5. Id. Nov. 1353. Hugo de Bottefeld 7. Id. Febr. 1358. Rob. Page Pbr. 16. Febr. 1383. Rob. Gaynsburg. 13. Febr. 1387. Edm. Wolf Pbr. 8. Martii. 1396. Joh. Huk Pbr. 1. Apr. 1401. Joh. White Cap. 4. Julii. 1410. Edm. Wolfe Cap. Jan. 1413. Joh. Marjot Cap. 9. Martii. 1414. Nich. Wildbore ult. Martii. 1419.		

In the middst of this Church (before it was pull'd down, by reason of the steeple's ruine, as I have observed) was a fair raised monument for Thomas Grey, the first Marq. Dorset of his family, and his Lady, whereupon their statues were excellently cut; and under the same a vault, adorned with the pictures of Bishops, Cardinalls, and Monks, in which their bodies lay; but by the fall of the steeple, before specified, it was totally broken and spoiled.

In the Chappell which stood on the Sout hside of the Quire, stood likewise two fair monuments; the one of Thomas the second Marq. Dorset, and his Lady, on the heads of whose statues were Coronets; and the other of Edw. Grey Visc. L'isle & his Lady; on the sides whereof were xvi. persons, and eight of them in religious habits. Both which monuments, at the removall of the same Chappell to the east end of the Quire, where it now serveth for a Chancell, were pull'd down, and utterly defaced.

In the same Quire, before the said alteration, were also some other monumentall stones of marble, with portraitures in brass upon them, besides those whereof I have already taken notice; upon one of which was this Epitaph.

Ex Astley domo Miles fuit iste Willielmus
Heres magnanimus Thome Astley, vir alimus,
Die fundatoris fuit largus hospes honoris
Et dignus mores strenuus sequitur gentilis
Migravit cells animarum luce solenni
An. D. C. quater & bis Domino regnante perierit

Bedworth.

Following the stream of this small Brook, called **Soto**, I come next to **Bedworth** (a place very well known in regard of the Coal-mines there.) As for the name thereof, I conceive it did originally proceed from some one that posselt it in the Saxons time, whose name was **Bede**; for that the said appellation was then in use, those who are conversant in our English Histories do well enough know; the later syllable, **worth**, signifying a habitation.

In Domesday-book it is written **Bevetworo**, the **v** wanting a stroke through it **d**; which, with the Saxons, stood for **th**; and by that Survey is rated at 4 hydes, the woods extending to one mile in length, and half a mile in breadth, all being then valued at xl s. and whereof **Edwyn**, Earl of **Mer- cia**, was posselt before the Norman invasion; but afterwards by the E. of **Mellent**, most of whose lands in this County, his brother, the E. of **War- wick**, within a short time had: from whom some one of the family of **Hastings** obtained it (as it seems;) for I find, that they held it by Kts. ser- vice of his descendants, together with **Willep**, whereof I have already spoke.

I am of opinion, that the families of **Turville** and **Craft** were enfeofft thereof by **Hastings**; for it is evident, that they antiently posselt it, mention- ing being made of **William de Turvill** in 1 Joh. and in 20 H. 3. that **Simon de Turvill** and **Rog. de Craft** held one Kts. fee here. But towards the later end of H. 3. time, **Will. de Charnells** had to do here, though I am not able to say upon what title, unless it were by descent from **Beatrix**, his mother, whom I conjecture to have been the heir of **Craft**, (as in **Bilton** you may see.) Neither can I discern how or when **Turvill** absolutely quitted his in- terest in this place; for in 20 E. 3. **Will. de Charnells** and **Oliver de Turvill** answered for half a Kts. fee here, which they held of the heirs of **Hastings**. And yet I find, that in 28 E. 1. **Will. de Charnells** wrote himself **Dominus de Bed- worth**; and in 9 E. 2. **Henry de Charnells** (his fa- ther) is solely certified to be Lord thereof. Wan- ting therefore such light as might guide me in the full discovery of the successive Lords thereof, I have added so much of the descent of both these families, viz. **Turvill** and **Charnells**, as I have found by Record to have had relation thereunto.

Will. de Turvill, 20 H. 2. & 1 Joh. 1

Simon de Turvill, 20 H. 3. 1

Will. de Turvill, 53 H. 3. 1

Magister Philippus de Turvill, rector eccl. de Bedworth, 28 E. 1. 1

Rob. de Turvile, 23 E. 1. 1
Oliverus de Turvile, 20 E. 3. 1

Will. de Charnells, Beatrix, reliqua, 34 H. 3. 1

Will. de Charnells, 55 H. 3. 1

Nich. de Charnells, miles, Wil. de Charnells, Dora. de Bedworth, 28 E. 1. miles 31 E. 1. 1

Henr. de Charnells, D. de Bedworth, 9 E. 2. 1

Will. de Charnells, de Bedw. miles, 23 E. 3. 1

Ioh. Charnells, Eliz. re- de Bedworth, lieta, 6 R. 2. 4 H. 4. 1

Rot. F. 34. m. 2. 1

Pat. 55. H. 3. in dorso. 1

Reg. Pr. S. Joh. in bibl. Cor- ron. f. 137. b. 1

Ex autog. penes D. Cap. Lich. f. 6 R. 2. n. 170. 1

Of these, **John Charnells** was the last (for ought I have seen) that had it; but of that family so posselt thereof, or of the **Turviles**, have I not seen any thing very memorable, other than the founding of a Chantry in this Church, at the Altar of our blessed Lady, by **Philip de Turvile**, the Parson here presented in 28 E. 1. as his Institution mani- festeth. Which was performed in 6 E. 3. and endowed with a good proportion of land, some lying in **Eccleshale**, but the greatest part in **Bed- worth**, the ordination thereof being made by **Rog. Northburgh B. of Cob. and Lich. 5 Id. Julii, an. 1332.** (the same sixth-year of E. 3.) whereby it appears, that the said **Philip** was then a Canon of **Lich.**

In 4 H. 4. there being a Fine levied betwixt **Sir Will. de Astley Kt. and others, Plaintiffs; and John Attehale, and Joane his wife Deforc. of 24 mess. 5 carucats, and 9 yard land, 46 acres of meadow, 12 acres of pasture, 32 acres of wood, and 12 marks 1x s. rent, lying in Bedworth, Astley, Cozley, and many other places, with th'advouson of the Church, those lands, with the said advouson, were thereby vested in the said Sir Will. de Astley and his heirs; paying yearly to the said John and Joane, onely during the life of Eliz. the widow of John Charnells, xl. sterling, and after her decease xx marks yearly to the same John and Joane, during their two lives, in case they survived her. But in 10 H. 6. it was certified, that **John Clerke of Cobentre Gentleman, and the Lady Margaret Astley, widow to Sir Will. Astley before mentioned, held this Mannour by the service of half a Kts. fee.** So that it seems, either the Mannour past by vertue of that Fine, or else was granted to the Lord Astley by some other Act: for it ap- pears, that from that time the heirs of Astley were owners of it; and that **Regin. Lord Grey of Ruthin** (who married the heir female of Astley) leas'd the Mannour-house and demesns there for years, in 18 H. 6. As also, that **Thomas, the second Marq. Dorset**, descended from the said **Regi- nald** (as the Pedegree in Astley sheweth) by his Testament bequeath'd it to **Edward**, one of his younger sons, for life; assigning out of it to the poor of his Hospital, which he appointed to be founded at Astley, their stipends and liveries; but the inheritance remained to his heir: and so, escheating to the Crown, by attainder of **Henry D. of Suff.** (as in Astley is manifested) was in 2 Eliz. granted unto **Gerard and others,** to hold in Capite. Howbeit afterwards, viz. in 44 Eliz. to **Clement Fisher Esq;** and his heirs, together**

Pat. 6 E. 3. p. 1. m. 22. 1

North. vol. 2. p. 65. b. 1

Offab. Hill. 1

Rot. in Scacc. penes Rem. R. 1

Ex autog. penes Ric. Newdi- gate, ar. 1

Thom. b. 2. p. 10. 1

Pat. 2. Eliz. p. 3. d. Pat. 44. Eliz. p. 25. 1

c F. levat. 1 Joh. d Teste de Nevill. e Pat. 55. H. 3. in dorso. 1

f Rot. penes S. Clarke Bar. 1

g Langt. f. 6. a. 1

h Nom. vil. 1

i Claus. 53. H. 3. m. 8. k Langt. f. 6. a. l Esc. 23. E. 1. n. 109. 1

together with the mines of Coal, and advouſon of the Rectory. But touching the ſucceſſion of the other Mannours, lying within the precincts of this Pariſh, I can ſay little, and therefore ſhall paſs them by.

The Church (dedicated to S.) in the year 1291. (19 E. 1.) was valued^f at viii marks; but in 26 H. 8. at x l. iii s. x d. over and above ix s. vi d. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

^f God. MS
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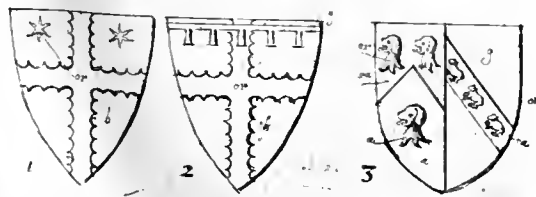
^g MS pen-
nes S. A.
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f. 38. b.

Patroni Eccleſiæ.

Incumbentes.

Langt. f. 6. a.	Will. de Charnels, dom. de Bedworth.	Magr. Phil. de Turvill, 1300.
1b. f. 35. a.	Henr. de Charnels.	Joh. Popard, 4 Non. Julii, 1309.
Northb. f. 24. b.	Will. Charnels.	Hug. de Stoke, Diac. 4 Non. Junii, 1331.
1b. f. 50. a.	Will. Charnels, miles.	Joh. de Greneburgh, Pbr. 6 Kal. Sept. 1349.
Streit. f. 15. b.		Henr. Hud, Pbr. 7 Id. Febr. 1366.
1b. f. 17. a.	Margareta Charnels, domina de Bedworth.	Will. de Ashton, Pbr. Non. Maii, 1368.
1b. b.		Ric. Waltham, 3 Id. Maii, 1369.
1b. f. 19. a.		Joh. le Hay, Id. Junii, 1370.
Sk. f. 13. a.	Joh. Charnels, domi- cellus.	Joh. Lavender, Pbr. 11 Oct. 1397.
Burgh. f. 8. a.		Joh. Otchell, Pbr. 7 Sept. 1400.
Hew. f. 6. a.	Dom. Margareta de Aſtley.	Tho. Belgrave, Pbr. 8 Oct. 1431.
1b. f. 37. a.	D. Regin. Grey.	Will. Bele, Pbr. 14 Jan. 1438.
1b. f. 43. a.	D. Johanna Grey.	Rog. Webſter, 5 Novemb. 1445.
Bowl. f. 27. a.	D. Eliz. domina Fer- rers de Groby.	Rog. Creke, Pbr. 1 Julii, 1458.
Bl. f. 8. b.	D. Arth. Plantagi- net, jure Eliz. ux. ſue Vicecomitiſſa de Liſle.	D. Sampſon Webbe, Cap. 8 Junii, 1520.
Sir. & P. f. 13. b.	Henr. Marchio Dorſet.	D. Rob. Cowper, Cap. 16. Nov. 1542.
Sampſ. f. 40. b.		D. Edw. Bromley, Cap. 11. Sept. 1543.
Bentham bund. F.	Will. Sanders, gen.	Ric. Palmer, Cler. 20 Apr. 1569.
Sampſ. & B. f. 53. a.	D. Regina.	Ric. Briſco, Cler. 25 Maii, 1569.

Armes in the Church Windows.



1. Charnells. 2. Charnells. 3. Sanders empaling.

Smercote magna.

THIS hath been of long time a depopulated place, lying, for the moſt part, if not all, in **Bedworth** pariſh, and in the Conq. Survey^h is joyn'd with **Soule** (now called **Soule-end** in **Aſtley** pariſh) the E. of **Mellent** then poſſeſſing them both, which are certified to contain one hyde, having woods of a mile in length, and half as much in bredth. In that Recordⁱ they are written **Smercote** and **Soulege**, and valued at 5 s. having been the free-hold of one **Sexi** in **Edw.** the Conf. dayes. After which, till H. 3. time, have not I ſeen any more thereof; but then did **Roger de Craft** bring an *Aſſize* ^k againſt **Will. de Charnels** and others for common of paſture and certain lands lying here, and in **Bedworth**. And in 13 E. 1. **Will. le Boteler** of **Warrington** had a grant^l of **Free-warren** in all his demein lands lying in **Ce- cleſhale**, **Folkeshull**, and this place. Which ſaid Charter was exemplified^m by Sir **Tho. Boteler** Kt. in 15 H. 7.

But the ſubſtance of both theſe **Smercotes** did, as it ſeems, belong to the Hoſpital of **S. John Bapt.** in **Cobentre**, whereof I ſhall treat in its due place; and after the diſſolution thereof, was paſtⁿ, with divers other lands of that kind, to **John Hales** Gentleman, and his heirs, in 37 H. 8. from whom it divolved to **Charles Hales**, late of **Peckland** Eſq; deſcended from a younger brother to the ſaid **John**.

Following the ſtream of **Sow**, it leads me next into the precincts of **Cobentre**, now a County of it ſelf, but originally part of this Hundred, where- of, taking my leave for awhile, I purpoſe to ob- ſerve what memorable places are or have bin with- in that Cities liberties; all which by the guidance of this torrent, together with **Shitburne**, that paſ- ſeth through the Eſterne part thereof, I ſhall, with- out much thwarting my reſolved method, induſtri- ouſly performe.

Hawksbury.

ON the Eaſt ſide of this Brook lyeth **Hawks- bury** in the Pariſh of **Sow**; which antiently belonging to the Priory of **Cobentre**, had the reputation^o of a Mannour, the rent or ferm whereof, in 26 H. 8. was certified^p to be C s. Upon the diſſolution of which Monastery, it was, in 34 H. 8. granted^q out of the Crown, by the name of the Mannour, Meſſuage, and Ferm of **Hawksbury**, and **Hawksbury-grobe**, to the Mayor, Bayliffs, and Commonalty of the City of **Cobentre**, and their ſucceſſours, who are ſtill owners thereof.

^o Reg. de
Cobentre,
f. 58. a.

^p MS penes
S. Archer,
eq. aur. f.
25. b.

^q Pat. 34.
H. 8. p. 5.

Anſty.

IN the furtheſt nook of **Cobentre** liberties, North-eaſtwards, ſtands **Anſty**; which before the Norman invaſion, being part of the poſſeſſions that **Godeva**, wife to Earl **Leofrike**, had, was after the Conqueſt, in the K. poſſeſſion, and let^r out to ferm at the time of the general Survey unto one **Nicholas**;

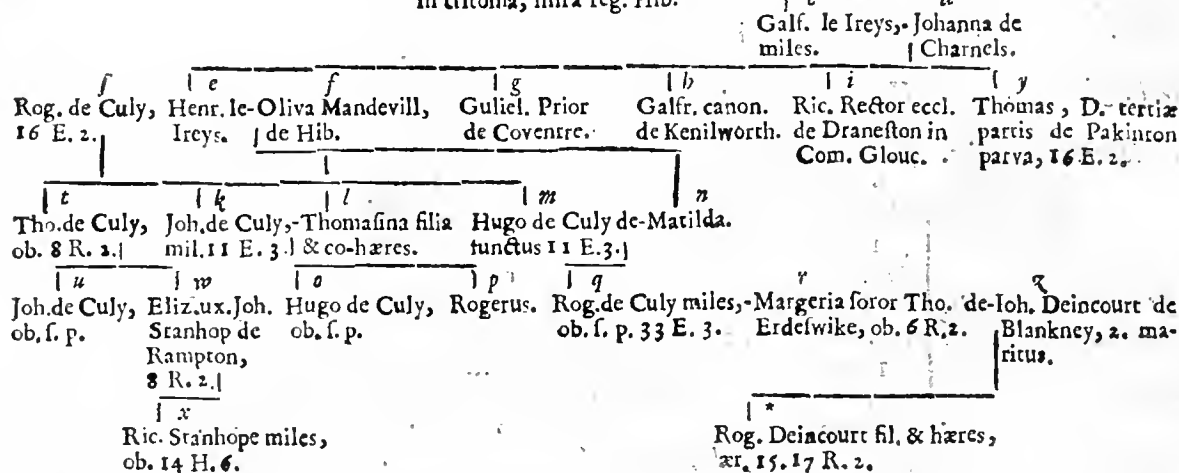
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Nicholas; but the number of hydes which it then particularly contained, cannot be known, in regard *Folkhill* and it are there joyned together, which were then certified to be ix hydes, and valued at xii l. In that Record it is written *Anestle*, which differs nothing in effect from the present name: but the original thereof was *Heantfge*, (as I think) which, for easiness of pronunciation, is thus turn'd to *Anstle*: for being so, it is significant as to the situation, *hean* in the Saxon *high*, and *fge* a *path-way*.

That these lands which belong'd to the said

Countess, came afterwards to the Earls of *Chester*, I shall in *Cobentre* declare at large: but the first particular person that I find posselt thereof (and by grant without doubt from one of those Earls) was *Roger de Burchervill*, or *Buschervill*, in 30 H. 2. it being then held by him for half a Kts. fee. This *Rog. de Buschervill* gave some lands lying here, to the Monks of *Combe*: so also x did one *Henry de Buschervill*; by a daughter and heir of which family it devolved to *Ireys*, as the descent here inserted doth shew, *Thomas le Ireys* in 27 H. 3. being certified to hold it by half a Kts. fee.

Tho. Fitz-Lucian, Baro de Donnore-Agnes de Boschervill, D. de Ansty-
in Ultonia, infra reg. Hib.



Which half Kts. fee (*inter alia*) did belong to *Hugh de Albany* E. of *Arundel*, then newly deceased, as part of the inheritance belonging to *Mabel* his mother, one of the sisters and co-heirs of *Ranulph* E. of *Chester*, as in *Cobentre* is hew'd.

This *Thomas le Ireys* was made the K. Eschactor in *Warwicksh.* 26 Junii, 37 H. 3. and had issue *Geffrey*; who, being a Knight, bore for his Arms *Azure, upon a fesse arg. 3 escalops, with a bend gules.* To whom succeeded *Henry*, who, in 17 E. 2. was rank'd in the number of those Knights and Esquires of this County that were then certified into the Chancery: but leaving no issue male, this Mannour, by *Maud*, one of his daughters and heirs, came to the family of *Culy*; and so, ere long, descended to *Eliz.* the wife of *John Stanhop*, as cousin and heir to *Sir Rog. de Culy*. Which *Eliz.* released all her right therein to *John Deincourt* of *Blankney*, husband of *Margerie*, sometime wife to *Sir Rog. Culy*, mentioned in the pedigree. But this title so obtain'd by *Sir John Deincourt*; did not long hold firm; forasmuch as the said *Eliz.* had joyn'd with the before specified *John Stanhop*, her husband, in levying a Fine of this and other Mannours in *Pottinghamsh.* and *Leicestersh.* T. Pasch. 3 R. 2. by which it was conveyed to *Raph Adderley* and his heirs: so that, in 3 H. 4. *Raph*, son and heir to the said *Raph*, recovered it by a Judgement in the Court of K. Bench: which Judgement being questioned as erroneous by *Rog. Deincourt*, son and heir to the said *Sir John*, in the Parl. of 5 H. 4. a Writ of *Scire facias* was granted to enquire thereof.

The particulars of what was done therein, I have not found: but it seems the same *Roger* prevailed; for it appears, that in 8 H. 4. by his deed of Release, dated ult. Nov. he quitted all his

title therein to *Sir Ric. Stanhop* Kt. son to the before specified *John* and *Eliz.* which *Sir Ric.* dyed seized thereof 14 H. 6. leaving *John* his Grandchild, his cousin, and next heir. To whose Grandchild, viz. *Sir Edw. Stanhop* Kt. K. H. 7. by his Letters Pat. dated 22 of his reign, released all his right therein. Which *Sir Edw.* for the sum of 352 l. sold the same to *George* E. of *Sherbourn*, 23 Dec. 22 H. 7. but further than this can I not trace it.

The Chappel here, with all the Tythes, &c. thereunto belonging, was restored to the Monks of *Cobentre*, as their right, by *Ranulph* Earl of *Chester* in H. 1. time, it being then built for the advantage of poor people, as *Wythin*, *Allesley*, and *Shilton* were: and being appropriated thereto by *R. Molend*, B. of *Cobentre*; in anno 1260. (44 H. 3.) had no Vicar endowed; but the Prior of *Cob.* found a Curat removable at pleasure, unto whom he allowed of the small tithes to the value of C s. per annum.

Exhall.

Now come to the other side of *Sow*, upon which I first meet with *Exhall*, whereof there is nothing at all recorded in the Conq. Survey, it being then involved with *Folkeshall*, as 'tis most probable; which, with *Ansty*, is certified to contain a greater number of hydes than otherwise ('tis like) they would of themselves have been rated at. The first mention I find of this place, is in that Charter of *Ran. E. of Chester* (in K. Stephen's time) whereby he granted to the Monks of *Cobentre* a certain portion of his waft, lying here, and in *Beresley*, by estimation 80 acres, in exchange for one Cart of those two that *E. Ranulph* his

Rot. P.
30 H. 2.
Reg. de
Cumb.
f. 58.
b.

Clauf. 27.
H. 3. m. 2.

abc defg
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o Ex
p coll. H.

q Fer-
r. rers.

f Rot. F. 16.
E. 2. m. 22.

t Clauf. 8.
R. 2. m. 17.

u Rot. pe-
nes Cam.

Scacc. in
baga de di-
versis Inq.

w Efc. 8. R.
2. n. 13.

x Efc. 14.
H. 6. n. 28.

y Ex autog.
penes Ant.

Brabzon
eq. aur.

z Clauf. 8.
R. 2. m. 17.

aa Efc. 17.
R. 2. n. 17.

ab Efc. 14.
H. 6. n. 28.

ac Pat. 22.
H. 2. p. 2.

ad Clauf. 22.
H. 7. p. 1.

ae p. 2. m. 33.

af Regist. Pr.
de Coven-
tre. f. 76. a.

ag q lb. f. 75.
b.

ah Rot. Rog.
Molend.
m. 4.

ai MS. pe-
nes Sq.
A. q.

aj aur. f.
28. a.

a Clauf. 37.
H. 3. m. 7.

b Ex au-
tog. pe-
nes D.

c Cap.
Lich.

d Ex
coll. H.

e Fer-
rers.

f Efc. 8. R.
2. n. 13.

g Clauf. 8.
R. 2. m. 17.

h Plac.
coram
Rege T.

i Pasch.
3. H. 4.

j Rot. 51.
Staff.
Cc.

k Rot. Parl.
5. H. 4. n.
40.

l Clauf. 8.
H. 4. m.
dorfo, m.
31.

u Cart. 22.
E. 3. n. 6.
per Inspex.

his Grandfather allow'd to the said Monks for fetching of fuel, &c. out of his woods belonging to **Cobentre**. By which grant it appears, that this was of the possessions belonging to the Countess **Godeva** (of whom in **Cobentre** I shall speak) and came to the Earls of **Chester**, as the rest of those did.

Touching the name, there is no doubt but that it was originally occasioned from some antient inhabitant there; *Acca* perhaps, for that was in old time an appellation much used. But who it was that the E. of **Chester** first enfeoffed hereof, I could never directly find: howbeit by circumstances I do conceive it to have been *Mauritius le Butiller*; for in 27 H. 3. the heir of the said *Maurice* was certified^m to hold half a Kts. fee in this place, belonging to the heirs of the said Earl, and held x of them as of their Mannour of **Cobentre**. Which family of these *Botillers* had their chief seat at **Werington** in **Lancash.** as the Charter^v of **Free-warren**, 13 E. 1. granted to *Will. le Botiller* in all his demesne lands there and here, manifesteth; and continued possessor of this Mannour untill 25 H. 8. that Sir *Tho. Butler*, of **Werington** above-said Kt. past x it to *Julius Nethermyll*, an Alderman of **Cobentre**; whose great Grandchild, *John Nethermyll*, sold it to Sir *John Garret*, Alderman^a of **London**, in our memory.

The Church, being originally but a Chappel belonging^b to the Conventual Church in **Cobentre**, was in an. 1260. (44 H. 3.) appropriated^c thereunto by *R. Molend*, B. of **Cob.** and **Lich.** and had^d afterward a Curat serving therein, but removable at the will of the Prior; who, in 26 H. 8. received in small tithes to the value of C s. for his stipend.

Newland.

THIS, being in the parish of **Crhall**, but antiently an out-wood^e belonging to **Cobentre**, pertained to the Prior and Covent of that place; and had its name originally from the new inclosure, as the appropriation^f of it to the said Monastery in 44 H. 3. manifesteth. After which, in time, it came to be reputed a^g Mannour; and, containing^h 270 acres, viz. in woods, pasture, and wast, at 25 foot to the perch, was, in 6 E. 3. imparktⁱ, and continued to the Monks of **Cobentre** till the dissolution of that Religious House: but afterwards, viz. in 26 H. 8. the House being then in the possession of *Mich. Gameswell*, was granted^k out of the Crown to *John Wade* and *Tho. Gregory*. Which *Mich.* in 4 & 5 Ph. & M. purchased^l the rest, by the name of the Mannour of **Pewland**, alias **Pewland-park**; and in 1 Eliz. past^m it to *Steph. Hales* (son of *Tho. Hales*, sometime an Alderman of **Canterbury**, but of the antient family of **Hales** of **Hales-place** in **Kent**, as their descent sheweth.) Which *Stephen* dyedⁿ seized thereof 27 Martii, 16 Eliz. leaving *Charles* his son and heir then of full age, for his eminent knowledge in the Laws, afterwards made one of the K. Council at **Porke**; from whom is descended *Stephen Hales* (his great Grandchild) the present owner thereof, an. 1640.

Folkeeshull.

FOLLOWING the stream of **Sow**, I come next to **Folkeeshull**; which in the Conq. Survey^o is joyn'd with **Anstle** (as I have already shew'd) and certified to be part of the lands that the Countess *Godeva* held; in which Record^p it is written **Fochestwelle**: but the next mention I find thereof is in that Charter^q of **Ranulph E.** of **Chester** (in K. *Steph.* time) where he acknowledges (inter alia) the Chappel of **Folkeeshull** to belong to the Monks of **Cobentre**, in right of their Conventual Church, whereof it was originally a member, and thereupon restored to them. After which, have not I met with any thing of it worth observation till H. 3. time, that *Rog. Montalt* and *Cecilie* his wife, in that notable grant^r by them made, of the whole Mannour of **Cobentre** to the before specified Monks, amongst the services of sundry persons excepted out of the said gift, do in particular reserve the homage and service of *Vitalis de Folkeeshull*, *Will. le Botiller*, and *James de Andelegh* in **Folkeeshull**. Which *Cecilie* was one of the sisters and co-heirs to *Hugh de Albany E.* of **Arundel**, son of *Mabel* one of the sisters and heirs of **Ranulph Blondewill E.** of **Chester**, as in **Cobentre** shall be manifested. But the particular extent of what each of those persons held here of the said *Roger* and *Cecilie*, can I not exactly point out: howbeit, in that part which *Will. le Botiler* held, he had **Free-warren** granted to him and his heirs in 13 E. 1.

Neither do I know how the family of **Boys** came to have an interest here; but that they had, may seem by the entail^s which *Will. de Boys* made of it, with divers other Mannours, upon *Will. la Zouch* and *Maud* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies, in 21 E. 1. which *Maud* was heir general to the said *W. de Boys*, as in **Weston** I have shew'd. And yet I find, that *Milicent de Montalt* (one of the daughters and co-heirs to *George de Cantilupe*, and wife of *Endo la Zouch*) dyed^t seized of this Hamlet (for so the Inquis. calls it) in 27 E. 1. leaving *Will.* her son and heir, then 22 years of age; which, by that Record, was then certified to be held of *Rob. de Montalt* by the service of x s. 1 d. per ann. So that by both these authorities it appears, that *Zouch* had it; and I think there is no doubt to be made, but that his title grew by the same *Maud*: for, besides the above recited entail, the Charter^u of **Free-warren** here granted in 7 E. 2. to the said *Will.* is also jointly to her, and that together with the other Mannours of her inheritance.

But it seems the Monks of **Cobentre** had a large share in this Village, notwithstanding the interest appertaining to *Zouch*; for in 9 E. 2. the Prior of **Cobentre** was certified^x to be Lord thereof. I shall not need to cite authorities to prove, that the inheritance of what *Zouch* had here continued long to his posterity, in regard that the same, which I have voucht in **Weston**, do shew no less; yet when it past from that family, have I not seen, nor to whom: but the next^y possessor of this Mannour that I meet with, was *Will. Stansfeild*, who had it in 18 E. 4. and so likewise the greatest part of H. 7. reign: and after him^z *Rob. Stoke Esq.* (son and heir of *Tho. Stoke*) in 14 H. 8. from whom it descended to^a *Will. Stoke*, temp. E. 6. But the next and last mention that I find of it, is, that *VWill.*

5 Esq. 30. *Willoughby Esq;* dyed ^b seized thereof 30 *Eliz.* leaving *Gilbert* his son and heir 27 years of age: from whom it came, about the beginning of King *James* his reign, to one *Tho. Cotton de Com. Midd.* Esq; and from him by mean conveyance to *Ric. Hopkins Esq;* the present owner thereof.

As for that which the Monks of **Cobentre** had here, it was after the dissolution of that Monastery granted out of the Crown by parcels, and at several times to sundry persons, whereof 'tis not worth while to make recital.

Rot. R. Molind. m. 4. d Reg. Pr. de Cov. f. 22. a. The Chappel appropriate * to the Pr. of **Cobentre** by *R. Molend B. of Cob. and Mich.* in 44 H. 3. had ^a antiently a Cuiat removable at the will of the Prior, unto whom belong'd for his Salary, the small tithes and oblations, with the tithe of fagors and hay, and all dead mortuaries, it being then reputed for a member of *St. Mich. Church* in **Cobentre**. But in 26 H. 8. the Stipendary serving therein, had ^a onely so much of the small tithes as were rated at *Cs. per annum*.

MS penes S. A. eq. sur. f. 28. a.

Henley.

THis is in the parish of **Folkshull**, and had its name, at first, from the rising ground near which it stood, *hean* in our old English signifying high: but of what extent it was antiently, can I say but little; for now there is no more left of it than the Mill; which, being still called **Henley-mill**, preserveth the memorial of its name, otherwise there would be no badge thereof.

The first mention I find of it, is in 34 E. 3. where *Sir Rob. Gresley Kt. and Elen* his wife, granted ^f it by the name of the Mannour of **Henley iuxta Cobentre**, which then extended into **Folkshull, Weston, and Sow**, unto *Sir Baldwin Frevill, Kt. and Dame Ida* his wife, and to the heirs of the said *Sir Baldw.* which *Sir B.* had other Mannours and lands of good value near at hand; and therefore, perhaps, this falling out to be depopulated, was afterwards involv'd with some of them; for I find not when or how it ever past by particular name out of the line of *Frevill*. But the Monks of **Cobentre** had ^s something here; of which, being of no great moment, I shall omit further to speak.

Ex autog. penes Car. Smyth, eq. sur.

Ex Reg. Pr. de Cov. f. 23. b. 24. a. & 118. a. sur. f. 120.

Tackley.

ON the North-east side of this brook is **Tackley**, a place long since depopulated; so that there is not at this time any memory thereof by the vulgar, other than certain grounds called **Tackley** in the parish of **Folkshull**. But the first and chief mention that I find thereof, is in that grant ^b made by *Rog. de Montalt & Cecily* his wife, to the Monks of **Cobentre**, of the whole Mannour of **Cob.** in H. 3. time; in which, amongst certain exceptions there made, he reserves to himself and his heirs the homage and services of *John le Pover* and *Alex. Deyvil*, in **Tackele**. Now, as to the extent of these services, they were, it seems, for a whole Krs. fee; for so le's doth the Inq. taken 3 E. 1. after the death of *Rob. de Montalt* testify; and that *Urian de S. Pere* then held the one half thereof, and *Will. D'Umvill* the other: but after

that time I have not seen a word more in Record of this place.

Wykin.

A Little below lyes **Wykin**, antiently written *Wike*, and *Witkey*, signifying in our old English, *the reach or bent of a river*, and therefore very applicable to this place: but in the Conq. Survey there is no mention of it; whence I conclude, that it was then involv'd with **Cobentre**, or **Folkshull**: for it is evident enough, that the E. of **Chester** enjoy'd it with the rest of those lands that belong'd to the Countess *Godeva, E. Ranulph* (the first) restoring ⁱ to the Monks of **Cob.** the Chappel here, as their right, being a member of their Conventual Church.

Whether *Walter Briton*, who lived in H. 2. time, was enfeofft hereof by one of those Earls, I am not sure: but I find, that *Alice* his widow, for the health of the soul of the said *Walter*, as also of her father and mother, and of her own soul, gave ^k to the Monks of **Combe** the Mill of this Village, standing towards **Sow**, with a mess. lying near the same; which grant was confirm'd by *James le Bret*, her son. Yet was it not long that the Monks retain'd this Mill; for *Steph. de Segrave* (then Lord of **Calndon**) had a grant ⁱ thereof from them to himself and his heirs, in consideration of a pound weight of white Incense to be yearly paid to the Monastery of **Combe**, at Easter. But the first whom I certainly find to be posselt of this Mannour, was *Walter de Langley*; unto which *Walter* with *Alice* his wife, K. H. 3. in 41 of his reign, granted a Charter ^m of **Free-warren** here: the homage and service of which *W.* for his lands here in **Wykin**, did *Rog. de Montalt* and *Cecily* his wife reserve ⁿ to them and their heirs. when they past away the Mannour of **Cobentre** to the Monks: which service was the 8 part of a Krs. fee, as by sundry Records ^a appeareth.

This *Walter*, in 7 E. 1. held ^r 1. carucat of land and a Water-mill here, in demesn, and then also had 18. servants holding 5 yardland and 2 acres at will, performing divers servile labours for the same; and likewise Assize of Bread and Beer in this place. At that time had ^q also *Nich. de Segrave* 1 car. of land and a Water-mill in demesn, here, with 2 crofts, which certain Freeholders held. But the Mannour continued in the family of *Langley*, as long as the Male line lasted; viz. till E. 3. time (as I shall demonstrate when I come to **Pinley**, their principall seat) and then, viz. in 40 E. 3. *Sir John Trillow* (the younger) Kt. and *Joan* his wife, Daughter ^a and heir of *Geffrey de Langley*, granted ^s it to *Sir Baldw. Frevill* Kt. and his Heirs: to whom also, for better confirmation of his title, *Sir Peter Careswell* Kt. Son and Heir to *Sir Will. Careswell*, by his deed ^t bearing date the Munday next after the Nativ. of our Lord, 45 E. 3. releas't all his right in the same; which, it seems was an estate for life, and possibility of the inheritance: For I find, that in 4 E. 3. *Will. Careswell* and *Mary* his wife, Mother to the last *G. de Langley*, procured *Tho. de Langley* a Priest (who was Heir Male of the family) to levy a Fine ^u of this and other Mannours, whereby they were settled on the said *Will.* and *Mary* for their lives, the remainder to *Geffrey* the Son of *Geffrey*

ib. f. 76. a.

Regist. de Cumba, f. 50. a.

ib. b.

in Cart. 41. E. 3. m. 9.

in Cart. 22. E. 3. n. 6. per Insper.

Rot. F. 18. H. 3. m. 11 Testa de Nevill.

p Inq. per H. Notingham, &c. f. 45. a. 2 lb. b.

Pat. 47. E. 3. p. 5. m. 2.

f F. levat. Off. Mich. 40 E. 3.

e Claus. 46. E. 3. in dor. fo. m. 28.

F. de divers. com. levat. xv. p. 4. E. 3.

Geffrey de Langley and the Heirs of his Body ; and for want of such issue to the right Heirs of the said *W. de Carewell* : And that upon the death of *Baldwyn*, Son and Heir to the before specified Sir *B.* his 3. Sisters became his Heirs (as in *Tamworth* I shall shew) whereupon this Mannour devolved to *Margaret*, the second of those coheirs, first married to Sir *Hugh Willoughby* Kt. and afterwards to Sir *Ric. Bingham* one of the Justices of the Common Pleas : which *Marg.* dyed seised thereof 8. Jan. 8 H. 7. leaving her Grand-child Sir *Henry Willoughby* Kt. Son of *Rob.* Son of her the said *Marg.* and Sir *Hugh*, her Cosen and next Heir then 30. years of age ; From whom descended Sir *Francis Willoughby* late of *Spidleston* Kt. who, by his deed bearing date 24. Maii 38. Eliz. sold it to *Ric. Green*, Father of *Richard* the present owner thereof *an.* 1640.

The Chappell, here, was built and dedicated in H. 1. time, at the instance of *Ran. E. of Chester* ; *Rog. de Clinton* then B. of *Cob.* consenting thereto for the advantage of poor people in times of Hospitality, the Buriall of the Inhabitants being reserved to the Mother Church of *Cobentre*, unto which all the Tithes belonging were appropriate by *R. Molend. B. of Cob.* and *Lich. an.* 1260. (44 H. 3.) the Monks of that House appointing a Priest to celebrate Divine Service three Days in the week, besides the chief Festivalls, for which he antiently received all living Mortuaries, Alterage, Tythes of Wool and Lamb, with other small Tythes for his Salary ; and held the 4. part of a yard land in *Wylkin*, belonging to the said Chappell, at the will of the Prior ; which small Tythes in 26 H. 8. were rated at C. s. *per an.*

Caludon.

OF this place there is no mention in the Conq. Survey ; nor in any other Record of a long time after, that I could ever yet see ; nevertheless the name is much more antient, being made up of a British and Saxon word (as I guess) the first part *viz.* *Calod* signifying *Moss*, and the later *Dune* or *Don*, an ascending ground, in respect that the surface of the hill, near which it is seated, is of a mossy condition.

That it was originally a Member of *Cobentre* and involved therewith, as also posselt by the E. of *Chester*, need not to be doubted ; forasmuch as 'tis apparent, that *Ranulph*, the last, gave it to *Stephen de Segrave* and his Heirs, to hold by the service of a fore-Sparhawk, yearly : And that *Rog. de Montalt* and *Cecily* his wife, when they past all their right in *Cobentre* to the Monks, made particular exception of the homage and service of *Gilb. de Segrave* and his Heirs for what he held of them here. In the family of which *Segrave* it continued whilst the Male line lasted ; and afterwards came to *Moubray* by Marriage of the Heir Female ; and by the like means to *Berkley*. But because these great persons (for the most of them were Barons of this Realm, and the rest of a superior rank) had not here their principall residence, I shall bask the story of them, further

then what immediatly concerns this place.

Of the before specified *Gilb. de Segrave* I find, that he bore for his Armes three garbs with a label of five points ; perhaps in respect of the relation he had to the E. of *Chester* in the tenure of this Lordship. And that *Nich.* (his Son) as Lord of this place, in 7 E. 1. was certified to hold here 2. car. of land, a Park containing 20. Acres, a Pool called *Franchebay* and 2. Water-mills ; having onely one Freeholder called *John de la Hay*, who held 3. Acres of land for 3. s. Rent, Homage and Suit of Court. After which, viz. in 27 E. 1. he obtain'd a Charter of *Free-warren* in all his demesne lands here. To whom succeeded *John de Segrave* his Son and Heir ; who in 33 E. 1. had Licence to fortify his Houle, here, with a Moat, and to wall and embattle it with Lime and Stone ; and so strengthened to hold it to himself and his Heirs. After which time, 'tis very like, that he and his descendants, whilst the Male line lasted, made it sometimes their seat : for it is evident, that in 13 E. 3. *John* his Grand-child had summons, amongst the rest of our *Warwicksh.* Kts. to be in readines, sufficiently furnished with Horse and Armes, on the Feast day of St. *Laurence* to attend the K. into *France*. Which last mentioned *John* leaving issue *Eliz.* his Daughter and Heir, wedded to *John de Moubray* of *Arholme* in *Lincolns.* (a great Baron) this Lordship, *inter alia*, divoly'd to that Family.

Hence it was, that *Tho. Moubray D. of Posff.* (son to the said *John* and *Eliz.*) being accused by the D. of *Hereford* for certain words spoken in dishonour of the K. (R. 2.) having challenged the said D. to a Duell, appointed at *Cobentre* upon *Wosford-green*, where lists accordingly were set up, went upon the day assigned, on a Horse barded with Crimson Velvet, embroydered with Lions of Silver and Mulberry-trees : the issue of which business is sufficiently known to all that are but indifferently acquainted with our English History. But after three descents more, was this Lordship by Female issue, transferred, as it seems, to *John Howard D. of Posff.* Son and Heir to Sir *Rob. Howard* Kt. by *Margaret* one of the daughters to the before specified *Tho. Moubray* : For by certain Depositions it appeareth, that K. H. 7. immediately after *Wosworth*-field, where the said *John*, fighting on K. R. 3. part was slain, gave it unto Sir *Gilb. Talbot* Kt. his near servant, who came in person to take possession thereof : But it was not long that *Howard* had it ; for by a Fine levied in 10 H. 7. did *Maurice Berkley*, Son to Sir *James Berkley* Kt. and *Isabel* the other Daughter to the before specified *Tho. Moubray D. of Posff.* entayl it upon his Heirs Male : for corroboration of whose estate therein, it was afterwards, by partition betwixt *Howard* and him allotted (*inter alia*) to his share : whence it descended to *George Lord Berkley* ; who by his deed of Bargain and sale, dated 14. Junii 7. Car. sold it to *Tho. Morgan* of *Wetton*-sub-*Wettheley* Esq.

The Chappell here, now ruinous, was antiently a Presentative, as the Institutions of the following Incumbents do manifest.

w E. 8.
H. 5. m. 79.
x Ex autog. penès
loh. Ferrers ar.

y E. 8. H. 7.

z Ex autog. penès
R. Green Gen.

a Regist. Pr. de Cov. f. 75. b.

b Rot. R. Molend. m. 4.

e Ex autog. penès
Edw. Raleigh eq. aur.
f Inq. per H. Nott. & c. f. 45. a.

g Cart. 20 E. 1. n. 17.

h Pat. 33. E. 1. p. 1. m. 18.

i Rot. Franc. 19. E. 3. m. 3.

k Th. Walf. p. 392. n. 30.

l Holinsh. Cron. p. 494. col. 2.

m Penès loh. Hales ar.

n Craft. Mart. 10. H. 7.

o Rot. Parl. 19. H. 7.

c Ab exempl. vet. M. S. penès
H. Ferrers ar.

d F. levat. 3. Septim. M. 34. H. 3.

Patroni

Incumbentes.

Northb. f.
28. a.
1b. f. 44. a.

1b. f. 50. a.
1b. f. 54. b.

Ex autog.
penes D. &
Cap. Lich.

D. Joh. de Se-
grave miles.

{ Petrus de Incharwe Pbr. 6. Cal.
Feb. 1334.
Will. de Walys Pbr. 4. Non.
Apr. 1346.
Ric. de Overton Cap. 8. Cal.
Sept. 1349.
Joh. fil. Rob. de Segrave 13.
Kal. Dec. 1351.
Rog. de Belgrave 1359.

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Below **Caludon**, there is not any other place of note situat on the Banks of **Sow**, within the liberties of **Cobentre**; so that now I must ascend to the head of **Shirburn**; which beginning above **Allesley**, being increast with severall torrents, passeth through **Cobentre**; and on the verge of that Cities Liberties hath its confluence with **Sow**. The first villages, bordering upon this little Brook, are **Allesley** and **Coundon**; both which, heretofore, were Members of **Cobentre**, yet neither of them now are within those bounds (though the later be in the Parish) but do still continue part of **Knightslow-Hund.** as all that Cities liberties heretofore was.

Allesley.

OF this there is no particular mention in the Conq. Survey, it being there involved with **Cobentre**, whereof it was then a Member; and of the Parish, as appears by that Licence, which **R. Clinton B. of Cob.** temp. **H. 1.** granted for building of the Chappell here, at the request of **Ran. E. of Chester**, in the behalf of poor people, (as was also then allow'd to the inhabitants of **Andy** and others whereof I have already spoke) with reservation of Sepulture to the Mother Church. As for the name, I suppose it proceeded from some antient possessor thereof in the Saxons time; which probably might be *Alsi*; for that was an appellation then in use.

When it came first to the family of **Hastings**, or how, I cannot positively say; yet confident I am, that it was before the Marriage of **Henry de Hastings** with **Ada** Daughter to **David E. of Hunt.** by **Maud** the eldest Sister, and one of the Coheirs to **Ran.** the last E. of **Chester** of that name; because I find it not assigned to the said **Maud** amongst the lands and fees, in partition allotted to her: But the first mention thereof that I have met with in Record, is after the death of the said **H. de Hastings**, in 34 E. 3. it being then in the K. hands by reason of the minority of his Heir, and held of the Crown; as in right of the Earldom of **Chester**; which the K. in 23. of his reign had taken into his own hands, giving satisfaction for the same to the Sisters and Heirs of **Ranulph**, the last E. of that name. In which 34. year I find, that one **Raph de Jerdele** a Heremite, had an annuity of three Quarters of Wheat, allow'd him by the K. out of this Mannour (whereof he had the custody for the reason above expressed) which yearly allowance the said Heremite had used to receive out of the Mannour of **Jerdele** in **Northampton** belonging to the same **Henry**.

The next year following did the said **H.** enlarge his Park, here, having obtained 24. Acres of **Wedge-wood** wast from **Osbert** then Abbot of **Stoneley** to that purpose. And from him it descended to **John**,

his Grand-child (as the Pedegree in **Fillongley** manifesteth) who in 7 E. 1. was certified to hold it of **Rog. de Somery** (Husband of **Nichola** one of the Sisters and Coheirs of **Hugh de Albany E.** of **Arundell**, son of **Will. de Albany**, and **Mabel** his Wife one of the Sisters and Coheirs to **Ran. E.** of **Chester** before specified) by the service of one Kt. Fee; which **John** had then 26. servants here, holding xx. yard land and a half, at will, paying certain Rents, and performing severall services in time of Harvelt: As also 22. Cottagers holding so many Cottages, at will likewise, paying certain small Rents, and performing the like services; with xi. Freeholders occupying 6. yard land and a half and 17. acres, for severall Rents, and suit to his three weeks Court: And moreover 40. acres of out-wood, with an antient Park containing 30. acres; whereof 12. were parcel of the Mannour of **Stoneley**, but by what authority inclosed within that Park not then known: And lastly **Freewarren** and **Weyfs** within his liberties here, as also **Court-Leet**, Gallows, Assize of Bread and Beer, for a passrey, yearly, payable to the King. All which liberties, with certain other Priviledges did he claim within this Mannour by Prescription in 13 E. 1. alledging that himself and his ancestors had enjoy'd them time out of mind.

From whom descended **John de Hastings E.** of **Penbroke** (his great Grand-child, as the Pedegree in **Fillongley** sheweth) which Earl entayling x his lands, as there appeareth (and his issue Male extinguish't) this Mannour (*inter alia*) came, by force thereof to **Sir Will. Beauchamp Kt.** second Son to **Thomas Beauchamp E.** of **Warwick**; which **Will.** being afterwards summoned to Parl. as Lord **Bergavenny**, had issue **Richard**, whose Daughter and Heir **Eliz.** brought this Lordship unto the family of **Nevill** (as in **Fillongley** is also more fully shew'd:) In which line it continued till **Sir Henry Nevill**, late Lord **Bergavenny** sold it, in our time to **Sir Henry Compton Kt.** of the Bath, now *scil. an.* 1640. owner thereof.

Upon the brow of an hill, in the Park here at **Allesley**, do appear some ruins of building, which as the Inhabitants say, were of a Castle; but in Record I cannot find, that it was ever so termed.

That the Church was originally but a Chappell belonging to the Priory of **Cobentre**, and the occasion of its building I have already declared. In 33 H. 3. there were certain persons delegated by the B. of **Cob.** and **Lich.** who, with the consent of the Monks of **Cobentre**, and the then incumbent, presented by the Lord **Hastings**, did ordain that the said Incumbent and his successors should have of the profits belonging thereto, all oblations, obventions, tythes, and other emoluments; reserving 6. s. 8. d. yearly to the said Church of **Cobentre** in lieu of all burials: and excepting also the tythes of **Allesley-Park**, and all personall tythes, which were used amongst the oblations to be offered upon Sundaies, in regard that the Lord **Hastings** (being Patron of the Church) had released to the Church of **Cobentre** all his right of common in **Cobentre** and **Coundulme**, and the Hamlets adjacent; which Ordination bears date on the day of **St. Tiburce** and **Valerian an. M. CCXLIX.** (33. H. 3.)

In an. 1291. (19. E. 1.) the Church (Dedic. to **All Saints**) was valued at xii. marks; but in 26. H. 8. at 17. l. 18. s. 8. d. over and above 8. s. yearly

q Reg. Pr.
de Cov. f.
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r Clauy. 34.
H. 3. m. 2.

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H. Nott.
6. f. 20. b.
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E. 3.
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Patroni Incumbentes.

Ex autog. penes D. & Cap. Lich.	Edm. Com. Cor- nub.ratione mi- noris at. & cu- stodia haredis &c. Henr. de Hastings.	Gaufr. de Stokelle Cler. 1283.
Northb.f. 20.4.	Tho. le Blound miles.	Sim. de Gaynesburgh accol. 13. Cal. Jan. 1326.
1b.f.31.b.	Will. de Clinton Co. Hunt.	Joh. Lynie Pbr. 7. Id. Maii 1337.
1b.f.33.2.		Tho. de Blythe accol. 8. Id. Feb. 1341.
1b.f.61.b.	D. Juliana de Hastings Co- mitissa Hunt.	Henr. Hunte Cler. 3. Id. Martii 1357.
Stret.f.21. b.	Com. Penbrok.	Rob. Ferror. Pbr. 4. Kal. Aug. 1373.
1b.f.22.3.	D. Rex ratione Dominii de Al-	Ioh. Bekyn Pbr. 4. Id. Ian. 1375.
1b.f.23.2.	lestey, post mor- tem Com. P. in mana sua exist.	Will. Reynald Pbr. 7. Kal. Dec. 1376.
Heyw.f.9.	D. Johanna de Beauchamp, do-	Will. Newport Cler. ult. Mar- tii 1422.
1b.f.18.2.	mina de Ber- gavenny.	Tho. Rishum Cap. 19. Apr. 1426.
1b.f.37.2.	Edw. Nevill do- minus de Ber- gav.	Ioh. Strangwish Cler. 2. Oct. 1438.
30.f.10.2.		Will. Loveles Cap. 29. Aug. 1450.
Sampf. & 3. f. 8. b.	Rob. Dixson gen. ratione conc. H. Nevil. mil. D. de Bergav.	Tho. Sreele Cler. 20. Oct. 1554.
3und.in- ert.	Edm. Brode, hac vice, per conc. H. domini de Bergav.	Phil. Brode in art. Bac. 17. Iunii 1569.
Sampf. & 2. f. 44.2.	Margar. Sanders vidua hac vi- ce; per conc. ejusdem H. D. de Bergav.	Sam. Sanders Cler. 4. Oct. 1570.

Coundon.

This was originally a Member of **Cobentre** (as I have said) and involved^b therewith in that grant of E. Leofric. made to the Monks, upon the foundation of the Monastery & Edw. Conf. though it be not particularly named in his Charter. By the Conq. Survey it appears, that the proportion belonging to the Monks in **Condone** (for so it is there written) extended to three virgats of land: as also that the words were three furlongs & 30. perches in length, and 3. furlongs in breadth; all being valued at 22.s. And in the same Survey it is also recorded, that Will. fil. Corbucionis (of whom I am to speak in **Studley**) had one virgat of land, here, at the same time; with woods containing half a mile in length and four furlongs in breadth; all which were then valued at 4.s. but there it is written **Con-**
delme; so that, in regard the name at that time is so variously recorded; and altered, out of doubt, by corrupt pronunciation from what it first was, I shal

not trouble my self to guess at the Etymology thereof.

In 41 H. 3. the said Monks of **Cobentre** had (inter alia) **Free-warren** granted to them in all their demesne lands here. And, in 44 H. 3. the tythes of this place, amongst other of their Mannours were appropriated to them, as belonging to **Trinity** Parish (one of the Churches in that City.) In 53. H. 3. I find, that **John Beneth** (of **Allestey**) held the xx. part of a Kts. Fee, here of **Henry de Hastings**; (Lord of **Allestey**) which I suppose to be the same that is certified by the Conq. Survey to have been in the hands of Will. fil. Corbucionis before specified: the extent whereof was, in 7 E. 1. signified to be but half a yard land and two acres, then in the hands of three Freeholders: So that the Monks of **Cobentre** being owners of all the rest, had a yard land thereof in demesne, and nine Freeholders, who held half a Carucat and 12. acres, paying severall Rents, doing suit of Court twice a year, and performing certain servile work in Harvest. In this village had the said Monks also a **Court-Leet**, gallows, with Assise of Bread and Beer by the grant of K. H. 3. As also weyfs, estreys, Felons-goods, and for Heriots the principall vessell; the names of what they so held in demesne being a certain grove, named **Fowles-moze**, and a parcell of ground called **Wytors-field**. The greatest part of which lands, together with the tythes, were, after the dissolution of the Monasteries, granted unto **Ric. Andrews**; Gent. and **Leonard Chamberlein** Esq. but how they have past since, is not much materiall for me to enquire.

Coventre.

Following the stream of **Shirburn** it leads me next into **Coventre**, still a City of eminent note, yet much short in glory and Riches to what heretofore it hath been, as I shall shew anon: but for the originall of its name I can give no positive reason; and therefore, whither the first part thereof, viz. **Coben** was occasioned by some Covent of Religious persons, antiently founded here, as some think; for there was a Monastery of Nuns long before the Priory, as I shall shortly manifest; or whither from this little brook, of which others conceive the true name to be **Cune**, I will not stand to argue. Sure I am, that the last Sillable thereof; viz. **Tre** is British, and signifieth the same that **villa** in Latine doth: from whence I conclude, that the first plantation here, hath been of very great antiquity, though when, or by whom made I cannot expect to discover, having so little light of story to guide me through those elder times. And as certain is it, that a great part thereof, and probably the most antient, stood on the bank without **Bishop-gate**, North-westward of the City; for no less do the foundations of much building there discovered, and a place yet called **S. Nicholas-Church-yard**, testify.

But touching that Monastery of Nuns, all that I find is no more but this; viz. that in the year of Christ 1016. **Canutus** K. of **Denmark**, and that infamous traytor **Edricus** invading **Merca** with an Army, burnt and wasted divers towns in **Warwick**, at which time the said House of Nuns, whereof **St. Osburg** a Holy Virgin had been sometime Abbess, was destroyed. What this **Osburg**

d Cart. 41.
H. 3. m. 4.

e Rot. R.
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m. 4.

f Claus. 53.
H. 3. m. 8.

g Inq. per
H. Not.
&c. f. 38.
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h 1b.
i Reg.
k Pr. de
Cov. f.
3. b.

l Pat. 34.
H. 8. p. 4.

m Chron. 3.
M. S. Ioh.
Rous in
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ton p. 120.

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was (I mean for her parentage) or when she lived I have not seen: for *John Capgrave*, a learned man, and diligent searcher after our English Saints, makes no mention of her: I shall therefore descend to *K. Edw. the Conf. time*; about the beginning whereof I find, * that the Noble *Leofrick* Earl of *Mercia* founded a goodly Monastery for Monks in the place, where the other stood; which Monastery was the chief occasion of all the succeeding wealth and honour that accrued to *Cobentre*, as I shall sufficiently demonstrate, when I come to treat in particular thereof; for of its beginning, growth, riches, greatness, honour, and dissolution I purpose to speak at large; and therefore referring my discourse concerning the same, and all other the Religious Houses, Churches, &c. here, to their proper place, I will take notice of what I find otherwise memorable touching this City. And because this great Earl and his Countess were the most eminent Benefactors that ever it had, I shall here make a brief Narrative of them, so far at least as they had any relation to this place.

The first of his Progenitors, concerning whom I have any historical authority, was *Leofrik* Earl of *Chester* in the time of *Ethelbald* K. of *Mercia*, about 900. years agoe; whose descendants to this our *Leofrik*, the Pedegree, which in this discourse I have inserted, doth succinctly point out. As to the time of his advancement unto the Earldom of *Mercia* (which contains the most of the Counties in this Midland part of the Realm) I can say nothing. In the days of *K. Ethelred* he was stiled *Leofricus Comes*, at large; which might be of *Chester*, onely by descent from his ancestors. By *K. Canutus* he was made a Capt. Generall of his forces: *an. 1018.* and grew afterwards in high favour with the said K. In the time of *Hardi Canutus* he was called *Merciorum Comes*: and though that in the beginning of *Edw. the Conf. days* he is stiled onely *Comes Herefordiensium*; yet do I conceive that he had that title attributed to him in such sort as *Edwyn*, his Grand-child, had of *Comes Warrwici* (as I shall hereafter shew) those Counties being included within his Mercian territories.

That his power was very great in the times wherein he lived, appears by these instances: * First, that after the death of *Cnut*, and great debate who should succeed him in the kingdom, he, with the Barons on the North of *Thames*, advanced *Harold* surnamed *Harefoot*, Son to the said *Cnut*, unto the Crown. And next, that *Hardi Canutus* being dead, he was one of the chief that raised * *K. Edw. called the Confessor*, at that time in *Normandy* to the regall throne, and afterwards with intire affection defended * him from the malice of Earl *Godwyn*.

This *Leofrik* wedded * *Godeva*, a most beautiful and devout Lady, Sister to one *Thorold* Shireff of *Lincolnb.* in those days, and founder * of *Spalding-Abby*: As also of the stock * and lineage of *Thorold* Shireff of that County in the time of *Kennulph* K. of *Mercia*. Which Countess *Godeva*, bearing an extraordinary affection to this place, often and earnestly besought * her Husband, that for the love of God and the blessed Virgin, he would free it from that grievous servitude whereunto it was subject: but he, rebuking her for importuning him in a matter so inconsistent with his profit, commanded that she should thenceforth forbear to move therein; yet she, out of her wo-

manish pertinacy continued to solicit him, inso-much that he told her, if she would ride on Horse-back naked from the one end of the town to the other, in the sight of all the people, he would grant her request. Whereunto she returned, *But will you give me leave so to do?* And he replying, *yes*; the noble Lady, upon an appointed day got on Horse-back naked, with her hair loose, so that it covered all her Body but the Legs, and thus performing the journey return'd with joy to her Husband: who thereupon granted to the Inhabitants a Charter of freedom; which immunity I rather conceive to have been a kind of manumission from some such servile tenure, whereby they then held what they had under this great Earl, than onely a freedom from all manner of Toll, except Horses, as *Knighon* affirms: In memory whereof the picture of him and his said Lady were set up in a South window of *Trinity Church* in this City, about *K. R. 2. time*, and his right hand holding a Charter with these words written thereon.

**I Lurke for the love of thee
Doe make Cobentre Tol-free.**

But besides his foundation and endowment of the Monastery, here, at *Cobentre* before specified, of his proper patrimony, was he a great Benefactor * to divers other Religious-houses; viz. *Leominster* in *Herefordsh.* *Menloc* in *Shropsh.* *S. Werburgs*, and *St. John's* in *Chester*; *Worcester* and *Cobham*, both in *Worcestersh.*; to all which he likewise gave divers rich ornaments. To the Abby of *Burton super Trent* in *Staffordsh.* he also granted * a large part of *Austrey* in this County: and departing * this life in a good old age, at his house in *Bromley*, 2 *Cal. Sept. 1057.* (13 *Edw. Conf.*) was honourably interred * in the Monastery here at *Cobentre*, before mentioned, unto which he bequeathed * it, with a great quantity of Gold and Silver. By some Authors he is called *Comes Leicestria*; but 'tis plain, by what I have already cited, that it should be *Cestria*.

And now before I proceed, I have a word more to say of the noble Countess *Godeva*; which is, that besides her devout advancement of that pious work of his, in founding this magnificent Monastery (for my Author * says it was *instigante uxore sua Godeva omnem thesaurum* (saith another *) *eidem Ecclesia contulit*, &c. She gave her whole treasure thereto, and sent for skilfull Goldsmiths; who, with all the Gold and Silver she had, made Crosses, Images of Saints, and other curious ornaments which she devoutly disposed thereto. Neither did her zeal to Gods service and honour rest here; for, over and above all this, she built * the monastery of *Stow* near *Lincoln*, dedicating it to the blessed Virgin; and endow'd * it with the Lordships of *Network*, *Flatburgh*, and *Martineville*, giving possession of them by a fair Jewell, and rich Bracelets curiously wrought, as her Charter imports; whereunto were witnesses *K. Edw. the Conf. himself*, *Aldred* Archb. of *York*, *Wlfric* B. of *Dorchester*, *E. Leofrik*, her Husband, with divers more great Earls and others.

But I am not certain of the time when she dyed; neither do the particular of all the lands, which the Earl her Husband and she had, any where appear, inasmuch as there are but part of them pointed at in *Domesday-Book*. Those in this County, which that Record mentions to have been held by

Vide M.
Westm. in
an. 1057.

d f. 13. a.

Hist.
M. S. I.
Timem.
ut supra
Regist.
de Euseb.
in bibl.

Cotton
f. 26. a.
R. Hov.
f. 254. b.
n. 50. &
255. a.

f Reg. de
Burton pe-
nes Will.
D. Pager.

g R.
h R. Hov.
f. 254. b.
n. 50.

W. Malm.
f. 44. b. n.
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k Ingul. f.
507. a. n.
50.
l Ord. vit.
p. 511. a.

Regist.
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Oxon.
f. 10. a.

n Ib. p. 121

Ingulph
f. 507. a.
n. 30.
R. Hov.
f. 255. a.

p Ingul. f.
507. a. 30.
n. 40.

q Rog.
Hov. f.
25. b.
n. 20.

f Ib. f. 251.
b. n. 50.

t W. Malm.
f. 44. b. n. 40.

u Hist.
M. S. H.
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in bibl.
Cotton. f.
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w Ib. f. 10.
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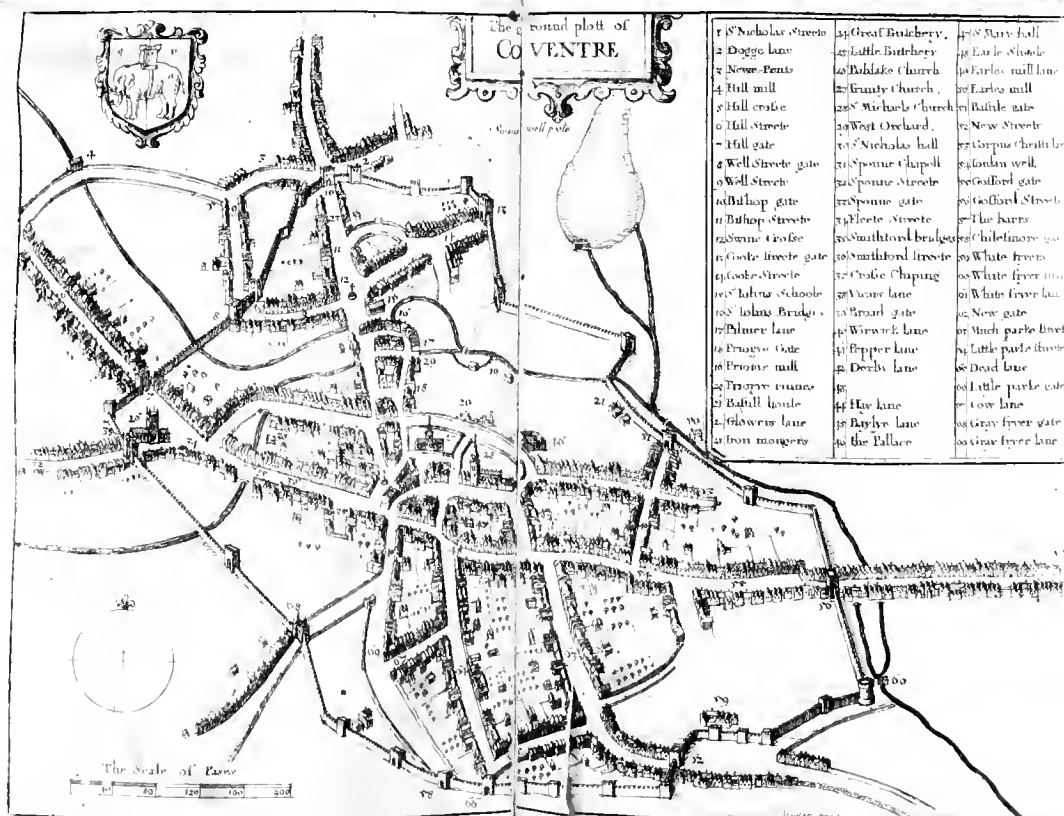
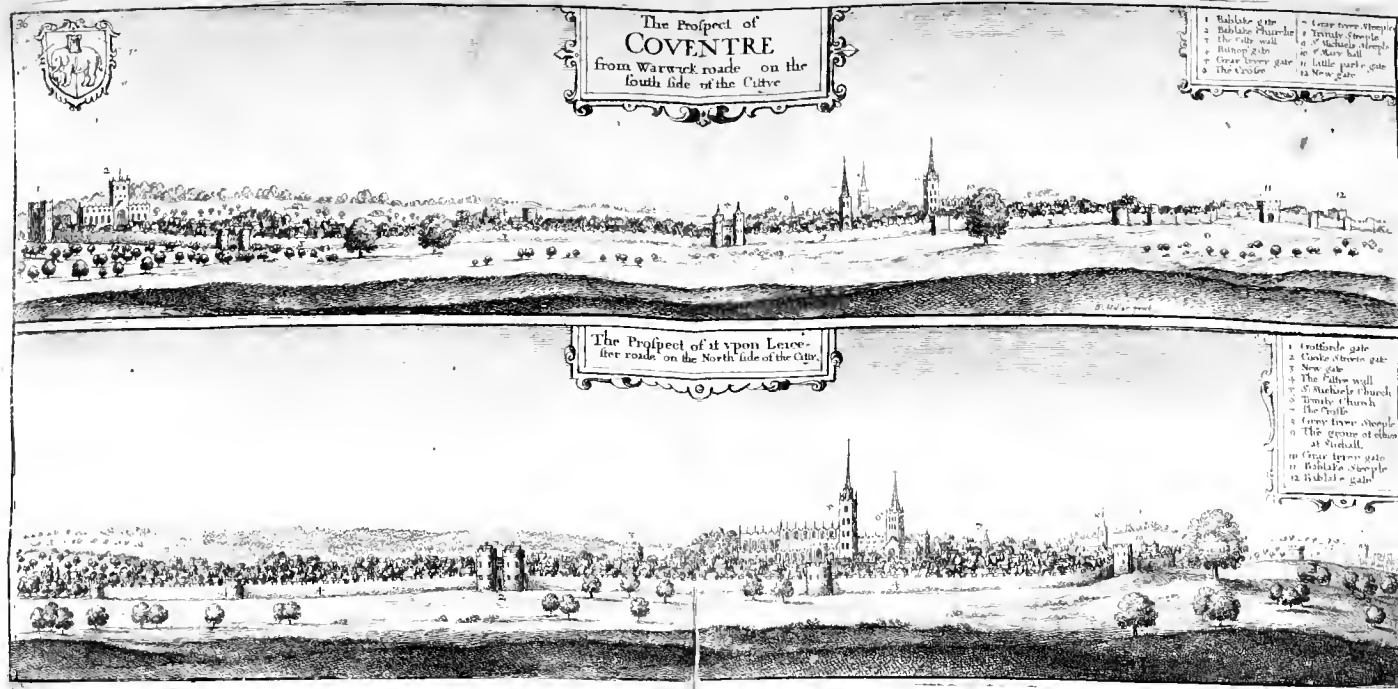
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z Ib. f.
519. a.
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b Ib. f. 510.
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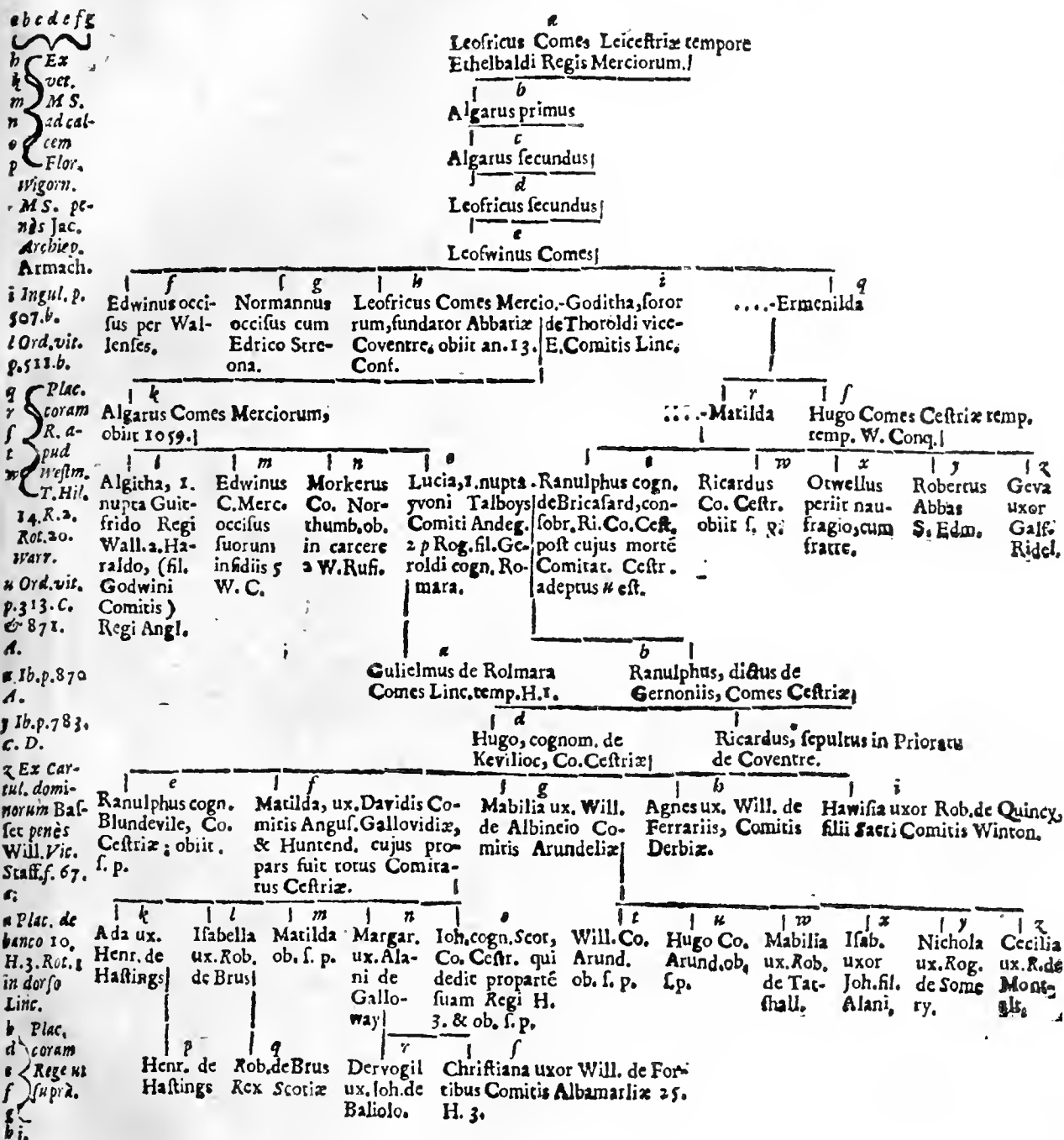
c Hist.
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Tinemuth.
in bibl.
Bodl. lib.
18. Cap. 99.



By her in *Edm.* the Conf. time, were **Cobentre**, **Alspath**, **Atherston**, **Hartshill** and **Ansley**, **Kinetbury**, **Ansby** and **Folkshull**, **Salsford** and **Wekmerth**. all which, except the two last, were formed of the Conq. by one *Nicholas*, at the time

of his generall Survey. And of these, **Cobentre** was certified to contain 5. hides, there being then a Mill, and Woods extending to two miles in length with asmuch in breadth, all valued at xi. l.

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day lib.
p 1b.



* Regist. Pr.
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tre f. 76. a.
k Hist.
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n Time-
o much.
p M. S.
q in bibl.
r Bodl.
Cap. 7.
j Clauf. 25.
H. 3. m. 1.
i Math. P.
p. 313. l.
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u Par.
w 28. H.
x 3. m.
y 12.
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To the before specified *Leofrik* succeeded his son *Algar*; but leaving his story to another work, as not so proper for this place, all that I shall further say of him is, that he was not onely E. of **Chester**, after his fathers death, but likewise of **Mercia**; and that, departing this life in an. 1059. he had sepulture in the Monastery here at **Cobentre**. Nor of his issue will it be pertinent for me to say more, than that *Lucia* (at the length sole heir to her father and grand-father) had to her third husband *Ranulph*, the third E. of **Chester** of that name; who by *Maud* his mother being also nearly allyed to the famous E. *Leofrik*, and this Marriage (as the descent sheweth) had title fair enough to the lands and honour of her grand-father, father, and brothers had not the Conq. sword disposed thereof otherwise. But, it seems, that though the same *Ranulph* was the

next heir in blood likewise to *Hugh* (commonly called *Lupus*) E. of **Chester**, after the decease of Earl *Richard* without issue, yet did he not obtain the possession of that Earldom (whereof this City was afterwards reputed part) but by purchase from King *H. 1.* viz. giving up all the inheritance of her the said *Lucia*; and not onely so, but a round summe of money, which was not all payd of a good while after: for I find that, in *5. Steph.* *Ranulph* Earl of **Chester**, his son, was certified to be indebted to the King a thousand pounds *de debito patris sui, pro terra Hugonis Comitiss*, as the Record expresseth.

Having thus stated the succession of this Earldom from the noble *Leofrik*, I shall pass by the story of those Earls, and onely take notice of what relates to them as touching this place, where

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320.
B. 221
A. 876.
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Steph. Linc.

H. Hunt.
f. 210. a. n.
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R. Rov.
f. 255. a. n.
10.
Ingul. f.
511. a.
M. S. ad
calcem Hist.
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2 Reg. Pr.
de Cov. f.
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where they had an eminent seat, bearing the name of a Castle in those elder times. Wherein I find 2, that *Ranulph* the first, before specified, caused the Chappells of *Allestey*, *Ansty*, *Shulton*, & *Wipkin* (all hamlets then within the precincts of *Cobentre*) to be built, and that *Ranulph* his son, (commonly called *Gernons*,) who was a man of great action in that turbulent time of King *Stephens* reign, taking part with *Maud* the Empreiss and her son *Henry* Duke of *Normandy* (afterwards K. by the name of H. 2.) to whom he was by affinity near allyed (having wedded *Maud* daughter of *Rob. Consul*. E. of *Glouc.* one of the base sons to K. H. 1. brother by the fathers side to the said Empreiss) being repuls'd at *Lincoln*, halted to his Castle here at *Cobentre*; of which finding the K. forces posselt, he presently rays'd a strong Fort to besiege them; whereof the K. being advertis'd, he made all the speed he could to relieve it: but in that attempt many of his men were slain, and himself wounded; yet after a while having gotten more strength, and adventuring again, he routed the Earl, who escap't not without divers wounds.

Some great injury had this Earl done, it seems, to *Walter Durdent* B. of *Chester*, for which he dyed excommunicate: for it appears^d, that *B. Hugh*, his son, with *Maud* his Countess gave the village of *Stibichale*, adjoining to *Cobentre*, with a mill next to the Park, and some other grounds thereabouts to the said B. and his successors, for his absolution and the health of his soul in recompence of that damage. Which *Hugh*, being one of those that rose in rebellion against K. H. 2. in 18. of his reign, on the part of young *Henry*, so animated his tenants here at *Cobentre*, that they took up Armes on his behalf; for which they were put to fine *f* in 21. H. 2. But, that he was a munificent friend to the Monks of this place, what I have said in my Story of the Priory will manifest. It seems, that the *Cobentre*-men, for their disloyall actions before pointed at, had their libertyes seised on by the K. which were not fully restored to them till after the death of the said *Hugh*: for I find, that in 28. H. 2. they gave 8 xx. marks for the K. confirmation of them.

To which Earl succeeded *Ranulph*, the last of that name; whose respects were so much to this place, that he confirm'd^b to his Burgesies here (for so in his Charter he styles them) that they should well and quietly hold all their possessions in free Burgage, as they did in his fathers time, or any of his ancestors. Granting likewise to them all such freedoms as the Burgesies of *Lincoln* enjoy'd; and prohibiting all his Constables and officers from impleading them at the court of his Castle; but that they should have a *Portmote*, (*id est* a Town-court) of their own, in which they might freely hold plea of all things to him the said Earl or themselves belonging: and choose some one man among themselves well skill'd in the laws and customes, who in his stead should be Judge over them, and dealing impartially might do him equall right. And if any one should happen to fall into the said Earls mercy, that he should be amerç'd by his Bayliff and Burgesies of the Court. And whatsoever Merchants they should bring thither for the advantage of the town, that they might reside peaceably there without being injur'd or unjustly impleaded. And if any forrein Merchant should deal unfittingly, he to make satisfaction for it in the *Portmote*, in the

presence of the Judge. To which Charter were witnesses *Roger* Constable of *Chester*, *Rob. de Mohaut*, Steward, *Raph de Meisnilwarin* and divers others.

Hereunto also did K. H. 2. add his Confirmation; in which are these particulars by way of enlargement; viz. that if any of them should happen to make a forfeit to the Earl, he should be acquit thereof for xii. d. And if by the testimony of his neighbours he were not able to pay so much, they to qualify the sum to the measure of his ability: As also that the said Burgesies should not be lyable to lend unto the said Earl, or those that belong to him any Rent, or annuall payment, but upon condition that their Cattell might be in safety. And lastly whosoever should come to inhabit there, that from the day of his beginning to build for two years following, to be free from all payments whatsoever.

And in 2. H. 3. did this Earl procure a Charter from the K. for an yearly *Faire* here, to begin on the feast-day of the holy *Trinity*, and to continue for 8. days.

But dying without issue, he left his 4. sisters or their children his heirs (as the Pedegree sheweth) whereof *Mabel*, the 2. marry'd to *Will. de Albany* E. of *Arundell*; who being dead before the E. her brother, and so likewise *Will. E.* of *Arundell* her eldest son; *Hugh de Albany* her second son (then Earl) came to share in that great inheritance; unto whom this town of *Cobentre* was in partition^a assigned for his capitall Seat. And of Kts. fees, in this County, these^m; viz. *Henry de Hastings* 2. *Will. de Hardreshull* 1. In *Kingsbury* 1. in *Eccleshale* half one, In *Ansty* as much; In *Allestpath* the 4. part, In *Wipkin* the 8. part; and in *Willerton* the 4. part: but the names of those that then held them I forbear here to mention, having specified them in the particular places.

Which *Hugh* lived not above x. years after: for on the Nones of May 1243. (27. H. 3) he departed this life, *Cum jam vix metas adolescentia pertransisset* saith *M. Paris*, and was bury'd in the Priory of *Wymandham* in *Norm.* of his ancestors foundation; leaving^a a great inheritance to his 4. sisters, or their descendants: of which *Mabel* the eldest, marry'd to *Rob. de Tatshall*, *Isabell* to *John Fitz-Alan*, *Nicholas* to *Rog. Somery*, and *Cecily* to *Rog. Montalt*: so that in the next year following, viz. 28. H. 3. partition^a being made of the possessions so descended to them, the same *Cecily* had the Castle and mannour of *Rising* in *Norm.* with our *Cobentre*, and many other great Lordships for her part.

Which *Rog. de Montalt* was one of the Earl of *Chester's* Barons and Seneschall^m of *Chester*; and in 30. H. 3. had a Charter^x of *Free-warren* granted to him in all his demesn lands, dat. 26. *Martii*. But in 33. H. 3. I find, that *Geff. de Langley* (of whom I shall speak in *Witley*) had a great suite with him for diverting the stream of the River in *Cobentre* out of its antient course. In 34. H. 3. intending a voyage to the Holy-Land, and wanting money for his support therein, he was furnish'd with a very large summe by the Monks of *Cobentre*. In consideration whereof he, with the before specified *Cecily* his wife, of whose inheritance this fair Lordship was, joyn'd together in the sale^a of it; as also of the advouson of *S. Mich.* Church, and all the Chappells thereto belonging unto the said Monks in fee-ferme. In which sale were excepted

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R. Steph.
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cepted to them and their heirs, their mannour-house at **Cheplemoze**, with the Park inclosed, and the Religious-house of **Friers-Minors** situate near the said Park; with free liberty also to the said **Roger** and his heirs, whensoever they should come in person to **Cobentre** for hunting and hauking within the precincts of the said mannour.

And likewise excepting the homage and services of **Gilbert de Segrave** in **Caloudon**, *Will. de Olney* in **Ashull**, *Vitalis de Folkehill* in **Folkehill**, *Walter D'eyvill* in **Whitley**, **Stoke**, and **Cobentre**, *Rob. de Stoke* in **Stoke**, *Miles Gerbold* in **Whitley**, and *Hugh de Loges* in **Sow**, and their heirs; with all Reliefs, Eschaets, and other duties in respect of those lands. And also excepting the homage and services of *Hugh Despencer* in **Lughtbrough**, *Raph Bracebrigge* in **Bynnesburg**, *Will. le Buteler* in **Eccehall**, and **Folkehill**, and their heirs, *Rob. Tusser* in **Bereffley**, and of *Wido fil. Roberti*: *James de Audeley* in **Folkehill**, and **Eccehall**, *Walter de Langley* in **Wpkin**, *Tho. le Ireyes* in **Anky**, *Tho. de Nevill* and *Walter de Coventre* in **Stoke**; *Gilb. de Preston*, *John le Pover*, and *Alexander D'eyvill* in **Lackley**, and their heirs; with all Reliefs, Eschaets, &c. to the same lands belonging: And all military services, Reliefs &c. wheresoever, within the Realm of **England** belonging to the said mannour of **Cobentre**.

And excepting to all his Freeholders such liberty as they had heretofore used to enjoy, either in the woods or mannour of **Cobentre**, so that they should not be disturbed by the said Prior and Covent, or their successors. Excepting likewise the Hospitall of **Sponne** for Lepers: as also, that the said *Rog. and Cecily* and their heirs, whensoever they should come and reside there, might have sufficient wood for fellow, and to make into Charcoale for their own use, without wast; and for pales to repair the inclosed Park, as often as need should require, by the oversight and delivery of the Foresters belonging to the said Prior and Covent. And that the **Friers of St. John's Hospitall**, in **Cobentre**, should have in the woods before mentioned one cart load every week by oversight of the said Foresters. Other reservations there are, but these which I have mentioned are the most memorable.

In consideration of all which the said Prior and Covent were to pay yearly unto the same *Rog. and Cecily* and their heirs at the mannour-house of **Cheplemoze** before mentioned c.li. sterling; viz. on the *Ostaves* of **St. Andrew**, the *Ostaves* of **S. Mary** in **March**, the *Ostaves* of **S. John B.** and the *Ostaves* of **S. Michael**; and x. marks annually for the Nuns of **Wolestworth**, at **Easter** and **Michaelmas** by even portions, under the penalty of x. li. and a clause for distress.

And besides a Fine^b levied in the same 34. year of **H. 3.** by the said *Roger* and *Cecily* for warranty of the premisses, so granted, did the said *Cecily* in her widowhood, by her deed^c of Release quit all her interest in the said mannour, according to the tenor of the before specified grant: As also in the Hospitall and Chappell of **Sponne** (sometime pertaining to the Abby of **Wasingwerk** in **Flint**, as her said Release imports.)

The next thing, which falls out in order of time to be taken notice of, in relation to this place, is, that here^d it was, that those persons elected for the determination upon what terms such as were disinherited for their activeness in that notable Rebel-

lion against **K. H. 3.** should redeem their lands, met, and resolv'd thereupon. Which Decree of theirs, is notwithstanding called *Dictum de Kenilworth*, in regard it was then publish'd in the **K. Camp** at that famous six months siege of the Castle (as in *Kenilworth* I have already intimated.)

After this; viz. in 3. E. 1. upon the extent^e of this mannour after the death of *Rob. de Montalt's* son to the before mentioned *Roger*, the mannour-house called **Cheplemoze**, with the Park and Mill in the Park, were valued at 5. marks per annum; the Rent of Assise belonging thereto 39 li. 09. s. 07. d. and the perquisites of Court 6. s. 8. d. And in 13. E. 1. had the Burgesies and Inhabitants here, the **K. Letters Pat.** bearing date 3. Aug. giving them authority to take Toll of all vendible commodities, that should be brought hither for the space of 3. years, from **Michaelmas** next ensuing, towards their charge of paving the town; viz. for every Horse-load of Corn a half-penny; for Every Horse, Mare, Oxe, or Cow, a half-penny: And likewise upon every thing els, which for brevities sake I omit. But it seems, that xx. years afterwards this work of paving was not fully done; for in 23. of the same **K. reign** they had another^b **Pat.** to take Toll upon the like Commodities, and granted *Balivis & probis hominibus de Cobentre*, whereas the other was *Burgensibus & probis hominibus*; which shews that the originall of their Bayliffs, was betwixt the 13. and 33. E. 1. though the very time, when they were constituted, be not recorded.

After which, viz. in 9. E. 2. the Prior of **Cobentre** and *Rob. de Montalt* were certified to be Lords of this place, with its members: which *Rob.* (being brother and heir to *Roger*, son to the last mentioned *Robert*) with *Emme* his wife, in 1. E. 3. levied a Fine^c of all their interest here, by the name of the mannour of **Cheplemoze** with the appurtenances; 96. li. 6. s. 8. d. yearly Rent, and the services of the Prior of **Cobentre**; thereby entayling the same upon the heirs male of his body, and for want of such issue on *Isabell Q.* of **England** (Mother to **K. E. 3.**) during her life; and after her decease on *John of Eltham*, brother to the said King, and the heirs of his body, and for lack of such issue on the said **K. Edward** and his heirs for ever. For settling whereof as abovesaid, he had the Kings license^d dated at **Peterborough** 8. April.

Hitherto have I taken notice of the most remarkable passages touching **Cobentre** in generall: but now that I am come to the vesting of **Cheplemoze** in the royall line, it will be most proper (I conceive) to observe what els is notable in relation thereto, in order of time; reserving what I have further to say of **Cobentre** in generall to be afterwards spoke by it self. First then, that the situation of this mannour is upon the Southern side of the town, the Map, to those that know not the place will demonstrate: but as to the antiquity of its name can I say little, having not met with any mention thereof till 34. H. 3. that *Rog. de Montalt* and *Cecily* his wife do, in their grant of **Cobentre** to the Monks, except it by the name of their mansion, or mannour-house of **Cheplemoze**: yet, that the seat, which the **E. of Chester** had in that very place, was much elder, is not to be doubted; in regard 'tis apparent, that their Castle (concerning the siege whereof in **K. Steph.** time by **E. Ran.** the

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^g Pat. 13. E.
1. m. 8.

^b Pat. 33.
E. 1. p. 2. m.
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^l Pat. 1. E. 3.
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second, I have already spoke) stood there. For in that ample Charter^m made by *Hugh Keviliok* E. of *Chester* to the Monks of *Cobentre*, in H. 2. time, in pointing out the boundaryes, dividing the Earls part and the Priors asunder; he traces the same from S. *Mich.*-Church-yard, and so, *juxta litem portam mei Castell*, are his words. Now, that this Gate he means was not far off *Cheplemoze*, the place where it stood doth sufficiently testify; being at the end of that passage now called *Cyep-ster-lane*, entering into the great *High-street*, and retaining the said name of *Broad-pate* to this day. From which testimony may also be observed, that the circuit of the outer ward to that Castle was of a large extent, considering that it did reach to far North towards the town.

Having said thus much as to its situation, and antiquity, I shall proceed with the succession thereof; wherein I observe, that K. E. 3. having in the Parl. begun at *Wesmin.* on the munday next after the feast of S. *Matthew* the Apostle in xi. year of his reign, advanced *Edward* his eldest Son (commonly called the *Black Prince*) unto the Dukedom of *Coynwall*, did (*inter alia*) for his better support of that honour, by his Charterⁿ bearing date 1. Oct. the same year, settle upon him the reversion of this mannour, after the decease of *Q. Isabel* before specified, (*John* of *Eltham* E. of *Coynwall*, tenant in remainder, being then dead without issue) to hold to him the said D. and to the eldest sons of him and his heirs Kings, of *England*, Dukes of that place successively, and not to be severed from the said Dukedom; upon the death, or not existency of such Dukes, to revert unto the Crown together therewith. Wherunto the said *Q. Isabel*, by her Letters^o Pat. dated 10. Dec. in the same year, did signify her assent; and in regard of her estate therein, made attourment.

After which, were there divers great privileges granted to this place; viz. in 18. E. 3. that the tenants to the said *Q.* should, during her life, be free from *pavage*, *passage*, *paage*, *lestage*, *stallage*, *tallage*, *carriage*, *pesage*, *pikage*, and *terage*, throughout all the Kings dominions: and that she should, within the precincts thereof have Return of writts, as also felons goods, Fines for trespasses and for licences of concord; amerciements, redemptions, issues forfeited, year, day and waft, with divers other. And the next year following did the same K. further grant⁹ to the before specified *Q.* during her life, and to the said Prince, in reversion, and his heirs, a *Court-Leet* within this mannour, with power to hold pleas of all such things as usually were determined before the Justices of Assise for the County of *Warwick*: and likewise to have Return of writts, goods of felons and fugitives, within the precincts thereof; with a gaol for the safe custody of felons or other transgressors.

And in 21. E. 3. had one *Will. le Galeys* licence^e to found a *Chantry* here, consisting of three Priests; whereof one to be the Warden; and to build a Chappell there in honour of the Blessed Virgin, with a convenient mansion for them: as also to amortize thereunto five mess. lying in *Cobentre*. Which Priests were to celebrate divine service daily for the good estate of the said K. E. 3. *Q. Isabell*, his mother, *Edw.* Prince of *Wales*, and of the said *Will. le Galeys* during their lives; and for the health of their Souls afterwards; as also for the Souls of *Edward* late King of *England* (the K. father) and of *John* late E. of *Coynwall*

(his brother) and all the faithfull deceased. After which, viz. in 50. E. 3. I find, that the said Prince gave 123. mess: 6. cottages, and 2. gardens lying here in *Cobentre*, which were parcell of this his mannour of *Cheplemoze*, unto the Abby of *Wale-Rogall* in *Cheshire* of *Cisterc.* Monks, founded by the K. his father in 11. of his reign. And the same year did he dy^e seized of this mannour, leaving *Ric.* his son and heir 9. years of age and a half (afterwards King by the name of R. 2.) in whose days the Park here was not without Deer, it seems; for in 8. of his reign, granting^m to one *Tho. de Quinton* the keepership of its pasturage for 6. years, paying c. s. *per annum* to his Exchequer, he reserv'd sufficient grasse for them.

In which 8. year, the walls on the South part of this City being not built, the Mayor, Bayliffs, and commonalty thereof humbly besought the K. to give them leave that they might go forward with that work (concerning which I shall speak more fully anon) who thereupon granted license^e to them to do; on condition that they should include within their walls his said mannour place, standing within the Park of *Cheplemoze*, as the Record expresseth: which Park was a woody-ground in those times: for, in 11. R. 3. the K. assigned⁹ *Ric. Clerk*, then keeper thereof, to cause as much underwood there to be cut down as would make 3000. fagots, and with the money arising by the sale of them to repair the pales. And in 9. H. 3. *Rob. Castell* the K. Steward of this mannour, was appointed⁹ to cause 12. oaks within it, to be fallen for repair of the House; as also more underwood to the value of 40. l. for defray of such charges as he should be at therein. After this, viz. in 16. H. 8. I find, that the K. made a lease^e for 21. years of this his mannour, with the herbage of the park and conyes there, to *Geffrey Whalley* Prior of *Walscroft* in *Leicester-shire* for 21. years, for the rent of 13. li. 09. s. 05. d. ob.

And in 3. E. 6. did that K. by his Letters^o Pat. bearing date 19. Julii, grant it with the said Park unto *John* E. of *Warwick* and his heirs, as being part of the possessions annexed to the Duchy of *Coynwall* (by Charter, and not in Parliament) to hold in *Capite*. Which *John*, on the 12. of Aug. following, made a lease^e of the premises unto the Mayor, Bayliffs and Commonalty of this City for the terme of 99. years, to the uses and intents following; viz. that they and their successors, for the relief of the poor of the said City, should yearly take to pasture in the said Park, the number of 80. kyne or heyfers, and 20. geldings of such poor Inhabitants of the said City and Suburbs, as should not have elsewhere nigh thereto sufficient pasture; paying yearly for every Cow or heyfer 1. d. and for every gelding 2. d. But after his attainder, which hapned in 1. *Maria* (as in *Warwick* I have shewed) the said Mayor, Bayliffs and Commonalty, by the mediation of *Rob. E. of Letc.* (son to the said *John*) obteyn'd a grant^s thereof from *Q. Eliz.* to hold to them and their successors for ever in fee ferme (the Rent reserved being ix. li. *per annum*) whereupon they covenanted^s with the said Earl to observe and perform the trusts before specified, for the behalf of the poor Inhabitants, as by an Indenture dated 4. Apr. 10. *Eliz.* appeareth.

HAVING now finished my discourse of *Cheplemoze*, I return to *Cobentre* it self; of which the last observable matter that I took notice

f Pat. 3 E. 3. p. 1. n. 6.

t Th. VI. H. p. 12. 10.

u Esc. 10. E. 3. 10.

w Rot. F. 8. R. 2 m. 23.

x Pat. R. 2. p. 2. 15.

y Pat. R. 2. p. m. 20.

z Pat. H. 5. p. 2. 13.

a Pat. 6. H. 8. 1.

b Pat. 3 E. 6. p. 7.

c Ex. In- scrip. li- nis an- nua S. rix Co

f Pat. 1 Eliz. p. 7

g Ex. In- scrip. su- pradict.

was touching the paving thereof in 33.E.1. To the end therefore that it may appear by what degrees it ascended to that beauty and strength in the walls and other buildings of note : as also to those priviledges which it now enjoyeth, I shall in order of time proceed to declare.

In 2. E. 3. the Monks of **Cobentre**, with the inhabitants thereof obteyn'd a Pat.^b for taking Toll of all vendible commodities that should be brought thither to sell for six years, towards their charges of inclosing the same. And at the request of **John of Eltham** E. of **Cornwall** (who had an estate in reversion in the mannour of **Cheplemoze**, as I have there declared) for two years more after the end of those six : upon condition that the said Earl should not be charged towards building of the gates. Which Pat. bears date at **Leicester** 6. Jan. the same year : The particular proportions of Toll little differing from those, which were assessed upon every thing for pavage, as is before intimated. After this, in the 6. year of the said K. the Inhabitants of this town had license to erect a Common **Conduitt**, of xx. foot long and x. foot broad in any of the streets thereof that they should think fittest for their conveniency and benefit. And, within 2. years following, for their better encouragement in prosecuting their affairs, obteyn'd a grant to them, their heirs and successors of freedom from Toll, *pavage, pontage, and murage* for all their merchandise throughout the K. dominions : in consideration whereof he received a fine of ten marks from them. But it had not then the reputation of a City, or a Borough ; and the Record gives this reason, *eo quod in Quintis-decimis Regi Concessis non contribuit ultra summam c. marcarum.*

In this K. reign it was, that **Cobentre** grew up to a very flourishing condition, as by what I have said, and shall further shew, appeareth : for in 18. E. 3. at the instance of **Q. Isabel** (who had an estate in **Cheplemoze** for life) as also in consideration that the reversion thereof was vested in **Edw.** then Prince of **Wales**, D. of **Cornwall**, and E. of **Chester**, the K. by his Letters Pat.^b bearing date 20. Jan. did make it a Corporation, consisting of a Mayor and Bayliffs, which the Inhabitants should have power to choose and make out of themselves yearly : who, taking their oath according to the accustomed manner in the like cases, might from thenceforth do all things appertaining to those offices. And that they, their heirs and successors for ever, should thenceforth also have power to hold plea, as well of trespasses, contracts, and agreements, as of all other things hapning within the town. And for the better tranquillity of the said Inhabitants, and of all merchants repaying thither, the K. then granted, that from thenceforth there should be a **Common Seal**, by his Royall direction, consisting of two pieces, according to custom, for Recognizances of debts there, according to the form of the Statutes-merchant made and published : the greater part whereof to remain in the custody of the Major for the time being, and the lesser in the hands of a certain Clerk to be there deputed by the said K. his heirs and successors according to the tenure of the said Statutes. And that the said Major and Clerk from thenceforth should receive Recognizances of debts according to the tenor of those Statutes : as also to give in charge, and commit them to due execution. And lastly, that there should be a **Prison** made in that part of the

Town belonging to the said Q. for the chastizing of malefactors there taken ; wherof the Mayor and Bayliffs for the time being to have alwaies the custody and charge.

The xii persons that purchased these liberties for **Cobentre**, being **Nicholas Michell**, **Henry Dodenhale**, **Walter Whitweb**, **Roger Hunt**, **Will. Trymelei**, **Geffrey Freberne**, **John Rushall**, **Rob. Thymbler**, **Ric. Kerseley**, **Will. Walsale**, **Maurice Norfolk**, and **Will. Wellyngbright**. Whereupon, about two years after, they elected a Mayor, viz. **John Ward** ; and after him continued the like yearly choyce, as by the Catalogue of them, which I have at the end of my discourse touching this City inserted, may appear. And in the year 1355. 29 E. 3. did they begin to build the walls (by vertue of the K. license in 2 E. 3. before mentioned) **Richard Stoke**, at that time Mayor, laying the first stone at the gate, called **New-pate**, where they began the work : but whether they did vigorously proceed therein, I cannot say, rather supposing that they were restrained : For afterwards, when **Edw.** the black Prince came to enjoy that interest here, which was settled upon him by the entail before mentioned ; having granted the same to the Mayor, Bayliffs, and Commonalty thereof, to hold in Fee-ferm (for so doth that Pat.^b dated at **Westm.** 20 Nov. 37 E. 3. import) he gave them license to enclose this City (by that name it is there called) with a wall of lime and stone embattailed, to hold to them, their heirs and successors, of him the before specified Prince and his heirs for ever. Whereupon, the next ensuing year, these good men of **Cobentre**, considering with themselves the great charge that would be required in thus fortifying the Town, obtained license (3 Nov.) from the K. to tax all the Tradesmen and Inhabitants thereof, according to their estates and faculties ; and to collect all such sums of money as should be levied for that purpose. For effecting whereof accordingly, the Mayor and Bayliffs then being, with **Thomas de Nassington**, **Will. Wolfe**, and **Will. Corby**, were appointed Assessors : out of which tax were excepted the lands and goods of all Ecclesiastick persons.

And to the end, that the great charge, which they were to undergo in making these walls, might be the better born amongst them, the K. being very desirous to further the work, granted a Commission (dated 3 Julii, 40 of his reign) unto the Mayor and Bayliffs then being, together with **Wil. Catesby**, **Nich. Michell**, **Will. Botoner**, **Ric. de Stoke**, **Henry de Dovedale**, and **John del Tofte**, giving them power to levy and receive these customs following, viz. of every tun of wine 2 s. of every quarter of malt 4 d. of every Ox 4 d. of every Hog and Calf a peny, and every Sheep a farthing, sold in this Town for the space of 5 years then next ensuing, towards the alleviating their charge. But this assessment much pinching the Victuallers, about 4 years after they made a grievous complaint to the K. alledging, that they were almost undone by it. Whereupon, by his Pat.^b dated 14 Febr. 44 of his reign, he revoked the former Commission ; commanding nevertheless, that the Merchants and other rich men should be taxed with the meaner sort, according to their several abilities towards the support of that cost in building those walls.

That **Cobentre** then flourish'd very much, may be

be discerned by so great and costly a work as this of the Walls, Gates, and Towers still remaining, and second to none in England, appears to be : as also by that incomparable structure of St. Michael's steeple, begun in ann. 1373. 47 E. 3.

Expresso Catal. Majorum.
b Cart. 15. E. 3. n. 15.
c Cart. 20. E. 3. n. 16.
d Cart. 1. & 2. R. 2. n. 14.
e Claus. 1. R. 2. in dorso, m. 35.
f Pat. 8. R. 2. p. 2. m. 15.
 Henry Clerke being Mayor, and finished in ann. 1395. 18 R. 2. the year of Richard Lichfeld's Mayoralty. Neither did it want any advantage that by the K. favour could well be had : for, to the end that they might securely enjoy all those liberties and privileges granted by K. H. 2. H. 3. Edw. 2. and E. 3. which are together contained in the Charters ^b of 15 and 20 ^c of E. 3. K. Ric. 2. in 1 of his reign, made them an ample confirmation ^d : and not onely so, but in the same year did constitute ^e John Percy, Adam Bonner, Henry de Keel, Simon de Lichfeld, John de Herdmyke, and John Tostes, Justices for conservation of the peace within the Town of Coventre, with power to hear and determine matters of felony and trespass. And moreover, was out of his Princely goodness so indulgent to them, that by his Pat. ^f dated 4 Maii, 8 of his reign, he ratified the Charter of license made by K. Edw. his Grandfather in 37 E. 3. for building and embattailing the walls : and thereby granted them liberty to dig as much stone in his Park of Cheylesmore, as should suffice for so much of them as includes the Mannour-house of Cheylesmore, with the making of one Gate near the said park adjoyning to the House of Friers-minors (which is now called the Gray-frier-pate. And likewise, that towards the support of that charge, the Mayor and Bayliffs should for the space of 5 years then next ensuing, have his Ferm of sealing woollen cloaths here, to the value of xxiiii l. sterling.

g Pat. 11. R. 2. p. 1. m. 33.
h Ib. m. 29.
i Pat. 15. R. 2. p. 1. m. 4.
k Cart. 21, 22, 23, R. 2. n. 4.
 And in 11 of his reign, vouchsafed such freedom to the Mayors, after that time to be elected there, that they should not go before the Barons of his Exchequer for to take their oathes : neither ^h that the Mayor, nor any of the Commonalty should from thenceforth be put to collect Tenths, Fifteens, or other taxes out of the compass of the Town. And in 15 of his reign bestow'd ⁱ upon them as much stone out of his Quarries in the park at Cheylesmore, as served to build the great Gate in Spon-street near his Chappel of Wabelake. And lastly, towards the end of his reign, by the assent and mature deliberation with his Council, (as the words of his Charter ^k import) did he grant and confirm to the said Mayor, Bayliffs, &c. and their successours, that they might make improvement and commodity of all the Gates, Towers, Walls and Bridges about the Town; and of whatsoever purpessures, as well in lands as waters, made or to be made : as also of all the waft ground within the following limits. viz. from Rabets-Ash to the Mill called Passyngtons-milne; and from thence to the corner of the stone wall of Cheylesmore-park : and from thence by the wall and pale of the park to Baronesswell; and thence to the house of John atte Tate; and so, leaving the Mannour and Park of Cheylesmore, with the Church of the Friers-minors. on the left hand, from thence to the corner of Crabtree-scild; and so under Crabtree-scild by a certain high way unto Spon-Church; thence to Dudmanes-well; and thence to the Church and Churchyard of St. Nich. thence to Wottercrosse; thence to Barnall-quarelle; thence to Gosford-green, and Rabets-Ash before mentioned. All which was so given to them

towards the repair of their walls, and payment of the Fee-ferm, and other charges incident unto them.

By which Patent the Mayor, Recorder, and 4 of the most substantial Inhabitants, had power to enquire of, hear, and determine all causes and complaints that might concern the office of Justices of peace touching Labourers and Artificers; so that the Justices within the County of Warwick should not intermeddle in this Town nor the Suburbs thereof in any of those cases. And that they the said Mayor, Bayliffs, &c. should have the benefit of all fines, issues and profits accruing by their said Justiceship, as fully as any of their predecessors ever had; with all other customs and privileges granted to them by the same K. progenitors.

The next observable passage relating to this City, is, that in 21 R. 2. the lists were here ^a appointed and set, for deciding that difference by ^a Gosford green. combat, which was betwixt Henry D. of Heref. and John D. of Norfolk. the K. himself being then present. The coming of which Dukes accordingly, viz. the D. of Hereford from Baginton-castle, and Norfolk from Caldon, I have in those places already toucht.

But in K. H. 4. time, I find nothing memorable, excepting that the K. held a Parliament ^l here in ann. 1404. 6 of his reign; the place ^m of that Convention being a great Chamber in the Priory. Wherunto, by special precept to the Shiriffs in their several Counties, no Lawyer, nor any person skilled in the Laws, was to come : which Parliament was ever since called *Parliamentum indolentium* : and well it might be so; for ⁿ these, taking into consideration the K. supply with money for defence of the Realm, in respect of the then imminent danger from the Scots, Welsh, &c. concluded to do it by devesting the Church of its temporal possessions. Whereupon there grew a hot contest betwixt the Clergy and Laity; the Kts. for the Shires alledging, that they had often served the K. in person against his Enemies, spent their estates, and exposed themselves to manifold perils, whilst the Clergy sate idle at home, and stood him in no stead. To whom the Archb. of Cant. answered, that the Clergy had assisted as much as they, by giving Tenths as often as they gave Fifteens; and that their Tenants, for the number of fees they held, did personally serve in the wars as well as theirs : And that, besides all this, they were not wanting, day nor night, by Masses and Prayers to implore Gods blessing for the K. and all that served him. But the Speaker of the Commons (Sir John Cheyne by name) with a stern countenance said, that he valued not the prayers of the Church. Whereupon the Archb. replied, that it might easily be seen what would become of the Kingdome, when devout addresses to God, wherewith his Divine Majestie was pleased, were set so light by. Much ado there was; but to conclude, the worthy Archb. (viz. Tho. Arundell) standing stoutly for the good of the Church, preserv'd it at that time from the storm impending.

Coventre being thus grown to such a height of splendour by those strong and high walls, with so many beautifull Gates, stately Turrets, and other eminent Buildings, as also by the privileges and liberties granted thereto from so many Kings; and now of late honoured with the K. presence in his Parl. there held (as I have said) raised no little joy.

6 Pat. 6. H.
5. p. 2. m.
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joy in the hearts of its wealthy Merchants, as may appear by what I am about to say; who shew'd themselves no niggards of their riches there acquired, further to promote the glory thereof: For in 6 H. 5. I find^o, that *John Leder*, and *John Efterton*, both of *Cobentre*, gave no less than 20 mess. *John Preston* one mess. and 20 s. rent: and the said *John Leder*, *Ric. Southam*, *Laurence Cook*, and *Will. Dilcock*, 25 mess. 27 acres of land, and 13 s. rent, all lying within the precincts of *Cobentre*, to the Mayor and Commonalty thereof, and their successours, towards the support of such charges as they were like to undergo for the publick affairs of this place. And in 2 H. 6. *Will. Babington*, and *Will. Botoner*, taking into consideration the charge in repair of those Walls, and other necessary disbursements for the general advantage of this Corporation, bestow'd another messuage on the said Mayor and Commonalty, and their successours, for the uses abovesaid. At which time the said K. confirm'd^o unto them the Charter of K. *Edw. 3.* for the Mayor and Bayliffs, with other their liberties and jurisdictions.

6 Pat. 2. H.
6. p. 1. m.
35.

9 Pat. 2. H.
6. p. 2. m.
21.

1 Cart. ab
an. 27. n. q.
39 H. 6. n.
29.

But above all the favours vouchsafed by former Kings, that of the same K. H. 6. in 30 of his reign, must have precedence: which K. *ob specialem & internam affectionem, quam erga Civitatem sive Villam nostram de Cobentre; ac Majorum, Ballivos, & Communitatem ejusdem Civitatis, sive Villa, gerimus, &c.* (for those are the words of his Charter^o) granted, that the said City with the Villages and Hamlets of *Radford*, *Keresley*, *Folkeshull*, *Ecclethale*, *Ancsty*, *Calwedon*, *Wykene*, *Benley*, *la Mode-end*, *Stoke*, *Byggynge*, *Whittlesey*, *Wynley*, *Ashull*, *Bozewell*, *Harnhale*, and *Whaberley*; as also part of *Sow*, and that part of *Styrbichale* lying within the liberties of *Cobentre*; all which were within the precincts of the County of *Warwick*, should, from the feast of *St. Nicholas* (*viz. 6 Dec.*) next ensuing the date of his said Charter, be an entire County of it self, incorporate both in deed and name, distinct and altogether separate from the said County of *War.* for ever, and no parcel of the same County; but from thenceforth called the County of the City of *Cobentre* for ever. And that the Mayor and Bayliffs of the said City should thenceforth also for ever be elected at the same time and place, and according to the same manner and form as they had used to be in the reign of K. *Edw. 3.* of famous memory, by vertue of his Letters Pat. or in the time of any of the K. progenitors. And that the Bayliffs of the said City, from the morrow after the feast-day of *S. Nic.* then next ensuing, should be *Shiriffs* of the County of the said City for ever: and yet nevertheless, that they should still execute the office of Bayliffs according to the form and effect of the franchises and liberties granted by any of his said progenitors, and before that time used. And that they which were to be *Shiriffs* of the said City, as aforesaid, should in all future times after they had that office, take their oaths before the Mayor for the time being, and no other, and in the Guild-hall of the said City, and not eliwere, according to due form, for the just and faithfull execution of that office within the County of the said City. And that the Mayor for the time being, by his Letters Pat. under the Seal of his Office, should forthwith certifie into the K. Court of Chancery the names of such *Shiriffs* so sworn as

aforesaid: which *Shiriffs* once every month, upon the Tuesday, should hold a Court for ever; executing all such power and jurisdiction within their liberties as other *Shiriffs* within their Bayliwicks use to do; all Writs and Precepts, for the future, to be directed to them that had used to be directed to the *Shiriffs* of *Warwicksh.* and executed by them in case the said City and Hamlets had not been so made a County of it self. Which *Shiriffs* should annually make their accounts in the Exchequer before the Lord Treasurer and Barons, or before the Barons, touching the issues of their said office, or by their Attorneys.

And moreover, that the *Coroner* of the said City, and his successours, should thenceforth be *Coroners* of the County of the said City for ever; and execute that office in as ample manner as any other *Coroner* within any County of the Realm had used to do. And that the said *Coroners* for the time being, should be also Clerks for taking Recognizances of debts there, according to the form of the Statute for Merchants made and provided, the lesser part of the Seal for taking such Recognizances to be alwaies in their custody.

And further, by the same Charter did the said K. grant, that the Mayor and his successours within the said City and Hamlets, should exercise the office of *Clerke of the Market* there; and levy and receive all issues and profits arising thereby, to the use of them the said Mayor, Bayliffs and Commonalty of the said City for ever: As also the office of *Steward and Marshall of the K. Household*. And lastly, that they the said Mayor, Bayliffs and Commonalty, with all the Inhabitants of this City, should be free from *Toll, passage, pontage, murage, and pavage*, for all their goods and merchandize throughout the whole Realm of *England* and *Ireland*, and enjoy whatsoever privileges and franchises they or any of their predecessors had used to do. Which ample Charter bears date at *Westm. 26 Nov. 30* of his reign, and was confirm'd^o by K. *Edw. 4.*

Having thus shew'd by what degrees *Cobentre* arrived to this height of greatness and freedom, I will proceed with what I have further found relating thereto, in general: whereof the first which is remarkable, was that *Parl. 1* in 38 H. 6. wherein *Ric. D. of York*, *Ric. E. of Salisbury*, *Ric. E. of Warwick*, with *Edw. E. of March* (afterwards K. by the name of *E. 4.*) and many others, were attainted; the Lords House being^o then in the Chapter-house of the Priory: which Parliament by some of our Hist. is called **Parliamentum diabolicum*, the Acts made in it being nulled by the succeeding *Parl.* Next, that in 7 E. 4. the K. and Qu. kept their Christmas here: and in 9 E. 4. that *Ric. Widvile E. Rivers*, with *John* his son, were beheaded^o upon *Bosford-green*, on the East part of this City. But how the same K. *Edw.* was afterwards foyled by the Lancastrians, and forc'd to fly beyond Sea, and of his landing in *Wolverness*, ann. 1470. 10 E. 4. I refer to the relation of our Historians, and shall prosecute the mentioning of what else concerns this place; which is, that the K. being also landed and advanced to *Pork*, *Ric. E. of Warwick* (then turn'd to the other side) came^o hither from *London* upon Midlent Sunday, and brought with him store of Ordnance, and other warlike provisions, staying here till after Palm-sunday, within which time K. *Edw.* came to *Leicester*, and thence to *Combe-*

6 Pat. 2. E.
4. p. 3. m.
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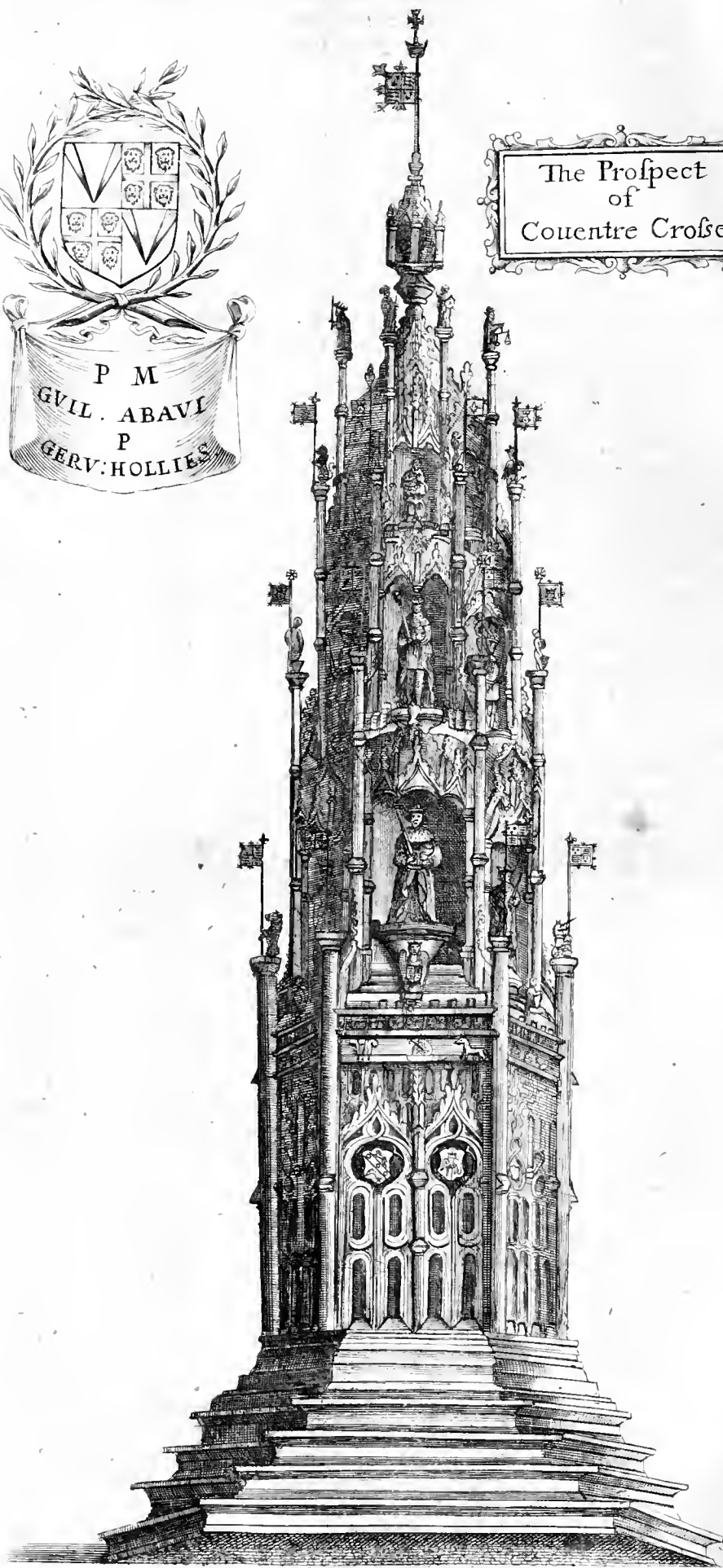
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2 Ibid.



The Prospect
of
Couentre Crosse



Abby, and on the morrow to *Cobentre* towns end: but finding that the E. of *Warwick* kept this City against him, he passed by, and lodging at *Warwick* that night, marcht thence to *London*. After which it was not long ere he met with his enemies near *Barnet*, and vanquishd them, where the stout E. of *Warwick* lost his life: So that K. *Edw.* by this Victory, and that near *Leekesbury* shortly after, having utterly subdued all his opposers, came to *Cobentre*; and remembering the disloyalty of these Citizens in adhering to the E. of *Warwick* against him, took the Sword from the Mayor (whose name at that time was *John Bett*) seizing their liberties and franchises; whereupon they gave 500 marks fine for the re-enjoyment of them, and render of the Sword. Touching which Sword, the first mention that I find, is in 7 R. 2. viz. that it was then carried after the Mayor (whose name was *Jayn Deister*) but in 11 R. 2. before the Mayor, scil. *John Tosse*; and so (for ought I have seen to the contrary) hath been ever since. About 4 years after which reconciliation so made with K. E. 4. I find, that he came with his Q. to *Cobentre*, and kept *S. George's* feast there (ann. 1474. 14 E. 4.) the Prince having come before him, and received a present of Cl. and a Cup from the Citizens, at which time he was one of the Godfathers to the Mayors child.

The next thing of note is, that K. H. 7. after that signal Victory at *Bolworth*-field, where R. 3. was slain, came hither with his Army, and lodg'd at the Mayors house (by name *Robert Onley*) whom he Knighted; at which time the City presented him with Cl. and a Cup.

The Cross.

I Now come to speak of that stately Cross here, being one of the chief things wherein this City most glories; which for workmanship and beauty is inferior to none in *England*: the building whereof was begun in ann. 1541. 33 H. 8. and finished in ann. 1544. 36 H. 8. as by an old MS *Chronol.* of the Mayors appeareth: but the name of its Founder is now utterly lost, for ought that these Citizens can tell of it. To the end therefore, that they may not still continue ignorant of so eminent a Benefactor, I shall here, by the help of that judicious Antiquary (my worthy Friend) *Gervase Hollies* of *Osimesby* in *Com. Linc.* Esq; revive his memory. It was Sir *Will. Hollies* Kt. sometime Lord Mayor of *London*, and son to *Thomas Hollies* of *Stoke* near this City (as I have evidently found amongst the Registers in *Gildhall*; and not son to *Will. Hollies* of *London* Baker, as *Stow* hath erroneously affirmed.) Who bearing a special affection to this City, in regard he was born so near, gave order for the structure thereof, as the words of his Testament* (bearing date 25 Dec. 33 H. 8.) which I have here inserted; do import. — And furthermore, I give and bequeath unto the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *Cobentre*, and to the Commons of the same, 100 l. sterling, to the intent and purpose hereafter ensuing, that is to say, to make a new Cross within the said City: whereof delivered in hand to Mr. Warren, Draper of the said City, the 24 day of August last, xx l. in ready money: And also more paid to Mr. Overby the hands of Salt my Baylie of

Morall, 70 l. in ready money; and so resteth unpaid Cx l. sterling, which I will and desire my Executors see to be delivered and paid unto the said Mayor and Aldermen of *Cobentre* aforesaid, to the use and intent aforesaid, within one year after my decease, &c.

This Sir *William* was father of Sir *Will. Hollies* of *Houghton* in the County of *Not.* Kt. the wonder of his Country for a great and settled hospitality; and of so honest and honourable a nature, that he is yet mentioned in those parts by the name of good Sir *William*. Which last named Sir *Will.* was great Grandfather to that learned Gent. before expressd, as also to the present E. of *Clare*, an. 1638. And having thus taken notice of his munificence in erecting so noble a Monument, I hope the mention of (*Eliz.*) his Ladies Charity, though the poor of *London* were the object thereof, will not be thought impertinent, considering that it is not elsewhere taken notice of. Which was, that by her Testament six Almshouses for six poor men or women should be built out of her goods and chattels; and lands to the yearly value of xl. be bought; out of which, weekly, every one of the Almshouse-people should receive 7 d. the remainder to buy coals to make them fires; which was accordingly performed in *St. Helens* parish by *Andrew Jud* Alderman of *London*, and *Thomas Scopham* (her brother) her Executors: Howbeit hitherto hath it not been publickly known that she was the Foundress, forasmuch as *Stow* and others do attribute the work wholly to the same Sir *Andrew Jud*, passing by this pious Lady without any memorial for the same.

In that place where this Cross is now situate, there stood formerly another; which having been set up in ann. 1423. 2 H. 6. was taken down in ann. 1510. (2 H. 8.) but for what reason, I find not.

The next most memorable thing, in order of time, relating to this place, is that purchase by the City, made in 34 H. 8. from the Crown, of much Monastery-land lying in and near thereto, viz. the great Orchard containing 8 acres, and the little Orchard 2 acres: One Rode lying within the precincts of the Priory; a Pool called *New-pool*, containing 1 acre; a Mess. called the *Wote-house*, with divers lands thereto belonging; a Wood called *St. Cleres-grove*, with a Water-mill, and divers particular parcels of land lying in *Radford*. Certain mess. and lands in *Wigging*, alias *Stoke-Wigging*, with a large field called *Barnal-field*. Divers other grounds called the *Stripe*, *Swan-croft*, *Watsons-meadow*, *Parble-field*, *Windmill-fields*, and *Crowmote*. The mess. and ferm of *Hawksbery*, and *Hawksbery-grove*, with a certain Mannour-house there, moated about; as also a number of particular grounds lying in *Sow*, *Folkehill*, and *Wolpin*; together with the House of *Friers-minors* (commonly called the *Gray-friers*) with its whole site and circuit. All which, and much more, that for brevity I omit to particularize, were for the sum of 1378 l. 10 s. granted to the Mayor, Bayliffs, and Commonalty, and their successors, by the K. Letters Pat.* dated 19 Julii, 34 of his reign, to be held in Capite by the xx part of a Kts. fee, and paying 7 l. 13 s. 2 d. yearly to the said K. his heirs and successors.

After which time, viz. in 6 E. 6. that the lands and possessions of the *Gilds* and *Chantries* came

p Pinnings, Q. 5.

q Survey of Lond. p. 90, & 182 b.

Wear's fun. mon. p. 323. Sr. Ric. Bakers Chron in Ed. 6. life.

f Ex pre-fato Catal. Majorum Cov.

i Pat. 34. H. 8. p. 8.

to be disperst, they made the like purchase from the Crown: for, in consideration of the sum of 1315 l. 1 s. 8 d. they had a grant^a of whatsoever belong'd to *Corpus-Christi*, and the *Trinity Gilds*: As also to those *Chantries*, called *Dereton's*, *Forde's*, and *Wysford's-Chantries* (alias, *Forde's-Almes-houses*) and *Copston's-Chantry*: together with divers lands lying in *Weston*, *Binsbury*, *Alspath*, *Merden*, and *Gallesby*, in the Counties of *Warw.* and *Leic.* pertaining to them. And likewise of *Shepey's*, *Hape's*, *Preston's*, *Allesley's*, *Percepe's*, *Loginton's*, and *Cellet's-Chantries*; with lands in *Costozd.* street, &c. pertaining to the Chappel of *St. George*: and divers rents belonging to the Priests of *St. Michaels-Church*; with lands in *Starton* given for the maintenance of *Obits*.

But it was neither the lustre of their beautifull *Cross*, nor all those large and easy acquisitions, that did any whit balance the loſs this City sustained by the ruine of that great and famous Monastery, and other the Religious-houses, &c. which had so lately preceded: for to so low an ebbe did their trading soon after grow, for want of such concourse of people that numerously resorted thither before that fatal dissolution, that many thousands of the Inhabitants, to seek better livelihoods, were constrain'd to forsake the City: intomuch, as in 3 E. 6. it was represented unto the D. of *Somerset*, then Protector, by *John Hales*, a person of great note in those daies, and whose memory is still famous here; that there were not at that time above 3000 Inhabitants, whereas within memory there had been 15000.

To recompence which decay of trade, in 6 E. 6. they obtained a Charter^y for another *Faire* to be kept here annually, beginning 21 Oct. and to continue two daies after. But, after this time, till 19 Jacobi, I find nothing else memorable that relates to this City in general, other than what I have already mentioned in my discourse of *Chep-lesmore*. Which King then granted them a most ample confirmation^z of all their former Charters, Liberties, Priviledges, Lands, and Rents. As also, that the House where they usually assemble for their City-affairs should be called the *Council-house* of the said City: and that those, who then were, or after that time were to be elected thereunto; should be called the *Council of the City*. And moreover, that the Mayor, Recorder, Bayliffs, and other Officers, should yearly be elected on their *Leet-day*, to be held within a month after *Michaelmas* by xxxi persons nominated of those, who have formerly born the principal offices in the City. And likewise, that there should be ten Aldermen in the ten wards, as formerly had used to be: And that the Mayor, Recorder, and those ten Aldermen should be Justices of peace within the same City and County thereof. As also, that the said xxxi persons should have power to tax themselves and all other the Inhabitants within the walls of the said City, to the charge of repairing the said walls; so as alwaies it discharge not those who of right or custome are liable thereto.

By which Pat. had they likewise a grant of two new *Faires*; one to be held upon the first of *April*, and the other upon the 16 of *August*, with such Tolls as are taken in *Smethfield*, within the suburbs of *London*. And that they should take Recognizances for the peace, and good behaviour, and for appearance at the Sessions within the said

City. And further, that they should have a second Council consisting of 25 persons, called the *Common-Council* of the said City, to prepare the affairs thereof for the Mayor and greater Council: And to have the government of such Orphans of Citizens of that City, and of their estates, as shall be commended by their own parents to the tutelage of the Mayor and Aldermen thereof; in which case the Corporation, to secure the Orphans portions to whomsoever that trusts them, and pay six pounds *per Centum* for their maintenance. And lastly, that the said Mayor, Bayliffs, and Commonalty might have liberty to purchase lands in *Mortmayn* to the value of 300 l. *per annum*, to the general behoof of this City; provided, that such lands be not held *in Capite*, nor Kts. service. Which Pat. bears date 18 Julii, 19 Jac.

Having now done with what concerns the City in general, I will here subjoyn a Catalogue^b of the Mayors thereof.

An. 1347. (21 E. 3.)

John Ward.
Will. Horn.
Jordan * *Shepey* (he built *Jordan-well*)
Will. Luff.
Nich. Michell.
Ric. Freberne.
John Hayton.
Walt. Whitweb.
Henry Dodenhale.

X.

An. 1355. 29 E. 3.

Ric. Stoke.
Nich. Michel.
Henry Clerke.
Will. Botoner.
Will. Tarmouth.
Ric. Stoke.
Nich. Percy.
Will. Botoner.
Henry Clarke.
Will. Botoner.

XX.

Henry Clarke.
Will. Botoner.
Henry Dodenhale.
Nich. Michell.
John Tosie.
John Papenham.
James Benyngton.
John Percy.

Henry Clarke.
Will. Botoner.

XXX.

Adam Botoner.
Will. Wolfe.
John Papenham.

An. 1377: 1 R. 2.

John Papenham.
Janyne Swynnyshed.

Ric. Luff.
Henry Kele.
John Knight.
Ric. Dodenhale.
Janyne Deyster.

XL.

Adam Botoner.
Ric. Clarke.
Henry Kele.
John Tosie.
Henry Kele.
Henry Kele.
John Scarborought.
John Liberde.
John Northwode.
John Crosse.

L.

Ric. Lichefeld.
John Onley.
Ric. Clarke.
John Preston.
Geffrey Hampton.
Will. Whitchurch.

An. 1399. 1 H. 4.

Nich. Dodeley.
Rob. Schepley.
Joh. Foundur.
John Smythier.

LX.

John Allusley.
Will. Attulborough.
John Botoner.
John Wedon.
Will. Bedforde.
Will. Belgrave.
John Goore.
John Horneby.

An. 1412. 1 H. 5.

Will. Dilcock.
Ric. Southam.

LXX.

^a Pat. 6. E.
6. p. 6.

^{Ex} Cod.
^{MS} penes
^{loh.} Hales,
^{nr.}

^y Pat. 6. E.
6. p. 7.

^z Pat. 19
Jac.

^b Ex Catal.
Majorum
penes pre-
fat. loh.
Hales.

^c Pat. 22.
E. 3. p. 1.
in dorso,
m. 31.

LXX.

Laurence Cooke.
Rob. Schepley.
Will. Belgrave.
John Onley.
Adam Huyton.
John Gonic.
John Leder.

Ann. 1422. 1 H. 6.

John Esturton.
Henry Peyto.
Tho. Wylgrise.

LXXX.

John Braytoft.
Ric. Joye.
Giles Alfeley.
John Brischove.
Laur. Cooke.
Tho. Paynell.
Will. Dilcock.
Will. Bisfeld.
Ric. Scharpe.
John Michell.

XC.

John Everton.
John Kinton.
Will. Swanne.
Will. Carver.
John Essex.
John Warant.
John Braytofte.
Tho. Wylgrise.
Ric. Braytofte.
Ric. Braytofte.

C.

John Lusterley.
Tho. Wirley.
John Walgrave.
Edm. Brogreve.
Ric. Scharpe.
Ric. Boys.
Will. Braytofte.
John Freeman.
Ric. a Wood.
Ric. Clerke.

CX.

Ric. Braytofte.
Rob. Bradmedowe.
Gye Whiston.
Will. Kempe.
John Wylgrise.

Ann. 1460. 1 E. 4.

Edm. Brogreve.
Will. Peere.
Tho. Bradmedowe.
John Draper.
John Pynchbecke.

CXX.

John Gauge.
Ric. a Wood.
Will. Dawes.
Will. Saunders.
Will. Stafforde.
John Bette.
John Thrompton.
Rob. Atturton.
Ric. Braytoft.
Rob. Onley.

CXXX.

Tho. Dowse.
John Symons.
Rob. Burnell.
Will. Marchall.
Will. Shoore.
Ric. Colyns.
Henry Marler.

Ann. 1483. 1 R. 3.

Will. Horsley.
Henry Keball.

CXL.

Ann. 1485. 1 H. 7.

Robert Onley.
Ric. Cooke.
Tho. Bayly.
Tho. Baggot.
Rob. Colmon.
Ric. Leye.
John Wyzgston.
Will. Rowley.
Tho. Chyrchman.

CL.

Rob. a Greene.
John Paddelond.
John Dove.
Will. Fourde.
Tho. Bonde.
Will. Hapeting.
John Haddon.
Will. Pysford.
Ric. Jackson.
Ric. Coke.

CLX.

Tho. Paddelond.
John Dyddesbery.
Tho. Wardelowe.
Rob. a Greene.
Ric. Smyth.
Ric. Marlowe.
John Sawndurs.

Ann. 1509. 1 H. 8.

John Strong.
Ric. Harfell.
John Hardwyn.

CLXX.

Tho. Growe.
John Clarke.
John Hornfere.
Harre
Nich. Borwe.
Tho. Warryn.
John Bonde.
Will. Whicam.
Tho. Whitt.
Yelins Nethermill.

CLXXX.

Tho. Bunwell.
Nich. Hemyng.
Harre Walle.
Ric. Herryng.
Tho. Dod.
Tho. Astellyn.
Will. Dawson (who
dyed in the same
year, and Roger
Whellys kept out
his Mayoralty.
Ric. Risse.
Will. Smethe.
Hewe Lawtyn.
Rog. Palmer.

CXC.

Rob. Kyrwine.
John Gett.
Christofer Wade.
Will. Cottyn.
Sym. Parker.
Tho. Gardener.
Cottberd Joyner.
Christopher Warryn.
John Sanders.
Harre Woffyr.

CC.

John Tallans.
Ann. 1546. 1 E. 6.

John Hartford.
James Rogers.
Tho. Kewer.
Will. Saunders.
Ric. Niclyn.
Edm. Dampport.
Ric. Hurr.

Ann. 1553. 1 M.

Will. Hyndman.
Will. Norton.

CCX.

Tho. Ryley.
Rob. Colman.
Tho. Wheatley.

Ann. 1558. 1 Eliz.

John Nethermill.
Tho. Dudley.
Tho. Kyrven.
Ric. Smyth.
Hugh Harvy.
John Tallans.
Tho. Ryley.

CCXX.

Will. Hopkyns.
Edm. Brownell.
Will. Smalwode.
Henry Kyrven.
John Hartford, de-
prived of his office
for killing a man,
and in his stead
John Sanders.
Ric. Hawten.
Tho. Nycholls.
Ric. Barker.
Tho. VVight.
Raufe Boonde.

CCXXX.

Sym. Cotton.
Tho. Niclyn.
Raufe Joyner.
Rob. Letherbarrowe.
Edw. Barrowse.
Tho. Saunders.
John Myles.
Will. VVylkes.
Gill. Dyglen.
Henry Bryers.

CCXL.

Will. Eburne.
Tho. Hill.
John Richards.
Henry Shewell.
Ric. Smyth.
Humphry Smalwood.
Math. Richardson.
John Ryley.
Will. Howcote.
Will. VValden.

CCL.

Rob. Bedforde.
Tho. Gravener.
John VVhitehead,
who dyed before
his year expired,
and in his stead
Henry Bryers.
John Rogerson.
Roger Clarke.
Ric. Smyth.
Thomas Barker.
Ric. Butler.
Christoph. Davenport.

CCLX.

An. 1603. 1 Jac.

Ric. Page.
Will. Wheat.
Math. Collins.
Henry Sewall.
Humfr. Wightrick.
Will. Hancock.
Samps. Hopkins.
Henry Smyth.
Christoph. Warren.
John Herring.
Henry Davenport.

CCLXX.

John Barker.
Will. Snell.
Sam. Miles.
Will. Sewall.
Humfr. Smalwood.
Henry Harwell.
Isaak Walden.
John Pixley.
Tho. Potter.
John Thomas.

CCLXXX.

Franc. Robinson.

Ann. 1625. 1 Car.
Will. Burbage.
Raph Walden.
Ric. Clerke.
Henry Million.
John Clarke.
Tho. Warde.
Will. Jesson.
Henry Kervin.
Sim. Norton.

CCXC.

John Barker.
Edw. Owen.
Tho. Basnet.
Godfrey Legg.
Tho. Forrest.
John Rogerson.

Ann. 1640.

Sampson Hopkins.

Coming now to speak of that great, and sometime famous Monastery, called the *Diory of Co-ventre*, (of whose Founder I have already made mention.) which for the antiquity of its foundation, and ample revenues, excelled all other in this County; I shall be bold, before I proceed in the particular story thereof, to digress a little, and take a short view of the original and increase of a Monastick life: as also of the *Benedictine* Order, whereof this Monastery was.

That the word *Monachus*, which is derived from the Greek word *Μοναχ*, signifieth such a one as doth *solitariam vitam degere*, I need not stand to demonstrate: but who it was that may be said to have been absolutely the first that begun this course of life, I find no direct certainty. Divers ascribe it to the Prophet *Samuell*; others to *Helias* and *Helysem*, that liv'd in poor Cottages and desert places near the River *Jordan*; and long after them *S. John the Baptist*: To whom may be added some of the Apostles, as also *St. Mark* the Evang. and by their example certain others, viz. *Paul* the Hermite, *S. Anthony*, *S. Hilarion*, *S. Basil*, and *S. Hierome*: but of these *Paul* the Hermite was of greatest note for his retired living: who, to avoyd that cruell persecution which ragged under *Decius*, betook himself to the vast solitary wilderness, where he lived 93 years unknown to any. But in the times of these men they had no certain Rule: for every one being free, regulated himself as he saw best for his spiritual advantage, exercising devout prayers, frequent fastings, hard studies, with mean and slender diet, which they acquired by the labour of their hands, thereby giving great examples of pious living to all posterity. So that *S. Anthony* is the first unto whom some do chiefly refer the original of this Monastick profession, in regard he first so wonderfully raised up the desires of all to lead this kind of life; and instituted a Rule for Monks, as *S. Basil* did afterwards in *Cyrene*, and *S. Hilarion* in *Siria*. Which *Anthony* lived in the desert of *Thebes* (a part of *Egypt*) and there built a Mo-

nastry; where, with *Sarmatus*, *Amatus*, and *Macharius*, his disciples, wholly exercising himself in devout prayers, he fed upon nothing but bread and water; being so famous for his holiness, that *Helena* the mother of *Constantine*, commended her self and her son by Letters to him, and dyed in the wilderness in the year of Christ *CCCLX*. aged 105 years.

But about 166 years after the death of *Anthony*, one *Benedictus Nursinus*, born in *Umbria*, a region of *Italy*, having long lived in much solitude, at length came to *Sublacum*, an eminent town of the Latins, distant from *Rome* near xl miles: And to avoyd company, in regard many for his sanctity resorted to him, shortly betook himself to *Cassinum*, a very antient place in that Countrey; and there settling himself, gathered together the disperst and singly wandring Monks into one Monastery, instituting certain forms and rules for their observance: Howbeit, the first that gave laws and rules to Monks was *Basil*, Bishop of *Cesarea* in *Cappadocia*; who about the year of Christ *CCCLXIII*. being very famous for his learning and piety, obliged such that should enter into Orders to vow poverty, chastity, and obedience to their Superiour: But *Benedict* assign'd to his Monks a special kind of habit, and appointed them a certain form for praying, slender diet, and a new rule of abstinence: And that, except in case of sickness, they should wholly forbear flesh. Which sort of Monks increased exceedingly; yet, differing in some particulars from their first rule, did in time subdivide themselves into several companies, according to their particular fancies: whence grew the *Cluniacenses*, *Camaldunenses*, *Vallis-Umbrenses*, *Montolivenses*, *Grandimontenses*, *Cistercienses*, *Silvestrenses*, *Celestines*, and *Hermenites* of *S. Hierome*. Which Monks of *S. Benet's* rule, as their tradition is, do wear a black coat loose and divided down to their heels, with a cowl or hood for their head, that falling over their shoulders is shorter than others use: and under all have a woollen white coat; as also a hair shirt, with boots to the knees; their heads being shaved with a razor below the midst, by reason whereof the top of the head so shaved is called *Corona*.

And now that I am thus come to speak of their shaving, it will not be amiss to shew upon what occasion this custome was taken up by the Monks. *Dum beatus Petrus Antiochia predicaret* (saith my Author) whilst *S. Peter* preach't at *Antioch*, the Gentiles, by way of contumely towards the name of Christians, shaved the very top of his head, which afterwards was held a great honour to the religious, and those of the Clergy. But further of such shaving see *P. Stellartius de coronis & tonsuris*, lib. 3. cap. 1. And here might I adde somewhat touching the usage to the Monks of this order in the time of their sickness, especially towards the point of death; as also of washing the body being dead, with the ceremonies of burial, were it proper for this place: but I will conclude with inserting the form of their admission into the Monastery. *Ego & frater A. promitto stabilitatem meam, & conversionem morum meorum, & obedientiam secundum regulam S. Benedicti Abbatis, coram Deo & omnibus Sanctis ejus, in presentia domini Abbatis N. ad monasterium S. Mariae Covenria*: And shall refer my Reader to *Clem. Reinerus* his *Apost. Bened.* in *Anglia*, for further satisfaction in the particulars of their rule.

Touching

a Nomencl.
Hadr. Junii.

f Ex MS
pervetusto
in bibl.
Deuvel.
Polyd. Virgil.
de invent.
rum, lib. 7.
cap. 1.

e Ex catalogo
Sanctorum, au-
thore Petro
de Natalibus,
lib. 2.
cap. 60.
d Polyd.
Virg. ut
supra.

f Job. Time-
muthen
MS in
bibl. Bodl.
lib. 22.

g MS in
bibl. Bodl.
authore
Sim. de
Warwick;
Abb. S. Ma-
riae Ebor.



Ordinis Benedictini Monachus,

Touching the beginning of a Monastick life here in **England**, if we look after the particular persons, who in times of persecution fled to woods, caves, and deserts for preservation, it will be hard to point out the first that so retired themselves: but if we consider their first being gathered into any **Covent**, then certainly those of **Glastonbury** in **Somersetsh.** and **Wangoz** in **Chesh.** will have the preheminance; in the later whereof, as ^b *Beda* testifieth, there were so great a number, that being

divided into 7 parts, each having a several Ruler; every part was no less in number than 300, all which lived by the labour of their hands: Howbeit, these cannot be said (for ought I know) to have lived 'under any other Rule than the *Essians* in **Palestine**, of whom *Polydore*^b speaketh. And therefore to come unto those times that the Order of *Benedictine monks* was first transplanted into **England**, we are not to look higher than *Austin* the Monk; who, about the year of Christ 595.

ⁱ *De invent.
rerum, lib.
7. cap. 10.*

^b *Hist. eccl.
lib. 2. cap. 2.*

MS Hist. Gloucest. eccl. in bibl. Bodl. p. 193. &c. (as faith mine Author^k) was sent into England by Pope Gregory; whereupon Episcopal Sees were established in sundry places, and Monasteries built for Monks observing the rule of S. Benedict; so that shortly after there were none in England but of that order, which first began to be exercised in the Abby of **Glastonbury**; whereas before that time they lived after the manner of the Egyptian Covents (saith he:) And which was so famous in ancient time, especially through England, that before the Norman Conquest there was scarce a Monastery of any other, as I have specially observed.

Having thus pointed at the original of a Monastick life, and of this distinct Rule, I shall now go on with the story of this particular Monastery. That Earl **Leofrike** was its Founder, I have formerly intimated. And now touching this great and famous work, I will begin with the observation made thereof by our most ancient and authentick Historians—*Quod monasterium*, saith

1f. 254. b. n. 50. **R. Hoveden**^l, speaking of this, *inter cetera bona opera quæ in sua vita gessit ipse* (meaning Earl **Leofrik**) & *uxor illius Dei cultrix, & S. Maria semper Virginis amatrix devota, nobilis Comitissa Godiva, de suo patrimonio à fundamentis construxerunt, & id terris sufficienter locupletaverunt, ornamentis variis ita ditaverunt, ut in nullo Monasterio totius Angliæ tanta copia auri, argenti, gemmarum, lapidumque pretiosorum inveniretur, quanta tunc temporis habebatur in illo.* Nay **Will.**

ms. Malm. f. 165. a. **Malmesb.** addeth^m further, that it was enrich'd and beautified with so much gold and silver, that the walls seemed too narrow to contain it; inso-much that **Rob. de Limesy**, B. of this Diocels in the time of **K. W. Rufus**, scrap'd from one beam that supported the Shrines, 500 marks of silver. And touching its dedication and number of Monks, take this from an approved writerⁿ; *Anno domini MXLIII. constructum fuit monasterium Coventrense à memorande recordationis duce Leurico, & uxore ejus Godiva; dedicatumque eodem anno ab Archiepisc. Dorobernensi Edzio, quarto Non. Octob. post Pascha, Abbate Lefwino cum XXIII monachis in eodem instituto.*

o. W. Malm. f. 165. a. n. 20. Here^{*} the noble Founders, before recited, were both buried; yet not in the Church, as afterwards was frequent, but in the two porches. Of which excellent Lady it is recorded, that she bestowed all that vast treasure, she had been storing up during her whole life, upon this place; and even at the point of her death gave a rich chain of precious stones, directing it to be put about the neck of the blessed Virgins image; so that those that came of devotion thither should say as many prayers as there were several gems therein.

p. Ex Reg. Priorat. de Cov. in Scac. penes Remem. Regis, f. 75. a. And for the endowment^p thereof, did the said **E. Leofrik**, by the advice and licence of **K. Edw.** the Conf. and Pope **Alexander**, at the dedication of the Church to the honour of God, and his blessed Mother; as also of **S. Peter** the Apostle, and the holy Virgin **S. Osburg**, and *All Saints*, give, besides the one half of this town, in which the said Monastery was situate, xxiii Lordships for maintenance of the Abbot and Monks there serving God, with food and raiment, viz. **Wynnton**, **Peltonham**, **Chrotham**, **Achenton** (Episc.) **Bluton**, **Satham**, **Greneburgh**, **Wyrthingbury**, **Perston** upon **Abon**, **Wrothlyk**, **Wisperton**, **Chester-ton**, **Sotham**, **Rupton**, and the one half of **Sow**, all in this County: **Perston** in **Gloucestersh.**, **Saltwarp** in **Worcestersh.**, **Cherton** in **Derb.**, **Chesh.**, **Hyldesby** and **Wynwilk** in **Northamptonsh.** **Bur-**

bach, **Barwell**, **Scraptoft** and **Pakinton** in **Leicestersh.** with the liberties of **Sac**, **Soc**, **Tol**, and **Theme**: Whereunto were witnesses the King himself, **Edzi** Archb. of **Cant.** **Aldred** B. of **Worcester**, **Wolff** B. of **Lich.** **Manni** Abbot of **Chesterham**, **Godwin** Abbot of **Winchcomb**, **Alfric** Abbot of **Perthore**. Of Earls, **Godwyn**, **Harold**, **Siward**, and **Ordgar** of **Debensh.** with **Alfwald** of **Wynterton**, **Wawen** of **Wotton**, and many other eminent persons. Which Charter^q was first confirmed by the said **K. Edw.** who added these further privileges thereto, viz. that the lands so given, as before is exprest, should be free from taxes for setting forth souldiers; as also for building of Bridges or Castles, and all payments to the King, Bishop, or any other person. Next by Pope **Alexander**, who at that time by his Apostolick authority added, that it should not be subject to any Diocesan Bishop, nor judiciary power, of what order or dignity soever: and that the Monks here serving God should have liberty to elect their Abbot out of themselves, or any other congregation where they pleased. Whose Bull bears date in the year from our Saviours incarn. **MXLIII.** (1 **Edw.** Conf.) and afterwards by **W. Will.** the Conq. and other succeeding Kings.

q. 1b. b. r. Cart. 22. E. 3. n. 6. per Inspect. By which great immunities and privileges 'tis easy to be seen in what glory this Monastery then stood: Nor can we doubt but that the people had it in very high esteem; considering that it was as well the chief of all the Religious Houses in these parts, as the onely one of Monks in this County; and also honoured with an extraordinary Relicks, viz. the Arm of the famous **S. Augustine**, Bishop of **Hippo**, plac'd in a silver Shrine, whereupon were graven these letters, *Hoc brachium S. Augustini Egelnodus Archiep. rediens à Roma ad Papiam emit C. talentis argenti & talento auri.* But the particular lands that were by the Conq. Survey recorded to belong thereto in this County, and certified^r under the title of *Terra Ecclesie de Coventren*, are not directly the same that be contain'd in the foundation Charter, though more in number; the names whereof I will here onely recite; for, as I come to the several places, I shall speak at large of them. **Fflunger**, **Graneberge**, **Surland**, **Dirbingerte**, **Wilsbele** **Condore**, **Cobintone**, **Sucham**, **Sowa**, **Alchetone**, **Icetone**, **Coburberie**, **Herdelwiche**, **Hunitone**, **Cedelethunt**, **Cestreton**, **Wasmertone**, **Pelweham**, and **Radelwei**: Howbeit in some of these they had not the whole Lordship.

Having thus manifested how amply it was endowed with lands and privileges, the next thing that I am to observe, is, how the government thereof came into the Bishops hands, which hapned in the time of **K. W. Will. Rufus**, in this sort.

u. Ex Rot. pervetusto penes D. & Cap. Lich. Shortly^u after the Norman Conquest, there was one **Peter** consecrated B. of this Diocels (then including **Chester** as well as **Coventre** and **Lichfield**) in whose time **Lamfrank** Archb. of **Cant.** held a Synod at **London**, wherein it was decreed, that Episcopal seats should not be in petty towns: by vertue whereof this was removed from **Lichfield** to **Chester**. To which **Peter** (who dyed and was buried at **Chester**) succeeded **Rob. de Limesy** (of whom I have formerly made mention) which **R.** upon the death of **Lewynus** Abbot of **Coventre**, obtain'd from the K. the custody of this Monastery; and, by the authority of a Bull^w from Pope **Paschal** the first, removed his seat from **Chester** hither. Hereupon^x the B. settling at **Coventre**, and having the government of this Monastery (as I have said) the name of Abbot became thenceforth utterly suppress'd

supprest and extinct, in regard that the Episcopal dignity therein overtopt it: So that the succeeding Priors (for so were they called which had the rule) were but as substitutes to the Bishops in whom the Abbacy virtually was. But this B. was neither a friend to the Monastery nor to the Monks, as it seems: for, besides his scraping so much silver from one beam, as I have already intimated, he suffered the buildings to decay for want of repairs, pill'd the Church of many rich ornaments; and as for the Monks, he kept them to poor and miserable commons, not regarding their regular living, nor any thing that might advance learning among them; to the end, that being thus brought low, and in ignorance, their thoughts should not soar so high as to consider the redress of these his so great injuries.

Of the other Bishops which successively resided here at **Cobentre** (this being their Cathedral as well as **Litchfeld**) I shall onely recite the names, their stories being already written by *Godwyn*, viz. *Rob. de Peche*, *Rog. de Clinton*, *Walter Durdent*, *Ric. Peche*, and *Gerard de Puella*; all which, in their several times successively, did stile themselves *Coventria episcopi* onely; and had a fair palace at the Northeast corner of *S. Michael's Churchyard*, being very near to the Monastery. But the first who bore the name, and had the office of Prior here, was one *Lawrence*, of whom I find frequent mention in *K. Steph.* and *H. 2.* reigns; whose successors I shall insert elsewhere; and therefore will now proceed with the relation of such memorable passages as concern this Monastery, and of the further enlargement or diminution of its possessions, according as they hapned in order of time.

In which progress the first thing I find observable, is, that in *7 Steph.* the times being then turbulent, *Rob. Marmion* (whose seat was the Castle of **Tamworth**) being a man potent in Arms, and a great adversary to the E. of **Chester**, posselt himself thereof, turn'd out the Monks, and fortified the Church with the buildings belonging therunto, making deep trenches in the fields adjacent; which he so covered, that they could not be seen, to the end that they might be an impediment to an enemy whensoever any approach should be made: but it so hapned, that as he sallied out with some forces upon the E. of **Chester's** drawing near; and not remembring whereabouts those places had been digg'd, he fell with his Horse into one of them himself; and by that means, being surprized by a common souldier, had his head presently cut off: whose destruction in that kind is by our Historians observed to have been as a just judgement of God for prophaning this sacred place.

After this, viz. in *15 Steph.* I find, that the Monks of **Cobentre** granted unto those of **Dabentre** in **Northamptonsh.** the Church of **Abby**, with 3 yard land thereto belonging; and the Church of **Had-don**, with two yard land, excepting the tithes and such other benefits which were due to the Church of **Wintock** (whereof it seems these were originally members). In consideration whereof, the Monks of **Dabentre** were to pay yearly to this Monastery 1 pound of Incense before the feast of the *Nat.* of our Lord. Which grant was made in the time of Prior *Laurence*, and begot much love and mutual affection from these Religious Houses to each other: for shortly after was there an agreement made betwixt them, that if any Monk of **Cobentre** should be, by the consent of his Prior and Covent sent to **Dabentre**, out of their great affection to that House, he ought to be freely received, and reside there in that regular way, as if he were one of the same Co-

vent, untill he should be recalled by the Pr. of **Cob.** and in case he did depart this life during such his abode there, all solemnities to be perform'd for him as for a Monk of **Dab.** And the like were they of **Cob.** to perform to those of **Dab.** touching such as should be sent thither from **Dab.** And that if any of either Covent did happen to dy elsewhere, one Priest of each Monastery, his death being known, should celebrate 3 Masses for him, his service with *Placebo* and *Dirige* to be also perform'd in the Covent, with the corrody belonging to a Monk for that day, and his name registred in the Martyrologe. And when any of the Priors of either Monastery should dy, a *Trentall* to be sung in the other Covent over & above the services before recited. And moreover every year a *Mass* of the *Holy Ghost* to be celebrated, as well for the living in each Monastery, as for the dead. And lastly, that in all things, both spiritual and temporal, where each might assist o-ther, they should effectually afford their aid.

About this time was it, that *Ranulph*, surnamed *Gernons*, E. of **Chester**, bearing a great respect to these Monks, gave them liberty to have 2 carts going to and fro twice every day, except Festivals, into his woods about **Cobentre**, to fetch thence whatsoever they might need in order to the repair of their buildings, fuel for their fire, or trowse for their hedges. And being fully assured that the Chapel of *S. Mich.* here in **Cob.** and all the rest within the town and without, with the tithes, oblations, and rights to them belonging, situate within his fee, did justly belong to them, he made them his Charter of Recognition, and confirm'd them to this Monastery for the health of his soul, as also for the souls of his father, mother, and all his progenitors. After which, viz. in *12 H. 2.* upon return of the Certificats touching Kts. fees, the Prior of this House signified, that he had *7.* and a third part, with two fifths and a tenth, *de veteri feoffamento*; and as much in demesne as countervail'd ten Kts. fees.

And in *29 H. 2.* was there an exchange of land made betwixt these Monks and *Hugh Keviliok*, the succeeding Earl; for license whereof they gave xx marks to the King. About which time the said E. granted to them a free and ample Charter, as well of protection as confirmation of their possessions; forbidding all his tenants from hindring their Market, or meddling ought therein without the good liking of the Monks. And to the end that posterity should not be ignorant which were the metes and bounds betwixt both their fees, that is to say, of the Priors part and Earls part, he by the same Charter fully describes them, including the lands of the said Monastery within these following limits, viz. beginning at *S. Mich.* Churchyard, and from thence directly going to the **Wood-gate** of his own Castle, leaving the houses of *Will. de Repyndon*, and *Will.* the son of *Ric. Forthwy* (tenants to the Monastery) on the North part, and the E. fee on the South: And so passing down to the river of **Symthesford**, and from thence ascending the brook to the Mill of *Ger. le Vinter* of **Hull** and **Radeford** even unto **Cum-dealm** (*modo Coundon*) and so coasting aside betwixt the grounds of *Rob. Scot* of **Ailewardliche** near **Blakemoze**, being the lands of *R. Beaufiz* and *Anketill Locard* on the one part, and the E. wood called **Hatelwood** on the other part; and thence by the brook of **Endemere** to the high-way leading from the midst of **Harnall** near to **Stoke** as far as the **gibbet**, and thence descending by **Wisseles** to the brook called **Coleford**; and so along that brook and the ditch, hard to the land of *Will. Hakun*, and thence to the walls of the said Monastery.

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Anonym.
Abingd. in
bibl. Bodl.
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30. a.

d Cart. 22.
E. 3. n. 6.
per Inspe.

e Regist.
Pr. de Co. r.
f. 76. b.

f Lib. rub.
in Scac. f.
164. a.

g Rot. P.
29 H. 2.

h Cart. 22.
E. 3. n. 6.
per Inspe.

b Regist. de
Dabentre,
f. 110. b.

c 1b f. 111.
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To which *Hugh* succeeded *Ranulph*, surnamed *Blundevill*, in the said Earldom of *Chester*, and feignory here; who ratified to these Monks the recognition and confirmation made by *E. Ran.* his grandfather of the Chappell of the *S. Mich.* and all the rest; viz. *Ansty*, *Schilton*, *Wapkin*, *Witney*, *Whitley*, *Witney*, *Stoke*, *Strichall*, *Eccleball*, *Folkeball*, *Bareley*, *Whaberley*, *Sponne*, and *Billele* within his fee, in all which he solemnly invetted them on the feast-day of *S. Abdon* and *Sennes* in the month of July 3. R. 1. by his gold Ring, which with his said Charter he offered upon the Altar. To which Chappell of *S. Mich.* he likewise conferred the Tithe of all his lands and possessions, here in *Cobentre*; and that under the penalty of a curse upon his officers, servants and heirs, in case they should not make due payment of them accordingly. And besides this did he give to the said Monks in exchange for one cart of those two, which *E. Ran.* his grandfather, by his Charter granted them to have going too and fro in his woods for necessary *Housebote*, *Firebote*, and *Heybote*, (as I have formerly signified) 280. acres of land, being part of his wood and wast in *Cecleball* and *Berley*, according to 25. foot the perch, (the metes & bounds whereof are in this his Charter perfectly set forth). Which wast he gave them liberty to inclose, reduce into tillage, or otherwise to use for their best commodity.

But I now come to that sad misfortune which befell these Monks about this time; the story whereof is briefly thus. *Hugh Novant*, a Norman by birth, having been brought up to learning in the university of *Oxford*, and consecrated Bishop of this Dioces towards the later end of *H. 2.* reign; at the same time that he had the Bishoprick confer'd upon him by the K. had he also a grant of the Priory in such sort as *Rog. de Clinton* his predecessor enjoy'd it; viz. in demesne with the Barony, wherein he received homage of the Freeholders, and found the Monks all necessities according to his own pleasure: but during the life of the said King *Henry* did he not possess what was so granted to him. Whereupon he came to *K. Ric. 1.* (his son and successor) and purchas't a confirmation of his fathers grant: And besides all this obteyn'd a render of the House by *Moyse*, the then Prior at *Reding*, in the presence of *Baldwin* Archbishop of *Cant.* the Bishops of *London* and *Rocheſter*, and many other persons of note. After which the said B. holding a Synod in the Church of this Monastery, wherein some things were agitated tending much to the prejudice of the Monks, as it should seem, though the particulars are not recorded, he so much incens't the Monks that they rush't in upon him, and with a Crois of that Church broke his head: whereupon complaint being presently made to *Will. B. of Ely*, Chancelour of *England*, and at that time not onely the Popes Legate, but Governor of the Realm in the absence of *K. Ric.* then on his journey to the Holy-Land, that the Monks had shed his blood even before the Altar; he forthwith decreed that they should be expelled, and secular Canons plac't in their room: which judgment the proud B. soon put in execution; and by strong hand turning them out, did, to justify himself therein, forthwith dispatch Letters to *Rome*, whereunto he had got the hands of other Bishops, signifying, that the Monks of *Cobentre* had deserted their Rule, and were contaminated with secular poulutions; thereupon petitioning

his Holyness that he might have the free disposall of that Monastery. Unto which Letters the Pope gave no present answer, expecting to have heard what the Monks could say for themselves: but they, being much impoverish't by the Bishop's oppressions (for he was then a potent man, having the custody of the Countyes of *Warre* and *Leich.* committed to his charge for severall years of *King Ric.* reign) were not able to send to *Rome* in their own defence; so that the B. had his desires fulfill'd, the poor Monks being scattered up and down to seek their fortune in the world. In which banish't condition they continued during the whole life of that B. who lying upon his death-bed at *Bec.* in *Normandy*, in the last year of *K. Ric.* reign, became so sensible of his great iniquities; and in particular of the injuries done to these Monks, that he deplored the same with abundant sighs and teares; earnestly desiring that prayers and intercessions should be made unto God for him. And not then knowing how to make other satisfaction than to end his dayes in their habite, with great mourning besought the Abbot of *Bec.* that for the love of God, and shame of the Devil, he would vouchsafe to grant him the habite of a Monk, to the end that he might have them to be his patrons in the world to come, whom he had so persecuted in this. Which being accordingly fulfill'd, he disposed all his gold and silver, jewels and plate to Houses of Religion, and unto the poor; and by way of satisfaction for his manifold transgressions condemn'd himself to the pains of Purgatory usq; in diem Judicii cruciandus, and so dyed.

At which time there was resident in the Court of *Rome* one *Thomas* a Monk of *Cobentre*; who being expell'd with the rest, was studious to obtain a restitution of this Monastery to its former condition; and therefore waited all opportunities, though through want he was often forc't to beg his bread: and when news was brought of the Bishops death, being then in good hopes to be heard, he exhibited his petition to Pope *Innocent* the third (then newly created and sitting with his Cardinals in the consistory); which so soon as his Holyness had read, in an angry mood he bad the Monk withdraw, telling him, that other Petitions to the same purpose had been exhibited to *Clement* and *Celestine*, his predecessors, but rejected, and therefore his expectations were vain. Unto which the Monk with bitter tears replyed, *Holy Father! my Petition is just and altogether honest, and therefore my expectation is not vain; for I expect your death, as I have done your predecessors; for there shall one succeed you who will hear my Petition to purpose.* But the Pope, taking notice of these expressions from the poor Monk, and much wondring at them, said to the Cardinals, *Hear you not what this Devil hath spoken? scil. I expect your death as I have done your predecessors;* immediately turn'd to him and said, *Brother, by S. Peter, thou shalt not here expect my death, for thy Petition is granted;* and forthwith before he went to dinner directed his Letters mandatory to *Hubert* Archbishop of *Canterb.* that upon sight of them he should presently go to the Church of *Cobentre*, and thence put forth the Clerks, and reinvest the Monks: which the said Archb. did accordingly xv. Kal. Feb. 1198. (ult. R. 1.) And because *Moyse* the Prior was dead in the time of their banishment, he constituted in his stead one *Joybert* a Norman; who for his eminent

i Ibid.

k l m Ibid.

n Godw. de prefat.

o p q r s t u Plac. apud Westm. xv. Mich. 6. R. 1.

v Anon. Euseb. MS. in bibl. Bodl. f. 31. a.

x Ib. b.

y Rot. P. an. 2. 4. c. 5. R. 1.

z Ma. a. b. c. d. e. f. g. h. i. j. k. l. m. n. o. p. q. r. s. t. u. v. w. x. y. z.

c Chr. 20. H. Knig. ton in b. Cetton. 50. b. d M. Pa. p. 192. 40. c. 5.

e Ib. p. 19. f Ib. n. 1.

ment wisdom in worldly affaires, had the government also of **Cobentre**, **Wenloc**, and **Bernundsey** committed to him. Which **Joybert** was no sooner entred upon his charge, but he speedily, with the consent of the Monks elected **Geffrey Muschamp** Archdeacon of **Elfbeland** to be B. as being a man from whom they expected nothing but fair regard.

The Monks therefore thus reestablish'd took into consideration the conveniences of their House and all other securities that might tend to their advantage, as appears by what I shall instance: for in 5. **Joh.** they procured an alteration^b of the **Parcket**, but how the Record expresses not; in consideration whereof they gave a Fine of 5. marks to the King. And the next ensuing year did they obtain the K. speciall Letters^b of protection for themselves, their tenants, and all their possessions: as also such a privilege, that they should not be impleaded for any of their lands except before the K. himself, or his chief Justice, for which they gave 2. palfreys. The like Charter^b of protection had they in 11. E. 3. and, besides another, of sundry privileges; viz. *Sok, Sak, Tol, Them, Infangenthef, Hamsoene, forstal, blodwithe, fithwithe, wardwite, and Mundbriche*: And that they and all their tenants, except those which held by Knights service more than half a Kts. fee, should be quit of Murder, Robbery, suit to the County or Hundred-Courts, Ayd to the Shiriff, view of Frank-plege, and repair of the K. Castles or pooles. In consideration of which favours they payd to the K. a Fine of 60. marks; towards the rayling whereof they had Aid^a of their **Cobentre**-burgers. In the same year had they a grant^b of an yearly **Faire** to last for 8. days, beginning on the day of **S. Leodigarius** the martyr, which falls out **Oct. 2.** And in 16. H. 3. did **Geffrey**, the then Prior, purchase^a of **Gerard de Allespath** half a hide of land in **Old-Fil-longley** to the use of this Monastery.

Touching such extraordinary charges whereunto they were subject in this K. time, I find, that in 13. H. 3. they gave a Fine^a to be exempt from sending souldiers in person for the expedition then beyond Sea; and to have power for levying Scutage of their tenants for ten Kts. fees, which they held of the King in *Capite*; viz. 3. marks *pro quolibet scuto* towards that service. As also in 18. H. 3. a Fine of 25. marks, that they might not send souldiers to the Kings Army in **Wales**. In 20. H. 3. they answered xx. marks for 8. Kts. fees *de veteri seoffamento*, upon collection of the Aid for marrying of **Isabell** the Kings sister to the Rom. Emp. In 26. xv. marks, by way of Aid, upon the K. transference into **Gascony**. In 29. 10. li. for x. Kts. fees, upon the Aid for marriage of the Kings eldest daughter. Towards their better support of which burthens they had the K. Letters^a of recommendation to all their tenants, for the receiving Aid from them; which bear date in **Octob. 33.** of his reign.

But, it seems, that these taxes fell thus heavy upon them, before they had in any reasonable measure recovered themselves out of the low condition wherein they had been cast by the oppression of **Hugh Novant** the B. before-mentioned: for I find, that in the time of Prior **Roger** (who died about the 32. of this Kings reign,) there being a great league of friendship betwixt the Monks of this Monastery, and the Canons of **Derley**, in **Derley**, these of **Cobentre** represented their miserable

miserable condition unto those of **Derley**, not only with very lamentable expressions, but with tears; protesting, that their wants were so great, that the whole **Covent** was like to be dispersed, except they had present succour; and therefore humbly besought the Canons of **Derley**, that they would vouchsafe to receive some of them into their Monastery, there to have subsistence for a while, *quousq; oriens ex alto, miseratio altissimi, nostro felicius illuxerit occidenti*, are their words. Of which great good will, that had been for a long time before, betwixt these two Religious houses, I find this testimony^a, that by way of mutuall curtesies, the Monks of **Cobentre** used to send unto them of **Derley** Needles and Sope; and they of **Derley** to these Saddles and riding-furniture.

But after this they received, as well from the King as others, divers great favours and benefits for the advantage of their Monastery: For in 34. H. 3. it was^a, that they obteyn'd in fee-ferme from **Rog. de Montalt** and **Cecily** his wife all their interest in the mannour of **Cobentre**, with the advouson of the Church of **S. Mich.** and the Chappells thereunto belonging; excepting their capitall seat called **Cheplemore**, and the Park, with the House of **Friers-Minoys**; and the homage and services of their freeholders, whose names I have particularly exprest already in my discourse of the said **Roger**. And in 41. H. 3. had they the Kings Charter^b of **Free-warren** in all their demesn lands of **Cobentre**, **Cundalme**, **Sow**, **Waplenhale**, **Frankton**, **Werton**, and **Herdwike**, **Sutham**, **Dlethon**, **Dfechurch**, **Wasperton**, **Honnyton** and **Backwood**, with divers other places in this County and **Leicestershire**. As also in 44. H. 3. an appropriation^a of **S. Michaels** Church before mentioned, with all the Chappells thereunto belonging; viz. **Ansby**, **Shulton**, **Wylm**, **Stoke**, **Wilsney**, **Sow**, **Stitchall**, **Folkethall** and **Sponne**; and of **Trinity-Church** with it's Chappells: the Chappell of **S. John**, with the Hospitall; the Churches of **Copley** and **Allespath**, the Church of **Herdwike**, and it's Chappells, with Archidiaconall jurisdiction there: The Church of **Backwood**, with Archid. jurisdiction also; And likewise the whole Tyches arising in their demesn-lands, wherefoever. In 46. H. 3. the like appropriation^a for **Dfechurch**. And in 51. H. 3. a confirmation^a of their foundation Charter by **E. Leofrik**, with the Bull of Pope **Alexander** the first: As also a further grant of freedom from doing suite to the County or Hundred-Courts, and to the Shiriffs-Turn. And that they should have a Coroner within the town of **Cobentre** that might answer before the Justices Itinerant, for whatsoever concern'd that office: and moreover a **Merchants-Gild**, with all privileges thereto belonging; and that they, their tenants, nor their goods should be distreyned for any debt not properly their own, or for which they were sureties.

And after this, ere long, suffering great losses by reason of such excursions as young **Montfort** and his fellow Rebels in **Kenilworth** Castle, or the Kings Army, during the six months siege thereof, did make; had they the Kings Letters-Pat. for recommending their wants to all their tenants, and desiring them that they would so contribute to their relief, as that they might expect recompence at God's hand, and thanks from him. And in 5. E. 1. license^a to inclose certain wast-grounds near **Cobentre**, which (*inter alia*) were granted to them in fee.

Ibid.

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b Cart. 41.
H. 3. m.
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c Reg. R.
Molend. m.
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d Ib. m. 17.

e Cart. 51.
H. 3. m. 8.

f Pat. 51.
H. 3. m. 28.
g Pat. 5. E.
1. m. 20.

g Ib. p. 193.
n. 10.

b Rot. P. 5.
John.

i Cart. 6.
Job. m. 4.
n. 41.

k Rot. F. 6.
Job. m. 4.
l Cart. 11.
H. 3. m. 28.
m Ibid. m.
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n Rot. P. 11.
H. 3.

o Clauf. 11.
H. 3. m. 13.
p Ibid. m.
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q F. levat.
w. Job. B.
16. H. 3.

r Clauf. 13.
H. 3. m. 3.

s Rot. P. 18.
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9. H. 3.

v Pat. 33.
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fee-ferme by *Roger de Montalt* and *Cecily* his wife. So that the state wherein this Monastery stood, about those times, was thus represented by a special Inquisition taken shortly after; viz. that, consisting of black-Monks, it had therein a Cathedrall Church: and that the Prior and his Covent, together with the Chapter of *Witchfield*, did elect the Bishop, these having the first voice: That the Prior, here, was also Lord of this town, a moytie whereof, with the whole Barony, he held of the K. in Capite, by the service of 2. Kcs. fees in the Army: And had a weekly *Mercate* on the Fry-day; and a *Faire* every year, enduring 8. days, with a Coroner, and *Free-warren* in all his demesn-lands: which moytie he held as freely as Earl *Leofrik* did the same of K. *Edward* the Conf. And that he the said Prior with his tenants, being privileged of murther, had Gallows, Pillory, Tumbrell, Assise of bread and beere; as also fealty of his Burgers, and appearances at his Court twice in the year: for all which the Charters of K. H. 3. and divers other his progenitors were then exhibited.

And Moreover, that he held the other moytie, called the Earls part; with the outwood wherein the Inhabitants claymed Common of pasture for all manner of Cartell, and other commoning in the woods belonging to the Abby of *Stonely*, of the heirs of *Roger de Montalt*, by the service of ex. marks per annum, according as in the Fine levied betwixt the said *Roger* and *Cecily* his wife; and the said Prior and Covent is more at large contained: which heirs held it of the K. as of the fee of *Chester*. In which half the said Prior had once in the year a *Faire* lasting six days, about the feast of the holy *Trinity*; with Gallows, Pillory, Tumbrell, Assise of bread and beere; and fealty of all the Burgers; as also two appearances yearly at his Court. By which Inquisit. likewise appeareth, that the whole town was then exempt from *Toll*, excepting for Horses, whereof the Burgers were onely freed; but that the said Burgers had *Toll* of Horses for their own tenants there inhabiting: and that the same Prior had three Mills here, with the ponds thereto belonging; and two pools in demesn. All which immunities and privileges were in 13. E. 1. pleaded by the Monks; who then likewise manifested, that they had time out of mind enjoyed two great Courts every year in this place; and weyfs: and that the Priors Bayliff used ever to go along with the K. Bayliff to execute all such precepts as concern'd the Crown: As also, that the town of *Cobentre* answered for xii. having *Free-warren* *Infangthef*, Assise of bread and beer, *Mercate*, and *Faire*, with all things belonging thereto; Pillory, Tumbrell, and a Coroner of their own: And that they were quit of Murther, Robbery, Suite to the County or Hundred-Courts, Ayd to the Shiriff, &c.

Touching the *Mercate* they had here, it was kept in that part of the town called the Priors-half, as it seems; where still it continues, that being the place peculiar thereunto: for in E. 2. time, upon a suite commenced by the Prior against one *Will. Gumppe* and others, for selling divers wares in *Cric-street* every week upon the Friday in their houses and shops; who pleaded, that they did so by vertue of the Charter antiently granted to them from the Earl of *Chester*; in which was contain'd, that they should enjoy as ample liberties as the Burgeses of *Lincoln*; and added, that the said

Earl in his time had a *Faire* in that street, and so likewise his heires, till such time as the before-mentioned *Roger de Montalt* and *Cecily* his wife demised that street to the predecessors of the said Prior; judgment was given for the Prior with lx. li. damages; and command that they should not sell their commodities any where upon the Friday, but in the Priors part. But in E. 3. time, after the possession of *Cheylesmore* came to the hands of *Q. Isabella*, there grew some dispute touching the extent of the Priors part; so that, by an Indenture tripartite, bearing date 29. E. 3. made betwixt the said *Q.* with the Mayor and Commonalty on the one part, and the Prior and Covent on the other, the division betwixt their said parts was by metes and bounds there described, in manner following; viz. beginning at the stones or pillars near the Crosse of *S. John Bapt. Hospitall*, including Northwards all *Bishop-street*; and so all along towards the Common-Quarry, neer the garden of *Ric. Buckmore*: and thence streight on, taking in all *S. Nicholas-street*, even to the high-way leading unto *Radford*: and so through the midit of *Radford* to *Broad oak* towards the East; and thence to *Whittemore*, environing that mannour; and so to *Blakemore*, and *Tuenetford*: and thence turning aude by a little brook running from *Endemere* towards *Cobentre* into *Swanneswell*-pool: and from that pool by a hedge and ditch of the Priory, neer to the gate called *Derugate* to *Cresimphne*; and thence on the back-side of *Cric-orchard*, including the Bishops-palace, and so to the wall of the Priory well-yard, and along by the gate of the Monastery to the corner of *Trinity-Churchyard*, where the Butchers use to be: and from that corner directly along by the west-gate of the Priory, and the guest-stable-wall to the running river; and so thwarting the brook, excluding *S. John's-Hospitall* and the Bake-house belonging thereto unto the Crosse or pillars before mentioned. So that whatsoever is included within those bounds was the Priors part, and all the rest the Earles part.

Divers other Covenants are contain'd in the said tripartite Indenture, whereof the Friday-market for cartell and timber, is one of the principall, which was agreed to be kept in *Bishop-street*, and *Cook-street*, as it had wont to be; but that the said Prior and his successors should take no *Toll*, except for Horses onely; And that the sale of all other vendible commodities whatsoever, in this town, should be by the ordering of the Mayor and Commonalty, and their successors for ever.

As for the severall messuages and lands purchased by the Monks of sundry freeholders within the precincts of *Cobentre*; as also in their other Lordships, in E. 2. time and afterwards, I shall decline the particular mention of them, in regard, that there is not any thing very notable to be observed, either of the persons from whom they were acquired, or of the lands themselves.

The next thing that, in order of time, I meet with, which may be reckoned worthy of note in relation to this Monastery, is, that the Clergy, and people of the Archdeaconry of *Cobentre* did in Anno 1410. (12. H. 4.) make an humble representation to *John Keterich* B. of this Dioces, that the memory of the holy Virgin *S. Osburg* (unto whom this monastery was specially dedicated) grew famous for many miracles in those days; for as much as divers weak and infirm people, which came to her tombe

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combe, situate in the Priory-Church, and there and elsewhere imploring her prayers and merits, had been restored to bodily health and soundness: And therefore did petition the same Bishop, that her Birth-day might be solemnized, and the said virgin revered in Hymnes and Psalmes, with other devout suffrages. Whereupon the B. caused a Synod of the Clergy of this Archdeaconry to be convened in the said Church the 13. of Octob. in the same year; wherein it was determined, that her said Birth-day should be solemnized and kept, as a double Festivall throughout the whole Archdeaconry every year for ever, and in as compleat a manner as the Feast of their Church's dedication.

But I now come to that fatall Survey in 26. H. 8. the forerunner of its dissolution; wherein I shall not descend to particulars, but only represent what the yearly revenue thereof was then certified to be; viz. 731. li. 19. s. 05. d. Out of which the Fee-ferme rent to the Crown, reserved by Reg. de Montalt (as I have shewed) with all other Pen- sions and annuall payments amounting to 249. li. 05. s. 09. d. being deducted, the clear remainder was 499. li. 07. s. 04. d. per annum. Amongst which deductions I find that 14. li. 13. s. ii. d. per annum: was reckoned for bread, beer, and two messes of meat daily; viz. as much as would suffice for two Monks, and allowed to the poor of S. John's Hospitall (within this City) upon the first foundation thereof. And 06. li. 13. s. 04. d. in money, bread, wine, and other victuall distributed to poor people on Maunday-thursday, yearly, at the washing of their feet. And also 12. li. 11. s. 04. d. for the yearly maintenance of poor Schollars in the said Monastery. And 26. s. 08. d. for to keep the Anniversary of E. Leofrik the founder, and of the Countess Godeva his wife. At the time of which Survey Henry Marq. Dorset was high Steward, and had 04. li. per annum Pension; and Will. Gevyns Receiver-generall, who had 10. li. per annum annuity.

But behold the instability of these terrestriall things; what the pious Founder, and all other its worthy benefactors had, with great zeal to Gods glory, so cheerfully given and bestowed on the structure, endowment, and adorning of this sometime famous Monastery; and that with such heavy imprecations and curses upon any that should take away or diminish ought thereof, as the Charters before cited do manifest: Against which violators of the Church its patrimony, the representative body of this Realm had also, so often, in terrorem, propounc't solemn curses in open Parliament; as whosoever shall cast his eye upon our Statutes and publique Hist. may discern; was subverted, torn away, and scattered in 30. of King H. 8. reign, after it had stood neer 500. years, the glory of all these parts: at which time the very Church it self, though a most beautifull Cathedrall, and the mother-Church of this City, scap't not the rude hands of the destroyers; but was pull'd in pieces and reduc't to rubbish: For the countenance of which sad Act, the then Prior and Covent, seeing the fate of some others that refus'd, was no less than to be hang'd up at their gates, were brought to make surrender of the same into the hands of Commissioners for the Kings use, as appears by their publique Instrument under Seal, bearing date 15. Jan. in the year abovesaid, with all the names of those that subscribed thereunto, which I have here subjoyned,

with their severall yearly *Pensions* that were granted to them during life.

Thomas Camswell Prior,
Ric. Bernaculus sub-Pr.
Winsfridus Cellarar.
Will. Waters.
Joh. Reston.
Joh. Evans.

Reg. Wyldy.
Tho. Chamburs.
Nich. Bromyches.
Will. Foster.
Joh. Howlee.
Will. Bouchere.

Thome Camswell, Priori ibid.	133.li.06.s.-08.
Ric. Barnacle Monacho ibid.	13.---06.---08.
Tho. Wynter Monacho ibid.	06.---13.---04.
Reg. Wyld Monacho ibid.	16.---06.---08.
Tho. Leke Monacho ibid.	06.---00.---00.
Humfr. Colar Monacho ibid.	05.---06.---08.
Joh. Ecculsal Monacho ibid.	05.---06.---08.
Joh. Evans Monacho ibid.	05.---06.---08.
Tho. Chamburs Monacho ibid.	06.---13.---04.
Nich. Brenyth Monacho ibid.	05.---06.---08.
Will Foster Monacho ibid.	05.---06.---08.

Priores de Coventre.

Leofwinus Anno. 1043.
Laurentius, obiit 4. Cal. Feb. Anno. 1179.
(25. H. 2.)
Moyfes, obiit 17. Cal. Aug. Anno 1198.
(10. R. 1.)
Joiberius, obiit 18. Cal. Julii 1216. (18. Joh.)
Galfridus, electus 16. Cal. Aug. 1216.
Rogerus, 32. H. 3.
Willielmus, 33. H. 3.
Henr. Ireys, 13. Cal. Maii. 1342.
Will. de Danstaple. 7. Cal. Sept. 1349.
Will. de Grenburgh 10. Cal. Aug. 1361.
Jac. de Horton . . . Oct. 1391.
Reg. Cotton. 7. Aug. 1396.
Ric. Crosby 10. Maii 1399.
Ric. Nottingham 11. Maii 1437.
Tho. Derram obiit 14. Apr. 21. E. 4.
Ric. Shaw. 14. H. 7.
Will. Polesworth. penult. Febr. 1500.
Tho. Wiford 26. H. 8.
Tho. Camswell 30. H. 8.

Chron. MS.
Galfr. Pr.
de Coventre.

F. lewar.
xv. Joh. B.
32. H. 3.
Cart. 33. H.
3. m. 4.
Northb.
f. 39. a.
Ib. f. 49. a.
Sirett. f. 8.
b.
Sk. f. 7. a.
Ib. f. 11. a.
Burgb. f. 6.
a.
Heyw. f.
35. b.
Esc. 21. E.
4.
Inq. super
depop. 3. E.
6.
Bowl. f.
205. b.
Reg. Pri-
mit. & dec.
Ex antogr.
in Cur.
Augm.

Which Priors had place in Parliament amongst the Barons of this Realm, as appears by all the writts of Summons in every Kings reign.

The succession of the particular Mannours, which belong'd to this Religious house, I have pointed at, as they lye in my way: All therefore that I now have further to do in relation unto it, is to observe what became of the site thereof; wherein I find, that K. H. 8. by his Pat. dated 28. Julii, 37. of his reign, granted it to John Combes gent. and Rich. Stansfield, and their heirs, with divers mess. gar- dens, mills, &c. thereto belonging; to hold in Free Burgage. From whom it came afterwards to John Hales, as it seemes: for I find, that in 15. Eliz. he dyed, seised thereof, leaving John his nephew; (viz. son to his brother Christopher) his heir: but none of that family do now enjoy it.

o Chantryes

Chantries in, and adjoining to the Priory.

Leicester's Chantry.

THis Chantry was founded in 2. E. 3. as appears by the Covenants & for Ordination thereof made betwixt *Henry* the then Prior, and *Rob. de Leicester* and *Will. de Leicester*, Canons of *Litchfield*; whereby the said Prior doth undertake for himself and his successors to find two secular Priests to sing Mass daily in that Cathedrall at the Altar of the holy *Trinity*, the blessed *Virgin*, *K. Edward* the Confessor, *Edmund* Archb. of *Canterbury*, and *All-Saints*, standing in the body of the said Church; for the good estate of the same Church, and for the soul of the before specified Prior; as also for the souls of *Henry* and *Letice*, father and mother of the said Prior; *Robert* and *Will. de Leicester* above mentioned, *Geffrey* and *Elene* their father and mother; and of their brethren and sisters. And likewise for the souls of *Sir Will. de Bereford*, *Frere Hugh de Rothwell*, *Walt. de Langton*, and *Roger Northburg* then Bishop of *Cobentre* and *Litchfield*. But of this Chantry, all that I find more is, that upon the Survey^a taken in 26. H. 8. it was certified, that *Thomas Jackson* and *William Parden* were then the Priests belonging thereto, each of which had a stipend of 4. li. per annum paid by the Prior, and were removable at his pleasure.

Copstons Chantry.

THis Chantry, adjoining^a to the wall of the Priory, was founded^a by *Will. Copston* in 19. E. 1. the revenue^a of it, in 26. H. 8. being xi. li. viii. s. ii. d. per annum, over and above reprises; and *Anthoni Molinex* Dr. of Divinity then Warden thereof. It seems, that, upon the dissolution of the Monastery in 30. H. 8. it was translated into *S. Michael's* Church; for^a there I find it in 37. H. 8. and of the clear yearly value of xi. li. vii. s. ii. d. ob. above all reprises.

The next particular whereof I come to speak, is the two large and beautifull Churches, dedicated the one to *S. Michael*, the other to the holy *Trinity*; both which heretofore stood within the same Cemetery with the Priory Church.

S. Michael's Church.

OF this, the first mention that I find^a, is in *K. Stephen's* time; for then did *Ranulph* E. of *Chester* render it to the Monks of *Cobentre*, by the name of the Chappell of *S. Michael*, being

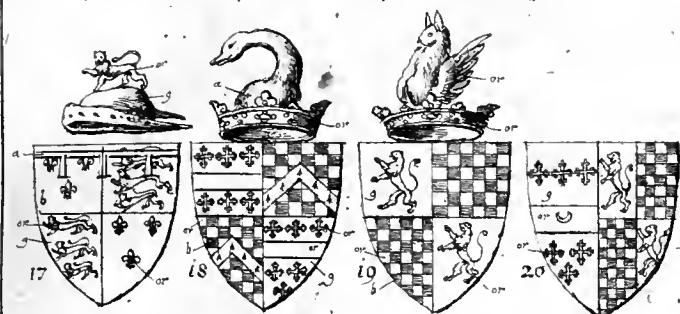
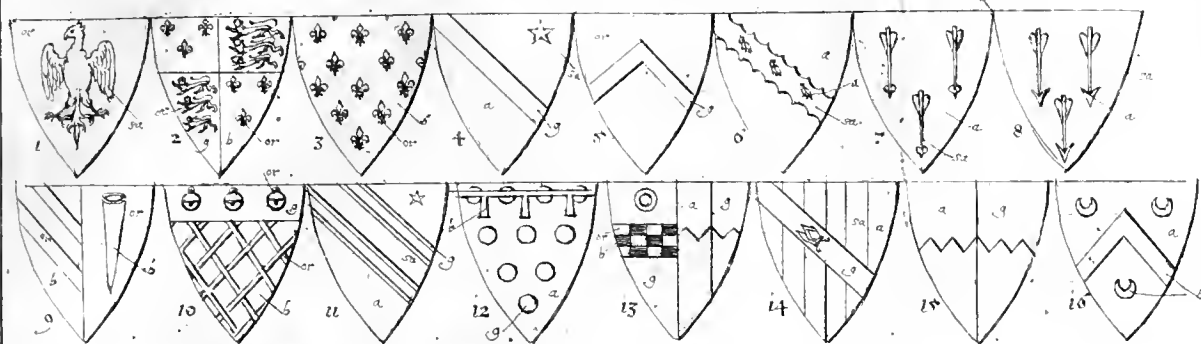
satisfied by the testimony of divers persons, as well Clergy as Laytie, that it was their right. Which act of his *E. Hugh* his son and successor confirmed^a. Hereunto also did *E. Ranulph*, the last of that name, give^a the tythe of his lands and rents in^a *ibid.* *Cobentre* for the health of his soul, and of his ancestors souls; commanding all his Officers upon pain of a grievous curle to make due payment of them accordingly. What colour of right the Bishop had in the advowson thereof I find not: but it seemes that a claime he made thereto; so that in 32. H. 3. the Prior and he came to an agreement: whereupon the said Prior, to purchase the Bps interest, parted with the perpetuall patronage of the Churches of *Ruyton* and *Wobenhull*, then selling them upon the Cathedrall of *Litchfield*, whereof since that time they have been Prebends. By which Accord it was concluded, that after the deceases of each of those Priests, then Incumbents of the particular Chappells belonging thereto, the Monks should provide secular Priests, and other fit Ministers to serve in the said Chappells, and to allow them competent maintenance. And, what to the vicaridge of *S. Michael* should, by the Bishops Officiall and the Archdeacon, and two other discreet men on the Priors part chosen and sworn, be assigned, out of the fruits of the said Church, the value of xxiv. marks per annum.

And moreover, that the Prior and Covent should pay, out of the fruits thereof to the Archdeacon of *Cobentre*, for his *Procurations*, four marks. And because that the Cathedrall of *Litchfield*, had of ancient time used to have xxx. marks yearly out of the profits of this Church, it was by the same Agreement further concluded, that the same summe should be payd yearly thereto for the time to come, at the Feasts of *S. Michael* and Easter, by even portions, out of the Rectory of *Southam*, (the patronage whereof belong'd to the said Monks). Which Accord bears date at *Warwick* 3. Kal. Julii Anno 1248. (32. H. 3.) But in 44. H. 3. this Church was appropriated^a to the Monks; and in Anno 1291. 19. E. 1. with its Chappells, valued^a at 50. marks; and the vicaridge at 8. marks and a half.

The tall and beautifull steeple; which, for its excellent workmanship and height, is inferior to none in *England*, was^a more than xxii. years in building; being begun in Anno 1373. 47. E. 3. and finished Anno 1395. 18. R. 2. But I find^a, that in 12. H. 6. there was a new work begun upon this Church, yet what in particular I cannot directly say: howbeit, by the fashion of the building, do I conceive, that the whole body of the Church, or the greatest part thereof, was then built in that form we now behold it.

In 26. H. 8. the Vicaridge, before exprest, was rated at 65. li. 10. s. 06. per annum, out of which being then annually paid 02. li. 15. s. 04. d. to the Archdeacon of *Cobentre* for *Procurations* and *Synodals*: to the Prior of *Cobentre* for an yearly Pension c. s. and to the Dean and Chapter of *Litchfield* 33. s. 04. d. the clear value amounted to 56. li. 00. s. 10. d.

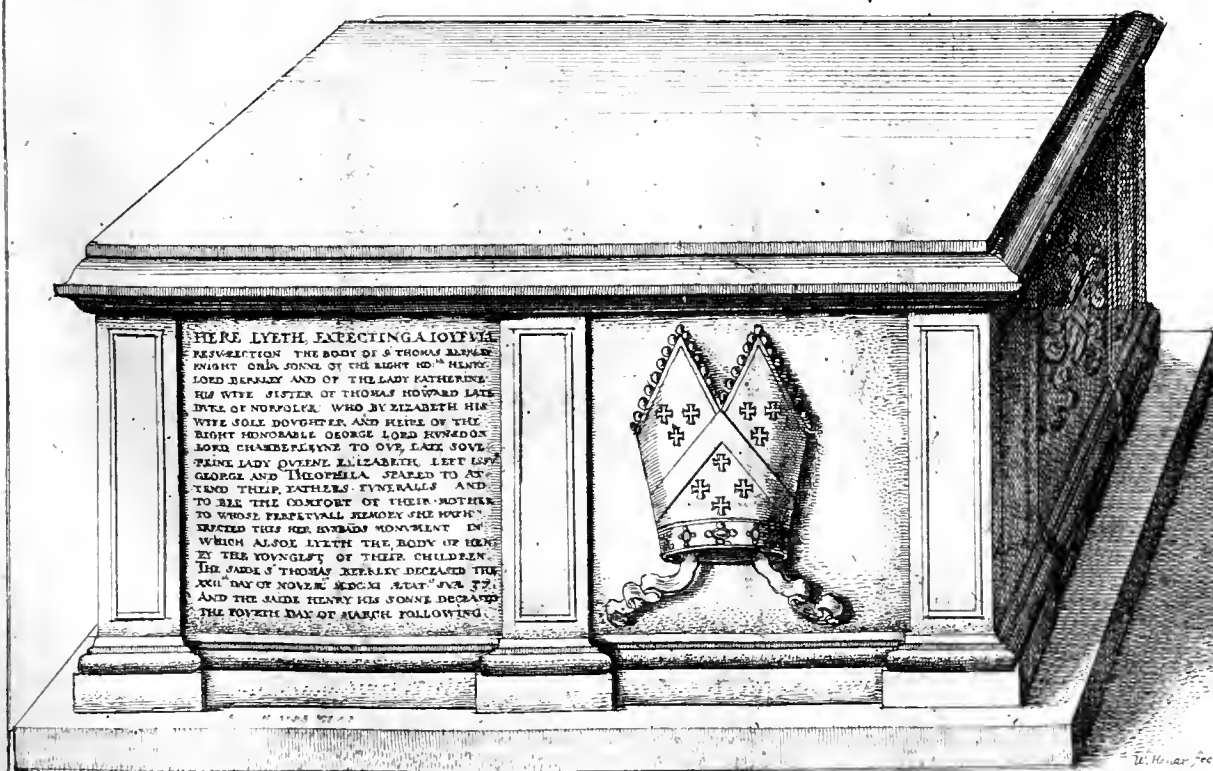
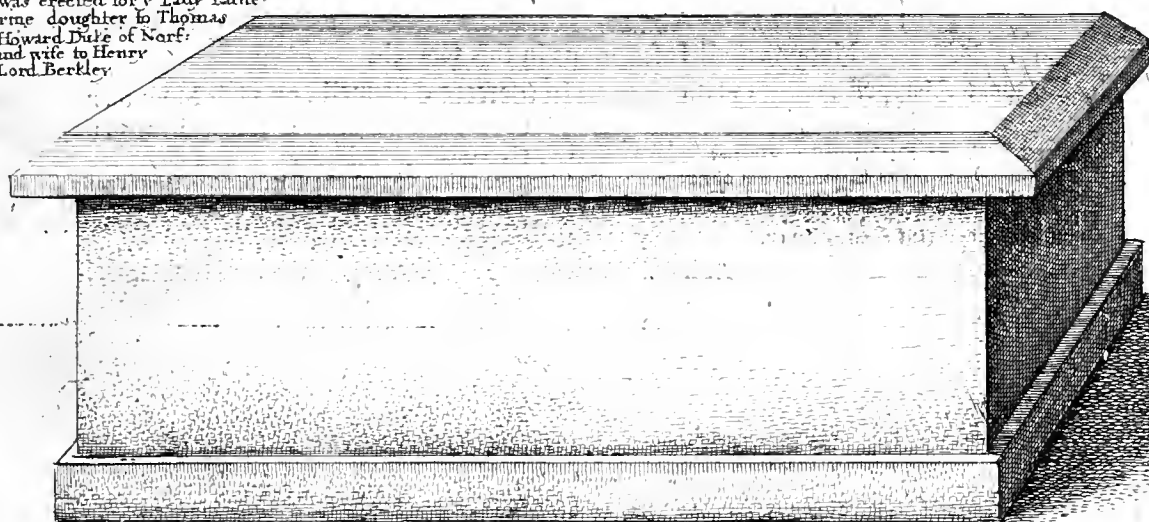
In the Windows of S^t Michael's Church,



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|----|----------------------------|----|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Earle Leofric | 17 | Whittington impaling Fitzwa |
| 2 | France & England quarterly | 18 | Burghill |
| 3 | France | 19 | Fitzwater |
| 4 | Treanton | 20 | The Prince of Wales |
| 5 | Stafford | 21 | Rich. Beauchamp E. of Warw. |
| 6 | Savile | 22 | Fitz-Alan E. of Arundell |
| 7 | Ridon | 23 | Will. Beauchamp Lo. Bergau |
| 8 | | 24 | impaling Fitz-Alan |
| 9 | Redford | | |
| 10 | Alipath | | |
| 11 | Babington | | |

This monument of gray-marble
whereon there is not inscription
was erected for y^e Lady Katherine
young daughter to Thomas
Howard Duke of Norfolk
and wife to Henry
Lord Berkley.

In the North ile, called Drapers Chapell,



Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes.	Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes.
Langf. f. 5. a.	Magr. Will. de Billesege 6. Non. Martii 1296.	Will. Glym. 22. Jan. 1436. lb. f. 35.	Will. Glym. 22. Jan. 1436. lb. f. 35.
North. f. 13. b.	Joh. de Kent Diac. 7. Id.	Tho. Workshop, alias Che- lb. f. 40.	Tho. Workshop, alias Che- lb. f. 40.
Strell. f. 9. a.	Junii 1323.	sterfield, in decr. bacc.	sterfield, in decr. bacc.
lb. f. 11. b.	Will. del Peck Pbr. 15.	19. Jan. 1441.	19. Jan. 1441.
	Cal. Sept. 1361.	Tho. Egmond, art. medi- Bowl. f.	Tho. Egmond, art. medi- Bowl. f.
	Rgb. de Wentbrigg. Pbr.	cinag; Dr. 23. Oct. 1457. b.	cinag; Dr. 23. Oct. 1457. b.
	14. Cal. Dec. 1362.	Margr. Joh. Veyfy leg. Dr. Bl. f. 5.	Margr. Joh. Veyfy leg. Dr. Bl. f. 5.
	Thom. de Stanley Pbr.	26. Apr. 1507.	26. Apr. 1507.
	1388.	D. Georg. 6. Maii. 1520. lb. f. 8.	D. Georg. 6. Maii. 1520. lb. f. 8.
	Joh. de Lodelawe Pbr.		
	1388.		
	Thom. Stanley Pbr. 7.		
	Oct. 1395.		
	Thom. de Tuttenbury Cap.		
	6. Febr. 1402.		
	Joh. Wakering Cap. 9.		
	Martii 1402.		
	Will. Glym. 29. Julii		
	1409.		
	Rob. Thresk. Cap. 10.		
	Jan. 1418.		
	Ric. Leiet leg. D. 19.		
	Nov. 1419.		
	Joh. Heyworth, in decret		
	Baccalar. 10. Dec. 1431.		

Monumentall Inscriptions in this Church.

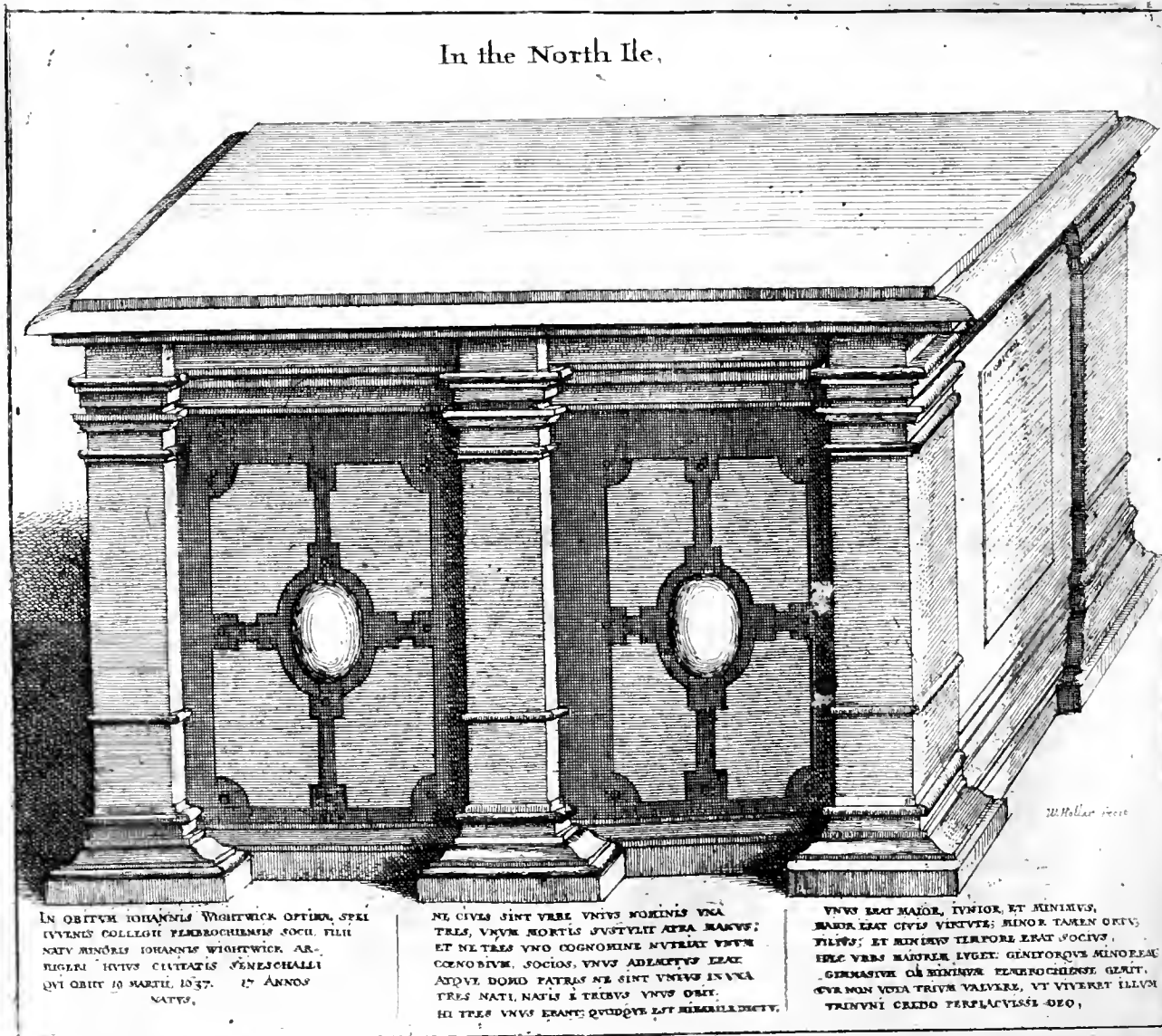
In **Diapers Chappell**, upon a plain raised Monument.

Hic jacet Johannes Feibermill prostratus
Quondam Palox hulus Civitatis, qui obiit
et. die mensis Aprilis anno Domini D. D.
mccc. lxxv. a Johana uxore sua, quorum
Animabus propitiatus Deus, Amen.

In **Perchers Chappell**, on a fair Monument where-
upon are the statues of a man in armour and his
two wives.

Dante pro anima Elizabethæ Swillington, nuptæ uxoris
Radulphi Swillington attornati generalis Domini regis Henrici
Octavi, Recordatoris Civitatis Coventrie, uxoris Thomæ
Clerici armigeri: Qui quidem Elizabetha obiit.

In the North Ile,



IN OBITU JOHANNIS WRIGHTWICK OPTICI, SPEI
CIVENS COLLEGI FUNDATIONIS SOCI. FILII
NATV MINORIS JOHANNIS WRIGHTWICK AR.
RIGERI HUIUS CIVITATIS SENESCHALLI
QVI OBIT 10 MARTII 1537. 27 ANNOS
NATVS.

NE CIVIS SINT VERE VNVS HOMINIS VNA
TRES, VNVS MORTIS JUSTITIA ALIA MANVS;
ET NE TRES VNO COGNOMINE VNTRIVS VNVS
COGNOMINE, SOCIOS, VNVS ADVENTVS ERAT
ATQVE DORS PATRAS NE SINT VNVS IN VNA
TRES NATI, NATI I TRIBVS VNVS OBIT.
HI TRES VNVS ERANT QUODVE EST SIMILITUDINIS.

VNVS ERAT MAIOR, TUNIOR, ET MINORVS,
MAIOR ERAT CIVIS VIRTUTE; MINOR TAKEN ORTV;
FILIVS; ET MINORVS TEMPORE ERAT SOCIVS;
HIC VBI MAIORIS LVGET: GENITORQVE MINORIS
GERMANIVS QV MINORVS FUNDATIONIS QVAT.
QVONIAM VOTA TRIVS VALERE, VT VIVERET ILLVS
TRIVNI CREDO PERFLACVSSV QVO.

In this Church of *St. Mach.* were divers Chantries, founded by severall persons, and endowed with Lands or some yearly Revenue, for the maintenance of one or more Priests, daily to Sing Mass for the souls of the Donors, or such whom they did appoint.

Merynton's Chantry.

q Pat. 17.
E. 2. p. 1.
m. 6.
r M S. penes S. A.
eq. aur. f. 30. b.
f Ex alio M S. penes eund.
THIS was founded by *Hugh de Merynton* in 17 E. 2. and consisted of two priests, to Sing Mass daily, for the health of his soul, and of *Agnes* his wife: as also for the souls of his ancestors and all the faithfull deceased; being endow'd with 8 l. yearly Rent, for that purpose: yet in 26 H. 8. the clear yearly value thereof amounted to no more than an C. s. but upon the Survey taken in 37 H. 8. it was found to be worth 7 l. 09 s. 04 d. per an. over and above all reprises.

Shepey's Chantry.

t Pat. 4. E.
3. p. 1. m.
40.
u Pat. 6.
R. 2. p.
2. m. 2.
E. 3. p. 1. m.
R. 2. n.
99.
w M S. penes S. A.
eq. aur. f. 7.
a.
THIS was founded by *Laurence Shepey* of *Cobentre* in 4 E. 3. & endowed with one mess, and two Shops, for the maintenance of a Priest to Sing Mass daily, at the Altar of *St. Laurence* within the same Church; for the soul of the said *Laurence*; and of the souls of his father and mother; *Maud* his wife; *Adam Stranydelf* and *Alice* his wife, with all the faithfull deceased. Whereunto, in 11 R. 2. *John Shepey*, Dean of *Lincoln*, added the gift of one more mess, for the maintenance of two Priests to Sing Mass at the said Altar, for the soul of *Laurence*, the Founder (his grand-father) *Jordan Shepey*, his father: as also for the good estate of him the said Dean, whilst he lived; and afterwards for the health of his soul, and the souls of all the faithfull deceased. In 37 H. 8. the value thereof, certified at 59 s. 07 d. per an. was allowed by the last Prior of *Cobentre* to the Curat of *Sow*, in augmentation of his Salary; in regard that the small Tythes of *Sow*, that were all he had for his maintenance, were then worth but six pounds per an.

x Pat. 45.
E. 3. p. 1. m.
32.
After this, viz. in 45 E. 3. *John de Burgh*, Priest, *Will. Liberd*, *John de Pountfreit*, *Ranulph Palmer*, and *Thomas Telvertoft*, gave x two messs. with the appurtenances here in *Cobentre*, for the maintenance of a Priest to Sing Mass daily at the Altar of the blessed Virgin, within this Church, for the souls of *Henry Dilcock*, and *Margery* his wife, *Robert de Watton* and *Maud* his wife; and of *Will. de Shepey* and *Alice* his wife.

Haye's Chantry.

y Pat. 12.
R. 2. p. 1. m.
16.
THIS was founded in 12 R. 2. by *Henry del Hay* of *Cobentre*, Girdler; and endow'd with three messs, lying here in *Cobentre*, for the maintenance of one Priest to Sing Mass daily at the Altar of *All-Saints*, within this Church; for the good estate of the said K. R. 2. and of Q. *Anne* his consort: as also of him the said *Henry*, during their naturall lives, and afterwards for the health of their souls. The Revenue whereof in

37 H. 8. being certified at 21 s. 07 d. per an. over and above reprises, was by the last Prior of *Cobentre* given to the Vicar of *Folkestull* in augmentation of his living, whereof the value then extended to no more then 03 l. 18 s. per an.

Preston's Chantry.

THIS was founded by *John Preston* of *Cobentre* in 13 H. 4. for two Priests to Sing Mass daily at the Altars of the holy *Trinity*, and the blessed Virgin, within this Church, for the good estate of him the said *John*, during this mortall life; and afterwards for the health of his soul; as also for the Souls of his Parents and Benefactors, and all the faithfull deceased; and endow'd with six Messs: and one Shop, with a Chamber over it, situate here in *Cobentre*. All which in 26 H. 8. were valued at 05 l. 09 s. per an. over and above reprises: but in 37 H. 8. at no more then 04 l. 06 s. 11 d. per an.

a Pat. 13.
H. 4. p. 2.
m. 26.

b M S. penes prefat.
S. A. f. 30. a
c Ex alio M S. penes eund.
f. 4. a.

Crosses Chantry.

IN 13 H. 4. *John Scarburgh*, *Philip Baron*, *Laurence Coke*, and *Thomas Henryes* gave 5 Messs and 04 l. 06 s. 06 d. Rent. per an. lying here in *Cobentre*, to the Mayor and Commonalty of this City, and their successors for ever, to find a certain Priest to Sing Mass daily, at the Altar of *St. Katherine* within the said Church, for the good estate of the same K. *Henry*, during this life; and for his soul after his departure hence: as also for the soul of *John Crasse* late Merchant of *Cobentre*, and the souls of all the faithfull deceased: But when this Chantry was dissolved or altered, I find not.

d Pat. 13.
H. 4. p. 2.
m. 39.

Pyseford's Chantry.

THIS was founded by one *Will. Pyseford*, and endowed with lands, for to find one Priest, to Sing Mass daily within this Church; and to maintain six poor men and their wives, such as had been honest House-holders, and were fallen to decay, within the City; viz. 07 d. ob. a week to every Couple, to pray for the souls of the said *William* and his Parents for ever: Howbeit, the certain time of its foundation I have not seen; but the lands and tenements thereunto belonging, being, by the Survey taken in 37 H. 8. valued at 26 l. 09 s. per an. the Priest had out of it 6 l. yearly for his salary; the residue being for the maintenance of the before specified poor people, and discharge of other payments concerning the said lands and Chantry.

e M S. penes prefat.
S. A. f. 4. b.

f ibi

The Taylor's and Sherman's Chantry.

OF this Chantries foundation I find nothing: but in the Survey of 26 H. 8. it was certified

g M S. penes eundem S. A. f. 30. b.

tified to be of the clear yearly value of 62. l. 16. s.
6. d. ob. per an. over and above all reprises.

Tate's Chantry.

h Ex alio
M S. Jones
cund. f. 8. a.

Hereof, all that I have met with, is onely, that there was an yearly stipend^b of Cvi. s. viii. d. payd to a Chantry-Priest, singing Mass daily in this Church of St. Mich. by the Company of Dyers in the City of London.

Marler's Chantry.

i lb. f. 6. a.

IT doth not very clearly appear, that this Chantry was in St. Mich. Church: but in regard that there be circumstances, which make it probable, I have fixt it so. It was founded by one Ric. Marler, as his last Will doth manifest; by which he assigned certain Rents to be yearly received by the Wardens of this City, for the time being, to find a Priest to Sing daily Mass in a Chappell, built over the Grave of him the said Richard, for the health of his soul and all Christen-souls; and to keep divine Service in the Quire; whose stipend was nine marks per an. But the foundation of it, is of no antiquity; for there were no more than two Chantry-Priests successively belonging thereto; viz. Henry Marler, and Ric. Branker; which Ric. was living in 37 H. 8.

Trinity Church.

Rot. R.
Molend. m.
4.
M S. in
Seacc.
M S. p.
nes prafat.
S. A. f. 30. b.
lb. 31. b.

OF this, the first mention I find, is of it's appropriation to the Priory in 44 H. 3. In an. 1291. 19 E. 1. it was valued¹ at xx. marks and the Vicaridge at two marks: But in 26 H. 8. the said Vicaridge was rated at 33. l. 1. s. 6. d. ob. per an. out of which issued^a a Pension of C: s. to the Prior; xvi. s. in Procurations and Synodals; and to the Church-wardens, for a Quit-Rent, yearly, for the Vicaridge-house xx. s. so that the clear yearly value, deducting the reprises, amounted to xxvi. l. v. s. vi. d.

Patroni Vicarix

Incumbentes.

Lang. f. 5. b

North. f.
28. a.

lb. f. 45. a.

lb. f. 50. b.

Stret. f. 27. b

lb. f. 29. a.

lb. f. 30. b.

Heyw. f. 7. b.

lb. f. 42. a.

Bl. f. 5. a.

lb. f. 13. b.

Sampl. f.
41. b.

Ric. Umfrey do-
micellus

Pr. & Conv. de
Coventre.

Dom. Rex.

Henr. de Harenbale 10. Cal.
Apr. 1298.
Joh. de Holland. 2. Non. Sept.
1334.
Joh. Greneburgh Cler. 4. Id.
Jan. 1346.
Egid. Fillilod Cap. Non. Sept.
1349.
Will. Swet Pbr. 8. Maii 1380.
Joh. de Amcotes Pbr. 12.
Martii 1381.
Will. Gamell Pbr. 16. Oct.
1383.
Nich. Crosby Cap. 15. Jan.
1421.
Joh. Meneley Pbr. 20. Dec.
1443.
Tho. Orton in decr. bacc. an.
1508.
Nich. Darington S. Theol.
bacc. 23. Jan. 1527.
Will. Benet Cler. 5. Nov. 1546

Domina Regina

Jacobus Rex.

Geo. Brooche in art. Mag. 8. Sampf. O.
Ang. 1554. B. f. 1. b.
Geo. Cheston 6. Apr. 1568. lb. f. 43. a.
Anth. Fletcher Cler. 4. Maii lb. f. 46. b.
1576.
Humf. Fenne Cler. 21. Febr. lb. f. 47. b.
1577.
Ric. Eaton Cler. 12. Jan. 1590 Overton
bund. E.
Tho. Cooper S. Theol. bacc. Overton
bund. F.
8. Maii 1604. Neale
bund. C.
Sam. Gibson Cler. 2. Jan. Overall
bund. A.
1610.
Joh. Staresmore in art. Mag. Morton
bund. in-
15. Maii 1618. sert.
Sam. Buggs S. Theol. bacc.
20. Junii 1626.

Monumental Inscriptions in this Church.

On the South Wall of the Quire.

EPITAPHIUM

DOCTORIS HOLLANDI A SUISSO CON-
FECTUM qui obiit 9. die Februarii
1636. Et 85. ætatis suæ,

Nemo habet hic, nemond' hospes salveto, Philemon
Holland hæc recubat ritè repostus humo:
Si quæras ratio quænam sit nominis, hæc est,
Totus terra fui, terræque totus ero:
At redivivus morte tuâ servabor Jესu,
Una fides votis hæc est via sola salutis,
Hæc spe fretus ego, culpâ, pænâque solatus,
Jamque renatus, & inde novo conspectus amictu,
Cætu in Sanctorum post redimitus ero.
Claudicat incessu senior mea Musa, vides ne?
Claudatur capulo mecum simul ipsa: valeto.
Valedictio

Ad liberos & nepotes superstites.
Dantque omnes unâ dudum de stirpe creati
Henrice ah! septem de fratribus une superstes;
O ephaniçi fratris Gulielmi nuper adempti
Et mihi (bis puero) nutricis, Anna, Maria
Cumque tuis Angelis Elizabetha; valete.
Gulielmus filius sexto-genitus, Chirurgus Conven-
tensis hic etiam jacet sepultus 1632. atatis
sue 40. Henricus filius & hæres civis
Londinensis P. 54. atatis sue 1647.

On the same South Wall.

Carmen in obitum charissimi Johannis Whit-
hed, quondam prætoris hujus civitatis dignissimi.

Roma Numâ jactat decorat Lacedæmona prisca
Iussa Therapneus jura Lycurgus agens
Non minor est nobis, præciso stamine vita
Qui jacet hic clausus lumine cassus humo
Virtutis cursu constans athleta Jeshove
O quam longè aberat subdola Græca fides
Mortuus ante diem, proh sevo funere raptus
Tempore Pratura mortuus ante diem
Tempore Pratura tribus & plus partibus anni
Officio sanctum scandet in astra poli.

On a grave-stone, near the same Wall.

HÆC ANNA CLARIS. NUPER CONIUX
DOCTORIS Hollandi, filia fuit Gulielmi
 Bot alias Peyton, quondam de Perry-hall
 in Com. Staff. armig.

Hic Recubat dilecta Philemonis uxor Holandi,
 Anna, pudicitia non ulli laude secunda,
 Quadraginta octoque annos qua nupta marito,
 Septem illi pueros enixa est, tresque puellas,

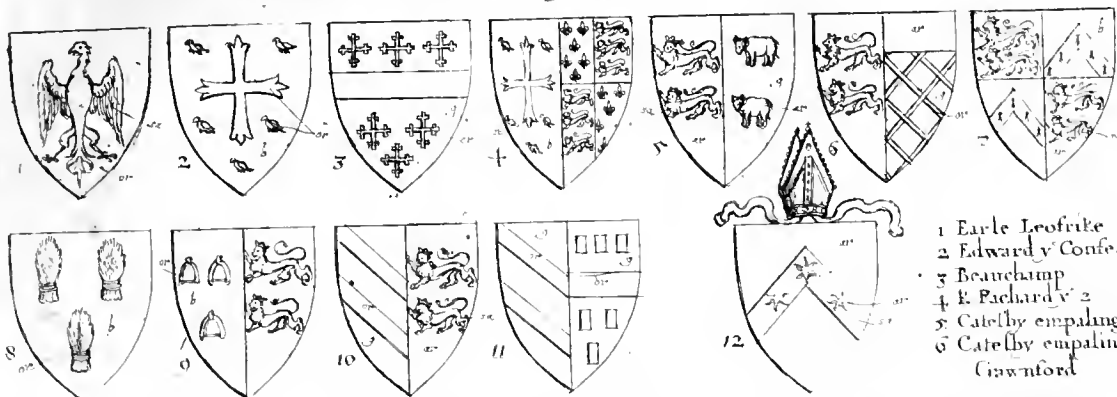
*Lactavitque omnes, genitrix eadem est pia nutrix;
 Septuaginta duos vita numeraverat annos;
 Latatis, crebros morbi cum passa labores,
 Omnibus, & defuncta mali, in pace quievit
 Quodque unum potui, supremi pignus amoris
 Filius hoc dedit Henricus ad carmina marmor.*

*Sancta vixit,
 Sancta obiit*

*In festo omnium Sanctorum:
 In cælum Sanctorum transmigravit 1627.
 In resurrectione Sanctorum
 resurget.*

Coventre

Armes in the Windows of Trinity Church,



1 Earle Leofrike
 2 Edward y Confessor
 3 Beauchamp
 4 E. Pachard
 5 Catesby empaling Barre
 6 Catesby empaling
 Grawford
 7 Catesby quartering Lockbrok
 8 Earle of Chester
 9 Fitzwry empaling Catesby
 10 Fitzwry empaling Catesby
 11 Fitzwry empaling Beauchamp of Holt
 12

Percye's Chantry.

This, being the antientest Chantry of any that
 were founded in Trinity-Church, was endow'd
 in 23 E. 3. by *Nich. Percy, John de Fylingley, and
 Henry Molling*, with six mess. one shop, six acres
 of land and 40. s. rent, lying in **Coventre**, for the
 maintenance of one Priest to Sing Mass dayly at
 the Altar of *All-Saints*, for the good estate of
 the said *Nich.* and *Beatrice* his wife; and of *John
 Percy*, Priest, whilst they should live in this world;
 and for their souls after their departure hence: as
 also for the souls of *John Percy*, and *Peter Per-
 cy*; and of the father and mother of the said *Ni-
 cholas*, with all the faithfull deceased. But after-
 wards was there another Priest added thereto;
 towards whose maintenance in 9 H. 4. *Will. Bo-
 toner, John Eggeston* the elder, and *John Drye* of
Coventre Priest gave one mess. and 24. acres of
 land lying in this City. The value of all which,
 was in 26 H. 8. certified to be 10. l. 10. s. per
 an. over and above reprises: but upon the Survey
 taken in 37 H. 8. 11. l. 19. s. 08. d.

ther; *Q. Philipa* his consort, and of all their
 children. As also for the good estate of the said
Will. Henry, and the rest aforementioned: And
 likewise of all the Brethren and Sisters of the Fra-
 ternity of the *Holy Cross* of **Coventre**, whilst they
 lived, and for their souls after their decease: And
 for the souls of all the said *K. progenitors*; and of
 the ancestors of the said *Will. de Davynre, &c.*
 For the maintenance of which two Priests, they
 gave 7. mess. 14. shops, and six acres of land,
 lying in this City.

Lodyngton's Chantry.

This was founded in 16 R. 2. by *Will. Hayn-
 ton*, and *John Bromcote*, Priests; for one Priest
 to Sing Mass in this Church, for the good estate
 of *Alice* the Widow of *Roger de Lodyngton*; and
 for her soul after her departure out of this
 world: And for the soul of the said *Roger de Lo-
 dyngton*, his father and mother, and of all the
 faithfull deceased. The clear Revenue whereof
 in 37 H. 8. being certified at 02. l. 00. 03. d. per
 an. was allowed to the Vicar of **Erhall**, in aug-
 mentation of his living; the small tythes belong-
 ing thereto, extending to no more than 03. l. 06.
 s. 08. d. per an.

The Chantry of the Holy Cross.

This was founded in 30 E. 3. by *Will. de Davyn-
 tre, Henry Molling, Rob. le Spenser, Gilb. de
 Peek, Ric. de Fylyngley, John Luk, Ric. de Go-
 desvowes, Ric. de Northampton, Geoffrey de Peek,
 John le Baxtere, Henry de VVhitmore, Adam
 de Keresleye*, and *Ric. Teynton* of **Coventre**, for
 two Priests to Sing Mass dayly at the Altar of the
Holy Cross, in this Church, for the good estate of
K. Edm. the 3. and of *Isabell Q. of Engl.* his mo-

Corpus-Christi Chantry.

ALL that I find of this Chantry, is, that the Pri-
 or of **Coventre** presented three Priests un-
 to it successively in E. 3. time: but when it was
 founded, by whom, or how dissolved I cannot
 say.

Allestey's

North
 f. 40.
 a &
 48. a.
 Et Stret. f.
 11. a.

Pat. 23. E.
 3. p. 1. m. 1.

Pat. 9.
 H. 4. p. 1. m.
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 M. S. pe-
 nes prefat.
 S. A. f. 31.
 Ex alio
 M. S. penes
 und. f. 5. b.

Pat. 30.
 E. 3. p. 1.
 n. 6.

Pat. 16.
 R. 2. p. 1.
 m. 4.

M. S. pe-
 nes prefat.
 S. A. f. 6. b.

Allesley's Chantry.

x M.S. penes prefat. S. A. f. 5. b. **T**His was founded *x* by one *Will. de Allesley*, in E. 1. time; for one Priest to Sing Mass daily, at the Altar of *S. Thomas the Martyr*, in a Chapell near adjoining to the Church-porch: the clear yearly value of all the Rents belonging thereto, over and above reprises, being, in 26 H. 8. certified at 04. l. - 17. s. but in 37 H. 8. at 04. l. 08 s. - 06. d.

y Ex alio M.S. penes eund. f. 31. a.

z Ex pre-fato M.S. f. 5. b.

Cellets-Chantry.

a Ib. f. 7. b. **T**His was founded *a* by one *Will. Cellet* in E. 3. time; for one Priest to Sing Mass daily for the soul of the said *Will.* and his parents: But I find no more than one onely Priest presented^b to it by the Prior of *Cobentre*; *scil.* 4. Cal. Oct. 1356. And, that in 37 H. 8. the clear yearly value thereof being certified^c at 03. l. - 04. d. - 06. per an. was allow'd by the last Prior of *Cobentre* to the Vicar of *Stoke*, in augmentation of his living, then worth but 40. s. per an.

b Northb. f. 60. a.

c Ex pre-fato M.S. f. 7. b.

The dissolution of all which Chantries was by Act of Parl. in 1 E. 6. as the Printed Statutes do manifest.

In the next place I come to speak of the other Religious-houses within this City; as also of the particular *Gilds* or *Fraternities* disperst in the severall parts thereof. All which I shall take in order, according to their antiquities.

St. Johns Hospitall.

d Ex vet. f. 2. examp. penes J. Hales ar. **T**His was first founded^d by *Laurence*, Prior of *Cobentre* and his Covent about the beginning of H. 2. time, at the request^e of *Edmund* then Archdeacon of *Cobentre*, ad *susceptionem pauperum & infirmorum*, as the words of the grant import; which *Edm.* procured^f a confirmation thereof from *Ric. Archb. of Cant.* (*T. Becker's* successor) and was at charge of the buildings. In an. 1221. (5 H. 3.) Pope *Honorius* the 3. by his Bull^g dated at *Lateran* 15. Cal. Junii, granted unto the Friars of this Hospitall a speciall protection as to their persons and possessions; and by name for their land at *Smercote* (in *Bedworth*-Parish) which, as 'tis like, was given them at the foundation of their House.

g Ex ipso autog. penes eund. l. H.

h Ex Regist. Pr. de Cov. f. 71. b.

i Ex autog. penes pre-fat. l. Hales

k Ex ipsis autog. penes eund. l. H.

The first of their other Benefactors, whereof our publick Records do take notice, were *Rog. de Montalt* and *Cecilie* his wife; who, in 33 H. 3. upon their grant of the Mannour of *Cobentre* to the Monks in Fee-ferme (whereof I have formerly spoke) reserved^b a Cart-load of wood every week out of the woods belonging to *Cobentre*, to be delivered by the Foresters of the Pr. and Covent, for the time being, unto the Friars of this Hospitall. After which they obtain'd of K. H. 3. Lettersⁱ of protection, bearing date 24. Julii, 45 H. 3. extending the same likewise to such their Messengers as they should imploy and send abroad to receive Almes for their behoof: who in that Pat. recommended their condition to be so far tendred by all they should so repair unto, as they might expect to be rewarded from God and have thanks of him. As also severall Bulls^k from *P.*

Urban the 4. and 5. of immunities from all secular exactions. And by other Benefactors had, as followeth; *viz.* 4. mels. 2. acres and a half of wood, and 20. s. rent, lying in *Cobentre* and *Bedworth*, given^l by *Bernard de Arley* 1 E. 3. Twenty acres of land 1. rood of meadow and 30. s. rent, in *Stonley*, *Harnale*, and *Cobentre*, by *Nich. Crumpe* of *Cobentre* 2 E. 3. Three mels. 6. acres of land, and half an acre of meadow, lying in *Cobentre* and *Cozley*, by^m *Ric. Southam* Priest. And 5. more mels. lying in *Cobentre*, by *Henry Page* of *Willesborough* 15 E. 3. Four mels, and 11. s. rent in *Cobentre*, byⁿ *John de Filungley* Priest, 21 E. 3. One mels. in *Cobentre* by^p *John de Melton* Priest, *John Smyth* Hoyer, and *Tho. Marchall* 6 R. 2. Four mels. 5. shops and 12. d. rent in *Cobentre* by^q *Hugh de Geydon*, Vicar of *Berton*, and *Will. Swett* Parion of *Southam* 9 R. 2. Four mels. 40. acres of land and 20. s. rent in *Cobentre*, with two acres of wood in *Bedworth*. As also five mels, twelve Corages and eight shops, in *Cobentre* likewise, given^r by the said *Will. Swett*, and *Hugh Geydon*, in 16 R. 2. And besides all this an allowance in bread, beer, and two messes of meat, as much as was sufficient for two Monks, every day, given^s by the Monks of *Cobentre* to them at the foundation of this Hospitall.

Other lands and rents they had, as is evident by the Survey, taken in 26 H. 8. but when, or by whom bestowed I have not seen; the value of all being then certified, to extend unto 99. l. - 13. s. - 06. d. per an. Out of which I will onely instance such of their reprises as are most observable; *viz.* 33. s. - 04. d. yearly to the Mayor and Chamberleyns of this City, towards the repair of the walls: 26. s. per an. in bread and beergiven to poor people at the Gate of the Hospitall, by the Ordinance and foundation thereof: 60. s. yearly in renewing of 20. Beds, for entertainment of poor and weak people; as also of strangers: 16. l. per an. for the stipend of three Priests serving there, *viz.* 05. l. 06. s. - 08. a piece. All which, with the other deductions not mentioned, amounting to 32. l. - 10. s. 04. d. per an. leave the clear yearly value, as it was at that time certified, 67. l. - 03. s. - 02. d.

But this Hospitall (with most else of the same kind) being dissolved in the Parl. of 37 H. 8. was, by the said K. Letters Pat. ^w dated 23 Julii the same year, with all the lands and possessions thereunto belonging, granted unto *John Hales* Gent. and his heirs; which *John*, being an active man in those days, and Clerk of the Hamper (an Office then of no small benefit) and having accumulated a great estate in Monastery and Chantry lands, resolved to erect a lasting monument to his memory (for he had neither child nor wife) and thereupon, designing the foundation of a Free-School here, and that the King should have the honour thereof, (for which respect he had no little favour in his purchases, as I have credibly heard) obtained license^x for the amortizing of lands thereto, of CC. marks per an. value, converting the buildings to that use; on the front whereof is this following Inscription.

SCHOLA REGIS HENRICI OCTAVI
A JOHANNES HALES

Armigero fundata, in qua bonis literis imbuantur pueri, usque ad consummationem seculi in Christi gloriam, & Ecclesie adificationem.

Howbeit

Howbeit, till the 15 of Q. *Eliz.* reign, (which was the year wherein he dyed) this School, so by him begun to be founded, was not certainly endowed: but then did his Executors; viz. *Thomas Docura of Dffelep in com. Berff. Elq. and Bartholmew Hales of Snytterfeld* in this County of *War.* Gent. in accomplishment of the trust reposed in them by the said *John*, by their deed dated 5 *Martii*, convey and assure unto the Mayor, Bayliffs and commonalty of this City, the site of the said Hospitall and lands thereto appertaining, with divers mess. Gardens, &c. lying also in *Cobentre*, and belonging to the late dissolved Priories of *Cobentre* and *Kenilworth*; together with certain Mills, called the *White frier-mill*, *Waste mill*, and *Wyll-mill*; to the intent, that, out of the profits of the premises, the sum of xx.l. yearly should be paid to an able Schoolmaster for to teach Grammar in the said School; and x. l. to an Usher, (the Schoolmaster having for his habitation the mansion-House wherein the late Master of the said Hospitall did dwell, and the Usher another House, within the site of the said Hospitall.) Lii.s. per an. to a Musique-master, for to teach at three convenient times in every week so many of the Schollars of the same School, to sing, as should be willing to learn: And to a Bayliff to gather up the said Rents, and see the Houses kept in reparations xxvi.s. viii. d. yearly; the residue to be employed in repaying of the same Houses, and the overplus to augment the living of the said School-master and Usher.

The Gray-Friers.

THE place where this *quondam* Religious house stood, is very well known to all that have observed any thing of *Cobentre*; in regard the spire-steeple, which was part thereof, is yet standing, giving occasion unto strangers that pass through the town, to think that there is still a Church in that place. But before I descend to speak in particular of this Friery, it will be proper, (I conceive) to say something of their Order, in generall; and next of their propagation in this Kingdom.

First therefore, as to their originall, we shall find, that St. *Francis* (a person famous for his strict and holy life) was the man from whom this Order sprung; whose birth-place (being of a noble extraction) is said to have been at *Assise* in *Umbria* (a Province of *Italy*.) And that, in the very time of his youth, betaking himself to divine studies, no whit regarding the transitory pleasures of this present world, he afterwards neglected his patrimony, which was not small, wore a coul and hair-shirt, went barefoot, and macerated himself with frequent watches and fastings. As also, to the intent that he might make choice of voluntary poverty, he resolved to enjoy nothing as his own, no not so much as food for his body, otherwise than what he received in Almes from good people. And moreover, if he had any thing left, after a slender refreshment, he ever bestow'd it on the poor, reserving nothing for the morrow. That, in the night time he always slept in his cloaths, lying down upon a Matt, having no pillow for his head but a stone: And thus, going barefoot with

an Evangelique preparation, did embrace an Apostolique life, preaching upon Sundays and Festivalls in Parish-Churches; which did so much the more work upon the hearts of his auditory, by how much he was a stranger to all carnall desires. The Statutes of which Order, to this day observed, together with some other strict Rules, he presented to Pope *Innocent* the third: which, together with the circumstances of his reception, and their confirmation, I shall for brevity pass by; and the rather for that they are at large set forth by my Author, and confirm'd by the said Pope, in the year of Christ 1207. (9. *Ioh.*)

To this relation I shall briefly adde what a later author hath of him; viz. that when he first betook himself to this regular life, he wore shoos and a Lethern Girdle; but revolving in his mind, that our blessed Saviour gave command to his Apostles, that they should not have two coats, nor any purse, he put on a single coat of plain wool, girt himself with a cord, and went barefoot. And at the length, that he might live an Anchorite, betook himself to the *Apenine*-mountains, and in *Averne* (at the foot of them) continued in great solitude; where devoting himself wholly to divine contemplations, he branded his body with the marks of our Lords Passion, and called those *Minors* which he chose, from the first, to be his companions in that Rule, as a manifest token of his humility; to the end that they, being mindfull of that slender appellation, should be free from all pride, which is oft times the companion of sanctity.

His Rule being confirmed by *Honorius* the third; and two years after; viz. an. 1229. *Gregory* theix. canonizing him for a Saint, no humane institution increased so much as this, in a short time, did: for they were soon spread over the whole Christian world; *Terram repleverunt fidei & Math. Westm.* In towns and Cities they dwelt by tens and seavens in a Covent; and possessing nothing, but meely living by the Gospell, in food and rayment they manifested their voluntary poverty; and going bare-foot, girt with a knotty cord, gave the greatest example of humility imaginable.

Touching their first coming into England, I find it was in an. 1224. 8 *H. 3.* viz. two years before the death of S. *Francis*: but how well the Monks lik't of it let us hear one of them speak, *An. 1224. Oh dolor! O plus quam dolor! O pestis truculenta! Fratres Minores venerunt in Angliam.* For which grievous complaint I need not look further, as to the reason, than *Math. Westm.* who modestly gives this character of them. They were diligent instruments for the Pope in all his affairs (saith he) sometimes as Messengers or Legats; sometimes in gathering up Taxes, alwaies sedulous for his advantage: neither were they slack in Preaching, signing with the Cross, and assisting the sick in making of their Testaments; which employment did not a little hinder the Monks, both in point of profit and power.

I come now to speak of their fixing here, in *Cobentre*. That they had not any Charter of foundation for this House: nor indeed any formal grant in writing of the place whereon it stood, is no wonder; considering that, being not endow'd with lands, they wholly liv'd on the charity of others (as we see these beyond Sea do

b 1b. u. q. 2
p. 343.

c Polyd.
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rum Lib. 7.
cap. 4.

d { P. 525.
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Vide
M. Paris.
p. 222.

{ Lel. col.
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296.
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M. S.
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f. 49. a.

f Chron.
de Peter-
burgh in
bibl. Cot-
ton.
g In an.
1250.

y Ex autog.
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jorem &
Com. Civit.
Cov.

2 M. P. 4.
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1b. p. 340.



Minorita.

at this day, going constantly by couples with wallets on their shoulders to receive Almes.) And as for their habitation here, with the Church; 'tis certain that the structure of both was wholly made at the cost of good people; so great a respect did the world in those days bear towards them, by reason of their devout and austere lives. For it appears, that in an. 1234. 19 H. 3. *Raph Fitz-Nicholas*, then Sherriff of *Warwicksh.* in his account makes mention of shingles allow'd by the K. for covering their Oratory here, and delivered out of the woods at *Bentlow* for that purpose; which, being but xi. years after their first coming into *England*, doth argue clearly, that then was the time they first settled in *Cobentre*; the ground whereon this House was built, being allow'd unto them by *Ranulph* the last of that name Earl of *Chester*, out of his Mannour of *Cheplemoze*, as is evident. And therefore upon the grant of *Cobentre*, made in Fee-ferme to the Monks by *Roger de Monte* and *Cecilie* his wife, 34 H. 3. it, together with the Mannour-house and Park of *Cheplemoze* were reserved to the said *Roger* and *Cecily* and their heirs.

It seems that these Friars had afterwards also many good Benefactors: for so fair a Church as that hath been, by view of the steeple yet standing, could not be built without very great cost. But that the same structure was made in E. 3. time, I am induc'd to believe; partly from the form of its fabrick; and partly because I find, that *Edw.* Prince of *Wales* (commonly called the *Black-Prince*) by his Charter bearing date 14. Dec. 32 E. 3. gave leave to these Friars (of whom, as the same grant expresses he was Patron) for to take so much stone out of his Quarry in the Park of *Cheplemoze*, as they should have occasion to use about their buildings and walls. And likewise liberty to have a Poitern, from their mansion into his Park, to carry out any of their Covent that should be diseased, so that they were not to go further then the said Quarry: The Key of which Dore to be alwaies kept by the Warden of the same Friars, or his substitute; and no other to pass that way but such as were sick.

And as I am of opinion that then was the time of its building; so do I imagine, that some of the *Hastings* were good Benefactors thereto, in regard that divers of them lay buried in a Chappell of the same Church, called *Hastings's* Chappell, and some in the very habite of *Friers-Minors*, so great an esteem had they of this Order. Wherefore, to fortify my conjecture, I have here added a very notable memoriall touching those honourable persons of that family, who lye here interred.

En la Chapelle de lez Freres-Menours de Cobentre, appelle *Hastingses-Chapelle* est une fenestre en la Northe parte oue une scutcheon des Armes de *Hastings*, la second partie de d'or & de cinople, oue une Lyon de gules rampant. La tierce d'azure oue trois garbs de Cumyn d'or encointer de gules en milieu d'icelle. En une fenestre en le Est est lez Armes de *Hastings*, de *Cantelow*, & de *Valence*. En l'autre fenestre en le Est est lez Armes de *Hastings* & d'azure a. 6. lionceaux d'argent, & de la Spensere.

Item en une autre fenestre, en base, est lez Armes de *Hastings* & de *Huntingfeld*, cest-à-savoir d'or oue une fesse de gules & trois tor-

teux d'argent. En le second est *Hastings*, & argent deux bars de gules oue une label de *Valence*. En le tierce est lez Armes de *Hastings*. En le quart est de gules oue une Egle d'argent, du quel son bill est d'or.

Et la sont enterres deux chivaliers, cest-à-savoir *Monfr. Henry de Hastings*, & *Johan la file de Monfr. Guiliam de Cantelow*, & soer a *S. Thomas de Hereford l'evesque*. Et prochein lui gist la dit *Johan*, oue lez Armes de *Hastings* & *Cantelow*. L'autre chivalier est oue l'Armes de *Hastings* enseint ouesque lez Armes de *Valence*, son nome estoit *Johan de Hastings*. Et prochein lui gist dame *Isabel de Valence* ouesque lez Armes de *Hastings*. Et joust la dit *Isabel*, gist dame *Johan de Huntingfeld*, file a *Monfr. John de Hastings* & *Isabel de Valence* en une gownne powdre dez Armes de *Hastings*, & d'or fesse de gules; & en son mantel par dessus celle est, est d'argent a deux fesses de gules, & sur sez manches dez Armes de *Valence*. Et est une pillew desous son test, sur quel sont lez Armes de *Hastings* & *Huntingfeld*, quatrefoitz; cest-à-savoir d'or a une manche de gules, & d'or a une fesse de gules & 3. torieux d'argent.

En le table estoit escrit, Dominus *Henricus de Hastings cum Domina Johanna consorte sua, filia Domini Willielmi de Cantilupe*, & soror *sancti Thome Herefordensis*; & dominus *Johannes de Hastings filius eorundem, cum domina Isabella consorte sua, filia domini Willielmi de Valence Comitris Pembrochia & Wexford*, sepultus in habitu fratrum Minorum. *Johannes obiit 9. Martii 1312. et Isabella 3. Oct. 1305. Ad cujus dextram jacet domina Johanna de Huntingfeld filia predictorum Johannis et Isabella.*

Robertus de Shotesbroke armiger strenuissimus, et ejusdem domini Henrici quondam vexillator, et postea Seneschallus.

Et ibi jacent *Johannes, Edmundus, et Henricus filii domini Willielmi de Hastings*, filii *D. Johannis de Hastings*. Et *Joh. Huntingfeld, filius Will. de Huntingfeld et D. Johanna consortis sua.*

That this Order of Friars was very much esteem'd and revered by all sorts of people, is evident enough. For whosoever shall take notice of such bequests, as by the Testaments of most men and women were made in ancient time, may find, that as they seldome neglected to give more or les to one or other Religious house of this Rule; so, if they were persons of quality, they did frequently make choice of their sepulture in them, as I shall have occasion to shew in some part of this work. Neither was it the least policy of these Friars to obtain from great persons such a disposall of their bodies, considering how they were imployed and trusted in making their Testaments (as I have already shewed:) For where ever they sped in that kind, they were sure to have a good Legacy from the Testator, and not without hope, by so fair an example, to obtain no les advantage from his posterity: So that *Tho. de Walsingham*, speaking of the buriall of *Q. Elianore's* heart in the Church of the *Friers-Minors* at *London*, did not without cause complain of them in these words

—Qui (meaning the said Friars) sicuti et cuncti fratres reliquorum Ordinum, aliquid de corporibus quorumcunque potentium morientium

b Rot. P. 19. H. 3.

i Inq. per M. Not. &c. B. E. I. in 1666.

F. leuat. 3. sept. Mich. 34. H. 3.

Pat. 2. R. ap. 1. m. 18. per 15p.

n MS. in Bibl. Deu. ves. p. 144.

sibi met vendicabant, more canum cadaveribus assistentium, ubi quisque suam particulam avidè consumendam expectat? you see he writes somewhat passionatly of the poor Friers: but consider that he was himself a Monk, and the reason may easily be discerned.

o This is one of their ancient Fairs

p In bibl. Cotton. [sub effigie Vesp. D.9.]

Before the suppression of the Monasteries, this City was very famous for the *Pageants* that were play'd therein, upon *Corpus-Christi*-day; which occasioning very great confluence of people thither from far and near, was of no small benefit thereto; which *Pageants* being acted with mighty state and reverence by the Friers of this House, had Theaters for the severall Scenes, very large and high, placed upon wheels, and drawn to all the eminent parts of the City, for the better advantage of Spectators: And contain'd the story of the New-Testament, composed into old English Rithme, as appeareth by an ancient *M.S.* intituled *Ludus Corporis Christi*, or *Ludus Coventriae*.

I have been told by some old people, who in their younger years were eye-witnesses of these *Pageants* so acted, that the yearly confluence of people to see that shew was extraordinary great, and yielded no small advantage to this City.

q M.S. penes S. A. eq. aur. f. 33. a.

r Rot. Parl. 27 H. 8. p. 1. m. 18.

The next thing whereof I am to take notice, in relation to this Friery, is K. H. 8. Survey, in 26. of his reign: At which time it did appear, that they had no lands or tenements; nor other possessions spirituall or temporall, but onely a liberty in the Countrey to receive the Charity of good people. This being so, I expect that some may demand why it was not dissolved in 27 H. 8. when the lesser Houses went to wrack. Whereunto I answer, that the Act for that purpose, extendeth onely unto *Monks*, *Channons*, and *Nuns*: but if it be askt, why these were then so sheltered from the first storm; the reason, I think, is apparent; viz. there was nothing to be got by their ruin, forasmuch as they had no endowment of lands, &c. though God was as much dishonoured by the lewd lives of the Friers for want of good government (as the preamble of that Act imports, in case it say true) as by any other whose Houses were certified to be of less value then C C. l. per an. which favour we see gave these poor Friers liberty to breath here a while longer in expectation of their ruin; viz. till 30 H. 8. that all the great Houses were dissolved; they being then forc'd to subscribe an Instrument, whereunto their Common-Seal is affixt; and in which the error of that Regular course they had practised, is confessed; whereby they surrendered this House into the said K. hands, as the Copy thereof (being not ordinary, and therefore here inserted) doth manifest.

s Antog. in 1. m. Augm.

For as moche as wee the Warden and Freers of the House of Saynt Frances in Coventre, commonly call'd the *Grey-Freers* in Coventre, in the County of Warwick, doo profoundly consider, that the perfection of Christian livinge dothe nott consist in dume Ceremonies. Werynge of a grey coot, disceasinge our selfe attur straunge fassions, doo hyngge, noddynge, and beckyng. in gurdyng our selves wythe a gurdle fulle of knyfts and other like papistcalle Ceremonies, wherein we have ben mooste principally practised and misyd in tymes paste: but the very

tru waye to please God, and to lybe a tru Christian mon wytheout all yporisie, and sayned dissimulation is sincerely declared unto us by our Mr. Christe his Evangelists and Apostles; being myndyd hereafter to followe the same, consoymynge our selfe unto the will and pleasure of our Supreme hedde under God in erthe, the Kynges Majestie; and not to folowe henceforth the superstitious traditions of ony fornicall potentate or peere: wythe mutuall assent and consent doo submitt our selves unto the mercy of owre selfe Soberayng Lord. And wythe like mutuall assent and consent doo surrendre and yelde up into the bondes of the same, all our selfe House of Saynt Frances in the Cite of Coventre commonly call'd the *Grey-Freers* in Coventre, wythe alle the londs tenements, gardens, medows, waters, pondiards, sedinges, pastures, comens. Rents, reversiones; and alle other our interest ryghtes or titles appertaining unto the same. Mooste humbly beseechinge his mooste noble Grace to dispose of us, and of the same, as beste shall stonde wythe his mooste gracious pleasure. And further frely to graunte unto every on of us his license under wrytyng and Sealle to chaunge our habitts into secular fasshon; and to recebe suche maner of livinges as other secular Priestes commonly be preferred unto. And we all faithfully shall pray unto Almighty God long to preserve his mooste noble Grace wythe increse of moche felicitie and honor. And in witness of alle and singular the premises, wee the selfe Warden and Covent of the *Grey-Freeres* in Coventre, to thes presences have putte our Covent Sealle the fifth day of October in the thertythe yere of the raynge of our mooste Soberayng Lord King Henry the cyghte.

Per me Johannem Stafford Gardian.

Per me Thomam Maller.

Per me Thomam Sanderfon.

Per me Johannem Abell.

Per me Johannem Woode.

Per me Rogerum Lilly.

Per me Thomam Aukock.

Per me Matheum Walker.

Per me Robartum Walker.

Per me Thomam Bangsit.

Per me Wilhelmum Gosnelle.

Which said House or site, was in 34 H. 8. granted by the K. (*inter alia*) to the Mayor, Bayliffs and Commonalty of this City and their successors for ever. 1 Pat. 34. H. 8. p. 5.

Near unto the ruins of this Friery, is there an Hospitall (now called the *Crab-Frier-Hospitall*, in respect of its situation) touching the Foundation whereof, and its successive Benefactors

nefactors, I shall not need to say any thing more, then what the Inscription upon the walls there, do declare.

May the 4. an. 1529. Mr. William Fourd of this City, Merchant of the Staple, founded this Almehouse, for five men and one woman; and gave to each of them five pence a week for their maintenance. Afterwards Mr. William Pisford, his Executor, gave other lands, and appointed six men and their wives to be placed therein, and each couple to have seven-pence half penny a week. But Mr. William Wigston, having power from both of them, to alter, adde, or diminish their wills; for the better ordering of the said House, did ordain, that there should be but five men, and their wives, and a Nurse; and each couple to have seven pence half penny a week, and the Nurse the same.

In the seventh year of King James, the lands given to this Hospitall, were questioned as concealed from the Crown; and were again purchased by the City; who have ever since maintained the charitable uses, with a great addition out of the Chamber of the City.

In the year 1621. the City added another man and woman at their own charge; so that there is now six couple, besides the Nurse; each couple being allow'd two shillings weekly, and the Nurse one shilling a week, although there be not any advance of the Rent to the City. Mr. Simon Norton, Alderman of this City, gave towards the maintenance of one man and woman in this Hospitall, for which the City doth allow two shillings a week also, as the rest have; so that there is now seven couple, and a Nurse in this Hospitall.

The white Friers.

ON the South-east part of this City stood the Friers-Carmelites, commonly called the **White-Friers**, another sort of Mendicants. The first institution of which Order, as divers Authors affirm, having been Elias the Prophet, at Mount-Carmell in Syria; where, living a retired life in the service of God, he gave example unto many devout Anachorites to repair thither for solitude: but these being disperst over the whole mountain, in private Cells, were at length by Almeric Bishop of Antioch, reduced into one Covent; at which time they elected out of themselves a Superior, and first began the foundation of a Monastery, where the Chappell of the Blessed Virgin stood; viz. near the fountain of Helias. Howbeit,

the observance of this life began not till the days of Pope Alexander the third, about the year 1170. Nor till the time of Innocent 3. near 40. years after, had they any direct Order, that Albert B. of Hierusalem prescribed unto them (thus living in the wilderness) a form out of St. Basills Rule, and a parti-coloured mantle of white and red, such a one as Helyas the Prophet antiently used; which afterwards Honorius iii. altered; conceiving it not to be so proper; and in sted of the party-colour, appointed that it should be all white, calling the Covent of these Freres the family of the Blessed Virgin; in regard the white colour, being least spotted, doth best accord with Virginity.

But the first mention that I find of their propagating in this Realm, is in an. 1250. 34 H. 3. at which time Sir John de Vescy of Alnwick in Northumberland (a great Baron in those days) returning from the Holy-land, brought into England this Order of Friers, and built for them a Monastery at Holme, in Northumberland) then a desert place, and not unlike to Mount-Carmell before mentioned. Yet here, in Coventre they settled not till an. 1342. 16 E. 3. that Sir John Poultney Kt. (4. times Lord Mayor of London) erected this House for them; whose Armes cut in stone are still extant over the Gates thereof.

With lands they had no endowment; but, as the Grey-Friers, before spoken of, lived on the charity of good people; which was not slender; so high an opinion had the strictness of their Rule and austerity of their lives obtained; there being few persons of quality, residing within many miles, that by their Testaments gave not liberally to them, as by that of the Lord Bassett of Wynton in 7 R. 2. appeareth, where by they had no less then a Legacy of CCC.l.

Further mention, after which time, I find not, till 1 H. 5. that the K. granted a licence to Will. Botener of Withibroke to give unto them a piece of ground lying here in Coventre, containing 141. foot in length and 45. in breadth, for the enlargement of their habitation; in consideration whereof they were to celebrate the Anniversary of John Percy and Alice his wife deceased. But shortly after the foundation of this Religious house, was there one William, a Frere thereof, who became very famous for his learning, and was commonly called *Guilhelmus Coventre*; of whom Balans in his sixth Century pag. 461. maketh large mention, and of the works that he wrote; whereunto I refer my Reader.

In 22 H. 7. did Sir Thom. Poultney of Spilberton Kt. (lineall heir to the before specified Sir John) by his Testament, bearing date 3. Apr. bequeath his body to be buried in the Chancell here; appointing, that at his Funerall 24. torches, each having his Armes upon them, should be born by xxiii. poor men, every one having a Gown with the Libberds-head behind and before.

Upon the Survey taken in 26 H. 8. it was found, that there were certain Burgages in Coventre, belonging to these Friers, which yielded 03.l.-06.s.-08.d. per an. rent. And that the oblations in the Chappell of our Lady, did, one year with another, amount to 05.l.-18.s. per an.

Chron. Genbr. in an. 1172.

x lb. in an. 1285.

y M. Westm. in an. 1250

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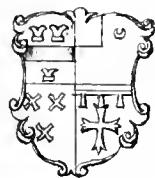
b Ex Coll. H. Ferrers ar.

c Lel. Itin. vol. 4. f. 190.

d Ex an. 7. tog. penes Will. vice com. Staff. e Pat. 1 H. 5. p. 3. m. 44.

g M S. penes S. Archer eq. an. f. 33. a.

u Polyd. Virg. de invent. rerum Lib. 7. cap. 3. Vide Sethi Calvisii Cron. in an. 1260.



Carmelita,

In the Tower of the City wall, without the gate. *In toto* 09.l.-04.s.-08. d. Out of which Bur-
 gages there being yearly payd xx.s. unto *Mere-*
ton's-Chantry in the Church of St. *Michael*; and
 to the heirs of *Rob. Norwood* 2.s. per ann. as a Rent for
 the land upon which their Church was built; with
 money for Murage annually; and other payments,
 amounting in all to xxxi.s. the clear value of all
 that belong'd to them extended to 07.l.-13.s.-08.d
 per

per annum. But the dissolution of them hapned not till 30.H.8.that all the poor Mendicants followed the example of greater Monasteries in making surrender of their Houſes. At which time, by their Instrument^b bearing date 1 Oct. 30.H.8. they gave up this to the King; whereunto theſe names were ſubſcribed.

Hugo Burnby.
Thom. Fyſcher.
Ric. Wodcok.
Thom. Vicars.
Will. Walkar.
Will. Harryſon.
Joh. Paſty.

Joh. Hurſt.
Ric. Cowper.
Will. Madder.
Joh. Newbold.
Joh. Elyſon.
Ric. Cowper.
Will. Kyng.

No Penſion being allow'd to any of them.

After which this Houſe, with all that belong'd thereunto, excepting the rent of xx. s. *per annum*, due to *Mereton's Chantry*, before mentioned, was (*inter alia*) by the Kings Letters pat.ⁱ dated 27. Aug. 36. H.8. granted to Sir *Raph Sadler* Knight, and his heirs, to hold in Burgage; which Sir *Raph* ſold it to *John Hales* (of whom I have ſpoke in *S. John's Hoſpitaſſy*;) who made it his habitation, as it ſeems: For by his laſt Will & Teſtament dated 17. Dec. 15. *Eliz.* appointing it to be ſold, he there calls it by the name of *Hales-place*, alias *White-Friers* in *Cobentre*. This was that *John* whom the learned *Leland* calledⁱ *Hales* with the club-foot; which lameneſs and deformity was occaſioned (as I have heard) by a wound with a dagger, that caſually, in running fell forth of the ſheath into the dirt; ſo that as he ſtept forward the ſole of his foot did hit upon the point thereof. He dyed 5. Cal. Jan. Anno 1572. (15. *Eliz.*) and was buried in the Church of *S. Peters the Poor* in Broadſtreet *London*, as his Epitaph in *Stow's Survey*^m, which I have here inſerted, imports.

Dominus Johannes Hales, à pueritiâ literis de-
ditus, & excellenti ingenio, docilitate, memoriâ, ſtu-
dio, & induſtria ſingulari: adjunctâ linguarum,
diſciplinâ juris, Antiquitatis, rerum divinarum
atq; humanarum magna & multiplici doctrinâ in-
ſtructiſſimus. Evaſit innocentia, integritate, graviſ-
sima etiam agrotationis, & rerum diſſicilium diu-
turnâ perſeſſione; & in patientia ornaſſimus fuit.
Vita honeſtiſſimè ſanctiſſimèq; acta diem ſupremum
5. Cal. Jan. 1572. clauſit anima & corporis. Re-
liquia hoc loco ſita ſunt.

But notwithstanding the before-ſpecified appoint-
ment, it was not accordingly ſold: for *John Hales*
Eſq. deſcended from *Chriſtopher* his eldeſt brother,
now enjoys it as his heir. At the death of the be-
fore ſpecified *John*, the Church was compleatly
ſtanding, as appears by that Inquiſ. but it contin-
ued not long after: for about....*Eliz.* Mr. *Edward*
Boughton, obeyning the materials, built his houſe
at *Cauſton* therewith.

The Gilds.

THE next thing that I am to take notice of, is
the ſeverall *Gilds* or *Fraternities* founded in this
City, wherewith I will now go on in their order;
obſerving by the way, that *Gild* proceedeth from
the Saxon word *gelo* and *gilo*, which ſignifyeth
money; becauſe that ſuch, as were either for chari-
ty, religion or merchandize ſake aſſociated, did caſt

their moneys, goods, yea, and ſometimes lands to-
gether, for the publique ſupport of their own com-
mon charge. Theſe had their annuall Feaſts and
neighbourlike meetings: which cuſtome as Sir *H.*
Spelman obſerves, was very antiently uſed by the
Franks, *Longobards*, and other Nations; and is
ſtill continued by the *Germans*, who call the fre-
quent yearly banquets of the country people, made
at their common charge, *Gilden*. As to the direct
time when theſe had firſt a beginning in *England*,
there is nothing of certainty to be found, for as
much as they were in uſe long before any ſmall
Licenſes were granted unto them for ſuch mee-
tings, or for conſerring lands or Rent towards the
ſupport of their publique expences in what ſort ſo-
ever, as by what I have obſerv'd in *Stratford ſu-*
per Avon will appear.

The firſt and moſt antient of theſe *Gilds*, here
in *Cobentre*, was founded in 14. E. 3. at which
time the King granted licence to the *Cobentre-*
men, that they ſhould have a *Merchants-Gild*,
and a *Fraternity* of Brethren and Siſters of the ſame,
in this town; with a Maſter or Warden thereof
to be choſen out of the ſame Fraternity: and that
they might make *Chantries*, beſtow Almes, do o-
ther works of piety, and conſtitute Ordinances
touching the ſame, with all appertaining thereto.
And in 17. E. 3. by another Pat.ⁱ dated 25. Maii,
did give leave unto *John Holland* Prieſt, *John Lem-*
man, *Thomas Porter*, *Ric. de Stoke*, *Peter de Stoke*,
and *Will. Welnesburgh*, that they ſhould enter into
a Fraternity, and make a *Gild*, conſiſting of them-
ſelves, and ſuch others who were content to joyn
with them, to the honour of *S. John Baptiſt*. As alſo
to purchaſe certain lands tenements and Rents,
to the value of xx. l. *per annum*, lying within the
liberties of *Cobentre*, for the founding of a *Chan-*
try of fix Prieſts to ſing Maſs every day in the
Churches of the holy *Trinity*, and *S. Michael* in
Cobentre aforeſaid, for the ſoules of the Kings
Progenitors; and for the good eſtate of the King;
Q. Iſabell his mother, *Q. Philippa* his conſort,
and their children: As alſo of *Walter de Cheſthunt*,
and *Will. de Belgrave* during their lives here on
earth; and for their ſoules after their departure
hence; and for the good eſtate of the ſaid *John*, *John*,
Thomas, *Rich. Peter*, and *Will.* and the reſt of the
ſaid *Gild*, with their benefactors; And likewise
for their ſouls, and for the Soul of *John* of *Eltham*.
late E. of *Cornwall*, and of all the faithfull de-
ceaſed.

Which *Gild*, being ſo founded as aforeſaid;
within two years after the ſame K. *Edward*, at the
requeſt of *Q. Iſabell* his mother, granted licence
unto her, to give and aſſigne thereunto, a parcell
of land with the appurtenances ſituate in *Cobentre*,
and called by the name of *Wabbelake*, containing
cxvii. foot in length, and xl. foot in breadth, to build
thereupon a certain Chappell, to the honour of our
blessed Saviour and *S. John Baptiſt*, for two Prieſts,
to ſing Maſs daily for the good eſtate of the ſaid K.
Edward, *Q. Iſabell* his mother, *Q. Philippa* his
conſort, *Edward* Prince of *Wales*, and of the Bre-
thren and benefactors of the ſame *Gild*, whilſt
they lived in this world; and for their ſoules after
their departure hence: As alſo for the ſoules of *John*
of *Eltham* E. of *Cornwall*, and the ſoules of the
ſaid Brethren and benefactors, with all the faith-
full deceaſed. Which Chappell was finiſht with-
in the compaſs of 5. years, as it ſeems by the De-
dication thereof 6. Non. Maii An. 1350. 24. E. 2.

o Pat. 14.
E. 3. p. 2. m.
21:

p Vide
Cowell's
Interp. 20.
cab. Gild.

q Pat. 17.
E. 3. p. 1.
m. 17.

Pat. 1. 6
E. 3. p.
1. m. 6.
Rot. F.
19. E. 3.
m. 2. 2

Northb. f.
53. b.

The Trinity Gild.

1 Pat. 38.
E. 3. p. 1.
m. 16.

12 Pat.
16. R.
2. p. 1.
m. 19.

x E/c. 16.
R. 2.

y Burgh. f.
126. b.

IN 38. E. 3. Henry de Kele, and Tho. Orme of **Cobentre** founded another Gild to the honour of the holy Trinity, having license to purchase lands, within the liberties of **Cobentre**, of x. marks yearly value, for the maintenance of two Priests to sing Mass daily in Trinity Church, for the good estate of the K. Q. Philippa his consort, and their children: and after their departure out of this world, for the health of their souls; as also for the souls of all the Brethren and Sisters of the same, and their benefactors for ever. Which Gild, being in 16. R. 2. united to that of S. John Baptist before mentioned, was, upon that conjunction, and afterwards to bear the name of the Gild of the holy Trinity, our Lady, and S. John Bapt. the Fraternity thereof having then license to purchase lands for the maintenance of ix. Priests to sing Mass daily in the said Chappell of **Babbelake**, for the good estate of the K. and Q. as also of his Uncles, viz. the Dukes of **Aquitane**, and **Lanc. York**, and **Glouc.** with their children: So that presently it began to be endowed with lands, **Richard Clarke**, **Richard Dodenhale**, **Simon de Langham** of **Cobentre**, **John Suward**, **Roland Danet**, and **Henry atte Hey** Mercer, giving x. 2. mcs, and 24 s. rent in **Cobentre**; And **John Percy**, with divers others, 140. 1. Mill, 92. acres of land, 1. acre of meadow, 1. acre of wood, 20 l. 17 s. 01 d. ob. rent, and the rent of 2. Hens yearly thereunto; the Brethren whereof in anno 1399. (1 H. 4.) had license from the Bishop for celebrating divine service in the said Chappell, so that the mother-Church might not receive prejudice thereby.

More addition of lands also do I find hereunto;

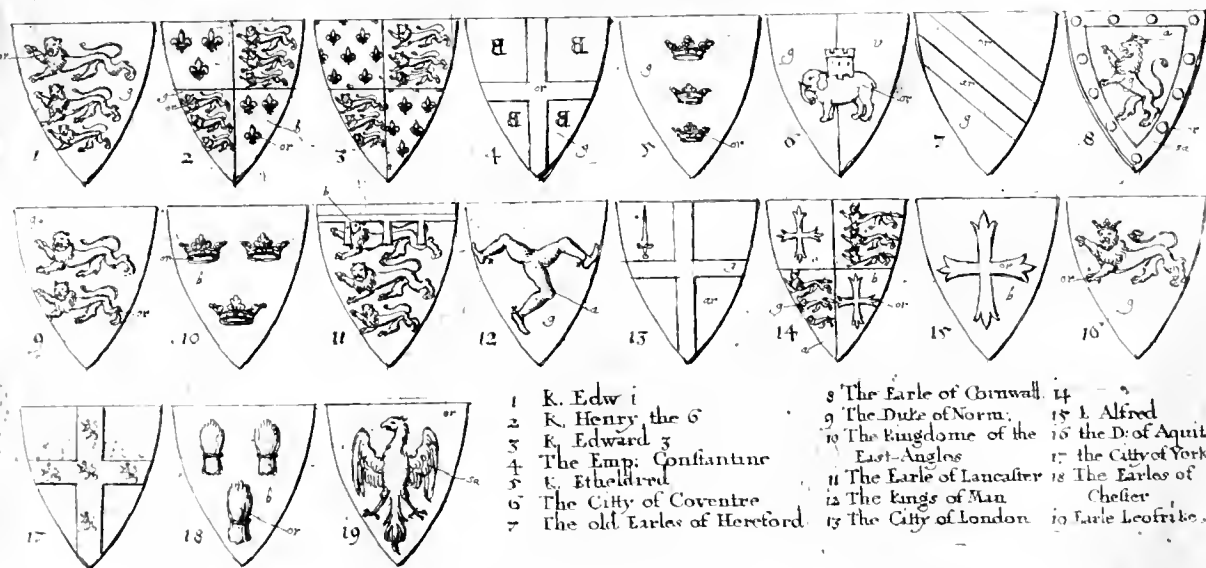
viz. in 10. H. 4. of 1. mcs. in **Cobentre**, given by **Will. Broke**, parson of **Loobzok**, **John Broke**, his brother, and **John Barbour** of **Bishops Echington**. And in 6. H. 5. of 4. mcs. one tofte, one garden, and xi. acres of land, with the appurtenances, by **John Preston**, and **Will. Whitchurch**, merchants of **Cobentre**; and of lands to the value of 50 l. per annum by **Henry Smyth** esquire, and others in 23. H. 7.

S. Katherines Gild.

ANother Gild, do I find, that **Tho. de Ichyn-ton**, **Nich. Pake**, **Will. de Tutebury**, **Will. de Overton**, **Clark**, **Peter Percy**, **Ric. de Darkere**, **Sim. Wareyn**, **John Vincent** and **John de Pakyn-ton** gave a fine to the K. for license to found in 17. E. 3. to the honour of S. Katherin: but this, as it seemes, was united to those of the holy Trinity, our Lady, and S. John Bapt. whereunto belonged a fair and stately structure for their Feasts and meetings, called **S. Mary-hall**, situate opposite to **S. Michael-Church** on the South part; and built about the beginning of H. 6. time, as may appear by the form of its fabrick, and other testimonies: the windows whereof are adorn'd with sundry beautiful portraitures and Armes; that towards the North, of severall K. in their surcotes, whose names placed under them, are as followeth; **Rex Will. Conquestor**. **Rex Rich. Conquestor**. **Rex egregius Henricus quintus**. **Rex magnanimus Henricus quartus**. **Constantinus Anglicus**. **Imperator Christianissimus**. **Rex Arthurus**, **Conquestor inclitus**. **Rex illustris Henricus tertius**. **Rex Henricus sextus**.

In the upper part of which window are these Armes.

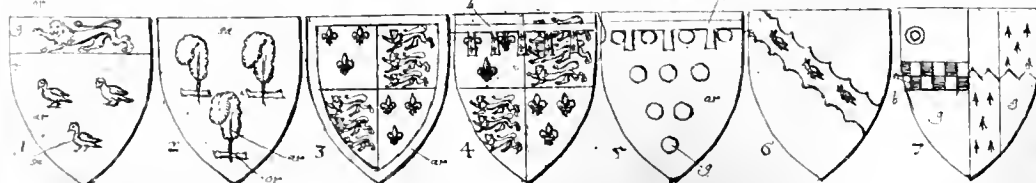
Armes in the great window at the Vpper end of S. Mary hall



- 1 K. Edw 1
- 2 K. Henry the 6
- 3 K. Edward 3
- 4 The Emp. Constantine
- 5 E. Etheldred
- 6 The City of Coventre
- 7 The old Earles of Hereford

- 8 The Earle of Cornwall
- 9 The Duke of Norm.
- 10 The Kingdome of the East-Angles
- 11 The Earle of Lancaster
- 12 The Kings of Man
- 13 The City of London
- 14
- 15 I. Alfred
- 16 the D. of Aquitaine
- 17 the City of York
- 18 The Earles of Chester
- 19 Earle Leofrike.

Armes in other Windows there



- 1 The City of Canterbury
- 2 Humphry Duke of Gloucester
- 3 S. Willm Babington
- 4 John Duke of Bedford
- 5 Savile
- 6 Whittington empaling Fitzwarin.
- 7

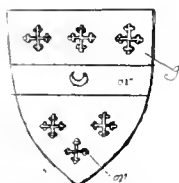
And in those towards the East and West, of divers eminent persons that were admitted of this Fraternity: amongst whom I have made choise of these here placed, to shew the magnificence and state, antiently, of our English nobility; which, through the favour of that learned, and truly noble

gentleman *Charles Nevill Esquire*, now Vice-Provost of *Kings-Coll. in Cambridge* (whose lineall Ancestors * most of them be) are out of his speciall honour to their memory, and singular affection to Antiquities, thus, in the formalitie of their habits, lively represented.

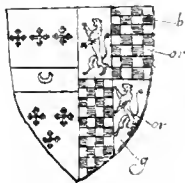
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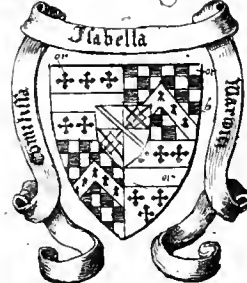
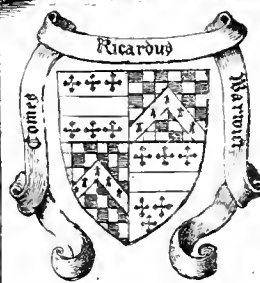


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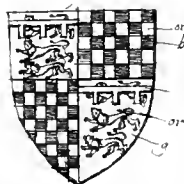
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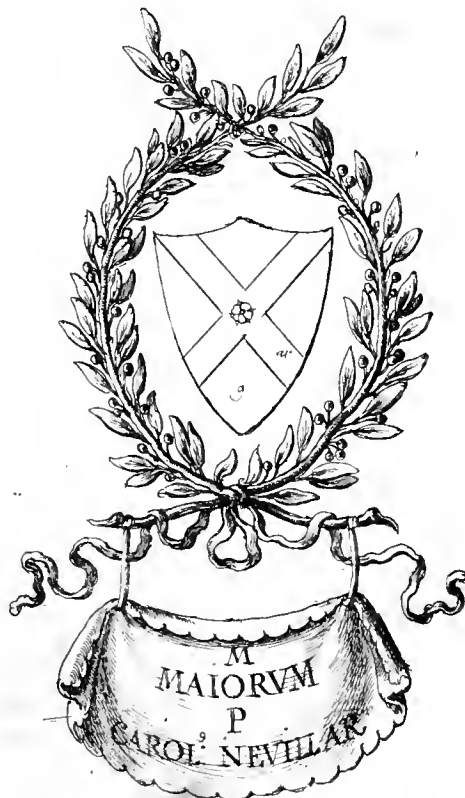
In a west-window,



Hunfridus Comes Staffordie.



Johannes Dux de Norfolk.



The Ordinances or Statutes of which **Gilde**, for as much as they are very memorable; manifesting the decent Government, Ceremony, Devotion, Charity, and Amity of those times I have here inserted.

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A la reverence, honneur, & en le nom de trois personnes en Dieu, le Pere, Fils, & le saint Esprit, la puissant Trinite, & de sa douce miere la Virgine Marie, seynt Johan Baptistre, seint Katherine, & tous les saints de ceel, certaines bones gentes & Burgeses de la ville de Coventre, en salvacion de leur almes, ont ordeignes une Gilde pur eux, & pur aultres queux voillent entrier en la dite Gilde, & certeynes poyntes profitables, desoubt escriptes en mayntenance de la dite Gilde.

1. La premier point est que les Friers & Soers de la dite Gilde troveront & averont tresses Chapeleyns sages couvenables & de honeste & chaste vie; & soient yci eslus par les souveraynes de la cele Fraternite pur lier, prier & chauntier pur toutz les frers & soers de la dite Gilde, & pur tous le bien-faitours a ycele. Et que chescun iour soit la office en leur chapel pur icelle ordeigne; ceste asavoir, Matynes, Messes, Vespres, & Complin chaume per Note; & apres complin un Antym per Note de la virgine Marie, oue cync serges de cere ardaunts devant la ymage de la dit Virgine: de queles Chapeleyns chanteront chascun iour certeynes Messes; ceste asavoir Messes de iour par Note; une Messe de la Seint Trinite, une de nostre Dame, une Messe de S. John Baptistre, une Messe de S. Katherine, & une Messe de Requiem, ensemblement ove aultres Messes come partient a eux a faire.

2. La second point este, que si aucun prosd'homme de la dite fraternite gen soun poir ad este bien voillaunt al estat de ycele, par fieu, enwe, roborie, ou par aucune aultre aveynure de secle, que ne soit my de sa folly demesme, chiece en poverté; le souvereyne de la compaignye, & ses compaignons luy aprestent une porcion d'argent de la dite fraternite pur marchander & profiter, sur la surete qu'il peut fair sauns riens prendre de gain. Et si aucun tiel soit enfebly per malady ou vean lessé que mesmes ne peut travailler, yl serra troue a la costage de la dite Gilde couvenablement soloune de que soun este demaunde.

3. La tierce point este, que nul home ne semie q'est apertement alose de felonye, homycide, lecherie, basardour, de forcerye, ou heresy; ne pur comun contekur, ne de nule vice abominable, que nul tiel soit rescue en la dite Fraternite. Et si par avigne que soit, que nul de eux apres le temps q'il soit entre en la dit Fraternite, change sa vie en aucunes des vices susdites, il serra garny par la Mestres & ses compaignons de cesser & retourner a sa bone vie, & s'il ne veut cesser de sa malveyse vie, il serra ouste hors de la dite fraternite a tous iours.

4. Le quart point est, que en chescun an soient faits quatres sollemnites, ceste asavoir le feste de la seynt Trinite, la Assumption nostre Dame, seint John Baptistre & S. Kateryn pur les freres & soers queux sont en ville, & de ces queux voillent venir de pais, solempnement a la reverence avant-dit.

5. Le quint poynt este, que en chescun an soit fait quatres Anniversaries, pur tous les almes des Friers & Soers de la dit compaignie a Dieu comendes, & pur tous les biens seffours de ycele.

6. Le sixieme pointe este, que chescun Friere d'eux en tous places quant lieu & temps demande, parlera & procurera a la dite fraternite l'amye & la bonte,

q'il peut bonement faire, par quey l'estate de cele compaignie le meultes peut acrestre, & estre main- teine, & chescun d'eux avera autre parfitement de coer & naturellement serra pur aultre par reason del alliauns de cele Fraternite; Et que nule home de cele Fraternite ne soy si feel de soy bander de male- faire, contekier ne nule poynt de contek, ne d'aultre male mayntenance par reason de mayntenance de la dite compaignie sur la peyne de voyder le compaignie pur tous iours.

7. Le septiesme point este, que tous les Chap- pelleyns queux chauntout pur la dite Fraternite, soient charges par leur serement, qua a quele temps que aucun Frere ou Soer de la dite fraternite, si bien hors de ville en quele place git ou dedeins, de- vie, que chescun des dits Chapeleyns chanteront pur l'alme de celuy a Dieu commende par noun de son Baptisme par un an apres si mort continuel- ment.

8. Le vtieme poynt este, que a quel temps que as- cun Freres ou Soers de la dite Gilde deins ou hors de ville, ou outre le mare, & le Mestres de la Gilde eut soit garny al serra assembler tous les Chapeleyns de la Gylde, Clerks & autres bones gentes de la dito Fraternite queux ferount Dirige per Note solempne- ment; & la iour prochein suant Messe per Note a la Chapel de S. John Babelake, & offerount illeques en mesme la manoir q'est affaire pur celuy que devie en ville. Et que le Bedeman alera par tote la ville a prier pur l'alme a les constages de la dite Gilde.

9. Item ordeigne este, que si aucun Frere ou Soer devie en poverté; & n'ad my de ses biens propre, dount estre ensevely que devie, soiet il ensevely ho- norablement come il appiert a une Frere & Soer as les costages de la Gylde.

Hac est ordinatio & regula facta & constituta per assensum totius Fraternitatis Gylde S. Trinitatis, S. Mariæ, S. Johannis, & S. Katherinæ, pro Capellanis ejusdem Gylde faciendis; ac pro sanitate corporis ac animæ valde utilis.

Inprimis, quod omnes presbyteri, & singuli ad Ordinationes pro eisdem faciendis, corporaliter præstabunt Sacramentum quatinus in eis est jur. edit. & edend.

Item ordinatum est, quod Custos chori Capelle de Babelake, & omnes Presbyteri ejusdem, omnes & singuli bene & honestè se gerant, & consurati, vestes deferent statui suo congruentes. Ipsi quoque presbyteri, omnes & singuli, Missas & alia Divina obsequia cotidie in capella prædicta, impedimento cessante, legitimè celebrabunt. Et in singulis Missis rogabunt specialiter pro Fratribus & Sororibus Gylde prædictæ, vivis & defunctis, & pro omnibus benefactoribus ejusdem: Quolibetq; die Matutina, alta Missa, Vespere, & Completorium in choro dictæ Capelle, cum Nota, debent decantari.

Et post Matutinas, & horas cantandi, ut prædicitur, Missa de beata Virgine quolibet die debet celebrari ad Altare ejusdem Virginis cotidie, cum Nota, de uno sacerdote ad eandem deputato per ordinationem custodis chori, nisi fuerint impediti per obitum alicujus Fratris aut Sororis; in & festis ejusdem Virginis & per octabas ejusdem cum acciderint. Ad quam quidem Missam celebrandam, ut præmittitur, Clericus qui pro tempore fuerit Capella prædictæ pulsabit campanam pro eadem Missa ordinata, per spacium ultima hora in choro cantata, & eodem tempore fiat.

Et in quolibet die fiat Missa matutinalis de S. Trinitate.

Trinitate. Et in qualibet die fiat Missa de Jo. Baptista ; una Missa de S. Katerina , & una Missa de Requiem, pro defunctis ; simul cum omnibus aliis Missis , & aliis divinis officiis secundum ordinationem suam inde faciendum. Et in qualibet die Dominica aspersio aqua benedicta cum Nota decantabitur.

Item ordinatum est , quod omnes presbyteri ibidem existant, nisi aliquis eorum legitime fuerit impeditus, & per Custodem licentiat. Et quod nullus presbyter se absentet ab aliqua Missa , Matutinis horis, Vesperis, Completorio, cum Nota decantata ; nec ab aliqua alia divina operatione in Capella predicta facienda , nisi legitime fuerit impeditus , & per Custodem Capellæ predictæ licentiat.

Item ordinatum est, quod nullus Presbyter ibidem moram trahens , utetur commune taberna , neq; se absentet extra hospitium suum noctanter , nisi fuerit per rationabilem causam , sciente Custode predicto.

Item ordinatum est , quod in qualibet die , post Completorium , fiant quinq; cerei ardentem coram imagine Virginis Mariæ in Capella predicta , dum una Antiphona , viz. Salve Regina , per Notam predictam decantabitur. Et quod omnes Presbyteri ibidem existant , nisi aliquis eorum fuerit impeditus , vel per Custodem licentiat. Et in qualibet die Parasceve , postquam Corpus Christi in Sepulchro positum fuerit , unum cereum ardentem coram sepulchro perficiatur , & dum sacrum Corpus Domini ibidem permaneat.

Item ordinatum est, quod quodocumq; aliquis frater, vel aliqua soror Gildæ predictæ ab hac luce migraverit, quod Custos qui pro tempore fuerit Capella predictæ , & ceteri Presbyteri Gildæ qui in alio loco celebrabunt , & quilibet eorum per se scribet, vel facient aut faciet scribere nomen baptismi defuncti super tabulas supra Altaria inde ordinata. Et quod omnes & singuli Presbyteri Gildæ predictæ, pro anima illius defuncti celebrent , & habeant in sua memoria per unum annum integrum post obitum suum. Et quod quilibet Sacerdos Gildæ predictæ, postquam Confiteor & Misereatur dicantur, revertat ad populum, dicens. Orate specialiter pro statu omnium fratrum & sororum Gildæ S. Trinitatis, S. Mariæ, S. Johannis , & S. Katerinæ Coventriæ , & pro animabus defunctorum illius , & omnium aliorum , & pro omnibus eidem Gildæ benefactoribus Pater noster cum salutatione de virgine Maria.

Pro quibus verò Ordinationibus & constitutionibus superius nominatis, bene & fideliter observandis tenendis & continuandis , predicti Magistri Gildæ predictæ persolvent annuatim cuilibet Capellano, ad Capellam predictam morantem, pro salario suo dum bene & honestè se gerat octo marcas sex sol. & octo denar.

Item habebunt duos campos viz. illum campum quondam *Lalleford* , & *Howelsfield* , in recompensationem laborum suorum.

Et insuper ordinatum est, quod hostia Capellæ beate Mariæ de Monte , in cimiterio S. Michaelis fient aperta quolibet die festo, ab hora Matutina usq; ad finem altæ Missæ in Ecclesia S. Michaelis, Et in diebus festilibus , à tempore Matutinarum usq; ad finem Missæ B. Mariæ in Ecclesia predicta. Et quando aliquis Presbyter ibidem celebravit , fiat campana pulsata qualibet die ad quamcunq; celebrationem Missarum cujuscunq; Presbyteri cum acciderit. Et quod ad horas Vesperarum, hostia sint aperta durante hora Vesperarum in Ecclesia parochiali.

The Oath.

Ye shall be good and true , and each of you shall be good and true to the master of the Gild of the holy Trinity, our Lady, S. John, and S. Katherine of Coventre , and to all the Brethren and Sisters of the same Gild ; And all the good Rules and ordinances by the said Master and his Brethren afore this time made , and hereafter to be made , and your days of payment truly for to keep to your power, to God you help and all Saints.

Petition.

Master we beseech you at the reverence of the holy Trinity , that you will vouchsafe to receive us to be Brethren of this place with you.

Nay so great a reputation had this Fraternity far and neer, that K. H. 4. and K. H. 6. with divers of the principall Nobility, Bishops, and other eminent persons thought it no dishonour to be admitted thereof , as by this ensuing Catalogue , where many more are registred, may be seen.

Hæc sunt nomina fratrum & sororum Gildæ S. Trinit. S. Mariæ , S. Johan. Bapt. & S. Katherinæ Coventriæ , viva & mortua subscripta.

Henricus quartus Rex Angl. Henr. Princeps Wallie. Henr. Bewfort Episc. Wint. Henr. sextus Rex Angl. & Franc. Henr. Frowyk de London & Alicia mater ejus. Henr. Comes Warwici, & Cecilia ux. ejus. D. Joh. Botourt miles, & Jocosa ux. ejus. D. Joh. Rex Castellæ & Legionis. D. Lanc. & D. Constancia regina Castellæ & Leg. Ducissa Lanc. recepti fuerunt in Fraternitatem Gildæ die Sab. prox. ante festum S. Luca Evang. anno regni Regis R. 2. post Conq. Angliæ, secundo. D. Joh. de Arundell & D. Alianora consors sua recepti fuerunt in Gildam 4. die mensis Nov. Anno D. 1379. Joh. Beauchamp. & Johanna ux. ejus. Joh. Drax Serjaunt de Armis. D. Joh. Holland Dux de Exon. & D. Isabella Ducissa. Joh. Holland miles & D. Eliz. ux. ejus. Joh. filius & frater Regum , Dux Bedfordia , Comes de Richemund & de Kendale & Constabularius Angliæ. Isabella Comitissa Warwici. Katerina Ducissa Lanc. D. Ric. Comes Arundell, & ux. ejus.

Die Merc. prox. post festum annunc. S. Mariæ Anno M. CCCLXXVI.

D. Rog. de Clarindon miles , filius excell. Domini nostri Principis Wallie. D. Rob. Stretton Episc. Lich. D. Regin. Grey dominus de Ruthyn & de Weyefford. Tho. Beauchamp miles Co. Warwici. Will. Beauchamp miles , & ux. Tho. Arundell Archiep. Cant. Henr. de Ardern. miles , D. Joh. Clinton miles et ux. ejus. D. Tho. Lancastria, filius illustr. Regis H. 4. locum-tenens Hibernia. Will. de Burgh. Justic. Domini Regis, & Margar. ux. ejus. D. Will. la Zouch miles & Eliz. ux. ejus. D. Umfridus filius illustr. Regis H. 4. Dux Glouc. D. Humfr. Comes Staffordia. with a multitude more from all parts.

And it is observed, that the annuall Master of this Gild was he that had been Mayor the year before; who, during his continuance in that office, sat next to the Mayor in all publique meetings. The Oath of which Master I have likewise here inserted.

I shall be good and true to the Brethren and Sisters of the Trinity-Gild, S. Mary, S. John, and S. Katherine of Cobentre; and all lawfull points and Ordinances of this place, afoze this time ordeyned truly to kepe to my power; and in especiall all the ordinances that been or shall be the generall days ordeyned, truly kepe and observe. Also I shall truly receibe, and true accompt yeild, as well of my receipts, as of all other things that longen to the Master of this Gild; and the arerage of my accompt, if any be, truly pay or depart from my accompt; and all other things truly doe that longen to the office of the said Master; So help me God and all Saints. Also I shall once before Candlemas next coming, with 6. or 4. Brethren of this Yeild, oversec all the tene-ments of the same Yeld.

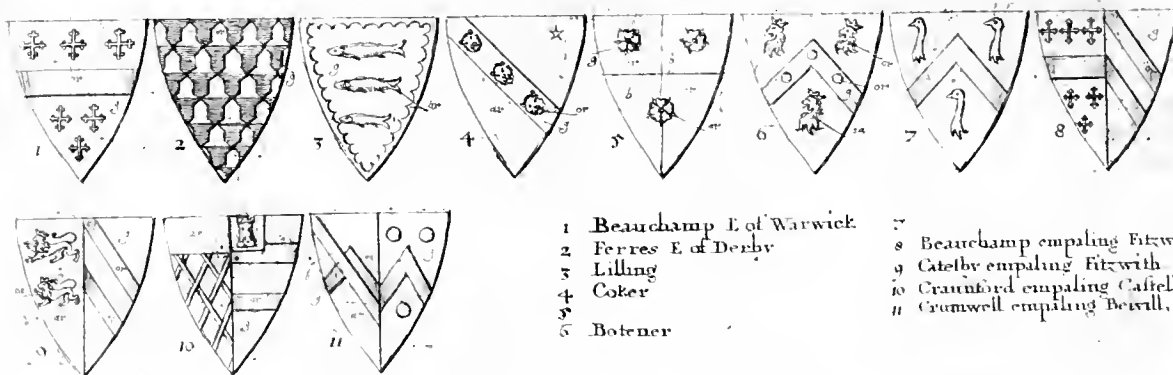
Upon the Survey taken in 26 H. 8. it appears, that Mr. *Reb. Glasmond*, being then Warden of this Colledge of *Babbelake* (for by that name it

was then called) had viii *l.* per ann. stipend; and that there were 7 Priests more, which had iii *l.* xiii *s.* iii *d.* per ann. a peice for their Salary. But in 37 H. 8. upon the Survey then taken, I find, that the revenue of all the lands belonging to the said Gild amounted to Cxi *l.* xiii *s.* 8 *d.* out of which (*inter alia*) was then paid 6 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* per ann. to a certain Priest called the Warden of the Chappel of *Babbelake*: And to eight other Priests celebrating divine service there, 37 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* per ann. To the Master of a Grammar-School there 6 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* per ann. To two Clerks singing there 8 *l.* per ann. To two Boys also singing there 2 *l.* per ann. To divers poor men which had formerly been Brethren of the said Gild 10 *l.* in money according to the ancient use. To *Tho. Gregory* Clerk-Controulor of the same Gild 6 *l.* per ann. And every Priest having likewise a Chamber within the precinct of the same *Babbelake*, worth 4 *s.* per ann. a peice.

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Bablake

In the Church these Armes



- 1 Beauchamp E. of Warwick
- 2 Ferris E. of Derby
- 3 Lilling
- 4 Coker
- 5 Botener

- 6 Beauchamp empaling Fitzwill
- 7 Catelby empaling Fitzwill
- 8 Crumford empaling Castell
- 9 Crumwell empaling Bevil.

Bond's Almshouses.

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Here was moreover within this place of *Babbelake* an Almshouse founded by one *Thomas Bond* (a rich Merchant of *Cobentre*) wherein, at the time of the said Survey, were ten poor men and one woman kept, to pray for the souls of the said *Tho. Bond*, his grandfather, father, and all Christian souls: All which were at that time maintained at the charge of *Tho. Bond*, grandchild to the said *Thomas*, by whose last Will the said Almshouse was to have been built, and such poor maintained, with a Priest; and to that end certain lands put in Feoffees hands, of 49 *l.* 11 *s.* 7 *d.* per ann. value: Out of which was paid to those poor people every Saturday 6 *s.* 8 *d.* which amounted to 17 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* per ann. To the Priest celebrating divine service, 13 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* per ann. and 20 *s.* for a gown. In toto 14 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.*

For 38 yards of black cloth, to make gowns for the said poor men per ann. 3 *l.* 16 *s.* 0 *d.* In Alms given to the poor yearly, 13 *s.* 4 *d.* For 20 load of wood yearly for the said poor people 1 *l.* 3 *s.* 4 *d.* per ann. For the Bayliffs fee, 2 *l.* per ann. In toto xliii *l.* viii *s.* xi *d.* ob.

But this being dissolved by Act. of Parl. (as all other Chantries, Gilds, and the like Fraternities were) in 1 E. 6. (I mean what belong'd to the Gild) was by the K. Letters Pat. dated 12 Dec. 2 E. 6. granted unto the Bayliffs and Commonalty

of this City, and their successors, to hold in Bur-gage by the service of 1 *d.* per ann.

Touching which Almshouse, I shall further adde, in memorial of the said *Tho. Bond*, and other its Benefactors, the Inscription upon the walls thereof.

This Hospitall was founded A. D. 1506. by Mr *Tho. Bond*, Draper, sometime Mayor and Alderman of this City, for ten men and one woman: who gave certain lands for maintenance thereof, which his son *John Bond* continued during his life. But *Tho.* the son of *John*, claimed those lands as his own; whereupon the City sued him in Chancery, and had a Decree against him, which cost them a great sum of money for certain lands valued then at 20 *l.* per ann. In the seventh year of *H. James*, the said lands were questioned as concealed from the Crown: which lands and tenements the City were enforced againe to purchase of the K. to their very great cost and expences. Notwithstanding, the City have continued the charitable uses as formerly: and as the lands have been improved, so hath the maintenance of the old men been bettered, and each mans place is now worth eleven pounds by the year.

Mr *S. m. Norton*, Draper, Mayor and Alderman of this City, An. D. 1641. gave 300 marks for and towards the maintenance of one man, and one boy, in this Hospitall of *Babbelake*, and one man and woman in *Gray-Friers-Hospitall*: which man and boy are accordingly placed in this House; and the City at their own charge makes their maintenance equall with the rest of the Hospitall-men and boys.

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In the year 1560. this Hospitall for Boys was first erected in the place where now it is, being a House of the Cittyes; and was for some years mainteyned by the Cittie, and the charity of well disposed people, of Cittizens and Strangers, till Mr Wheately in An. 1566. selded some lands towards the mayntenance thereof: and other Benefactors since have given, in all, with his gift, about 96 l. per ann. Which being not sufficient to maynteine xxi Boyes, and a Purse, and place them out Apprentices, the Cittie both make up the rest, being above 40 l. a year, one year with another.

Corpus-Christi-Gild. } In Mill-lane.

THis Gild was founded in 22 E. 3. by *Reb. Chaundos, John de Wynwik, Clerk, John de Wyndfore, John de Weston, Tho. Chaloner, Will. Prest, Henry de Busseby, Nich. le Hunt, John Prest, Will. de Teynton, Gilb. de Pulteney, John Russell sen. Ric. le Gouere, John de Busheley, Rog. de Tuwe, Nich. Floutere, Ric. Coupere, Peter Percy, and Nich. Pake*, in honour of the body and blood of our blessed Saviour, for one Priest to sing Mass daily for the good estate of the same King E. and of the said *Rob. John, &c.* above specified, during their lives in this world, and for their souls afterwards, as also of all the faithfull deceased. Unto which, *John Scardeburgh of Coventre, John Wedon*, and divers others, granted 29 mess. and a half, 8 acres of land, and 18 d. yearly rent, all lying in *Coventre*, in 15 R. 2. The lands and tenements belonging whereunto, were, by the Survey taken in 37 H. 8. certified to be yearly worth 36 l. 10 s. 8 d. Out of which was annually paid to 4 Priests performing divine service in the Churches of the holy Trinity and S. Mich. viz. to each of them 4 l. a peice. In toto 16 l. To poor people, such as had formerly been of this Fraternity, Cs. per ann. And in obits yearly, Cs.

Of this Gild was Prince Edw. a Brother, being so admitted 18 E. 4. as he was also of Trinity-Gild before mentioned.

Sheremen and Taylors Gild. } adjoining to Gosford-gate in S. George his Chappel, as is said.

THere was yet one Gild more, viz. of the Sheremen and Taylors, founded (it seems) in R. 2. time, to the honour of *Christs Nativity*. Which K. gave them license to purchase lands in this City, of 8 marks per ann. value, to find a Priest to sing Mass every day, for the souls of the Founders thereof, and all the faithfull deceased. Whereunto K. H. 6. in 17 of his reign, added his license for their purchasing of more lands to the value of x marks per ann. and that they should choose 4 men of their Fraternity, yearly, at the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, to be Masters or Governours of the same; and to have a Common Seal; as also power to plead in any of the Kings Courts as a body corporate.

From which Gilds or Fraternities there is no doubt but divers Companies in the Cities and Corporations through England took their first patterns

for obtaining such priviledges and immunities as at this day they enjoy.

And now that these Citizens had thus associated themselves into the several Fraternities before mentioned, they began to have an opinion, that if any more such Gilds were allowed in this place, they might receive some inconvenience thereby: And therefore, in 1 H. 5. procured a declaratory Patent from the K. that thenceforth there should not be any new Gild erected. But the young people, viz. Journeymen of several trades, observing what merry-meetings and feasts their Masters had, by being of those Fraternities, and that they themselves wanted the like pleasure; did of their own accord assemble together in several places of the City, and especially in S. George's Chappel near Gosford-gate; which occasioned the Mayor and his Brethren, in 3 H. 6. to complain thereof to the King; alledging, that the said Journeymen, in these their unlawfull meetings, called themselves S. George his Gild, to the intent that they might maintain and abet one another in quarrels; and for their better conjunction had made choyce of a Master, with Clerks and Officers, to the great contempt of the K. authority, prejudice of the other Gilds (viz. the holy Trin. and Corp. Christi) and disturbance of the City. Whereupon the K. directed his Writ to the Mayor and Justices, with the Bayliffs of this City, commanding them by Proclamation to prohibite any more such meetings.

Having thus taken notice of all that is, or hath been within the Walls, which is worth observation, I come to the Suburbs, where I find nothing considerable but the Chappel or Hospital of *Sponne*, on the West part of this City. This Hospital was founded in H. 2. time by *Hugh Kevelioke E. of Chester*: who, having a certain Knight of his household, called *Will. de Auney*, a Leper, gave in pure Alms for the health of his soul, and the souls of his ancestors, his Chappel here at *Sponne*, with the site thereof, and half a carucat of land thereto belonging, for the maintenance of such Lepers as should happen to be in the Town of *Coventre*. In which Chappel was anciently one Priest at least, to celebrate divine service for the living and the dead. And with him had also wont to be certain Brethren and Sisters, together with the Lepers, praying to God for the good estate of all their Benefactors.

But this Hospital, upon the grant of the Mannour of *Coventre* to the Monks in 34 H. 3. by *Rog. de Montalt* and *Cecily* his wife, was (inter alia) reserved to the said *Roger* and *Cecily*, and their heirs; which *Cecily* had *Coventre* by inheritance from those Earls. And in the Release made to the said Monks of the premisses by her the said *Cecily* in her widowhood, is said to have been sometime belonging to the Abby of *Wasingwerk* in *Flintsh.* But clear it is, that the Monks shortly after appropriated it to their own use; though they held it not so very long: for I find, that it came at length to the Crown, together with the Mannour of *Cheplemoze*; and therein continued till 14 E. 4. But then did the K. pass it away to the Canons of *Stabley* in this County, and their successors, by the name of *Libera Capella S. Marie Magd. apud Sponne juxta Coventre*, with all the lands, tenements, &c. thereto belonging, in pure alms, to pray for the good estate of him the said K. and of *Q. Eliz.* his consort, *Edw.* his eldest

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Oc. 8. E. 1.

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y Inq. per
H. Nott.
ut supra.

z Pat. 14.
E. 4. p. 2.
m. 19.

son, Pr. of ~~Wales~~, D. of ~~Comwall~~, &c. during their natural lives, and for their souls afterwards: as also for the soul of Ric. late D. of ~~Worke~~ (the said K. father) and all his progenitors.

The Arch-deaconry of Coventre.

AND now before I leave this City, I may not omit to observe, that so much of ~~Warwick~~ as is within the Diocess of ~~Covent~~ and ~~Lich.~~ is called the Arch-deaconry of ~~Coventre~~, by reason that the Bishops for a long time seating themselves in ~~Stafford~~ have constantly assigned some eminent and grave Divine to reside here, to superintend the Clergy of these parts in their stead; who hath made his Visitations annually according to ancient custome for that purpose, and been stiled the Arch-deacon of ~~Coventre~~. As for the title of Arch-deacon, it is of no less antiquity than the primitive times of Christianity; the use then being, that the Deacons did elect out of themselves one whom they knew to be most eminent for his industry, and gave him that title: Howbeit of late years he who was more grave and prudent than the rest, hath commonly been advanced to that place. But before I proceed to speak of the particular Arch-deacons here, it will not be amiss to say something in a more special manner of the Office; forasmuch as what hath appertain'd thereto is not very commonly known. I shall therefore transcribe the substance of what I have met with, from a very good Authority, and no less ancient than H. 8. time.

Instructions for my Lord Wilber-Seall concerning the Bishop of Lincolne, and his Archdeacon touching the Bishop his demand of Prestations.

What apperteynth to th'office of an Arch-deacon, and whereupon his reverence, and what heretofore hath thereunto appertayned.

Procurations.	Fines of Testaments.
Sinodals.	Vacations of Benefices.
Peter-pens.	Installations of Abbots.
Pensions or Indemnities.	

Procurations be dewe for visitation. Th'arch-deacon is bounde verely to visite all his Arch-deaconry thowheoute; then to enquire of all crimes and misgovernance of the people, as well the Clergie as the lae, by Church wardens and other; and to refozme whatsoever they finde otherwise then well, other committede haynously against the Lawes of God, or th'ordnance of the Prince for a quiet Common-wele, dissuant to Gods lawes, to Mans-lawes, and politike order of the worlde; to refozme the same, other by godly persuation and good advice, by commination, or by paynes and penalties, according to the humilty and umble subjection of the offender, and repentans of his offenses. For this his visitation he hath Procurations.

Sinodales.

Sinodals be dewe for the same kept at Ester by th'Arch-deacon, or his officers; calling together the Parsons, the Vicars, and Parish Priests, diligently enquiring of every of the same doe and have done their dewties according to the Lawes of God, Lawes of the Prince established, and th'ordnance of the Church accustomed; and have godely and diligently ministerede all Sacraments and Sacramentals to their parishioners at Ester then past, and for the yere before. For this kinde of Visitation Sinodals be dewe to the Arch-Deacon wiche the Bishop wolde now in any wise have, because of a Decretale that saith, *quod Episcopo debentur Sinodalia*, and for that Text. Now wolde the Bishop turne from his Peter-pens, calling them Prestations or Pensions, and wolde have them now dewe for Sinodals, wiche the Arch-deacons have had and enjoyed this 3. 6. 8. hundred yeres, without let, interruption, or contradiction of any Bishop. My Sinodals be not xli. by yere, and yet must I give to my Official 5 marks fee yerely, and as much to my Register, and also bere their costs yearly in riding to the sene, 4 or 5 l. so have not I xli. clear for my Sinodals. But put the case that these Sinodals were the Bishops, yet wherefore should I be bounde to gather his Sinodals; or why should I give 20 nobles fee to my officers to serve him, and to be his Collector. Dicat Apollo.

Peter-pens.

ALL Arch-deacons of England gathered Peter-pens of every ffer-household within every parish one peny, which were granted eight hundred yeres past by ~~Ed. Hyvo~~, and after confirmed by ~~Inas~~, then by ~~Offa Rex Marchiorum~~, by ~~Arnulphus~~ and other moe so following, and by ~~Ed. John~~ for his time. After some antique Authoys they were granted for a yerely Prest, or a perpetuall yerely subsidy. *Episcopo Romano prestabantur in subsidium*, saith divers Authoys. Others say they were given to a Schole in Rome, to the maintenance of English Scholars there, as ~~Fabian~~ and ~~Guido~~, with other: but now th'Arch-deacons, after the pens gathered, paid the same in part or all to the Collector of Rome, saving the Arch-deacon of Lincolne and Sarum; these payd the pens gathered to the Bishop, the B. payd to the Collector, and had his acquittance by the name of Peter-pens. Th'Arch-deacons had their acquittance of the B. by the name of Prestation-money; so the B. of Lincolne payd, but he gathered none: th'Arch-deacon gathered and payd, not to the Collector, but only to the B. Soe finally, seeing the B. never gathered Peter-pens, and yet payd them to the Collector every yere, and th'Arch-deacons gathered them yerely, and payd none to the Collector, but only to the B. what should the B. his demaunde other be then for Peter-pens.

To prove that this worde Prestation is very Peter-pens, hit is to manifestly declared in the B. of Rome his own lawe, in an Epistle decretall send *Episcopo Cantuar. & Suffraganeis suis*. The B. of Lincolne is one of his Suffragans, and perchance

a Spelm.
Gloss.

b MS in
Eibl. Cotton,
[sub
effigie Cleop.
F. 1.] f.
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it was ment for him that was then B. of Lincolne, if he were as nigh scrapping as the B. that now ys at this present time. *Textus est in capitulo de Censibus, in the Decretals, ea qua de avaritia verba sunt hac. Ne gravetis parochias & ecclesias vestras propter visitationem beati Petri, cum feceritis collectam denariorum. Glossator Bernardus, one of the B. of Rome his Secretaries, expoundeth hoc verbum Collectam. Collecta, inquit, est prestatio quedam, quam Anglici solvunt ecclesia Romana, & debet esse moderata, &c. See the Prestations is taken for Peter-pens in the B. of Rome his own law.*

Pensions or Indemnities.

BE these, when a Church is impopere to an Abbepe or College, then the Arch-deacon for ever lefeth his Induction-money; and in recompence of that, he shall have verely out of the said Benefice for impopere it d. or s. for an verely pension, more or lesse, as hie is agreed at the tyme of the impopzation. And this money is calld Pensions, or Indemnities: And like as the Arch-deacon conservatur indemnis, by this his verely pension payd in the lew of the Induction, even so Episcopus conservatur indemnis, and hath a like Pension for his indemnity in the lew of his Institution, which he likewise calleth his Pension.

The first that I meet with, who was honoured with this office of Arch-deacon, is Ric. Peche, son of Rob. Peche B. of Coventre in H. 1. time, and advanc'd to be Arch-deacon by his said father: which Ric. afterwards became B. also of Cob. in H. 2. time, upon the decease of Walt. Durdent; but being a very devout man, and Founder of the Monastery of S. Thomas near Stafford, when he grew aged he left his Bishoprick, and took upon him the habit of a Canon-Regular in that Religious House, where he departed this life, and was buried.

The next, though not his immediate successor that I find, was a man, who became afterwards very eminent, viz. Will. de Kilkenny, being afterwards for a time Chancelour of England, and also B. of Ely. *Homo egregia corporis formâ pradius; facundus, prudens, & legum municipalium admodum peritus*, saith Godwyn. He dyed on the feast day of S. Mathew the Apostle, ann. 1256. 4 H. 3. being then in Spain Embassador; but his heart he appointed to be buried at Ely.

His immediate successor, as I believe, for he was Arch-deacon in 3 Job. was a man extraordinary famous for his learning, and a great Divine, whose memory is yet very pretious in our Universities, viz. Alexander de Hales; a Catalogue of whose learned Works are to be seen in *Balauus de Script. Britannicis*.

This Alex. in his age became a Frier at the Corde-liers in Paris; where, departing this life, he was buried near the steps ascending to the Quire; and hath over his grave a Monument of black marble, about 2 foot in height from the ground, with this Inscription engraven upon it.

R. P.

ALEXANDRI DE ALES,
Doctoris irrefragabilis, quondam
Sanctorum Thomæ Aquinatis, &
Bonaventuræ præceptoris
Epitaphium.

*Claudatur hoc saxo famam sortitus abunde
Gloria Doctorum, decus & flos Philosophorum;
Auctor Scriptorum vir Alexander variorum,
Norma modernorum: sons veri, lux aliorum,
Inclitus Anglorum fuit Archilevita; sed horum
Spretor cunctorum frater collega Minorum
Factus egenorum, fit Doctor primus eorum.*

Obiit A. D. 1245. Calend. Septembris 12.
Si quis honos meritis, si quis virtute coluntur,
Hunc animo præfer, hunc venerare Patrem.

As for his successors, I dare not undertake to exhibit a perfect Catalogue of them: yet of such for whom any good authority hath appeared to me, I have added the names.

Patroni.

Archidiac. Coventriæ.

Hugo de Marisco, Cler. Northb. f. 49. a.
5 Id. Julii, 1349.
Will. Crosse, 3 Non. Oct. Ib. f. 55. b.

1351.
Joh. de Pipe, Pbr. 11 Cal. Ib. f. 62. b.
Oct. 1358.

Will. Lambe, Pbr. post re- Sirett. f. 18. b.
sign. Will. Bermyngham, 18. b.
1 Dec. 1369.

Rob. Stretton, 5 Cal. Jan. Ib. 1369.

Rob. de Oxton, Cler. 20 Ju- Burgb. f. 21. a.
nii, 1408.

Rob. Esple, Art. Magr. post Heyw. f. 30. b.
mortem Joh. Heyworth, 22 Maii, 1433.

Rog. Wall, Cler. penult. Ju- Ib. f. 41. a.
nii, 1442.

Joh. Blythe, scolar: Uni- Bl. f. 5. b.
versit. Paris. per resign.
Rad. Colingwood, 2 Oct. 1510.

Will. James, S. Theol. Pro- Sampf. &
fessor, post mortem Tho. B. f. 47. a.
Lewes, 27 Aug. 1577.

Will. Ambrey, L. Dr. & Arth. Aly, in Will. Hinton, S. Theol. Bac. Bunde. B.
Art. Magr. hac 4 Nov. 1584.
vice.

Sam. Brooke, S. Theol. Pro- Morton. f.
fessor, 13 Maii, 1635.
Episc. Cov. & Lich. Rad. Brownrigge, S. Theol. Ib.
Professor, 29 Sept. 1631.

Upon the Survey made in 26 H. 8. this dignity was certified to be worth xlv l. ix. s. per ann. viz. in Pensions, Procurations, and Sinodals.

Cobentre, 9 l. 12. s. 4 d.
Out of the Barton, 10 l. 11 s. 0 d. per
Deanry of Stonley, 11 l. 00 s. 2 d. ann.
Arden, 14 l. 5 s. 6 d.

And as the several particulars, whereof I have already spoke, have added no small honour to this City, so is it also famous for having been the birth-place to one of our most eminent Historians; of whom I shall here repeat what Balauus speaketh.

Gualterus

n MS pe-
nès S. A.
eq. aut.
f. 28. a.

c Cens. 3.
p. 264.

c Godw.
d de præ-
sul.

Ex vet.
Rot.
MS
penès
D. & C.
Lich.

b Godw.
i de præ-
sul.

Ex MS
penès Rob.
Arden, av.

Regist. de
Pipwell in
bibl. Cor-
ton. f. 63. b.
m Cens. 3.
p. 277.

Gualterus Coventriensis immortalis vir dignis memoriâ, in eadem celebri Warwicensis comitatus urbe, & natus, & educatus, ab honestis illic civibus originem duxit. Operam bonis literis sedulam admodum Oxonii impendebat, ubi gratissimum fuit optimarum disciplinarum emporium. Illustria ejus facta accurate, sed sparsim, à diligentissimo Lelando, chartis præcipue historicis, commendata sunt. Eo etenim teste historiam est magno aggressus animo, quam etiam inchoatam ab origine Britannorum, ad sua tempora, Ann. viz. Dom. 1226. majoribus animis deduxit. Secutus est autem hos potissimum authores Anglos, Galfridum Monumetensem, Rog. Hovedenum, & Henr. Huntingdonium; ita tamen ut multa addiderit non sine fide, quæ nuppiam apud illos leguntur. Unum certe defuit homini, alioqui claro: nam quamquam fide, & lucido ordine nuppiam, facundia tamen sapientiusculè destitutus erat. Quod non authoris, sed ætatis potius vitium fuit. Hæc composuit Gualterus.

Chron. Britann. Lib. 1.

Anglo-Sax. Chron. Lib. 1.

Annales Angl. Lib. 1.

Et aliqua edidit, ut ex honestis atque Christianis studiis, apud posteritatem semper ejus viveret nomen. Vixit varia componens & scribens, regnantibus Joanne & Henrico tertio illius filio, Anglorum regibus.

q. Cart. 12.
E. 3. n. 6.
per Inspect.
190.

I Have now done with **Cobentre**; which, as it much increaseth in wealth by Cloathing, and making of Caps; so since those trades have decayed, is now not a little fallen from the glory it anciently had. And being next to take view of those petty villages and places of note that environ it, I shall for my more orderly proceeding, begin with them that are on the Southwest side thereof, and conclude with those on the Northeast part.

Whaburley.

This is the first I meet with on the South-west side, where now no more than one single house is to be seen: but heretofore it was otherwise; for in K. Steph. time it had a Chappel, being of the E. of **Chester's** fee with **Cobentre**. And in 7 E. 1. Rog. Gopil possedit it, having then two yard land in demesne, and ten Free-holders, who occupied two yard land and a half, with an acre and a half, paying certain rent unto him, and doing suit to his 3 weeks Court. But the inheritance of the E. of **Chester's** fees coming to **Montalt**, (as I have elsewhere shewed) from whom **Q. Isabell** had an estate for life with reversion to the D. of **Cornwall**; this was by the said **Q.** included in that Charter made by her to the Mayor and Commonalty of **Cobentre** in E. 3. time, whereby she granted to them Return of Writs, goods of felons and fugitives, with cognizance of all pleas in **Cobentre**, and the Hamlets adjoining: As also in K. H. 6. Charter, by which **Cobentre**, with divers villages thereabouts, was made a County of it self, distinct from **Warwickshire**.

q. Cart. 12.
E. 3. n. 6.
per Inspect.
190.

f. Ex cod.
MS pendens
Thom. D.
Leigh.

2 Cart. 30.
H. 6. n. 29.

Asthall.

This place, being utterly depopulated, is now only known by a little thicket of trees, called

Asthall-grove. But the first mention I find of it, is in 34 H. 3. upon the grant made by **Rog. de Montalt** and **Cecily** his wife, of **Cobentre** to the Monks; in which the said **Rog.** and **Cecily** did (inter alia) reserve the service of **Will. de Olneie** therein, for it seems he then held it. But in 3 E. 1. it was certified, that **Oliver de Aubeny** held half a Kts. fee here of the Mannour of **Cobentre**. And in 34 E. 1. by a Fine levied between **Will. D'aubeny** pl. and **Amicia** the widow of **Oliver D'aubeny** deforc. it was entailed upon the said **Will.** and the heirs of his body, with remainder to his two brothers, viz. **Raph** and **John**; and for want of issue by them, to **Oliva** and **Isabell** their sisters, and to the heirs of **Isabell**. By vertue of which entail **Raph de Aubeny** came to enjoy it, as it seems: for I find that he past it away to **Will. Barret**, Lord of **Passenham** in **Portsmouth**. Which **Will.** by his deed bearing date the morrow after the Assumption of our Lady, 22 E. 3. granted it to **Henry E. of Lancaster**; who in 35 E. 3. dyed seized of it, leaving **Maud** and **Blanch** his daughters and heirs. And this is all that I can say to the succession of it, by reason it hath been parcell'd out by sale to sundry persons.

Ex Re.
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Cart. in
off. D.
Lanc.
Tit. Co.
Warw.
f. 39.
a E. 3. 35.
E. 3. p. 1.
n. 122.

Olneye.

OF this place is there no memorial now left, but a double moat which beareth the name: neither is there any thing of antiquity thereof, that I have seen, much materiall.

Horewelle.

This is also now, and hath been long depopulated. But in 7 E. 1. the same **Oliver de Aubeny** (Lord of **Asthall** before specified) was owner thereof, and held it of **Rog. de Montalt**; having at that time one carucat of land and a half in demesne, and suit of Court twice a year; with 7 Free-holders, who held 29 acres of land, paying certain rent, and doing suit to his 3 weeks Court. But it seems that the Monks of **Stonley** had it soon after: for in 12 E. 1. they obtained a Charter of **Free warren** in all their demesne lands in **Stonley**, and divers other places, whereof this is one; that which they had here, being 2 carucats of land, as in 19 E. 1. was certified, and a certain Cell. Which petty Cells were made use of by the Abbots in those daies, as places of penance or punishment to such Monks, as either for any offence committed, or some displeasure from their Superiour, were thither sent. But more of **Horewelle** I find not, other than that it is included within the County of this City, by K. H. 6. Charter before specified.

b Inq. per
H. Nott.
c. f. 46.
c. Cart. 12.
E. 1. n. 39.
d MS in
Seac.
e M. Paris
in vit. Al.
bat. p. 11.
l. 11.

Stivichall.

There is no mention of this place in the Conq. Survey; so that we must conclude it to have been then involved with **Cobentre**; and that as a member thereof it came to the E. of **Chester**: for in K. Steph. time **Rannulph E. of Chester** possessed it. What injury that was which this **E. Rannulph** had done to **Walter Lurden**, then B. of **Cob.** and

f. Cart. 2.
E. 3. n. 6.
per Inspect.

to his Church, doth not directly appear: but certain it is, that he dyed & excommunicate for the same; so that *E. Hugh* his son and heir, past^b this Mannour of *Stivichale* (for so it is written) unto the said *B.* and his successors, for his fathers absolution, and for the health of his soul and his ancestors souls.

It seems that the same *B.* granted it unto *Steph. de Nerbone* and his heirs, to hold by the 4 part of a Kts. fee: for I findⁱ, that the heirs of *Margery* his daughter and heir, enjoy'd it: and that the said *Stephen* gave^k to *Will.* the son of *Raph de Filungele*, and his heirs, two yard land lying in this village, in consideration that he fought a duell for him. What he was that wedded the said *Margerie*, I know not; but a son he had by her, who calls himself *Ranulphus de Stivichale, filius & bares Margerie de Nerburne, dominæ de Stivichale*. Which *Ranulph* was he (as I suppose) who past this Mannour unto *Walter de Langley* (Lord of *Wimley*) for in 7 E. 1. it was certified^m, that the same *Walter de Langley* held the moytie thereof of the heirs of *Marg. de Neyrburne*, by the service of a Roie yearly: at which time the said *Walter* had 3 yard land here, held of him in villenage, and the restⁿ by Free-holders: but the Court-Leet the Bishop still kept. And the same year following, the said *Walt.* was found^o to dye seized of this whole village, having four yard land therein; which together with the rent from his free-holders and villains, & a Mill, extended to 8 l. 5 s. 3 d. ob. per an.

To whose posterity it continued whilst the male line lasted; and then, with *Wimley, Wilkin*, and other Lordships, descended to *Joan* the daughter and heir of that family, first wedded to *John* the son of Sir *Alan Cherlton* Kt. and afterwards to Sir *John Trillow* Kt. (as in *Wimley* I shall fully manifest.) This very like that Sir *John Trillow* and she past it unto Sir *Baldwin Frevill* Kt., about 40 E. 3. For I find^p, that Sir *Peter Careswell* Kt. son and heir of Sir *Will. Careswell*, released all his title therein to the said Sir *Baldwin*, as he also did in *Wimley* and *Wilkin*: but what right he had, I am not very certain, except that intimated in my discourse of *Wilkin* were it. After which, upon the partition of *Frevill's* lands (whereof in *Lamiworth* I shall speak at large) it fell to *Thomas Ferrers* Esq; in right of *Eliz.* his wife, eldest sister, and one of the co-heirs to Sir *Baldwin Frevill* Kt. as appears by the partition^q made 5 Oct. 31 H. 6. To whose posterity it continued for divers descents: But in 16 Eliz. I find, that *Thomas Gregory* dyed^r seized thereof, leaving *Arthur* his son and heir 34 years of age, whose son, *John*, now enjoys it.

The Chappel here, being a member belonging to the Church of *S. Mich.* in *Cobentre*, was therewith appropriated^s to the Monks, ann. 1260. 44 H. 3. Which Monks did antiently use^t to find a Priest to celebrate divine service therein 3 daies every week; but the bodies of the dead were^u carried to *Cobentre*. In H. 6. time, there was an Anchorite mured up here; who in those daies had a Legacy given^v to him by *Edith Rugeley*, widow unto *Nich. Rugeley* of *Dunton* in this County.

Returning now to the other side of *Cobentre*, I discern *Carelesley* first in my view; of which I find no mention till K. *Steph.* time, that *Ran. E.* of *Chester* rendred^x the Chappel to the Monks of *Cobentre*, as he did *Stivichale* and

many other, it being then written *Herellesey*. From which E. it came to *Montalt*, as *Cobentre*, whereof it was originally a member, did; part of it in 34 H. 3. being held^y by the heirs of *Rob. Tuscher*, and *Wido fil. Roberti*, of *Rog. de Montalt* and *Cecilie* his wife. Which *Rog.* and *Cecily* then granting away the Mannour of *Cobentre* in Fee-ferm to the Monks, did (*inter alia*) reserve^z to them and their heirs the homage and services of those persons. But the inheritance of what the heirs of the said *Robert* and *Wido* had, was not considerable: for it appears^a, that the substance of this village past from the before specified *Rog.* and *Cecily* to the Monks in the said 34 year of H. 3. as parcel of the Mannour of *Cobentre*. Which Monks had Free-warren there, and Heriots of all their tenants, with the tithes appropriated^b to them as belonging to *S. Mich.* Church in *Cobentre*.

Whitmore.

This, though it be for the most part woody, yet is in some places so moorish, as that the ground beareth nothing but moss; which being in one place white, gave occasion (doubtless) for its name. But it was antiently a member^c of *Radsoy*; and partly by the grants^d of several devout people, as well as purchase, became of so large an extent, as that in 6 E. 3. the Monks of *Cobentre*, obtaining license^e from the K. made it a Park; which, according to the measure in those daies, contained 436 acres of wast and woods. But coming to the Crown, upon the dissolution of that Religious House, it was in 1 E. 6. granted^f to Sir *Raph Sadler* Kt. (*inter alia*) by the name of *Whitmore*-grange in the parish of the holy Trinity in *Cobentre*: And from him soon after convey'd to *John Hales* (of whom I have in *S. John's Hosp.* made mention) who dyed^g seized of it, 26 Dec. 15 Eliz. leaving *John* his nephew (son of *Christoph.*) his next heir: who in ann. 1586. built a very fair house upon part of it, called *New-House*: which by *John Hales* Esq; his son and heir, was sold in our time to Sir *Ric. Burnaby* Kt. and by him afterwards to . . . *Cooke*, who soon past it away to Sir *Christopher Telverton* of *Effon-Mauduit*, in *Com. Southampton.* Kt. of the Bath, the present possessor thereof.

Radford.

This little village takes its name from the *soyde* through which the road-way from *Carelesley* to *Cobentre* lyeth: and though it be not particularly mentioned in *E. Leofrik's* Charter to the Monks of *Cobentre*, yet was it then granted^h thereto, as being included within that moytie of *Cobentre* belonging to the Monastery, and in the parish of the holy Trinity. After the dissolution of which Religious House, the lands here were sold out to sundry persons; so that it will not be of moment, as for any historical respect, to look further after them.

Arnhale:

This place (now reduced to one house) being a memberⁱ of *Cobentre*, was involved in that grant made by *E. Leofrike* to the Monks, upon

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Ex autog.
penes Tho.
Puckring
Inq. aur.
Seac. f. 53. b.

Inq. per
H. Nott.
Seac. f. 53. b.

ib. f. 59. a.

Esc. 8. E.
ib. 13.

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er. Seac.
in бага de
Caresby.

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Esc. 18.
ib.

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Cov. f.
62. a.
Lufnam,
ib. 25.

Reg. Pr.
Cov. f.
ib. 4.

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77. a.

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ib. f. 3. a.

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e Pat. 6. E.
3. p. 3. m.
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f Pat. 1. E.
6. p. 9.

g Esc. 15. 7
Eliz.

h Reg. Pr.
de Cov. f.
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his foundation of that Monastery, whereof I have already spoke, though it be not particularly named therein: and after the dissolution thereof, granted *k* (inter alia) to John Hales and his heirs, by the name of *Harnall grange*, with the pastures thereto belonging, and the pool called *Harnall pool*, or *Swanwell pool*, lying within the precinct of those grounds. Which John dyed seized thereof in 15 *Eliz.* leaving John, the son of his brother *Christopher*, his nephew and heir.

Stoke.

OF Stoke, which in our old English signifieth a village, there is no mention in the Conq. Survey, it being then as a member of *Cobentre* posselt by the Earls of *Chester*, as may seem by that render^l of the Chappel in *K. Steph.* time, made by *E. Ranulph* to the Monks. Which Chappel, being within the parish of *S. Mich.* was appropriated^m to the Monastery therewith in 44. *H. 3.* From these *E. of Chester* it came to *Rog. de Montalt* by the marriage of *Cecily*, sister and one of the co-h.irs unto *Hugh E. of Arundell*, whereof in *Cobentre* I have spoke: of whom several persons held lands here in 34 *H. 3.* as appears by their reservationⁿ of the services due upon those tenures, at such time as the Mannour of *Cobentre* was by them past in fee-ferm to the Monks; the names of which persons were *Walter D'eywill*, *Rob. de Stoke*, *Thom. de Neuville*, and *Walt. de Cobentre*.

In 7 *E. 1.* the said *Rog. de Montalt*, being Lord of this Mannour, had^o here two Free-holders occupying one carucat of land: but the Prior of *Cobentre* had then 4. who held half a yard land, 2 acres and a half, with a croft and a meadow. At that time also had^p *Nich. de Segrave* 2 yard land here posselt by Free-holders; and^q *Tho. de Arden* one, in the tenure of 3 Cottiers. Which *Nich.* and *Thom.* held the premisses of the said *Rog. de Montalt*. But here was an ancient family that had their denomination from this village; the first whereof that I meet with, being^r *Scherus de Stoke*, son of *Hugh le Harper of Stoke*; who gave^s to the Monks of *Combe* a wood called *Harpers-wood* with a mess. garden, &c. in this place, about *K. John's* time. From which *Seher* descended *Tho. de Stoke* of *Stotfold* in *Staffordsh.*

who bore^t for his Arms fretty, with a boars head cooped in a Canton. And from him^u *Will. de Stoke*; of whom in 22 *H. 8.* *Horne* purchased^v this Mannour. Who, reserving to himself part of the demesias, sold the same soon after to the Mayor, Bayliffs, and Commonalty of the City of *Cob.* and their successors, unto whom it now belongeth.

In this place the Monks of *Cobentre* had the largest proportion, as appears by that Survey^x taken in 26 *H. 8.* But the Hospital of *S. John* in *Cobentre* had a part^y, paying xii d. per ann. chief rent to the Mannour of *Stoke*. All which having been purchased by sundry Citizens of *Cobentre*, is now adorn'd with many fair Summer-houses.

The Chappel, whereunto the Inhabitants of *Witley* anciently resorted, had^z heretofore Divine service performed therein thrice every week at the Prior of *Cobentre's* charge; the tithes whereof were appropriat to the Monks, who allowed to

the Priest serving the Cure therein Cxii s. per ann. or tithes to that value, as in 26 *H. 8.* was certified^a: but since the later end of *Q. Eliz.* time it hath been a Presentative; as the Institution of these several Incumbents doth manifest.

Patroni.

Incumbentes.

Eliz. Regina.

Jacobus Rex.

Carolus Rex.]

Henr. Belingham, Cler. 16. Junii, 1598.
Julinus Wynsper, Cler. 23. Martii, 1598.
Humfr. Wildinge, 27 Junii, 1614.
Geo. Lockwood, Cler. 12. Nov. 1617.
Rob. Chadburne, Cler. 12. Jan. 1626.

Overton bund. C.

Ib.

Overton bund. A.

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Morton bund. incert.

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Ib.

Biggin.

THERE is now no other memorial left of this place, than a Ferm-house, called by the name of *Biggin Hall*; anciently written *Bugging*; which in our old English signifieth the same with *dimus*, and is in the North parts of this Realm still retained in that sense, divers Mannour-houses being there so called. In 7 *E. 1.* the Prior of *Cobentre*, then owner thereof, had^b 8 servants who held 4 carucats of land here; by performance of certain servile labours. Which lands were after the dissolution of that Religious House, granted^c (inter alia) to the Mayor, Bayliffs, and Commonalty of that City.

b Inq. p. H. Nott. C. f. 41.

c Pat. 3. H. 8. P.

Bisseleie.

I NOW return to the river *Shitburn*; which, being issued out of *Cobentre*, leaves *Bisseleie* on its Eastern bank. This hath been very anciently depopulated, as it seems: for since *K. Steph.* time, that *Ran. E. of Chester* acknowledged^d the Chappel then here (inter alia) to belong unto the Monks of *Cobentre*, I have not seen any thing notable thereof.

d Regist. de Cov. 76. a.

Shortley.

A Little lower lyes *Shortley*, anciently a member^e of *Cobentre*, and held of the *E. of Chester's* heirs by the service of 2 l. 17 s. per ann. a pound of Pepper yearly, and Heriots. But before 17 *E. 1.* I find it not particularly mentioned; at which time there was a Fine^f levied thereof betwixt *Geffrey de Langley pl.* and *Ric. de Waldeshof* and *Beatrice* his wife deforc. Whereby it appears, that at the request of the said *Ric.* and *Beatrice*, the same *Geffrey* granted an estate for life therein to *Hugh de Vienna*, with remainder to him the said *Geffrey* and his heirs. Which *Geff.* was a younger son to *Geffr. de Langley*, of whom in *Witley* I have spoke. From this *Geffrey* it descended unto *Edmund de Langley* his son, and heir: who having issue *Joan* a daughter, gave it in marriage with her (as it seems) to *Edmund de Chesterton*; for the same *Edmund de Chesterton* was seized thereof in 42 *E. 3.* as appears by his feoffment^g then made to *Sir Fulk de Bermingham* and others.

e Ib. f. 61.

f 3. sep Mich. 1. E. 1.

g Ex a. 109. pen. Edw. A. 1. f. 1. Taxhall Com. St. eq. aur. 160.

How he was justled out of it, I know not: but within 4 years after, viz. 46 E. 3. I find, that Sir *Baldwin Frevill* the elder, Kt. enfeofft ^h Sir *Will. Beauchamp* Kt. and divers moe, in this Mannour; with *Wintley*, *Wolpin*, and other lands, to stand seized of them to certain uses (as in my discourse of that family, when I come to *Tamworth*, shall be shewed:) and in 49 E. 3. dyed ⁱ seized thereof, leaving *Baldwin* his son and heir 24 years of age. Which *Baldwin* dyed in R. 2. time, leaving his heir within age, and what estate he had herein, to *Joyce* his widow; who taking to husband Sir *Adam Teshale* Kt. was in R. 2. time with him impleaded ^k for the title hereof by *John Brandesley*, in right ^l of *Eliz.* his wife, daughter and heir of *Roger Chesterton*, son and heir of *Edmund Chesterton* before mentioned, and *Eliz.* his wife, daughter unto *Edm. de Langley*, from whom the said *John* and *Eliz.* claimed.

How this difference determined, I have not seen: but in 4 H. 5. by a Fine then levied ^m betwixt Sir *John Berkley* Kt. *John Brut* the elder, with others plaintiffs, and *Edw. Chesterton* deforc. it was settled upon the said *John Brut* and his heirs. In which Fine it appeareth, that the above mentioned *John Brandesley* held it by the curtesy of *England* for life. It seems that the heir male of this line afterwards came to possess it again: for in 22 E. 4. *Will. Langley* dyed ⁿ seized of it, leaving *John* his son and heir 16 years of age; at which time the proportion of land that he had here was certified to be C. acres of pasture, wherein a certain Mannour-house had in former time stood, but then was utterly down and wasted.

How it came to the Crown, I know not: but I find that K. H. 8. in 12 of his reign, granted ^o it to *Edw. Langley* Esq; and his heirs. Which *Edw.* in 17 H. 8. was seized ^p thereof; and past it, as I guess, to *Rog. Wigston* Esq; and *Will. Wigston* his son and heir: for it appears ^q, that in 30 H. 8. they were seized thereof. But the said *Will.* in 37 H. 8. (his father being then dead) granted ^r it to certain Feoffees to the use of *Edw. Pyc* of *Marstoke* Esq; and the heirs of his body. Which *Edw.* in 3 E. 6. sold ^s it to *Giles Forster* then of *Walshall* Esq. But the said *Giles*, within less than a month after, in consideration of 200*l.* sterling, re-conveyd ^t it to certain Feoffees to the use of the before specified *Will. Wigston*: who, being so seized thereof, by his deed ^u bearing date 29 Martii, 1 M. being then a Knight, sold it to *Edw. Aglionby* of *Walshall* Esq; and to *Kath.* his wife, sister of the said Sir *Will.* After which I have seen no more thereof, than that *James Fitz-Herbert* of *Stoke* *juxta Coventre*, and *Ric. Fitz-Herbert* of *Shulton* in *Com. Leic.* Gent. in 33 Eliz. aliened ^v it to *Edw. Brabazon* of *Castwell* in the same County of *Leic.* Esq; and *Mary* his wife.

The Charter-house.

W^{ithin} the precincts of *Shortley* sometime stood a very fair Monastery of *Carthusian* Monks: but before I speak of its foundation, it will be proper enough to digress a little in shewing how and when that Order first began, with the strictness of their Rule.

The Author ^x thereof was one *Bruno*, born at *Colein* in *Germany*, a very learned man, and Philosophy-Professor in the University of *Paris*: where, being present at the Funerall of his friend that had been a man of good conversation; and observing that whilst they were celebrating the office for the dead, the Corps raised it self up on the Bier, and uttered at several distances these words, *Iusto Dei judicio accusatus sum, Iusto Dei judicio judicatus sum, Iusto Dei judicio condemnatus sum*, he became so astonisht, as that, considering if such were the condition of one whose life had been free from any eminent vice, what should become of himself and many others that were in no better state; he thereupon, with six more of his company, who were moved with the same apprehension, resolved to seek some desert place, where they might end their daies in an austere and mortified course of living, without any disturbance of worldly matters: which at length they found in the Diocess of *Genoble*, at a place called *Carthusie*, in the mountainous parts of a vast wilderness; and obtaining an assignation thereof from the Bishop, erected a Monastery, instituting most severe and strict Rules for himself and his Covent; viz. wearing hair shirts, never to feed on flesh, on the Fridays to eat nothing but bread and water; to live apart in particular Cells, and thither to have their diet singly brought them, except on certain Festival daies when they dined together: Not to converse with each other but at certain times: None to go out of the Monastery but the Superior and Procurator, and they onely about the affairs of the Covent.

Their habit a white loose coat, with a cowl of the same; but when they go out, a case of black stuff all over it, being shaved and shorn just as the *Benedictines* are. Into their particular Cells, which are low built, and do contain 3 or 4 several rooms on the ground-floor onely, having behind each of them a little garden environ'd with an high wall, is their diet brought to them by Lay-brothers, and put in at a little door in the wall, near the entrance thereof; unto which there is a lock, whereof the key is kept by him that serves them. At the hours of publick prayers they meet in the Quire: But women are not permitted to come within the precincts of their Monastery, nor a man to speak with any of them without special licence given by the Superior.

The Lay-brothers are not shaven; but their hair on the head is cut short and round; their habit being the same with the Monks, saving the scapular, which reacheth but a little below the middle, and is girt close to them.

Which Institution by *Bruno* was in the year 1080. as *Polydore* affirmeth; but others ^z say in ann. 1084. Howbeit they observe ^a the Rule of *S. Benedict* as to their diurnal and nocturnal offices; yet have not antiently in any one Covent exceeded ^b the number of xiii persons.

Into *England* they were first brought by K. H. 2. in ^c ann. 1181. (27 H. 2.) who founded ^d a Monastery for them at *Waltham* in *Somersetsh.* whereof *Hugh* Bishop of *Lincoln* was the first Prior. But now returning to this in particular, I will begin with the time and occasion of its foundation.



Ordinis Carthusiani Monachus.

f Ex vet.
membr. in
bibl. Har-
ton:

In the year 1381. 5 R. 2. Will. Lord Zouch (of Hartingworth in Northamptonsh.) having a desire to found a House of this Order near Co-ventre, in honour of S. Anne, obtained from Sir Baldwyn Frevile, the elder, Kt. 14 acres of land here at Shortley, where he purposed to build the House, resolving to endow it with sufficient possessions: but being the same year prevented by

death, lying upon his sick bed, he appointed that C marks per ann. should be paid out of his lands, untill his heirs did procure as much in Churches appropriate to be settled thereto. Which Legacy, his Confessor, and others who were then about him, thought too large; and therefore prevailed with him, that it should be no more than 1x l. per ann.

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The great affection that he had to the founding of this Monastery, occasioned him to procure from the House of *Carthusians* in *London* three Monks; viz. one *Robert Palmer* at that time Procurator there, and the originall mover in that business. *John Netherby*, then Vicar of the same Monastery; and *Edmund Dalling*: who accordingly came to *Cobentre* on the Eve of *S. Andrew* the Apostle, and began their abode in the Hermitage of *S. Anne*. In which place, associating to themselves three Monks from the Monastery of *Beauvale* in *Potttingham-sh.* and four more, who were then newly profest of this Order, they continued by the space of seven years.

But the Lord *Zouch* departed this life in Lent following; whereupon his good intentions and fair beginnings were prosecuted by others. For *Rich. Luff*, sometime Mayor of *Cobentre*, and *John Bottoner* his fellow Citizen, bestowed no less than 400. marks upon the Quire, Church, and Cloysters; with three Cells in the east part, next to the Chapter-house, and making of seven ponds. *John Holmston* of *Stleford* 180. li. towards the structure of the Quire: and with xx. li. of the goods of *Will. Tilney*, whose Executor he was, made the Cell at the West-corner of the Cloyster. The fourth Cell on the East side was built by *Margery Byri* of *Delwarke*; who thereupon, and for the Books of *Isaiah* and *Jeremie*, with Coments, bestowed xx. li. The fifth, being the utmost on the said East side, by the Lady *Margerie Tilney* of *Retton*; who gave x. li. also to the making of the East window of the Quire. The sixth by *John Bokingham* B. of *Lincoln*. The seventh next to it on the same side, by *Thomas Beauchamp* E. of *Warwick*.

And *K. Rich. 2.* returning from *Scotland* in the year 1385. (about the *Nativity* of the blessed Virgin;) and coming to *Cobentre* on Saturday within the Octaves of that Feast, at the special instance of *Q. Anne* his consort, with his own hands layd the first stone of the Church; viz. at the East end of the Quire; publicly protesting in the presence of his Nobles; as also of the Mayor and Citizens of *Cobentre* that he would be the Founder thereof, and bring it to good perfection. Neither were others slack in so pious a work: For the eighth Cell; viz. the third on the South side, was made with xx. li. given as a Legacy thereto by *Adam Bottoner* Citizen of *Cobentre*. The ninth, (next to it) by Sir *Nigel Loryng* Knight, at the procurement of *Rob. Braybrok* B. of *London*. The tenth, viz. the first in the West corner, out of the goods of *Will. Tilney* before mentioned. The eleventh, by *John Morton* Canon of *Lichfield*.

But further I cannot go, in the description of these Cells, in regard I have not seen any more of the history of its Foundation: Neither should I have delivered thus much, but that, by the care and affection of my worthy friend Mr. *John Langley*, whose delight and knowledge in Antiquities deserves greater commendation than I can in a few lines express, the fragment whence I had this, being a Manuscript of two leaves in Parchment, and written in *R. 2.* time, was redeemed from utterly perishing, having been by some ignorant person made the Cover to a School-boy's Book.

I shall now therefore proceed with what I have from our publique Records: wherein I find, that *K. Rich. 2.* by his Precept bearing date 18. *Martii* in the said fifth year of his reign, directed to Sir *Baldwin Frevill* Kt. *Rich. Dodenhale* then Major

of *Cobentre*, and *Rich. Luff*; wherein he expresseth, that *John Netherbury* was assigned Prior of this House, so intended to be founded in *Shottleyfield* within the libertyes of *Cobentre*; And declaring the bounds of those 14. acres of land, so given by Sir *Baldwin Frevill*; viz. in length from the path-way leading towards *London* on the East part, to the river of *Shitburne* on the West; and in breadth, from the common road which goeth towards *Warwick* on the South part, to the Mill called *Bushelmilne* on the North part, doth command, that the said Sir *Baldwin*, *Richard*, and *Richard* shall deliver possession thereof unto the same Prior and Monks. Soon after which did the said *K.* grant license^b to these Monks, that they might obtain advousons of Churches to be appropriated, to the value of c. li. per annum, over and above what should be assigned for endowment of Vicars in the same. And within two years following bestowed^c on them the advouson of the Church of *Walton* *super Trent* in *Derby-shire*.

In 9. of his reign he gave^d them the advouson of the Church of *Ecclesfield* in *York-shire*. In 13. he granted License^e to the Monks of *S. George* at *Bauquerville* in *Normandy*, that they might settle their mannour or Priory of *Edweston* in *Rutland* upon them. And in 16. in recompence for the advouson of the Church of *Walton* before mentioned, which he had granted with the Mannour to *John Delves* esq. gave them license^f to purchase the Priory of *Lymberg* (alias *Limbroke*) in *Hereford-shire* with the parcells of *Curtelington*, and *Abby-Mares*; together with the advouson of the Vicaridges; all which belong'd to the Abby of *Abenepe* in *Normandy*.

Certain it is, that the strictness of their Rule begot an exceeding regard towards them from many good people, as by the increase of their possessions is evident: For in 17. *R. 2.* they had license^g to purchase from the Abbot of *S. Sergius* and *Bachus* in *Normandy* the Mannours of *Swansey* and *Dip-Dyapton* in *Cambrydge-shire*, with the advouson of the Church of *Swansey*, excepting 65. marks sterling annually due to the Warden and Schollars of *Kings-Hall* in the University of *Cambrydg.* And in 20. *R. 2.* from the Monks of *S. Peters super Dinam* in *Normandy* the Priory of *Walton* in this County, which was a Cell belonging to that Monastery. As also the Priory of *Bagham* in *Lincoln-shire* from the Abbot and Covent of *S. Severus* in *Normandy*. And now that they were grown thus rich in possessions, by his Charter^h bearing date 21. *Maii* in the 21. year of his reign, did he grant as ample protection to them, and privileges, both for the choyse of their Prior and otherwise as the originall House at *Cartshute* had, together with immunity from all Taxes and payments whatsoever.

Neither did his bounty to them stay here: for the next year ensuing he releasedⁱ unto them the payment of those 65. marks per annum to the Schollars of *Cambrydg* before mentioned; upon condition that they should find and maintain within the precinct of their House xii. poor Schollars from seven years old, till they accomplish't the age of 17. there to pray for the good estate of him the said King and of his consort, during this life; and afterwards for the health of their souls: as also of the soul of *Qu. Anne* late deceased, and for the souls of his Father & Mother, and all the faithfull departed. And to the end, that the service and worship of God might be

yet further augmented in this Monastery, by a Co-
 vent of Monks which were Priests, he granted^a un-
 to them the Priory-Alien of **Lodges** in **Dorset-sh.**
 which was a Cell to the Abby of **Sponteburgh** in
Normandy; the Priory of **Wotton** in this Coun-
 ty, which belong'd to the Abby of **Couches** in
Normandy, with the Mannour of **Spokenlane** in
Hertford-sh. parcell of the possessions belonging to
 the said Priory of **Wotton**: The Priory of **Long-**
Benington in **Lincoln-shire** and **Feldballyng** in
North. Cells to the Abby of **Sabine** in **Norman-**
dy: the Priory of **Wagh.** in **Lincoln-sh.** belonging
 to the Monastery of **Chirburgh** in **Normandy**.
 Which said Priories-Alien were all seized into the
 K. hands by reason of his Warrs with **France**. But
 the most of these, last mentioned, were reassumed
 in 1. H. 4. (as in my discourse of **Wotton**, above-
 mentioned will appear.)

To which ample Donations K. H. 7. in 10. of
 his reign, added his License^a to them for appropri-
 ating the Church of **Potters-Pirp** in **Northamp-**
ton-sh. of their patronage; and of **Emond** in
Shrop-sh. whereof the Advouson belong'd to the
 Abby of **S. Peter** at **Shrewsbury**; in considera-
 tion that they should daily pray for the good estate
 of the said King, his Queen, and their Children;
 as also of his Mother: celebrating likewise once a
 week a Mass of the holy Ghost during the K. life,
 and a solemn yearly *Obit* for his soul after his de-
 parture hence. So that the full Revenue belonging
 thereto was by that fatal Survey, made in 26. H.
 8. certified^a to be clearly worth 131. l. - 06. s. 08. d.
per annum, besides all Reprises. Which undervalue
 though it exposed it to dissolution by the Statute of

27. H. 8. yet was the King pleased to shelter it at
 that instant, as by a clause in the Act he had liber-
 ty to doe: perhaps that he might get the better cre-
 dit in his proceedings against the rest, by reason the
 Preamble of that Act had represented the Monks
 residing in the lesser Houses, to be persons that did
 highly dishonour God by the looseness of their
 lives; and therefore thought, through his favour to
 these of so strict a Rule, whatever was alleaged a-
 gainst the other, would be the sooner believed.

Amongst the Reprises recorded^a in that Survey, *x* 16. f. 29.
 besides the yearly *Pensions* and Almes paid by com-
 position to the Hospitall of **Okham** in **Rutland**;
 To the poor of **Potters-Pirp** in **Northampton-**
sh. To the poor of **Wotton** in this County; And to
 the *Friers Carmelites* in **Cobentre**, I find^a, that *y* 16. f. 30.
 53 s. - 04. d. *per annum* was allowed for expences^a
 in bread and beer at the washing of poor peoples
 feet on *Maunday-Thursday*. And 14. l. 10. s. *per*
annum for bread and beer daily bestowed on the
 like poor, living in and near **Cobentre**, at the gates
 of this Monastery; viz. in 30. quarrers of Rye
 yearly at 5 s. a quarter, and 30. quarrers of Malt
 at 04. s. - 08. d. a quarter.

But it was neither their devout and strict lives;
 nor these charitable allowances that could preserve
 them from the common ruine, which befell all the
 rest of the Religious Houses in 30. H. 8. as the In-
 strument of Surrender, whereunto their publique
 Seal is affixt, bearing date 16. Jan. the same year,
 and subscribed by the particular persons whose
 names I have here inserted, with the severall *Pen-*
sions granted to each of them for life doth mani-
 fest.

These had Pensions.

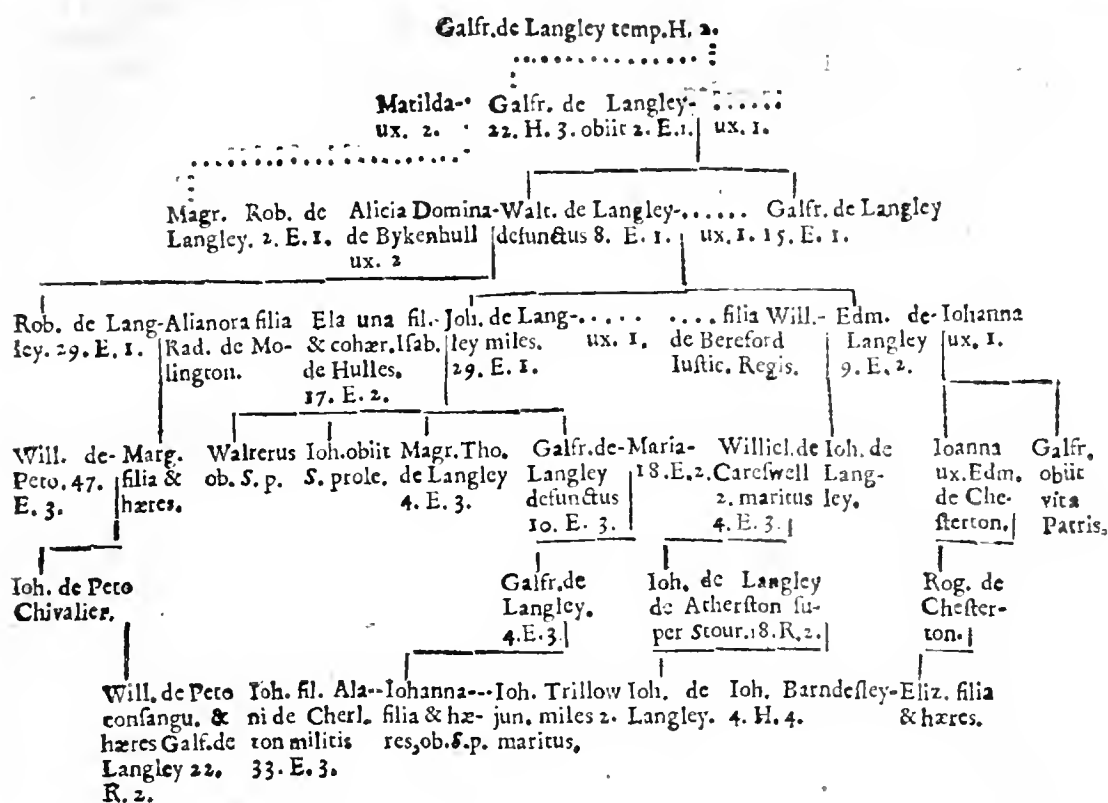
Joh. Bochard Prior xl. l.
Joh. Todd. Monacho ibid. vi. li. xiii. s. iv. d.
Rob. Bold Mon. ib. vi. l. xiii. s. iv. d.
Will. Abell Mon. ib. vi. l.
Tho. Corbyn Mon. ib. v. l. vi. s. viii. d.
Rich. Appulby Mon. ib. vi. l.
Rich. Crofts Mon. ib. v. l. vi. s. viii. d.
Tho. Letherbarow Mon. ib. v. l. vi. s. viii. d.
Joh. Todde Mon. ib. v. l. vi. s. viii. d.
Rich. Slater Mon. ib. v. l. vi. s. viii. d.

in the Conq. time it was involved with **Cobentre**,
 so that in his Survey it is not so much as mentioned:
 Neither do I find any thing of it till King **Stephens**
 days, that **Ranulph** Earl of **Chester** rendred^a the
 Chappell thereof to the Monks of **Cobentre**,
 with divers other of which I have already
 spoke.

As for the name I am of opinion that it was from
 the ascent whereon it stood, **Pen** in the Brittish
 language, signifying the head, top, or chief part;
 and **Ule** the same with **Locus**. It should seem that
 anciently it was a pretty village, otherwise there had
 been no cause for the Chappel; but till H. 3. time,
 that **Geff. de Langley** (a man of great note in those
 days) made it his seat, I have not seen any thing
 memorable of it. 'Tis very like that the neernes of
 its situation to **Cobentre** invited him to build here:
 for in 22. H. 3. he had a grant^a from the King, of
 certain timber trees out of **Kenilworth-woods** for
 that purpose. Of what extraction this family was,
 I know not, though they had divers fair Lordships
 in this County: but for as much as this was their
 chief seat, I do here resolve to take notice of what
 I have found memorable of them.

Pinley.

This place is now known to very few, depopu-
 lation having extirpated all its Inhabitants: but



The first mention I have met with, of this name and stock, is in H. 2. time; the K. confirming the grant made by one *Geffrey de Langley* to the Monks of *Combe*, of lands in *Herdebergh* (now called *Harbrow-magna*) in this County. 'Tis very like that the same *Geffrey* was the father of this: but if there were more than two, in a direct line, of that Christen name, I know not how to distinguish them. With *Geffrey*, whom I suppose to be the son of that *Geffrey* which was a benefactor to *Combe*, I will begin. He was first, *Marshall* of the K. Household; (an office belonging to the E. Marshall of *England* in fee: who by the K. consent, appoints a Knight under him to execute the same.) In which he so behaved himself, that the King took great notice of him for a thrifty servant; and for that cause afforded him much grace and respect, though others con'd him little thank, in regard he cut short the ancient allowance for the Kings own table, and lessened the old hospitality of the Court.

In 23. H. 3. he obtained a Charter of *Free-warren* in all his demesn-lands here. And in 26. H. 3. attended the King in that expedition of *Gascoign*, wherein the English suffered great loss: in which voyage he got such reputation with the King as accelerated (it seems) his further profit and advancement. For in 34. H. 3. he obtained a Patent to his own use, dated 29. Dec. of the whole benefit accruing by expedition of Dogs throughout all the Forests of *England*. And the fourth of March following, to be Justice of the Kings Forests from *Trent* Southwards. As also, within few days after, to be Governour of the Castle and Honour of *Rockingham* in *Northampton-shire*. The same year likewise upon the return of a Writ of *Ad quod dampnum*, had he license to stop up and inclose a certain High-way which interposed betwixt his House and woods here at *Wintley*, and to impark those woods. 'Tis not to be doubted, but, as he managed the business, his office of Justice in the Forests was very beneficiall to him; but with what credit he did the King that service, and

inrich't himself, let us hear an impartiall relation from an Author of that time.

Sub eisdem siquidem temporibus, &c. About these times (saith he) a certain Knight called *Geffrey de Langley*, who was a Bayliff to the King, and a strict Inquisitor after all trespasses committed in the Forests, rode through most parts of *England*. In which Office he behaved himself with that cunning, srowardness and violence, in extorting vast summs of money, especially from the Northern gentry, as that the very Auditors themselves were astonisht at such a mass. And for the better carrying on this course of oppression, he rode with a great company of attendants well armed; so that if any of those against whom he thus proceeded did but seem to excuse themselves in a muttering way, their enemies being Judges, he presently caused them to be cast into prison. Neither did he use any proportion in the punishment futable to the offence: for, were it but the killing of a Fawn, or a Hare, and that crossing the way in a mans passage, though he were the greatest Noble-man that did it he would ruin him. So that this his cruelty made the memory of his predecessors precious: nay *Robert Passelew* himself in comparison of him was counted a Saint. Which *Robert*, being Justice of the Forests immediately before, had been the man that first brought him into that employment; whose good turn he requited with supplanting him, putting out all those under Officers that he had placed, and undoing them to boot. Whereupon the said *Robert*, considering the instability of these terrestriall things, forsook the Court and became a Priest.

Which ways of oppression and cruelty, rendred our *Geffrey* so odious, that the K. within two years thought best, in prudence, to remove him from that Office, least the peoples discontents should reflect upon himself. And therefore, the better to satisfy the world, he sent him away into *Scotland*, there to be one of the Governours unto his daughter the Queen of Scots: But the Nobles of that Realm, finding of what an insolent Spirit he was, would not long endure him there: whereupon he betook himself

y M. Paris.
p. 785. n. 4
50. & p.
786. 1

2 lb. n.
2 10.

b lb. p. 854
n. 20.

c lb. n. 305

m Regist. de
Cumbra f.
65. c.

m M. Paris.
p. 786.
o Fleta lib.
2. cap. 4.
p M. Paris.
p. 786. n.
10.

1 Cart. 23.
4. 3. m. 4. in
edula.

Pat. 26.
1. 3. in dor.

Pat. 34. H.
m. 13.

1b. m. 7.

1b. m. 6.

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himself to the service of Prince *Edward*; in which he so managed the business, that he raised up many enemies to the King and Prince, as well as to himself: For being employed in *Wales* by the Prince; he so tyrannized, that in 40. H. 3. the Welch broke out into rebellion; which made him begin too late, to repent of his doings.

After this, it was not long ere that *Symon de Montfort* Earl of *Leic.* with divers of the Barons, taking advantage of certain miscarriages in government, occasioned by this *Geffrey* and such other who had abused the power and trust committed to them, put themselves in Armes under pretence of asserting the Laws, and subject's liberties; the particulars of which story I must not here stand to tell; but so much thereof as relates to the said *Geffrey* I shall briefly touch. Which is, that amidst those turbulent doings in 48. E. 3. he was trusted with the custody of *Winchester Castle*, as appears by his render thereof upon the Kings command, being then necessitated to submit unto a dishonourable truce with the Barons. Certainly he was a man of extraordinary note: for I find him in the Catalogue of those great men who stood stoutly to the King against his rebellious Barons, and lived to a great age; for he departed not this world till 2. E. 1. and then *Walter* his son and heir, doing his homage, had livery of his lands.

A younger son he had, named *Geffrey*; who was in the Welch expedition with his brother *Walter* in 41. H. 3. But of him and his descendants I have said something already in *Shorthley*; and shall have occasion to say more when I come unto *Atherston super Stoure*; and therefore now return to *Walter*. This *Walter* had his Christen name (as 'tis most like) from *Walter Marshall* Earl of *Devonshire*, under whom his father executed the office of Marshall in the K. household. And in 36. H. 3. obtain'd a speciall Pat. exempting him from serving on any Juries so long as he lived. The next year following he attended the King into *Gascon*; and in 41. H. 3. went into *Wales* with the Royall Army. In 3. E. 1. he was constituted one of the Justices for the Gaol delivery at *Warwick*. And in 7. E. 1. being certified Lord of this place, had here ten Cottiers holding nine Cottages, for which they payd severall Rents, performed divers services in Harvest, and gathered Nutts for one day: He had then also 3. Carucats of land, and 3. acres and a Water-myl in demein; and kept a certain outwood, containing 5. acres, inclosed as a Park, which had wont to be common.

The same year I find; that he was again a Justice for the Gaol-delivery at *Warwick*; and so likewise the year following, in which he dyed, leaving his son and heir, viz. *John de Langley* 22. years of age, who did his Homage, and had livery of his lands immediately after. And had also a younger son, called *Robert*, of whom and his posterity I shall speak in *Wolthamcote* Which *John*, who had the inheritance of this mannour; as also of *Witkin* and *Spilcote*, had summons to be at *London*, with many other great men, the Sunday next after the *Oblaves* of *S. John Baptist* 25. E. 1. to attend the K. in his expedition beyond Sea. And in 29. of the said Kings reign, had the like summons to be at *Warwick* upon *Twede* at the feast of the *Nativity* of *S. John Baptist*, to wait on the K. in his Scottish war, wherein he was knighted, as 'tis probable; for the same year he so stiled himself.

In 5. 6. and 7. E. 2. he was constituted one of the Justices for the Gaol-delivery at *Warwick*. In 8. he and *Henry de Erdington* were appointed to levy and collect in this County and *Leicester-sh.* the Scutage due to K. E. 1. in 34. of his reign, when his Army came together at *Carleol*, which was not till then received. And the next ensuing year was in Commission for making choise of one stout and able Footman in every village thought-out this County, to march with the King in person against the Scots: as also to see that they were sufficiently armed according to the Statute of *Winchester*. In 10. E. 2. he had the like employment for choosing one Footman in every village of this Shire for the war of *Scotland*; and to see them sufficiently arm'd with Haketones, Bacenets, Swords, Bows, and Arrows; as also with Slings and such other weapons that were proper for them. In 12. E. 2. he, with *Rob. de Stoke* were assign'd to collect an eighteenth in this County. In 13. E. 2. for levying and collecting Scutage for the Scottish war.

In 14. and 15. E. 3. he was again in Commission for the Gaol-delivery at *Warwick*. And in 18. entail'd this Lordship with other lands upon his son *Geffrey* and his heirs. After which I neither find more mention of him, nor any historical matter relating to his descendants, excepting of *Joan* his great-grandchild, and heir to this branch of that family; who being wedded to *John* the son of Sir *Alan Charlton* of *Apley* Knight, was forcibly taken from him by Sir *John Trillow* the younger Kt. and kept as his wife many years: during which time the same Sir *John* and she by their deed dated 39. E. 3. granted this Mannour to Sir *Baldwin Frevill* the elder Kt. and his heirs. Who for the corroborating of his title had a Release from Sir *Peter Carewell* Kt. son and heir to Sir *Will. Carewell* Kt. of all his interest therein, bearing date 3. Maii 46. E. 3. which *Joan* was afterwards reconciled to her first husband, but dyed without issue.

Upon the partition of *Frevill's* lands 31. H. 6. (whereof in *Lambworth* I shall speak) this Mannour was allotted unto *Robert Aston* elq. son and heir to *Joyce*, one of the three Sisters and coheirs to the last Sir *Baldwyn*. Since which it hath continued in the line of *Aston* till of late time: for in 39. Eliz. did Sir *Edw. Aston* of *Witthall* in Com. Staff. Knight dye, seized of it, leaving *Walter* his son and heir; who in 1. Caroli, or about that time, sold it to severall *Cobentre*-men, then his tenants to the particular parcells thereof.

Whitley.

A Little lower upon the Eastern-bank of *Shiltburn* stands *Whitley*, where there is now no more than a Mannour-house, with an old Chappell and a Mill to be seen: but antiently it was a village of divers Inhabitants; yet is there no mention of it in the Conq. Survey; for as much as it was then involved with *Cobentre*. As for the name I suppose it proceeds from a Brittish originall; viz. *Cott*, id est a wood; and by corruptness in pronouncing is come to be written *Whit*; the latter syllable *Lev* being also from the Brittish *Ue*, which is the same with *locus*, or *sedes*. Nor till K. *Stephen's* time have I seen it at all mentioned: but then did *Ranulph* Eal of *Chester*, of whose fee it was, render

n Cart. 22.
E. 3. m. 6.
per Insp.

render the Chappell thereof to the Monks of **Cobventre**.

q Ibid.

p Inq. per
H. Nott.
E. 3. f. 46. a.

q Ibid.
r E. 3. f. 12.
s E. 1.
t

z E. 3. f. 1. E.
1. n. 109.
w Rot. F.
18. E. 2. n.
16.

r Rot. F. 18.
E. 3. n. 32.

u E. 3. R.
1. n. 25.

x Plac. co-
am. R.
Term. P.
1. R. 2.
ot. 20.

y Rot. F. 19.
1. 2. m. 16.

z E. 3. f. 19. R.

aa Regist. Pr.
de Cov. f.
12. b.

ab xv. Job.
3.

ac E. 3. f. 2. M.

In 34. H. 3. upon the passing of **Cobventre** in Fee-ferm, by **Roger de Montalt** and **Cecily** his wife, to the Monks; amongst certain reservations made to them the said **Roger** and **Cecily** and their heirs, are excepted the homage & services of **Walter Deyvill** and **Milo Gerbold** for lands they then held in this **Whitley**. Whereby it is clear, that they or their ancestors, were enfeoffed of what they had here from some of the Earls of **Chester**. Which **Roger** and **Cecily** in 7. E. 1. were found to be Lords thereof; but that the King had at that time four Freeholders here, who held one cottage, two yard land and five acres under severall rents. And that the said **Roger** then had one Freeholder, viz, **Adam fil. Milonis**, who held one yard land. It was then also certified, that the Prior of **Cobventre** had six Freeholders here, who occupied one yard land and half, two acres and half a rod, with a Water-mill. Of which tenants, who paid certain rents and did fute to his Court twice in the year, **Raph de Whitley** was one.

I am of opinion, that the said **Milo Gerbold** was the father of that **Adam**, who is stiled **Adam fil. Milonis**. This **Adam fil. Milonis** (for I presume it was he) was in 12. E. 1. called **Adam de Whitley**, and then certified to hold one yard land in this place by inheritance, of **Sim. fil. Mauricii**: Who had a grant of K. H. 3. of xxii. s. free yearly rent issuing out of those lands so held of the K. as abovesaid. Which Rent was in 31. E. 1. conveyed by **Roger le Tayllur** to one **Adam de Okes** and his heirs. Who, in 18. E. 2. was found to dye seized of certain tenements here, held of the King by the payment of a half-penny per annum called **Warthe**, at the feast of **S. Martin**, by the hands of the Shiriff of **Warwickshire**, **Will. de Okes**, son of **Will.** brother to the said **Adam** being his co. fin and heir and of full age. Which **Will.** in 18. E. 3. dyed seized of the same, leaving **Philip** his son and heir of full age.

But hitherto hath there been no mention of **Whitley** as a Mannour: howbeit, in 3. R. 2. it was found, that **Thomas de Freberne** dyed seized of it by that name, leaving **Alice** his daughter and heir then ten years of age. Nevertheless in 6. R. 2. upon a suite for the title thereof, it was found, that the said **Thomas de Freberne** had sold the inheritance thereof to one **Thomas de Whitley** and his heirs. Which **Thomas de Whitley** past it away to **John Botoner** and two others, to whom it was adjudged. What bargaining there had been for it I cannot declare: but in 19. R. 2. the King granted the custody thereof to **Rob. de Malton** Clerk, and **Henry Wybbe**, it being seized into his hands by reason of the Minority of **Margaret** sister and heir to **John Palmer**, son of **William Palmer**. Which **Will.** dyed in 16. R. 2. and his brother **John** in 19.

After this viz. in H. 6. time, I find that **John Schiplew** of **Cobventre** was seized of it, perhaps by some private deed to direct the uses unto that Fine levied in 2. H. 6. betwixt **Will. Schiplew** Clerk and others plaintiffs, and **John Burton** of **Cobventre** and **Jan** his wife deforc. But hence, for want of light, I must make a leap to **Q. Marye's** time; in the second year of whose reign **Will. Starky** gent. dyed seized of it: leaving **Thomas** his son and heir of full age. By whom, or his descendants it was sold to . . . **Tate**, as I have heard; which is like to be true: for in 43. **Eliz. Will. Tate**, son of

Bartholomew Tate of **Porthamptonshire** was certified to be Lord thereof, and of full age.

A little below **Whitley**, the river **Shirburne**, quitting the libertyes of **Cobventre** (where with also I have now done) joyns with **Sow**: I must therefore ascend that stream again untill it bring me to its entrance of **Knightslow-Hundred**, which is just at **Sow**, a place taking its name from the brook neer which it is situat.

Sow.

Half of this village was given to the Priory of **Cobventre**, by **E. Leofrike** (the Founder) in the first year of King **Edward the Confessor**, and by the Conq. Survey certified to containe 3. hides and a half, whereof the woods extended to half a mile in length, and 4. furlongs in breadth, all being valued at 1x. s. But the residue thereof, the King and **R. Venator** then held; which **R. Venator** is also called **Rich. Forestarius**, and had here only one hide. The Records doth not expresse the particular extent of his woods; but declares, that those there belonging to the King, the Abbot (id est) of **Cobventre** and him the said **Richard**, were three miles in length, and one in breadth; which, with the abovesaid hide, being rated at the other half, were then also valued at 1x. s.

With the Priors part, wherein the Monks in 41. H. 3. had **Free-warren** I will begin. By the Record of 7. E. 1. it appears, that the Monks of **Cob.** had in this place one carucate of land, with a Mill in demesne, and ten servants holding five yard land by rent service; viz. plowing, harrowing, mowing, making and carrying hay, reaping corne, raking, and the like work. As also 13. Freeholders which held xii. yard land, paying each of them a certain annuall rent, and doing suit to the Priors Court twice in the year, for all services. And likewise the royalty of 80. acres of out-wood, in which all their Freeholders were to have *house-bote* and *heybote*: and moreover the Chappell appropriat, with half an acre of land adjoining thereto. Which said appropriation was made by **Roger Menland B. Cobentry** and **Lichfield** 5. Non. Nov. An. 1260. (44. H. 3.) whereby it appears to have been appurtenant unto the Church of **S. Michael** in **Cobentry**: but the greater Tithes; viz. corne, hey, wood, and of the Mill, the Prior held in his own hand: the rest viz. wooll, lambe, with all the small tythes being allowed to the Priest that served the cure there, who had also a house adjoining to the Churchyard and ten acres of glebe; which Priest was removable at the Priors pleasure, having neither Institution nor induction by the ordinary.

But, besides the particulars above exprest, they had likewise here a Mannour-house, **Court-Leet**, Gallows, Pillory, Cuckingstool, Felons-goods: as also power to punish the breakers of the Affize of bread and beer; to which Court did resort all the Priors tenants, in **Bilney**, **Wilmhale**, and **Ruxton**.

Some other grants there were made at severall times to the said Monastery by particular persons, having Freeholders in **Sow**; which being so intermixt with the rest, would hardly now be distinguished, though I should point at them as exactly, as by the help of Records I could: therefore I shall spare that labour, and observe, that, after the dissolution of that Monastery, the said Priors Mannour,

f Lib. 6.
cedul.

g Cart. 51.
H. 3. m. 8.
per Insp.

h Domecl.
lib.

i Ibid;

k Cart. 41.
H. 3. m. 41

l Inq. per.
H. Nott.
F. 43. b.
etc.

m Rot. R.
Molend. m.
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n Regist. Pr.
de Cov. f.
64. a.

o M. S. pe-
nès S. A. 2. q.
aur. f. 28. a2
p Regist. Pr.
de Cov. f.
63. b.

q Pat. 32.
H. 8. p. 23.

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f penes
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worth.

nour, in 32. H. 8. being passed with other lands to Sir **John Harington** Knight and his heirs, to be held in *Capite*, there was then the remainder of a lease unexpired, which had been granted by **Thomas Wygford** Prior of **Cobentre** and his Covent to one **Will. Allicock** for 80. years, from the 29. of *Sept.* 26. H. 8. And that afterwards; viz. 32. *Eliz.* the Q. by her Letters Pat. bearing date 21. *Martii*, conveyed (*inter alia*) to Sir **John Harington** Knight (afterwards created Lord **Harington of Erton**) and **John Read** gentleman, this Mannour of **Sow**, so before leased. Which said Sir **John**, and **John**, by their deed of bargain and sale, bearing date 2. *Junii* the same year, past away the Mannour house to **Edw. Lapworth** and his son, with divers lands thereto belonging: from whom descended **Alexander Lapworth** the present owner thereof Anno 1640.

But the Royalty or Mannour, with some lands there, being reserved by the said Sir **John Harington**, were, by **Lucie** Countesse of **Bedford**, his daughter and heir, bequeath'd by Will (as I have heard) to Mr. **George Purefoy** of **Belgrave** in **Leicestersh.** who still enjoys it.

I now return to that part which **Richardus Forestarius** held. This, as **Chesterton** in **Kineton-Hundred** also did, went with **Margery** the daughter and heir of the said **Richard** unto **William Crock**: which **William**, leaving it to his son **William** who was hang'd for felony; it escheated to the Crown; but, by the favour of the King was given to **Rob. de Brok**, that had married **Margery**, sister to the said **William**, which **Robert**, leaving one onely daughter and heir, who was wedded to **Hugh de Loges**, it thereby came to that family; and so, through **Loges** his heir generall, at length to **Peto**, as will more clearly be discerned by the descent in **Chesterton**, where I have observed what is memorable of all those families. I shall therefore here, take notice onely of them so far as they had relation to this place and no further.

And first, concerning **Croc** I find, that though, by the abovesaid forfeiture, his estate here was confiscated; and that **Loges** had his interest by force of the Kings grant; yet did the said **Loges** think fit to strengthen his title by an agreement with the heir of **Croc**, as may appear by a Fine, that **Gilb. Croc** levied thereof in 1. *Joh.* to the use of the said **Hugh Loges** and **Margeria** his wife and their heirs; the proportion being the same; viz. 1. hide, as in the Conq. time the before specified **Richardus Forestarius** held. Betwixt which **Gilbert** and the Prior of **Cobentre** there had been suit concerning some claim that the said **Gilbert** made here, for conclusion whereof the Prior granted to him **Husbote** and **Heybote**, and the moytie of the third penny, which should be made of the paunage in **Sow**.

In 7. E. 1. the particulars that **Loges** posselt in this place, were certified for two Carucats of land, which he kept in demesne; with six Freeholders who held two Cottages, one yard land, a half and fourth part, and two acres by certain Rent and particular services; and xl. acres of out-wood wherein the Freeholders had reasonable estovers; together with a **Court-Leet**; all which he held of the King by *Sergeanty*, viz. to be Keeper of the Forest of **Cank**, though he had no originall grant to shew; but certifies that it was *per antiquam tenuram sine Charta*. Which words clearly manifesting, that

grants by Deed, or Charter were not frequent in those elder times; it will not be amisse, (I suppose) to shew when such concessions first began, wherein I shall exhibit the authority of a most authentic Historian, I mean **Ingulphus** Secretary to the Conq. while he was only D. of **Normandy**, and afterwards Abbot of **Crouland**; who, being so great a Schollar, and withall a strict observer of the most eminent passages in his time, deserves much the more credit.

—*Nam Chirographorum confessionem Anglicanam (saith he) que antea usq; ad Edwardi Regis tempora fidelium presentium subscriptionibus cum crucibus aureis, aliisq; signaculis firma fuerunt, Normanni condemnantes Chirographa Cartas vocabant, & Chartarum firmitatem cum cerea impressione per uniuscuiusq; speciale Sigillum sub instillatione trium vel quatuor rignonum asstantium conficere constituebant. Conferebantur etiam primo multa pradia nudo verbo, absq; scripto vel charta, tantum cum Domini gladio, vel cornu, vel galea, vel cratera, & plurima tenementa cum Calcari, cum Strigili, cum Arcu, & nonnulla cum Sagittis: Sed hac initio regni sui, posterioribus annis immutatus est iste modus.*

The first sealed Charter that we have in **England**, being that of King **Edward** the Confessor upon his foundation of **Westminster** Abby; who, having his education in **Normandy**, brought into this Kingdom that and some other of their fashions with him; which afterwards came to be imitated by all others, though by the inferior sort not of a long time, as Mr. **Lambert** out of the History of **Wattall-Abbey** observes; where **Ric. de Lucy**, Chief Justice of **England** in H. 2. time, is reported to have blamed a mean subject, for that he used a privat Seal, when as that apperteyn'd, as he said, to the King and Nobility only.

But returning to **Loges**, I finde, that he held five tenements in this place of the Earl of **Chester**, by the service of conducting the said Earl towards the Kings Court, through the midst of the Forest of **Banck**; meeting him at **Rottor-by-log**, upon notice of his coming, and at **Hopwas-by-log** upon his return: In which Forest the Earl might, if he pleased, kill a Deer in his going, and another at his coming back; giving unto **Loges**, at each time he should so attend him, a barb'd Arrow. After which; viz. in H. 3. time, it appears, that **Hugh de Loges** granted to **Will. Bagot** and his heirs all his lands in **Sow**, to hold of him the said **Hugh** and his heirs by the payment of a pair of white Gloves, price 1 d. or 1 d. in money at the feast of St. **Michael** yearly for all services. Howbeit, this, though confirm'd by the King, 16. Febr. 54. H. 3. took not effect: For **Richard de Loges**, son of the said **Hugh**, commencing suite for the same land as his inheritance, proved, that his father was not *compos mentis* at the time when he sealed that Deed; and so recovered it again. Whereupon it became assigned, by the name of a Mannour (*inter alia*) unto **Eliz.** the widow of the above mentioned **Richard** in 28. E. 1. upon whose decease in 11. E. 3. it was found, that she held in downie certain lands here by petty-Sergeanty; viz. giving to the King one barb'd Arrow was often, and whensoever as he should pass through the road-way in **Sow**, towards **Wales**, to hunt there. How this Mannour came by descent from the family of **Loges** to **Peto**, the Pedegree in **Chesterton** will fully shew; in whose line it hath ever since continued till this present age.

c. f. 512. b. n. 20.

d Autogr. in bibl. Marton.

e Peramb. of Kent; 404. &c.

f Inq. per H. Noit. &c. f. 44.

g Cart. 54. H. 3. m. 11.

i Plac. coram Conc. D. Regis Pasch. 6. 1. Rot. 1 k claus. 2 E. 1. m. 4 l Esc. 11. 3. n. 19.

Testa de Nevill. f. 40. a.

y 1 Joh.

z Plac. de temp. in-cent. R. Joh. rot. 3. m. dorso.

a Inq. per. H. Noit. &c. f. 44. b.

b Ibid.

m Regist.
Pr. d. Cov.
f. 45.
n Elevat.
craft: loh.
Bapt. 40.
E. 3.

In this parish are the hamlets of **Attorbale**, and **Woodend**, with the Mannour of **Hauksbury**: but of the two first have I not found any thing memorable, other than the grant of the moytie of the Mannour of **Hastokehale** (for so it was written) in 40 E. 3. by **Alan Lisset** and **Margaret** his wife to **Thomas Langhurst** and his heirs. And as for **Hauksbury**, in regard it is situate within the liberties of the City of **Cobentre**, I shall reserve what I have thereof to be there spoken.

This Church is not Presentative, nor is there any Arms therein, more than one Esccheon of **Peto**, with his quarterings.

Withibrooke.

THE stream of **Sow** being here augmented by the access of a rivulet which riseth above **Withibrooke**, I am to take notice of those places that lye adjacent thereunto; which are onely **Withibrooke** and **Hopsford**, as the Map will shew; the former taking its name of the brook, on the banks whereof antiently, as well as now, many Willows have grown: but of this place is there nothing recorded in **Domesday-book**; so that whether it were then involved with **Donkirkby** or **Hopsford** (I mean in the continent of hides certified of them in that Survey) I am not able directly to affirm; for that it was included in one of them there is no doubt, in regard that **Moubray** afterwards had it with those and other the lands which belong'd to **Geffrey Wirce**, then Lord of that place.

The first and most antient mention that I find thereof, is, that **Richard de Morevill** had it of **Will. de Rudevill** his kinsman, in exchange for the village of **Lindlet** in **Leicestersh.** by which deed it appears, that the said **Richard** had formerly granted it unto the same **Will. de Rudevill**. And that the ancestors of this **Richard de Morevill** were enfeoffed thereof by **Nigel de Albani**, father of **Rog. de Monbray** in H. 1. time, the certificate made by the said **Rog. de Monbray** in 12 H. 2. of what fees were held of him de veteri feoffamento, doth sufficiently manifest; in which it appears, that this **Ric. de Morevill** held 5 Knights fees. Which exchange was confirm'd by the said **Rog. de Monbray**.

This **Ric. de Morevill** gave to the Monks of **Combe** six yard land, with the appurtenances, lying in this Lordship, with his body to be buried in that Monastery at his decease. But how or when it pass'd from **Morevill**, I have not seen; so that, whether that grant which **Ivo de Harecourt** made to **Rob. Bassett**, whereby he pass'd unto him totam terram (suam) de **Willbepa**, & de **Cepston**, & de **Withebroch**, in frank marriage with **Beatrice** his sister, did contain the whole town of **Withebroch**, or onely some land that **Harecourt** had therein, I cannot determine.

The next mention I find thereof, is, that **Nicholaus fil. Hulf**, in 7 Joh. recovered the right of Presentation to the Church, against the Abbot of **Combe**. Which **Nich.** was afterwards called **Nicholaus de Withibroe**, as appears by the Record, wherein mention is made what he contributed towards that great sum, which **Will. de Molbray** gave to **K. John** for a Fine, that he might enjoy his inheritance, concerning which **Will. de Stuteville** im-

pleaded him, and whereof I shall have occasion to speak at large in **Brinklow**. Betwixt this **Nich.** and the Free-holders of **Withibrooke** on the one part, and the Monks of **Combe** on the other, was there an Agreement made in 25 H. 3. concerning Common of pasture, and other matters, at which time he was a Knight. To whom succeeded, as Lord of this Mannour, **Will. de Castell**, in 37 H. 3. which **William** was a Benefactor to the Monks of **Combe**, by grant to them, and exchanges made with them of certain lands in this place; and in 41 H. 3. gave a Fine to the King of half a mark in gold for respiting his Knighthood: but whether he were son, or married the daughter and heir of the before specified **Nicholas**, I know not: howbeit, in allusion to his name, he gave a **Castle** for his Arms, as by his Seal appears: which Coat his Grandchild, **William**, altered, taking two bars, and putting the **Castle** into a Canton.

Hulf.]

Nich. miles de Withibroc, 7 Joh. 2.

Will. de Castell, dom.
de Withibroc.

Henricus del Chafel de
Bromwiz, 54 H. 3.

Nich. de Castello, Remem.
Regis in Scac. 7 E. 1.

Will. de Castello,
miles, 35 E. 1.]

Georgius de Castello;
miles, 4 E. 2.]

Will. de Castello, 1 E. 3. :

Georgius de Castello,
23 E. 3. :

Rob. de Castello, 12 H. 4.

In 7 E. 1. **Nich. de Castello** (son to the last mentioned **William**) was the K. Remembrancer in the Exchequer. To whom succeeded another **William**, who, in 13 E. 1. paid a Fine of xl s. for replevin of his liberties at **Withibroch**, viz. **Court-leet**, and punishing the breakers of the Assize of Bread and Beer. Which **William** was Shirriff of the Counties of **Warw.** and **Leic.** 22 E. 1. and in 29 E. 1. received command to attend the K. at **Berwic** upon **Twede** on the Feast of **S. John Bapt.** who then, making a warlike expedition against the Scots, was victorious, as our Historians do manifest. 'Tis like he was made a Knight at that time; for the next mention I meet with of him, which was in 35 E. 1. shews him so to be.

He had issue **George**, a Knight in 4 E. 2. but deceased before the 9 of that K. reign: for in that year was it found, that **Alice**, his widow, held this Lordship. Which **Alice**, in 1 E. 3. procured a special pardon for **Will.** the son and heir to the above mentioned **George**, touching the sum of 28 l. 7 s. 2 d. of the 58 l. 7 s. 2 d. which was required of him to be paid into the Exchequer for the Kings use, as a debt due by **Will.** his Grandfather when he was Shirriff of these Counties.

To the last mentioned **Will.** succeeded **George**; who had a Patent in 47 E. 3. to free him from bearing the office of Shirriff, Eschaetor, &c. and in 51 E. 3. was one of the Commissioners for levying the subsidy of 4 d. upon every head (commonly called **Pole-money**:) but in 5 and 8 R. 2. did bear the office of Eschaetor for this County

w Regist.
de Cumba,
f. 74. a. 3
x lb. f. 75. b

y Rot. F.
41 H. 3.
m. 13.

z Penes
Tho. Holt
de A Ron,
eq. aur. &
Bar.

a Pat. 7 E.
1. m. 13.
b Rot. de
Quo w.
c Commun.
de T. Mich.
22 E. 1.
Rot. 2.
d Claus. 29.
E. 1. in d.
m. 13.

e Langt. f.
7. b.

f lb. f. 36. a.

g Nom. Vil.

h Rot. F. 1.
E. 3. m. 19.

i Pat. 47.
E. 3. p. 1.
m. 17.

k Rot. F.
51 E. 3.
m. 14.

l Rot. F. 5.
R. 2. m. 23.

m Rot. F.
8. R. 2.
m. 16.

and **Leicester**. notwithstanding his privilege.

h *Clauſ. 10.*
R. 2. in d.
m. 16.
o *Rot. F.*
11 R. 2. m.
14.
p *lb. m. 18.*
q *Pat. de*
iſſd. an.
in d.
r *Rot. F.*
12 H. 4.
m. 11.
f *Clauſ. 2.*
H. 5. in d.
m. 20.
t *Pat. 5 H.*
5. in d. p.
1. m. 26.
u *Rot. F. 7.*
H. 5. m. 8.
w *Pat. 9.*
H. 5. p. 1.
in d. m. 19.
x *lb. p. 2.*
m. 3.
y *F. levat.*
Off. Hil. 8.
H. 4.
z *Pat. 8 H.*
4. p. 1. in
d. m. 38.
a *Pat. 1 H.*
5. p. 1. in
d. m. 35.
b *lb. p. 3.*
m. 44.
c *Pat. 12.*
H. 6. p. 2.
m. 25.
d *Levat.*
Off. Mart.
e *Eſc. 15.*
H. 7.
f *Lib. 2.*
cedul.
g *Pat. 36.*
H. 8. p. 22.
h *Ex autog.*
in Bibl.
Hawon.
i *Regiſt. de*
Curia in
Bibl. Cor-
tonſ. 73. b.

In the Parliament of 10 R. 2. he served * as one of the Knights for this Shire: and in 11 R. 2. being in Commission*, with divers others, for the levying of the moytie of a xv. and x. in this County, at the later end of the same year was constituted Sheriff of this County and **Leicestershire**. After which, viz. in 13 and 14 R. 2. he was in a Commission for conservation of the peace. But the next and last that I meet with of this name is *Robert de Castell* (son of the said *George* perhaps) which *Robert* was Sheriff of these Counties in 12 H. 4. Knight for this Shire in Parliament 2 H. 5. one of the Justices of peace in 5 H. 5. In 7 H. 5. in a Commission to treat with the people for a loan of money to the King; and in 9 H. 5. again joyned in Commission for the peace in this County, being all that time Steward & for the Mannour of **Cheplemoze** (in **Cobentre**.) But how this Lordship past from that family, or at what time, have I not seen; nor any thing further thereof till 8 H. 4. that one *Will. Botener* purchased it of *Thomas Compworth* and *Eliz.* his wife, it being of the inheritance of the said *Eliz.* so that I suppose she was daughter and heir to *Castell*.

Which *Will. Botener* was of **Cobentre** (some wealthy tradesman, I presume) but, being settled here at **Witthibroke**, grew to be a man of some account in the world: for the same year that he purchased this Lordship, he was made a Justice of peace in **Warwick**. So likewise in 1 H. 5. Of whom I further find, that he gave a peice of ground, containing Cxli foot in length, and xlv foot and a half in breadth, lying in **Cobentre**, to the *Friers Carmelites* there, for the enlargement of their House, in consideration that they should keep the Anniversary of *John Percy* and *Alice* his wife deceased, for ever. And that in 12 H. 6. he is recorded amongst the other persons of chiefest quality in this County, for making oath as to the observance of divers Articles ordained in the Parliament then held: but from that time I have not seen any more mention of him. After which, viz. in 29 H. 6. this Mannour was settled by Fine upon *Henry Everingham* and *Alice* his wife, and the heirs of *Alice*; the other parties to the Fine being *Thomas Wilkins* and *Rob. Bate*. And in 15 H. 7. *Humphry Grey* dyed seized of it, leaving *Edw.* his son and heir 28 years of age. So likewise did *The. Grey* in 2 *Eliz.* leaving *John* his son and heir, who accomplished his full age 3 Dec. 4 *Eliz.*

As for that which belong'd to the Monks of **Combe**, within the precincts of this Lordship, it was after the dissolution past away to *Thomas Broke* and *John Williams*, and to the heirs of *Broke*, in 36 H. 8. by the name of a Mannour: which I suppose was a good quantity; for besides what I mentioned as given by *Morevill*, there were divers petty parcels bestowed on those Monks by particular men; of whom, being persons but of mean quality, I have omitted the mention.

This village was antiently of **Monkskirby** parish: for upon confirmation made by *Geffrey Muschamp* B. of **Cobentre**, of what his predecessors had granted to the Priory of **Kirby**, **Witthibroke** is there mentioned to be a Chappel belonging thereto.

By an antient composition made betwixt the Monks of **Combe** and **Kirby**, and the Incumbent of **Witthibroke**, I find, that the Monks of **Combe**

should receive all the tithes of those lands, which they then held in **Kirby** & **Witthibroke**, paying to the Prior and Covent of **Kirby** two marks of silver yearly at the Feast of *S. Botolph*: and for such lands which the said Monks of **Combe** should after that time obtain within the parishes of **Kirby** and **Witthibroke**, they to pay unto the Monastery of **Kirby** their xiith sheaf. But the Priory of **Monkskirby** being granted to the House of *Carthusians* founded in the Isle of **Arholme** by *Tho. Moubray* D. of *Bozſ.* the said *Carthusians* obtained license in 22 R. 2. for the appropriation of this Church (dedicated to *All Saints*) to them and their successors for ever.

In ann. 1291. (19 E. 1.) it was valued at 8 marks; and in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge at viii l. vi s. viii d. the Incumbent then receiving yearly just so much in money for his salary at the hands of the Prior of **Arholme**.

Patroni Ecclesie.

<i>Pr. & C. de Kirby.</i>	<i>Will. de Leone, Pbr. 13 Cal.</i>	<i>Langt. f.</i>
<i>monach.</i>	<i>Dec. 1313.</i>	<i>37. b.</i>
<i>Edw. Rex. ratione</i>	<i>Ric. de Melburn, Cler.</i>	<i>Ex autog.</i>
<i>temporal. Pr. de</i>	<i>1339.</i>	<i>penes D. &</i>
<i>Kirby in manu</i>	<i>Ric. de Walton, Pbr: 6 Id.</i>	<i>C. Lich.</i>
<i>sua, &c.</i>	<i>Martii, 1341.</i>	<i>Northb. f.</i>
	<i>Tho. de Burton, Cler: 17.</i>	<i>Burgh. f.</i>
	<i>Martii, 1405.</i>	<i>17. a.</i>
	<i>Rob. Malore, Cler. 20 Sept.</i>	<i>lb. f. 19. a.</i>
	<i>1407.</i>	
	<i>Joh. White, Cap. 16 Julii,</i>	<i>lb. f. 21. a.</i>
	<i>1408.</i>	
	<i>Joh. Hycke, Cap. 4 Julii,</i>	<i>lb. f. 25. a.</i>
	<i>1410.</i>	
<i>Pr. & Conv. de Ax-</i>	<i>Joh. Gybon, Pbr. 25 Maii,</i>	<i>Heyw. f.</i>
<i>holme.</i>	<i>1443.</i>	<i>41. b.</i>
	<i>Will. atte Heth. 25 Febr.</i>	<i>lb. f. 43. a.</i>
	<i>1445.</i>	
	<i>Will. Hall. 19 Aug. 1456.</i>	<i>Bowl. f.</i>
	<i>Ric. Kere, 5 Martii,</i>	<i>23. a.</i>
	<i>1456.</i>	<i>lb. f. 24. b.</i>
	<i>Georgius Perci, 3 Apr.</i>	<i>lb. f. 205. a.</i>
	<i>1501.</i>	

Patroni Vicarie.

<i>Pr. & Conv. de Ax-</i>	<i>Joh. Dawby, Cap. 29 Dec.</i>	<i>Str. & P.</i>
<i>holme.</i>	<i>1534.</i>	<i>f. 13. a.</i>
<i>Preses & Socii Coll.</i>	<i>Rob. Baisson, Cler. 16 Maii,</i>	<i>Sampſ. &</i>
<i>S. Trin. Cantab.</i>	<i>1553.</i>	<i>B. f. 1. a.</i>
<i>Jacobus Rex.</i>	<i>Joh. Walton, 23 Maii,</i>	<i>Overall,</i>
	<i>1614.</i>	<i>Bund. A.</i>
<i>Magist. Scii & Sco-</i>	<i>Joh. Malyn, in art. Bacc.</i>	<i>lb.</i>
<i>lar. Coll. S. Trin.</i>	<i>9 Oct. 1617.</i>	
<i>Cantab.</i>		

Monumental Inscriptions in the body of the Church.

Upon a Plate of Brass fixt on a Marble Grave-stone, this Inscription.

Pray for the soules of Richard Wright and Elisabeth his wife, the purchasid the Lordship of Hoppisford; which Richard deceased the first day of December in the year of our Lord MCCCCII. Of whose soules God have mercy Amen.

In the midst of the Chancel lyeth a fair Marble, with Plates in Brass upon it, whereon are the portraictures of a man and his wife, with this following Inscription.

Of your charite pray for the saullis of Christofer Wren gentill man, and Chryſtian his wife, the which Christofer deceased the xvj day of November in the year of the Lord MCCCCXXIII. On whose saullis, and all Chriſtian saullis, Jesu have mercy, Amen.

On

On the South-side of the Chancell is a raised Monument of Alabaster, with the portraiture of a man and woman drawn thereon in black lines, and this Epitaph on the verge thereof.

Here lyeth the body of Christopher Wright of Hapsford in the County of Warwick Esquire, who was one of the Justices of peace in the County aforesaid to our most gracious Sovereign Lady Queene Elizabeth. He deceased the first day of December in the year of our Lord, 1602. Whose soule God rest.

Above it against the wall is an Arch, within which is the Arms of Wright, viz. *sable a cheveron engrailed Or, betwixt 3 flower de luces argent, with mantle helme and crest, empaling Purefoy*; The Motto under his Coat,

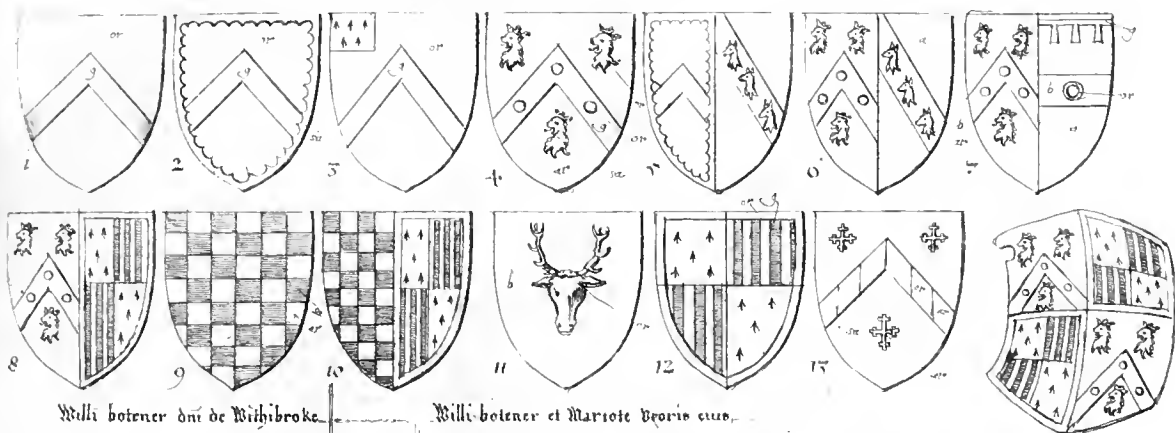
RECTUM RECTE CHRISTO FERET.

And under hers,

PUREFOY MA JOY.

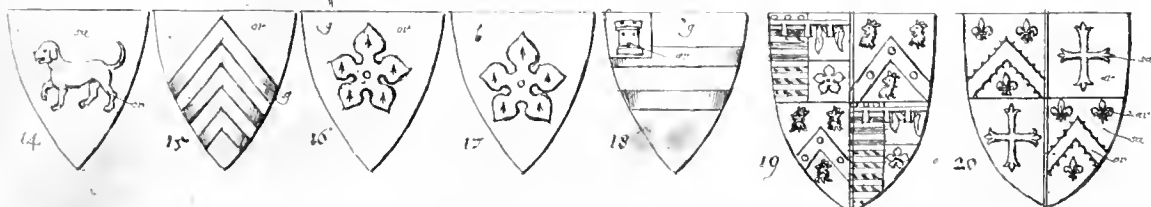
Erected by Jane the wife of Christopher Wright.

Withbrooke
In the Windows of the Church.



Willi botener dni de Withbrooke

Willi botener et Mariote Beoris eius



1 Stafford

2 Stafford of Suthwike

3 Stafford of Grafton

4 Botener

5 Stafford of Suthwike empaling Low

6 Botener empaling Low at Enfield

7 Botener empaling Everingham

8 Botener empaling Knightley

9 Brooke

10 Brooke empaling Knightley

11 Knightley

12 Knightley

13

14

15 Clare L. of Glouce

16 Old L. of Leicester

17 Alder

18 Castell

19 Botener quartering Gray

20 Wright quartering Banah

21 Wright empaling Purefoy

Hopsford.

This is in the parish of ~~Withbrooke~~, and now little better than a depopulated place, there being no more left of the Mannour-house than the bare skeleton thereof, not habitable, and two mean Cottages. In the Conq. time *Geffrey Wirce* (of whom I have so often spoke) posselt it; by whose Survey it was certified to contain 3 hydes, and valued at xxx s. being there written *Apleford*, through mistake of the *f* for an *l*, and the *h* omitted; which letter was in antient time indifferently used or let alone in writing, as not being very essential. Howbeit *Wirce* his possessions coming antiently to the ancestor of *Monbray* (as I have formerly shew'd) this, as I believe, was granted by *Monbray*, soon after, unto *Herbert Putot*; for I find, that the same *Herbert* gave three yard land here to the Monks of *Combe* in the beginning of H. 2. time, which grant was confirmed by K.H. 2. and that it was *de feodo Rogeri de Molbrai*: But

all that I have found memorable of this *Herbert Putot*, is, that in 4 R. 1. he, with *William Bance* (who was owner of *Athorne* in *Kineton* Hundred) were employed by K. R. 1. in 4 of his reign, to oversee the building of a Goal at *Kineton* in this County; and that he had a son called *Eustace*, who long enjoy'd not this place. For amongst the fees of *Nigel de Monbray* (son to the said *Roger*) *Robert Hasteng* is certified to hold a fourth and twentieth part of a Kts. fee in this *Hapsford*; in whose line it continued for divers descents; as I could instance at large: but in regard what I am to say historically of that family is to be spoke in *Lemington-Hastang*, where they had their seat, I shall onely point thereat by some marginal references.

Howbeit at length *John de Lyouns* having an estate for life therein, passing it in 31 E. 3. unto *Will. de Catesby*, Sir *John Hastang* Kt. not onely confirm'd the same, but granted to the said *Will.* the inheritance thereof, as by his Deed dated at *Cobentre* the year following, upon Saturday within the Octaves of Easter, appeareth.

Ex autog. pend. Gre-vil: Verney eq. aur. Lib. rub. f. 134. a. in secunda.

Esc. 29 E. 1. n. 80. Claus. 7 E. 2. m. 17.

Ex autog. pend. Sim. Clark Bar.

From which *William* (being of *Abby-Legers* in *Portsmouth*.) it descended to his posterity, who enjoy'd it till H. 6. time: but then, there growing suits betwixt Sir *Humf. Stafford* Kt. (descended from *Maud* the daughter and co-heir of *John de Hastings*, as I shall more fully shew in *Le-mington*) and *Robert Catesby* concerning the right and title thereunto, an Arbitration was made by *John Vampage* and *Will. Tresham*, viz. that the said *Rob. Catesby* and *Lettice* his wife, should by their deed enfeof *John Stafford*, B. of *Bath* and *Wells*, then L. Chancellour of *England*, and the same Sir *Humf.* thereof; and of all other the lands in *Happesford*, which he the said *Robert* had obtained, as well by his own purchase, as by the purchase of his ancestors; to have and to hold to the said B. and Sir *Humf.* and the heirs of the said Sir *Humf.* for ever: and that the said *Rob.* and *Lettice* should hold the same during their lives, and the longer liver of them, paying to the said B. and Sir *Humf.* xiii s. iiii d. per ann. the B. and Sir *Humf.* giving to the said *Rob.* in consideration of the aforesaid grant, 38 l. of lawfull English money. Which Award, bearing date 1 Febr. 1411. 6. was confirmed by a Fine levied betwixt the parties aforesaid, the same year.

But the before specified Sir *Humfry*, leaving issue Sir *Humfry* his son and heir, attainted in Parl. 1 H. 7. the said K. in 8 of his reign, granted this Mannour, then in the Crown by vertue of the said attainder, unto his servant Sir *Will. Vampage* Kt. and the heirs male of his body. Howbeit, *Humf.* son and heir to the said Sir *Humf.* being restored in 6 H. 8. became again possessor thereof; and in 8 H. 8. past it to Sir *Edw. Belknap* Kt: who, by his deed bearing date 1 Junii, 10 H. 8. sold it to *Ric. Wright*, then of *Happesford*, and *Humfry VVright* his son and heir, in consideration of 312 l. 3 s. 9 d. sterling. Which *Humfry*, residing here, was in Commission of the peace in this County for divers years of Q. *Eliz.* time, and dyed the last year of her reign.

Brinklow.

Now passing on, receiveth another small stream; which, having its rise in *Monks Kirby*; runneth under *Winklow*; and so leaving *Smite*, (now a depopulated place,) on the North-west side thereof, and *Combe* on the other side, falleth into it about two miles lower.

This place hath its name, doubtless, from that eminent *Tumulus*, whereon the Keep, or Watch-tower of the Castle, which long ago was there, did stand: but whether it was because that this little hill, by our ancestors termed a *low* (for the reasons I have exprest in my discourse of *Winklow Hill*) stood upon the edge or brink of the natural ascent, overtopping the rest of the Country thereabouts; or from the British word *Wynn*, which is the same with *Collis* in Latine, 'tis hard to say. Leaving my Reader therefore to his own fancy, I shall first consider the ruins of that quondam Castle; concluding, that had it been a work since the Norman Conquest, our publick Records, or some other authorities, would have taken notice thereof: but that it was more antient, the diversion of that notable Roman way, (viz. the *Fosse*) for the raising such a Fort, doth no less argue, than the extent of that Pool;

which from the said road (being the head thereof) covered the adjacent valley, even unto the skirts of *Petebold-Revell*. Howbeit, in *Domelday-book* there is no mention of it, forasmuch as it was then involved with *Smite*, and so consequently part of the possessions which *E. Alberic* had, and then in the K. hands; but afterwards given to the E. of *Spellent* and *Leicester*; and by him to *Nigel de Albany*, father of *Rog. Moubray*, together with *Smite*, as there I have more fully shewed; which *Rog.* held it of the said E. of *Leic.* by the service of one Knights fee.

And as it was a member of *Smite*, so was it of that parish: for in the time of H. 1. *Samson de Albincio*, the then Incumbent, by the consent of *Rog. de Moubray* his patron, granted to the Priory of *Kenilworth* with the Church of *Smite*, the Chappel here at *Winklow*; which gift *Ric. Peche*, B. of *Cob.* in H. 2. time confirming, declares that he did it according to the example of *Rog. Clinton* his predecessor, who dyed in K. *Steph.* time. Out of which Chappel *G. Muschamp* B. of *Cob.* in K. *John's* time granted, that the Monks of *Kenilworth* should yearly receive two marks. But afterwards, viz. in H. 2. time, I find, that *Jeffrey de la Hay* had some interest here; for he granted certain woods belonging thereto unto the Monks of *Combe*, as by his deed, whereby the limits of them are set forth, appeareth; for which he received xli marks: but in 20 H. 2. it is expressly called terra *Rogeri de Molbrai*: which *Rog.* gave a large part also of his woods to that Monastery; in consideration whereof, the Monks discharged a debt of 80 marks that he owed to the Jews: which grants *Nigel* his son confirmed.

To whom succeeded *VWill. de Molbrai*, the last of that family that had to do here: for whereas *Rob. de Stuteville* in H. 2. time had laid claim to the Barony of *Rob. Grundeboef*, his grandfather, which K. H. 1. had given away to *Nigel de Albany*, father to *Rog. de Molbrai*, who then possessed it (as I have already intimated in *Petebold super Abon*) and that there was then an Agreement betwixt them, whereupon *Rog. de Moubray* gave to the said *Rob. Kirby-Poretho* (in *Portsmouth*.) with the appurtenances, for ix Kts. fees, to the end that the said *Rob.* should make no further claim: yet because that the same accord had no confirmation in the K. Court, nor by his royal authority, *VWill. de Stuteville*, son to the said *Rob.* commenced new suits against the before specified *VWill. de Moubray*, in the beginning of K. *John's* time, which at length were determined by the said King and his great Council, in this manner, viz. that the said *VWill. de Stuteville* should relinquish his claim to the before specified Barony, in consideration whereof, *VWill. de Moubray* was to pass unto him ix Kts. fees, and xii l. rent; whereupon they were made friends in the presence of the King, then at *Wue* (a house of the B. of *Lin.* within the Province of *Lincolns.*) on the Sunday called *Septuagesima*, the second year of K. *John*.

But these ix Kts. fees were over and above the other ix; which, by the Agreement in H. 2. time, *Stuteville* had: for they were in augmentum, as the Historians, as also the Record touching that determination manifesteth. And for the xii l. rent above mentioned, this very *Winklow* was assigned to the said *VWill. de Stuteville*, excepting onely the service of one *Samps. de Cornubia* for what he held here by military service of the said *VWill. de Moubray*.

To

y Ibid.

a 3. septim. Pasch.

b Rot. Parl. 1 H. 7. m. 6.

c Ex autog. in Scac. in бага de Catesby.

d Hill. Rec. 6 H. 8. Rot. 53.

e F. levat. T. Mich. 9 H. 8.

f Ex autog. penes prefat. S. Clarke.

g Inscip. tumuli apud Winklow.

* Cart. 3 H. 3. m. 1 per Inspec.

b Regist. Cumbria, 33. b. c.

i Regist. Kemist. P. 59.

k Ib. p. 6.

l Ib. p. 7.

m Reg. d. Cumbria, 34. a.

n Rot. 1 20. H. 2.

o Reg. d. Cumbria, 36. a.

p Ib. 37.

q R. H. 2. f. 456. b. 40, &c.

r Ibid.

s Ibid. u Pasch. 10b. Rot. 80. w Ib. & Rot. 15. dorse.

To which *Will. de Stuteville* succeeded *Nicholas* his brother; and to *Nicholas*, *Nicholas* his son and heir, who had a *Mercate* granted to him here by *K. John*, to be kept upon the Monday every week, and a *Festre* yearly upon the Feast of *S. Margaret*; which were confirmed to the same *Nich.* as by *K. H. 3.* his Charter, dated here at *Winklow*, 15 Julii, 2 H. 3. and attested with the Seal of *Will. Mareschall* (then Governour of the K. and Kingdome) manifesteth. But, after this, ere long, it came to the possession of *Segrave*; for in 24 H. 3. the K. granted to *Steph. de Segrave* a weekly *Mercate* here upon the Tuesday. It seems that it continued but a while in that family: for *Joan de Stuteville*, daughter and heir to the last *Nicholas*, and afterwards the wife of *Hugh Wake*, granted it to *Albred de Wyttebiri*, to hold by the service of a fore Sparhawk yearly, at *Lammass*, or iis. howbeit at that time the E. of *Leicester* held a Court here twice a year, as also pleas of *Withernam*, and had Assize of Bread and Beer in this place.

From which *Albred* descended *John de Whitelbury*, who in 9 E. 2. was certified to be Lord thereof: but after him I find no more of that family that had to do here, neither any thing else notable relating thereto, till 18 E. 3. that the K. gave licence to *Will.* the son of *Sir Rob. Thorpe* Kt. to grant it to the Monks of *Combe* and their successors for ever, it being then held of *Thomas Lord Wake of Lyddell* by fealty, and the service of a fore Sparhawk, or 2s. yearly. Which *Thomas* held it over of the E. of *Lanc.* by Kts. service. Whereupon the said *Will. de Thorpe* past it to them by his deed accordingly, assigning *John Merinton* and *Philip Puresey* to deliver possession thereof. Which act of his was not onely confirmed by the said *Thomas Wake*, but by *John Lord Monbray*, and *Henry E. of Lanc.* (who were superiour Lords of the Fee.)

Howbeit, out of that grant to the Monks of *Combe* was excepted a Watermill, with the Pool belonging thereto, as also xx acres of meadow, and ten acres of pasture (all which *Sir John Rivell* Kt. *Eliz.* his wife, and *John* their son, held for term of their lives, by lease from the said *Will. de Thorpe*) Which Pool was called *Magnum vivarium de Winklow*. But upon the dissolution of that Monastery, this Mannour coming to the Crown, was granted by *Q. Mary* in 4 & 5 Ph. & M. to *Sir Rob. Lane* Kt. and *Anthony Throgmorton* Esq; to be held in socage. Which said *Sir Rob.* and *Anthony* had license, the same year, to alien it unto *Will. Daws* to be held in capite.

Touching the site of the Castle, all that I find, is, that it came afterwards to *Arth. Gregory* of *Stibichall* (near *Cobentre*) who dyed seized thereof, 1 Dec. 2 Jac. leaving *John* his son aged 25 years. But further it is memorable of this *Winklow*, that our famous Antiquary *John Ross* (of whom I shall speak in *Cupes-cliff*) was descended of a family of that name, which resided here.

In ann. 1291. (19 E. 1.) the Church (dedic. to *S. John Bapt.*) was valued at vi marks; the annual Pension issuing out thereof in 26 H. 8. being 26 s. 8 d.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.

Incumbentes.

<i>Hugo de Underwood</i> , Cler.	Ex autog. penes D. & C. Lich. 1b.
1252.	
<i>Will. de Pontefraeto</i> .	
<i>Hugo de Uppewell</i> , Subdiac.	Langt. f. 5. b.
1298.	
<i>Joh. de Poppering</i> , Accol.	1b. f. 35. a.
7 Id. Maii, 1309.	
<i>Joh. de Horon</i> , Cap. Id.	1b. f. 79. a.
Julii, 1320.	
<i>Hen. de Halford</i> , Cal. Febr.	Northb. f. 19. a.
1324.	
<i>Hugo de Stoke</i> , Accol. 4.	1b. f. 22. a.
Cal. Sept. 1328.	
<i>Nich. de Astelegh</i> , Cler.	1b. f. 24. b.
2 Cal. Julii, 1331.	
<i>Tho. de Banebury</i> , Cler. 5.	1b. f. 28. a.
Cal. Sept. 1334.	
<i>Rob. de Shakerston</i> , Subdiac.	1b. f. 32. a.
6 Id. Jan. 1337.	
<i>Ric. de Schareston</i> , 4 Cal.	1b. f. 33. a.
Febr. 1338.	
<i>Rob. Sarazin</i> , 16 Cal. Oct.	1b. f. 35. a.
1339.	
<i>Ric. de Shakerston</i> , Cler.	1b. f. 47. b.
Non. Maii, 1349.	
<i>Will. de Frankton</i> , Cap.	1b. f. 53. a.
2 Cal. Maii, 1350.	
<i>Adam Abbots</i> , Pbr. 24.	Strett. f. 22. a.
Nov. 1374.	
<i>D. Joh. Stokes</i> , Triburenfis	Burgh. f. 18. b.
episc. 4 Julii, 1407.	
<i>Rog. Reyner</i> , Cap. 5 Febr.	1b. f. 22. a.
1408.	
<i>Tho. Drowth</i> , Cap. 23 Sept.	Bowl. f. 21. b.
1455.	
<i>Joh. Williams</i> , 20 Julii, Bl.	f. 11. a.
1524.	
<i>Rad. Whitehead</i> :	1b. f. 14. b.
1528.	
<i>Henn. Breton</i> , in Decretis	Str. & P. f. 12. a.
Bacc. 4 Maii, 1534.	
<i>Will. Harwar</i> , Cler. 28.	1b. f. 18. a.
Maii, 1541.	
<i>Gervasius Carington</i> , Cler. Bund. B.	
3 Julii, 1583.	
<i>Ioh. Bolton</i> , Cler. 15 Febr.	1b.
1584.	
<i>Franc. Rodas</i> , Cler. 12 Oct.	Neale Bund. C.
1611.	
<i>David Stokes</i> , in art. Magr.	Morton bund. in cert.
15 Martii, 1624.	
<i>Will. Clerke</i> , in art. Magr.	1b.
11 Julii, 1625.	

Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.

Ric. Haw, Gen. ratione concess. Pr. & C. de Kenill.

Eliz. Regina.

Iacobus Rex.

Carolus Rex.

Smite.

Following the before specified rivuler, I come next to certain pasture grounds, called by the name of *Ober-Smite*, and *Pether-Smite*, where antiently two villages bearing that name stood, the depopulation whereof hath been very antient, it seems, for the vestigia of the towns are scarce now to be discerned. In the beginning of the Conq. time, this place was held of the King by *E. Alberic*, (of whom I have made mention in *Clifton*;) but at the time of the general Survey, it, with the rest of

95 Domesday 1.

of E. *Alberic's* lands, was in the K. hands, and committed to the custody of *Geffrey Wirce* (so often before mentioned:) but in that Record it is written *Smitham*, and then contained 6 hydes, the woods being half a mile in length, and as much in breadth, and all valued at vi l. whereof, in *Edw.* the Conf. time, one *Harding* was owner. Howbeit, by the Conq. or K. H. I. it was disposed of unto *Rob.* E. of *Wellest* and *Leic.* as it seems, and by him or

his son to *Nigel de Albany*, whose son *Roger de Moubray* gave the Church to the Canons of *He-nstworth* at the request of *Samson de Albeneio*, the then Incumbent (which grant *Ric. Peche B.* of *Coventre* confirmed, as *Rog. de Clinton*, his predecessor, had done) and very soon after, viz. in K. *Steph.* time, granted the whole Lordship of *Smith* to *Ric. de Camvill*, and his heirs, to be held by the service of one Knights fee.

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Ordinis Cisterciensis Monachus

Which *Richard*, being a devout and pious man, and much affecting the *Cistercian* Monks, whose Order had then been but newly transplanted into *England*: and finding that part thereof, which is situate in the valley, to be full of woods, and far from any publick passage; as also low and solitary, and so consequently more fit for Religious persons; gave ^{1b. & Cart. 35 E. 3. m. 12. per Inspect} unto *Gilbert*, Abbot of the Monastery of our blessed Lady of *Waverley* in *Surrey*, and to the Covent of that place, all this his Lordship of *Smite*, there to found an Abby of the *Cistercian* Order: Whereupon they presently began to build; and out of their own Covent planted some Monks here, dedicating the Church thereof to the blessed Virgin also, and calling it the *Abby of Cumbe*, in respect of its low and hollow situation; the word *Comm* in the British signifying *vallis*, or *convallis*, as doth also *Cumbe* and *Combe* in the Saxon: Consonant whereunto, the Vulgar in *Yorksh.* and those Northern parts, term a large hollow vessel of wood (such as they use to steep Barley for Malt in) a *Cumbe* to this day.

Which pious and bountifull gift was confirmed ^{Regist. de umbra, f. 6. 5 lb. 2.} by the said *Roger de Monbray*, about the later end of *K. Steph.* time; who, acquitting the Monks of the service of that Kts. fee due to him from *Ric. de Camvill*, as aforesaid, granted to them a very large compass of woods lying towards *Wilsney*, as the bounds of them do more fully shew, with dead wood for their use in his wood called *Burchlet*, where he also allowed them pasturage for Cattle, and to be quit of paunage for their Hogs. And afterwards ratified ^{1b. 34. a.} in *H. 2.* time, by *Rob. E. of Leicester* (of whom *Rog. de Monbray* held the said Kts. fee in *Smite*) at the desire of him the said *Roger*, the above specified *Ric. de Camvill*, and the Monks: who thereupon joyntly allowed, that the said Earl should be reputed the principal Founder of this Abby; and that they would perform for him and his heirs such duties, both in his life time, and at his death, as for their chief Founders.

And now, having briefly spoke in *Cobentre* of the beginning and increale of a Monastick life, by reason that Monastery was not onely the greatest, but the most ancient Religious House of Monks in this County; it will not be improper, I conceive, because this is the first that was here founded for those of the *Cistercian* Order, before I proceed further, to point at the beginning of that Rule, and when it was first propagated in *England*.

First therefore, for its original, I shall deliver the substance of what an approved Author^b hath thereof. In *Burgundia est locus qui dicitur Molisium, &c.* In *Burgundy*, saith he, is there a place called *Molisime*, where, in the time of Philip K. of *France*, *Robert*, an Abbot, having built a Monastery, and thither gathered a Covent of devout Monks, after a time searching diligently into the strict Rules of *S. Benet*, would have perswaded his disciples, that they ought to live by the labour of their hands, leaving Tithes and Oblations to the secular Clergy, abstaining also from any breeches either of cloth or leather: but they inclining to the custome observed in the Western Monasteries, which were instituted by *S. Maure*, the disciple of *S. Benet*, and of *S. Columbanus*; and of later time by *S. Odo* Abbot of *Cluni*, said, they would not recede from the same. Whereupon the said *Robert* departed from them, with one and twenty which were of his mind, seeking long for such a place, where they

might live and observe *S. Benets Rule* as strictly as the Jews did the Law of *Moses*. And at the length *Odo D. of Burgundy*, favouring their devout purposes, bestow'd on them certain lands in a place called *Cisteaur*, in the Bishoprick of *Chalons*, where the said Abbot *Robert*, with the rest, for some time inhabited; by example of whose strict and holy life in that wilderness, many began to do the like. But, in time, the Covent at *Molisime* wanting a Pastor to govern them, complained to Pope *Urban*, shewing unto him the inconveniences that they sustained by reason thereof; who, having a paternal affection to both places, commanded Abbot *Robert* to go back thither, substituting some one of those Monks at *Cisteaur* to supply his room as Abbot there: whereupon he constituted one *Alberic*; to whom afterwards *Stephen* an Englishman of great piety succeeded.

This plantation at *Cisteaur* was in the year 1098. as the same Author affirmeth, with whom agreeth an ancient Chron: of the Church of *Durham*; further manifesting, that this Abbot *Robert* was an Englishman, his surname *Harding*, and a Monk of *Shirburne*; who in his younger years, forsaking his habit, went over into *France* for advancement of his knowledge in learning; and coming to the Monastery of *Molisime*, before mentioned, was there shorn a Monk the second time, and shortly after became Abbot. Which Monks increased so much by the great conflux of men to *Cisteaur*, that from thence almost 500 Abbies of that Order were sprung within the compass of 55 years: so that in a general Chapter held there by the Abbots and Bishops that were of that Rule; it was ordained, that from thenceforth there should be no more erected of that Order: for their Monasteries were built in desarts, and woody places, by their own proper handy-work; unto many whereof they gave special holy names as *Domus-Dei*, *Clara-vallis*, *Curia-Dei*, and the like.

But touching the first of that Order erected here in *England*, I find some difference amongst our Historians; some affirming it to have been *Rebault* in *Yorksh.* *Bernard* Abbot of *Clerebault* sending over part of that Covent to plant there, and to instruct the Monks thereof in that Rule; which foundation was so made & by *Walter Espec* in an. 1132. 33 H. 1. But that *Waverle* in *Surrey* preceded it (whereof this of *Cumbe* was a daughter) I am much the more confident, in regard 'tis clear, that *Will. Giffard* B. of *Winchester* was^b Founder thereof; which *Will.* dyed 25 Jan. 29 H. 1. four year before *Rebault* is said to be founded. And to confirm this that I say, hearken to what our old Poet^a *Robert of Gloucester* hath to that purpose.

Houses of Religion as I seide er I wene,¹
 Lynge Henry lobede moche as hit was wel sene
 For the orde of Graye-monkes thortw; then men
 brouzt
 Furst here into Englonde, and perabenter men
 him bisouzt
 As in the Abby of Waverle that hit furst become
 As in the elyfte and twenty peer of his kynngdome.

Having said thus much of their original and first coming into *England*, I shall adde a word or two of the strictness in their Rule, and so proceed with my discourse touching the further endowment of this Monastery.

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f Chron.
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g Let. Col.
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h Let. Coll.
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i Godw. de
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k MS
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 f. 113. a.

Knigh First for their *habite*, they wear no Leather or Linnen, nor indeed any fine Woollen Cloth; neither, except it be in a journey, do they put on any breeches, and then, upon their return, deliver them fair washt. Having two Coats with Cowles in Winter time, they are not to augment; but in Summer, if they please may lessen them: In which habite they are to sleep, and after *Mattens* not to return to their beds.

For *Prayers* the hour of *Prime* they so conclude, that before the *Laudes* it may be Day-break, strictly observing their Rule, that not one jot or tittle of their service is omitted. Immediately after *Laudes*, they Sing the *Prime*, and after *Prime* they go out performing their appointed hours in work; what is to be done in the day, they act by day-light: for none of them, except he be sick, is to be absent from his Diurnall hours, or the *Compline*. When the *Compline* is finished, the Steward of the House, and he that hath charge of the guests go forth, but with great care of silence serve them.

For *Dyet*, the Abbot assumes no more liberty to himself than any of his Covent, every where being present with them, and taking care of his flock, except at meat, in regard his Table is always with the strangers and poor people: nevertheless wheresoever he eats is he abstemious of talk, or any dainty fare: nor hath he or any of them ever above two dishes of meat; neither do they eat of fat or flesh, except in case of sickness: And from the Ides of *September* till Easter, they eat no more than once a day, except on Sundays; no not on any Festivall.

Out of the precincts of their Cloyster they go not but to work: neither there or any where do they discourse with any but the Abbot or Prior.

They unweariedly continue their Canonically hours, not peicing any service to another, except the *Vigils* for the deceased. They observe the Office of *St. Ambrose*, so far as they could have perfect knowledge thereof from *Willam*: and taking care of strangers and sick-people, do devise extraordinary afflictions for their own bodies, to the intent their souls may be advantaged.

Which Rules were duly observed by the first Abbot and Covent; but afterwards somewhat was abated of that austerity: but their *habite* is still white, and nothing different in the fashion from the Monks of *St. Benedict's* Rule, except a girdle, which these wear about their middle.

Being now to speak of the particular endowments which this Monastery had, I shall but only point at the Benefactors, with the places where those lands and possessions so given were situate, in respect that the substance of them were in this County, so that, as they fall in my way, I omit them not. And first touching the posterity of *Camvill* I only find, that *Gerard de Camvill*, son and heir to *Richard* the Founder, and *Nichola de Haya* his wife (Daughter of *Geffrey de la Haya*) gave to these Monks *£. sol.* to keep his Anniversary there for ever: but *Nigel de Monbray* added all the rest of the woods, which adjoynd to those that *Roger* his Father had bestowed on them before; *Will. de Monbray* son to the same *Nigel* confirming whatsoever his ancestors had given.

The other speciall Benefactors were these; *Richard de Morevill*, who gave certain lands in

Wiltshire. *Thurbert de Bilneie*, with some others, a large part of *Bilneie*. *Laurence Prior* of *Cobentre*, with the Covent of that place, half a hide of land in the said town of *Bilneie*. *Herbert Putot* certain lands in *Hopsford*. *Thomas* the son of *Laurence de Stoke* xxiii. acres of land in *Wiltshire*, and all his errable land in *Bilneie*. *Seber* the son of *Hugh le Harper* of *Stoke*, a wood called *Harpers wood* lying in *Stoke*. *Alice* the wife of *Walter Britton*, *Wiltin-mill* which lyeth near *Sow*, and a messuage there. *Rob. Cheiwode* and *Sibil* his wife *Purmill* in *Stretton super Fosse*. *Agatha le Strange*, divers lands in *Wiltshire* (now *Wiltston*) *Ric. de Frevile*, *Perston mill* & *Hamund de Thurville*, lands in the same *Perston*. *Will. de Berthun*, *Blakeden mill* in the Parish of *Lillington*. *Walter Spigurwell* of *Emkote* certain Common of pasture in the said *Blakeden*.

In *Church-Lawford* were there divers petty parcells of land given to these Monks; some by *Roger Hayrun*, Lord thereof, and some by inferior men: So also in *Anst*, and *Shulton*, by *Rog. de Buschervill* and others. *Little-Lawford* was wholly bestowed on them by *John de Chavini* Lord of that Mannour. In *Herdeberwe* were divers small parcells of land given by ordinary persons; so likewise in *Burthingbury*.

In *Little-Copston* and *Wolbey*, by *Rob. Basset* and *Reginald* his son; which *Reginald* gave also the moytie of the Church of *Wolbey*. In *Shirford* and *Womcote* they had lands also given by *Thomas Trove*, Lord of *Shirford*, and others. And in *Perston Jabet* divers petty parcells by inferior persons; besides all that *John de Merston* (otherwise called *John Jabet*) had in that Village. Part of which lands in *Perston* were particularly assigned to find shoes for the poor that were dayly relieved at the Abbey-gate. Solikewise were certain lands in *Bilney* and some houses in *Cobentre*.

In *Cotes* (i.e. *Coton* juxta *Church-Over*) and *Peuton*, they had much of the grant of *Hugh Bagot*, *Symon Bagot*, and others. In *Church-waver* they had also divers small parcells bestowed on them by *Rob. de Waver* and others. In *Holme* (now called *Wiggin*) the Mill there, with certain lands. In *Caldecote* half a yard land given by *Emme* the wife of *Will. Pladio*. In *Mapton* two yard land granted to them by *Hugh de Alneio*. In *Rodburne* a large quantity given by *Will. de Lichen*. In *Hodenhull* very much by *Will. Angerin*, and divers more: And in *Assancote* severall parcells by sundry persons. In *Lodbroke* & the like, some whereof *John de Lodbroke* bestowed on them. In *Harberbury* *Reginald Basset* gave all that he had, which was a great proportion; many others bestowing severall parcells.

In *Cobentre* they had many houses, and divers parcells of small Rent given to them by sundry persons; all which *Ranulph E. of Chester* ratified. In *Staffordshire*, at *Wrescote* *Will. fil. Wydonis* gave them two hides of land, which *Gervase Paganell* (Baron of *Dudley*) confirmed.

But all these were antient gifts. To which were added the Mannour of *Little-Copston*, purchased by the Monks, of *Sir Andrew de Asteley* in H. 3. time, as I have there at large declared. The Mannour of *Winklow* granted to them by *Will.* the son

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of Sir Robert Thorpe Kt. in 18 E. 3. And the perpetuall Patronage of the Church of **Stavesby** in **Northampton**, obtained by them in 8 H. 6. Neither were the privileges, which they had throughout all their lands of mean consideration: for K. H. 2. granted to them **Free-warren**, **Court-leet**, Felons goods, **Infangthef** and **Outfangthef**; (*id est* power to judge any thief taken within their Fee; and to question any man dwelling with their own Fee; and taken for felony in another place; as also to judge him in their own Court.) To be free likewise from services to the County or Hundred-Court; and moreover for paying of **Toll**; and all other customes pertaining to the Crown.

To these K. Ric. 1. added an immunity from paying **Toll**, and repaying High-ways and Bridges. And K. H. 3. from giving any Fine for murder committed within their liberties. But such as they had from the Popes, were in generall, to their whole Order; **Innocent** the 111. in 6. **Joh.** exempting them from payment of any Tithes for those lands, which they husbanded with their own proper labour or charges; as well such as had been antiently tilled, as those that were but new broke up. And his successor, **Honorius**, extending that Privilege, as well to all such lands as they had obtained after the generall Councell (*id est* of **Lateran**) as what they had before; which Bull of his bears date at **Lateran** 7. Kal. **Julii**, Pontif. sui vi. Howbeit, by the speciall command of **Thomas Becket** Archb. of **Canterbury**, they were to pay Tithes to the Canons of **Kenilworth** for all that they had within the Parish of **Smite**, as fully as the said Church of **Smite** received the same before the **Cistercian** Monks were seated there, till that by complaint to Pope **Urban** the third, who appointed **Baldwin**, then Archb. of **Canterbury** to hear the matter, the same was otherwise settled; viz. that the Monks of **Combe** should thenceforth provide Divine service to be fitly celebrated in the Church of **Smite**, discharging all duties to the Bishop and Archdeacon for that Church. And touching viii. marks yearly which the Canons of **Kenilworth** were to receive, it was determined, that six marks thereof, which they had yearly out of the Church of **Cherleton** (*id est* **Cherleton-Camville** in com. **Somerset**) and the other two marks out of the Church of **Winklow**, which the Monks of **Combe** were content should be paid to those Canons, they for peace sake allowing two shill. yearly Pension to be paid at the Feast of St. **Michael**, towards the charge of Lights in the Monastery of **Combe** should suffice; upon condition, that if the Monks of **Combe** did till any ground out of which the Chappell of **Winklow** had wont to

receive Tithes before this agreement, that they should still pay tythes for the same, except it were new broke up ground; as of woods reduced to tillage; and except Gardens and inclosures within the precincts of the Grange, there, belonging to the Monks, and what should arise by the keeping of Cattell; which Award was made an. 1187. (33. H. 2.)

Thus in great glory, plentifully endowed, stood this Monastery little less then 400. years, till that K. H. 8. a person whose sensuall disposition, suting so right with that corrupt age wherein he lived, finding Instruments fit for his sacrilegious purposes, contrived the destruction of it, and all the rest of those pious foundations that his ancestors and other devout persons had made; Of whose subtille practises for effecting that work, I shall in a short Corollary, before I finish this tract make some discovery: Amongst which that generall Survey and valuation, by Commissioners from him, in 26. of his reign, at **Robin Hoods** penni-worths, did not a little conduce thereto: At which time this Monastery, with all its Revenues, over and above reprises, was certified to be worth CCCii. l. xv. s. iii. d. per an.

Of their Hospitality to strangers, and great charity in dayly releif of poor people, I need not descend to particulars, our common Historians and the tradition of such, who were eye-witnesses thereof before that fatall subversion of those Houses, may sufficiently inform the world. I shall therefore onely adde what the certificate upon the before mentioned Survey takes notice of touching this Abby; viz. that by their Foundation, and a Decree by a generall Chapter of their Order, they bestowed in Almes on **Maunday-Thursd.** every year 4. s. - 8. d. in money, ten Quarters of Rye made in Bread at 5. s. the Quarter; three Quarters of Malt made in Beer at 4. s. the Quarter; and 300. Herings at 20. d. the Hundred, distributed to poor people at the gate of the Monastery: Their principall Officers being at that time these; viz. **Thomas Howard** D. of **Posff.** high Steward, whose fee therefore was v. marks per an. (which shews what respect the great Nobility had to those Religious persons) **Will. Wilcock** Receiver generall, whose fee was 6. l. per an. And **Baldwin Porter**, Auditor, his fee being xl. s. per an.

After which ere long, ensued the surrender thereof to the K. hands, viz. 21. Jan. 30. H. 8. by the then Abbot and his Convent, whose names, as they stand subscribed under their severall hands to their publick Instrument, & whereunto their conventuall Seal is affixed, with the **Pensions** granted to them, recorded in the Court of Augmentation, I have here inserted.

Robertus Kynner Abbas.
Ric. **Coventre** sub-Prior.
Humfr. Byrmicham, alias **Starkey**.
Tho. Hampton, alias **Sutton** Cellerar.
VWill. Hampton, alias **Sutton**.
Ric. Binley, alias **VVarde**.
VWill. Freman, alias **Aylson**.
Ric. Adams, alias **Bradnock**.
Oliverus VVolston.
VWill. Brynklow, alias **Parr**.
Thom. Beke, alias **Holme**.
Thom. Hermworth, alias **Clarke**.
Galfr. Snead, alias **Danyell**.
Rob. Derby, alias **Hepworth**.

Roberto Bate Abbati ib.
Humfr. Sterky mon.
Thom. Sutton mon.
VWill. Sutton mon.
Ric. Synning mon.
Ric. VVastell mon.
VWill. Freman mon.
Ric. Braddok mon.
Olivero Hardwyn mon.
VWill. Persey mon.
Tho. Holme mon.
Tho. Clarke mon.
Galfr. Danyell mon.
Rob. Hepworth mon.

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v. xiii. liii. d.
v. l. vi. s. viii. d.
v. l. vi. s. viii. d.
v. l. vi. s. viii. d.
v. l. vi. s. viii. d.
v. l. vi. s. viii. d.

But

But of the Abbots, here, have I not found the names of more than these, which were immediately preceding the dissolution, viz. * *VVill. Whittington, John Tolton, Oliver Adams, and Robert Bayte.*

a Inq. super depopulat. 3.E.6.

As for the Curſes which were uſually pronounced by the Founders of theſe Religious houſes, whether they have attended thoſe violators of what they ſo zealouſly and with devout minds had dedicated to Gods ſervice, I will not take upon me to ſay: but ſure I am, that after K. H.8. had accompliſh'd this work, he thrived but a little (as I ſhall elſewhere in particular obſerve.) And how long ſuch poſſeſſions have been enjoyed by thoſe that had them, they that have look't into the courſe of this world may eaſily ſee. For this, whereof I am now ſpeaking, it was by K. E. 6. firſt granted to *John E. of Warwick* and to his heirs, 22. *Junii* 1 E. 6. and after his attainder (whereof in *Warwick* I have ſpoke) in 3. & 4. *Ph. & M. Rob. Keylway* had a leaſe of the ſite and divers lands thereto belonging for 40. years, at the Rent of 196. *l. 08. s. 01. d.* And afterwards another for 1x. years. Which *Robert Kelway*, in 23 *Eliz.* dyed ſeized in fee of certain lands belonging to this Monastery, *Anne* the wife of *John Harrington* Eſq. being his ſole Daughter and heir, and then 30. years of age.

b Pat. 1 E. 6. p. 9.

c Pat. 3. & 4 Ph. & M. p. 3.

d Ib. p. 5.

e Eſc. 23. Eliz.

Binley.

About a mile below *Combe*, the little brook before mentioned meeteth with *Sow*, which, paſſing gently on, leaveth *Binley* on its South-caſt ſide.

In the Conq. time the Monks of *Cobentre* held three hides here, whereof the woods were half a mile in length, and one furlong in breadth, all being then valued ſ at 1x. *ſol.* which they purchaſed of *Osbernus fil. Ricardi*, a great man in that age, as when I come to *Aſton-Cantelow* ſhall be ſhewed: but in *Edw.* the Conf. time, *Aldgid*, widow to *Griffin* was owner thereof. The other part of this village *Hadulſus* (in ſome places written *Hadewolſus*) progenitor to the family of *Rokeby* (and already mentioned there) poſſeſſed at that time, as Tenant unto *Turkill de Warwick*, it containing two hides, whereof the woods extended to four furlongs in length and two in breadth, all which were valued at 35. *s.* having been held by the ſame *Hadulſus* of the ſaid *Turkill* before the Norman Conqueſt.

Touching the name I ſhall but onely deliver my conjecture; viz. that it may probably be compounded of two Saxon words, *Wilene*, ſignifying to dwell, and *ea*, water; which, being contracted together came at length to be written according to the uſual pronunciation. And that this Etymologie is nor unfutable to its ſituation is plain enough; but now we write it *Binley*, as it is vulgarly called, though in all ancient authorities it be recorded by the name of *Wilneſe*.

As to the ſucceſſion of its owners, I ſhall firſt proceed with that part which the Prior of *Cobentre* held, whereof the Chappell dedicated to *St. Bartholomew*, is a Member, having been confirmed to that Monastery by *Ranulph E. of Cheſter* in H. 1. time, and appropriated thereto by *Rog. Menland B. of Cob.* and *Lich.* in 44

H. 3. In K. *Stephans* time, or beginning of H. 2. *Laurence*, then Prior of *Cobentre*, granted half a hide, of that which they had here, to the Monks of *Combe*, to hold in Frank-almoign, paying to the Monastery of *Cobentre* viii. *s.* per an. viz. 4. *s.* at the Feaſt of the *Nativ.* of *St. John Baptiſt.* and 4. *s.* at *Chriſtmas*, for all ſervices: but how their portion came to be further leſſened I know not: for of a long time before the diſſolution, the ſaid Monks of *Cobentre* were reputed Lords of no more than a fourth part of this village. All which, with the tythes, were by K. H.8. (inter alia) granted to *Robert Burgoine* and *John Scudamore*, and their heirs, in 36. of his reign.

The reſt, very little excepted, was beſtowed on the Monks of *Combe*, ſoon after the Foundation of that Abby: for *Thurbert*, ſon of the above mentioned *Hadulſus* (who is in ſome places called *Thurbert de Bilneja*, and in other *Thurbert de Rochebe*) gave a large portion thereof, as by his Charter, where it is ſet forth by bounds, appears: whereupon it ſhould ſeem, that he and his wife betook themſelves to a retired life in that Monastery, the Monks giving them allowance of dyet during their lives; as alſo to *Henry* his ſon and heir two marks of ſilver; and to all the reſt of their children xii. *d.* a piece for their aſſent; which grant was confirm'd by *Rog. E. of Warwick* (in reſpect that the lands of the before ſpecified *Turkill* came, for the moſt part, to thoſe Earls) and afterwards by *Earl William*; the extent thereof being one hide, amounting to the 5. part of a Kts. fee.

About the ſame time *Joſlinus* the ſon of *Raph de Bilneje* gave to the ſaid Monks a good quantity of land and woods in this place, reputed alſo for one hide, and held by the 6. part of a Kts. fee: whereupon he had allowance of his dyet as long as he lived according to the proportion for one Monk; and as much for his mother. All which his brother *Robert* confirmed; in conſideration whereof he had a Horſe with two marks and 4. *s.* of ſilver. To this *Robert* ſucceeded *Robert* his ſon, who gave them alſo a large part in woods, which, is in his Charter, ſet forth by bounds: in conſideration whereof the Monks granted, that after his death as much ſolemnity ſhould be made for him in that Abby as for one Monk, in Maſſes and Prayers, and participation of all other benefits.

And not long after, did *Henry de Rochebe*, ſon and heir to the before recited *Thurbert*, not onely confirm what his father had given; but granted them the Mill here, and half his wood called *Gunechet*: for which, beſides the 2. marks he had in his fathers life time, they gave him 4. marks of ſilver more, with 7. *s.* to his mother; and to each of his brothers; viz. *Will. Alex. Thomas Ingeram*, and *Ric. xii. d.* a piece: And to him the ſaid *Henry*; as alſo to his mother, allowance of as much dyet as was the proportion for one Monk, during their lives. By which grants, and ſome others, that for brevity I paſs by, it appears, that the ſaid Monks of *Combe* had here in 7 E. 1. one carucat of land, a Water-mill; as alſo two Windmills, all held in demefn; five Cottages, ſeven yard land, and ſeven acres held by ſeven Freeholders at a certain Rent, homage and ſuit of Court. Foutry two acres of out-wood, whereof two were then incloſed within the Park of *Bran-*

k Reg. de Cumba. f. 39. a.

l Reg. Pr. Cov. f. 64 m Pat. 36 H. 8. p. 5.

n Reg. Cov. f. 38. b.

p Ib. 39. a.

q 39. b.

r 40. 7.

s 40. b.

t Ib. 42. c.

w Inq. p. H. Not. f. 38. b. c.

f Domeſd. lib.

S Cart. 22. E. 1. 3. m. 6. per Inf. i Rot. R. Molend. m. 4.

don, for which they had yearly 2. s. and 2 Buck. As also a Court-Lect, Gallows, with Adize of bread and beer.

Whereunto K. E. 1. added * power for them to take weyfs; and a Charter of **Free-warren** in 18 of his reign: but they paid * Tithes to the Monks of **Cobentre** for all, whether held in their own occupation, or let to ferme, except the meadowing of half a yard land, which *Tho.* the son of *Laurence de Stoke* sometime enjoyed; and of a croft which *Geffrey*, Lord of *Bilney*, heretofore held; as also of the Mills. For which meadow, croft, and Mills the Monks of **Combe** did pay yearly to those of **Cobentre** half a mark on the Feast day of the *Circumcision* of our Lord, by Composition. But of the Tithes of a certain wast within the limits of *Bilnese*, with the meadow adjoining; which, being reduced to tillage by the Monks of **Combe**, reacheth from the old field of *Bilney* almost to *Ernestord*, the Priors of **Cobentre** had released * their right to the Monks of **Combe**, reserving to their tenants Common of pasture therein.

All which lands, &c. being reputed Mannour, * were by that name granted * to *John Dudley* E. of **Warwick**, together with the site of the Monastery of **Combe**, and other lands belonging thereto, in 1 E. 6. And, coming again to the Crown by his attainder, past with **Combe** to *Rob. Keylway*, as I have there declared, and from him to *Harington*, as that did.

In this village also had * the *Hospitalars* two Cottages, held in 7 E. 1. by Freeholders of them: but these were originally of that which the Monks of **Cobentre** antiently had there: for it was then certified, * that they were held by the said *Hospitalars* of *Rob. de Mortimer* (which was, as he was descended, by heirs generall from that *Os. fil. Ric.* from whom the Monks of **Cobentre** purchased that they had here in the Conq. time, as I have already intimated.)

Within the precincts of *Bilney*, is there a place called *Ernestord-grange*, sometime belonging to the Abby of **Combe**; wherein the Monks in 7 E. 1. had 2 yard land in demesne, and 1 Freeholder that held 2 yard land and 4 acres, by the service of 2 s. and a half peny yearly, homage and suit to their Court at *Bilney* twice a year: out of all which, the Prior of **Cobentre** had * Tithes, whether the Monks held it in their own hands or not. Which Grange was in 36 H. 8. granted * by the K. to *Tho. Brooke*, and *John Williams*, and to the heirs of *Brook*. From whom it being soon after conveyed * unto *Christopher Waryn* and his heirs, to hold * by the lx. part of a Kts. fee, and paying 4 s. yearly into the Court of Augmentation at the Feast of *S. Michael*, descended * to *Will. Waryn*, his grandchild, aged 5 years in 14 Eliz.

Winnall.

Sow, having left *Bilney*, passeth next by *Winnall*; which, though it lye in this Hundred of *Knightslow*, is of the Parish of the Holy Trinity within the City of **Cobentre**. This, though it be not particularly mentioned in the Charter of *Earl Leofrick*, upon his foundation of the Priory, was then a member * of that half of **Cobentre**, by him given to the Monks: but the first speciall mention that I find thereof, is in 41 H. 3. at which time the K. (*inter alia*) granted * to the said

Monks **Free-warren** here and in divers other places, where it is written *Wynhale*. Howbeit, in the appropriation * of all the Tithes in their leverall Mannours, which *Rog. Meuland* B. of **Cob.** and *Lich.* made to that Monastery *an. 1260.* (44 H. 3.) it is written *Wynhal*, and was first so called, as I guess, from the *Wells*, or Springs in severall parts thereof, *Willas*, and *Willon*, in our old English, being so called.

In * 7 E. 1. the Prior of **Cobentre** had here in demesne half a yard land, a fourth part, with 4. acres and a half of meadow; and 8. servants holding 3. yard land, by the service of mowing, making and carrying hay, and the like, with some Rent, six Cottagers and two Freeholders; the particulars which they held being exactly specified in the said Record. As also an out-wood containing 8. acres: but the said Priors tenants here, used to repair to the Court Lect held at *Sow* (as I have there observed.) After the dissolution of which Monastery, it was granted out of the Crown, as it seems, unto *Sir Ric. Lee* Kt. for in 36 H. 8. the said *Sir Ric.* had license * to alien it, with the Tithes, to *John Hales* Gent. whose Nephew and heir; viz. *John Hales* now of **Cobentre** Esq. (Grandson to *Christopher*, Brother to the said *John*.) enjoys it.

Baginton.

Sow, being gone beyond *Winnall*, within less than a mile, receiveth *Schirburne*; and so, hasting on its course, leaveth *Baginton* on her Southern bank; which, * before the Norman invasion was posselt by one *Archil*, but after * the Conquest *Turchil de Warwick* had it; and, as tenant to him, *Alwin*. By the Survey * then taken it is certified to contain 4. hides, there being a Mill rated at x. s. viii. d. per an. but all valued at 50. s. and recorded by the name of *Wabechtone*, by mistake of the d. for a b. But, whether the name had its originall from some antient possessor thereof, or from the Brittain word *Bechan*, which is the same with *parva*, and so might signify a small village, the later syllable, *tone* importing with the Saxons as much as *villa* in the Latine, I will not stand to argue.

The *Lieger* * book of *Stoneley* says, that before the Conquest it was a member of that Lordship; which is, doubtless, true: for, upon the confirmation * made of the Church of *Stoneley* to the Canons of *Kenilworth* in H. 2. days, *Wathinton* is there included as a Chapell belonging thereto. And in K. *John*'s time, when *Stoneley* became first appropriat to the Priory of *Kenilworth* xx. s. *Pension* * was granted to it yearly by the Bishop out of this Chapell.

That the posterity of *Turchil de Warwick* were not permitted to enjoy any thing, as of their fathers inheritance, I am sufficiently satisfied from the authority of the black Book in the Exchequer, cited in my Introduction touching the Conquerors hard dealing with the native English: and therefore that which the said book of *Stoneley* affirms; viz. that K. H. 1. gave * it, with *Ruppon* to *Sir Henry de Ardern* Kt. is the more probable; yet that the father of the same *Henry* (viz. *Seward de Ardern*, son to *Turchil*) was suffered to hold it; and that they esteemed it as their own in right, the grant * of the said *Henry* under his Seal doth manifest; wherby, with the consent of *Oliva* his wife,

and Will. his son, he grants **Watehntime**, which **Rog. de Wirenhale** held of his father and himself, to **Filicia** his sister; to hold to her and her heirs by the service of a fore-Hauke, yearly: in consideration whereof she gave unto him a gold Ring.

Whether the same **Filicia** dyed issueless, by which means this Mannour came back to the said **Henry** her brother, as her heir; or whether she quitted her title thereof to him, appears not: but certain it is, that the same **Henry** had it again; for by his deed & in writing, he gave it in Frank-marriage at the Church dore, with **Letice** his daughter, unto **Geffrey Savage**, the day that he wedded her. In whose line it continued till towards the later end of H. 3. time; but then, by an heir female, divolved to **Ednesoure**; from whom it shortly went by the like means unto **Hertkull**, as the descent here plac't will shew. After which it continued to the **Hertkull's** till R. 2. time, and then was passed to Sir **Will. Bagot** by Sir **Ric. de Hertkull** Kt. Of which families of **Savage**, **Ednesoure**, and **Hertkull** I will here take notice in an historicall way, in respect I do rather think that their residence was here, this being a Castle, (and standing till R. 3. time, if not longer) than at any other of their seats which they had in this County and **Derbysh.**

Of the first **Geffrey Savage** this is all I find; viz. that he is mentioned in the Shiriffs account of 5 H. 2. As also, that in 31 H. 2. **Thomas de Arden** had suites with him for two hides of land in this County; and that he had issue **Helias** and **Geffrey**, which second **Geffrey** gave to the Monks of **Stonley** two parts of his Mill, called **Partsoy-mill**, with the site thereto, due from his tenants of **Hull** and **Wotton**: And was also a Benefactor to the Nuns of **Polestworth**, granting unto them one **Rob. de Weston**, his bondman, with his issue. But, it seems, he was in some disfavour with K. Ric. 1. for, in 7. of his reign, he gave 50. marks pro habenda benevolentia Regis: in which year he came to an Agreement with **Tho. de Arden** concerning the Mannour of **Wotton**.

About the beginning of K. John's time, I find, that **Henry de Armentiers** impleaded him for a Kts. fee here in his absence, when he was beyond Sea in the K. service; for which he had afterwards tryall by Battail of which I shall more particularly speak in **Wotton**.

In 6. Job. it appears, & that being surety for **Will. de Hardreshill**, to the Jews of **Porthampton** of whom the said **Will.** had borrow'd a large sum of money, he was distreined for that debt; and thereupon necessitated to complain to the K. to whom he gave a fine of x. marks, that the said **Will.** might be compelled to pay it himself. In 5 H. 3. he was jyn'd in Commiss. with other persons of quality in this County, to be one of the Justices for taking an Assize of *Novel disseisin*, which **Philippa Marmion** had brought against **Rob. Marmion** the younger touching her dowrie of such lands as **Rob. Marmion** her husband dyed seized of in **Tamworth** and **Widleton**. And dyed the next year following, as it seems; for in that year did his son **Geffrey** (the 3.) pay his Relief and do homage & for half a Kts. fee he held of the K. in this County. Which **Geffrey** in 12 H. 3. was with **Hugh Despenser** in the K. Army; for which cause the Shiriff had command to resist those demands he made of him; (this being the time when **Ric. E.** of **Coventry**, the K. Brother,

with divers of the Barons, put themselves rebelliously in Armes) but dyed in 15 H. 3. (the same **H. De spenser** having the custody of his heir as father to **Petronill** his wife) leaving issue **Geffrey**; who, being thus in ward, dyed without issue in 32 H. 3. whereupon **Will. le Savage**, his brother, then Rector of the Church of **Peuton** in this County, became heir to the estate, and doing his homage had livery of all his lands held of the K. in **Capite**.

Galfridus Salvagius-Leticia filia Henr,
5 H. 2. de Arden.

Helias Galfr. Salvagius
2. R. 1. 5. H. 3. 1

Galfr. Salvagius - Petronilla filia
6 H. 3. defunctus - Hug. le Despenser
15 H. 3.

Rob.	Will. frater & hares Galfr. Rector Eccl. de Neuton; defunctus 43 H. 3.	Galfr. Salvagius, defunctus 32 H. 3. f. prole.	Lucia ux. Thomæ de Ednesoure	Philippa ux. Hug. Menill 43 H. 3.
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Iohanna ux. Ric. de Hertkull.	Amicia soror & cohæres, 1. nupta Walt. de Miden, 2. de Desley, obiit f. prole.	Tho. de Ednesoure 1. hædū Will. le Sauvage 43 H. 3. obiit 13 E. 1. f. prole.	Gulielmus de Menill.
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Adam de Hertkull f. & hæres, defunctus 13 E. 1.	Hugo de Meinill 7 E. 2.	Iohanna primogenita filiarū & hæredum Roberti de la Ward.
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Ric. de Hertkull miles, obiit 18 E. 2.	Ric. de Meinill 39 E. 3.
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Ric. de Hertkull 15 E. 2.	Adam de Hertkull miles, defunctus 11 E. 3.
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Maria filia notha Thomæ de Bellocampo Comitis Warwici, postea nupta Orthoni Worthington. 16 R. 2.	Ric. de Hertkull miles, defunctus 13 R. 2.	Alicia filia Egidi de Astley militis, ux. prima.
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Adam de Hertkull, obiit, vivo patre, f. prole.	Egid. de Hertkull obiit vivo patre, f. prole.	Kath. filia Ioh. Walshe.	Eliz. amita & hæres Will. de Hertkull, 1. nupta Edm. Cokeyn ar. 2. Ioh. Francis de Ingelby.
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Will. de Hertkull confangu. & hæres Ric. de Hertkull. mil. ar. 10. an. 13 R. 2. obiit f. prole 3 H. 4.	Ioh. Cokeyn miles
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Which **Will.** had a brother called **Robert**; who, being Steward to the Nuns of **Polestworth**, gave certain Rent issuing out of lands in **Freteley** for maintenance of the Lights belonging to the Chappell of our blessed Lady in that Monastery, by reason of his purpose to be buried there; for so I find he was; as also **Petronill** his mother; and that there was a special Indulgence of xx. days penance afforded by **Brandannus B.** of **Arbagh** in an. 1253. (37 H. 3.) to all those of what Dioces whatsoever that should say three *Pater-nosters*, and as many *Ave's* for the health of his the said **Rob.** and **Petronill's** souls.

This

Regist. de Stonley. f. 6. a.

Ex Rot. Majorum Coven. v. a.

Rot. P. 5. H. 2.

Rot. P. 31. H. 2.

Cart 19 E. 2. n. 6. per insp.

Ex autog. penes S. Roper ar.

Rot. P. 7 R. 1.

Rot. F. 6 Job. m. 3.

Pat 5. H. 3. in doiso.

Rot. P. 6. H. 3.

Rot. F. 6. H. 3. m. 5.

Rot. F. 12. H. 3. m. 1.

M. Paris. in an. 1227. n Rot. F. 15 H. 3. m. 9. o Rot. F. 32. H. 3. m. 8.

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Hil. 13 E. 2. f. 8. Mich. 7 E. 2. f.

Ex autog. penes S. Fr. Ne ther sole eq. auv.

This *Will.* the Parson, overlived his said brother *Robert*, and was a further Benefactor to those Nuns, giving them all such mess. lands, and rents which the same *Rob.* held in *Fresle* and *Doden-hale*, with his part of that land where the Chappel beyond *St. Edith's*-well in *Pobele*-wood was built; to the end, that out of the profits thereof a mark of silver should be yearly paid; viz. half at the Anniversary of the Lady *Petronill* his mother, and the other at the Anniversary of the before mentioned *Rob. Savage*, his brother: as also a stone of wax for the Lights at *Mattens* in the said Monastery; and dyed in 43 H. 3. seized of large possessions in this Shire, and in the Counties of *Wilt-gorn: Staff. Linc.* and *Derb.* leaving *Tho. de Ednesoure*, the son of *Tho. de Ednesoure* by *Lucia* his sister, and *Philippa*, then the wife of *Hugh de Meynill*, his other sister, his heirs; which said *Tho.* and *Hugh* had livery of those lands, doing their homage in 44 H. 3. whereupon the possession of this Mannour went with *Ednesoure*, *Menill* having of *Savages* lands in this County, *penton* before mentioned (as shall there be shewed at large.)

Of this *Tho. de Ednesoure* I find, that he was in Armes with the Barons against K. H. 3. whereupon his lands were confiscate, and given by the K. first to *Stephen de Eddeworth*, and afterwards (making other satisfaction to the said *Stephen*) to *Philip Marmion* (Lord of *Tamworth*.) But, by the Decree called *Dictum de Bentilworth*, repossessing them again, was in 7 E. 1. certified to be Lord of this Mannour, then held of *Tho. de Arden* by the service of half a Kts. fee; having in demesne 1 carucat, 1 yard-land and 4 acres, a water-mill and grove containing 1 acre of land and a half, with a park of 4 acres. As also xii. villains holding 4. yard-land and a half in bond service; xii. Freeholders occupying xi. yard-land and half and one acre by certain Rent and suit to his Court here at *Bathkinton*, and *Freewarren*; having appropriated to himself the fishing in the river *Avon*, on the one side, from *Fintford* bydige to the bounds of *Stonley*; as also the fishing of *Sow* on the one side, from the lands of the Prior of *Cobentre* unto *Bathkinton*-park. That he had likewise *Court-Leet*, Gallows, Assize of bread and beer, and all things else belonging to such liberties, but by what authority not known. Whereunto the said *Tho.* answered, that he used those privileges by vertue of a certain Cup that K. H. 1. gave to *Leticia* the daughter of *Sivard de Arden* then his Concubine; which allegation of his makes it not improbable, that the favour vouchsafed to *Hen. de Arden* from that K. for enjoying this with some of those other lands of his grandfather *Turchills*, before mentioned, was for her sake; for he much affected beautiful women.

But shortly after this; viz. in 13 E. 1. the said *Tho. de Ednesoure* was questioned by what authority he used those privileges here; who, pleading prescription, it was by the Jury found, that he and his ancestors had enjoy'd a *Court-Leet*, and *Weyfs* time out of mind: howbeit, as to his other claims he fell short, and so they were not allowed. This *Tho.* gave to the Monks of *Stonley* all his lands in *Hull* *juxta* *Wotton* (vulgarly now called *Hill Wotton*) and to the Nuns of *Polestworth* a piece of ground within his Lordship of *Wadley* *Ednesoure*, containing 125. foot in length, and 61. in breadth; in both which grants he is stiled a Kt. For his descent he was of a very ancient family; viz. of *Conesoure* in *Derbys.* whence his

ancestors assumed the name; and in respect of his relation to the *Ferrers*, Earls of *Derby* (I mean by the tenure of his lands in that County) bore for his Armes a fesse betwixt three Horse shoes, as by his Seal appears; but dyed in 13 E. 1. without issue: so that *Amicia* his sister, the wife of *Sir Walt. de Miriden* Kt. and *Ric. de Herthull* grandchild to *Joane* his other sister, became his heirs which *Sir Walter* had then livery of her inheritance doing his homage.

This *Amicia* (upon the partition, it seems) had *Baginton* for her share; but over living *Sir Walt. de Miriden*, took to husband ... *de Derley*, whom she likewise survived, and in 20 E. 1. founded a Chantry in the Church of *Bathkinton*, endowing it with one carucat of land, and xxx. s. yearly rent; for doing whereof she had the license of the K. and of *Will. B.* then E. of *Warw.* the Priest to serve there being to sing Mass daily for the health of her soul, the souls of her ancestors and successors, and for the souls of the said *W. Beauchamp*, *Maud* his wife and their children, and of all the faithful deceased. And moreover gave one acre and half of land, one rood and three selions; lying in this Lordship, to one *Ric. Deverell* and his heirs, to provide for her and her heirs two torches, to be burning daily at the high Altar in the Church here at *Bathkinton*, at the elevation of the Host: as also to find one Lamp burning at all divine exercises in her Chappell there for ever; and dyed in 30 E. 1. leaving *Ric. de Herthull* her Coulen and heir; who, then doing his homage, had livery of her lands; in whose line they continued for divers descents.

Being now therefore to speak of these *Herthull's*, I shall first, in the generall observe, that this was an ancient family in *Derbys.* and Lords of *Herthull*, whence they assumed their surname, being owners of other good possessions in that County. This *Ric. de Herthull* was 30 years of age 30 E. 1. and became a man of much action and note in his time. In 29 E. 1. he had summons to be at *Berwick* upon *Twede*, thence to advance with the K. in person against the Scots. The same year was he one of the Commissioners appointed in this County for taxing of a xv. And in 30 E. 1. being one of the Kts. for this Shire in the Parl. then held at *Westm.* was joyn'd in Commission with the Shiriff to collect the Aid for Marriage of the K. eldest Daughter granted in the Parl. of 18 E. 1. In 34 E. 1. he served again in the Parl. as one of the Kts. for this Shire; and in 1 E. 2. I find him a Kt. as also in 7. one of the Justices for the gaol-delivery at *Warwick*.

In 14 E. 2. he had warning to attend the K. against his rebellious Barons at that time in Arms (whereof *Tho. E. of Lancaster* was the ringleader) but, being weak and ill could not himself go in person; whereupon he sent his son *Ric.* who served in that expedition under *Raph Lord Bassor*. This *Sir Ric.* gave to the Nuns of *Polestworth*, and to the Chappell of *St. Nich.* at *Wadley* (of which Mannour he was Lord) that mess. and half yard land which those Nuns had held of his ancestors in *Wadley* aforesaid. And on *Will. Silvester* Vicar there, and his successors, he bestowed a certain tenement, which *Alan* the precedent Vicar held, in the time of *Will. Sauvage* his ancestor. And dyed in 18 E. 2. leaving *Adam* his son and heir; who, doing his homage had livery of his lands, being then 32 years of age.

d Ex autog. penes S. Roper ar.

g Rot. F. 13 E. 1. m. 3.

b Pat. 20. E. 1. m. 22.

i Ex autog. penes W. Bromley ar.

k Ex autog. penes F. Netherfolke eq. arm.

* This I take to be the North Isle of the Church, and that monument in an Arch of the wall there, to be for her.

l Esc. 30. E. 1. m. 40.

m Rot. F. 31 E. 1. m. 10.

n Esc. 30. E. 1. m. 40.

o Claus. 29. E. 1. 12 d.

p Pat. 29. E. 1. m. 5.

q Claus. 30 E. 1. In d. m. 3.

r Pat 30. E. 1. m. 1.

s Claus. 34. E. 1. In d. m. 11.

t Ex autog. penes D. Cap. Lich.

u Pat. 7. E. 2. In d. m. 20.

v Claus. 15 E. 2. m. 12.

x Ex autog. penes S. Roper.

y Ex autog. penes G. Collins.

z Rot. F. 19 E. 2. m. 18.

a 19 E. 2. m. 18.

b Esc. 19. E. 2. m. 53.

c Ex autog. penes W. Bromley ar.
 d Efc. 11 E. 3. n. 16.
 f Ex autog. penes F. N. eq. auw.
 g Rot. F. 18 E. 3. m. 14.
 h Rot. F. 20 E. 3. m. 7.
 i Rot. F. 21 E. 3. m. 32.
 k Pat. de iisd. an. in d.
 l Claus. m de iisd. an. in d.
 n Rot. F. 45 E. 3. m. 8.
 o Ib. m. 21.
 p Rot. F. 46 E. 3. m. 10.
 q Rot. F. 50 E. 3. m. 11.
 r Rot. F. 1. R. 2. p. 1. m. 30.
 s Regist. de Stone f. 6. b.
 t Ex Coll. W. Burton
 u Efc. 13. R. 2. m. 25.
 w Claus. 2. H. 4. p. 1. m. 6.
 x Efc. 3. H. 4. in d. 26.
 y Claus. 5. H. 5. in d. m. 18.
 a Rot. F. 3. H. 4. m. 10.
 b Ex vet. membr. penes W. Bromley ar.
 d Sampf. Erdsvik. ar.
 e Ex autog. penes F. N. eq. auw.
 f Rot. F. 7. R. 2. m. 17.
 g Claus. 11. R. 2. in d. m. 4.
 h Claus. 12. R. 2. in d. m. 30.
 i Claus. 14. R. 2. in d. m. 14.
 k Pat. de iisd. an. in d.

In 10 E. 3. this *Adam* was a Kt. but departed the world the next ensuing year, leaving *Ric.* his son and heir then aged 25. years: which *Ric.* being likewise a Kt. in 16 E. 3. was in 18. in Commission for assellessing of a xv. then granted to the K. in Parl. and in 20. with others, assigned in this County, to levy the Aid granted to the K. in Parl. for making his eldest son Kt. In 21 E. 3. upon the array of souldiers, being charg'd with two Hoblers, he was for some speciall respect (as the Record expresseth) by the K. Councell, discharg'd of one. In 33 E. 3. I find him in two Commissions, with sundry persons of the best quality in this County, for arraying of Souldiers according to the Statute of *Winchester*. In 40. and 42. one of the Kts. for this Shire in the Parl. then held. In 45. Shirriff of these Counties; and the same year one of those that was assigned for the assellessing of a subsidy then granted to the K. in Parl. The next year following for the assellessing of a x. and xv. in this Shire. In 50 E. 3. Shirriff once more; which office he also bore again in 1 R. 2. but in 5 R. 2. he sold this Lordship to Sir *Will. Bagot* Kt.

Two wives he had; viz. *Alice* daughter of Sir *Giles Astley* Kt. by whom he had his issue; and *Mary* who overliv'd him and dyed in 13 R. 2. leaving *Will.* his Grandchild, his heir ten years of age: which *Will.* in 2 H. 4. had livery of his inheritance, the K. then respiting his homage, but deceased the year following without issue, leaving *Eliz.* his aunt and heir; first married to *Edm. Cokeyn* Esq. (of *Alsburne* in *Derbysh.*) but then the wife of *John Franceys* of *Inggelby*; who, having issue by her, had livery of her lands, doing his homage: but of such her issue purposing to speak in *Booley*; I return to Sir *Will. Bagot* as Lord of this Mannour, the estate therein being convey'd to him by divers feoffees, into whose hands the said Sir *Ric.* had past it, Sir *John Cokeyn* (son and heir to the said *Edm.* and *Eliz.*) releasing also to him his interest.

This Sir *Will.* being a branch of that antient family of the *Bagots* in *Staffordshire*, (as may seem by the observation of one well vers'd in the antiquities of that County) in 6 R. 2. wrote himself of this place; and, the next year following, was constituted Shirriff of these Counties. In 11. of that K. reign he served in the Parl. held at *Westm.* as one of the Kts for this Shire; and in 12. in the Parl. held at *Cambridge*. So also in 14 again at *Westm.* in which year he was likewise in Commission for conservation of the peace in this County; and the next year following a Commissioner of Array. In the severall Parl. viz. of *Winchester* in 16 R. 2. of *Westm.* 17. 18. and 20 R. 2. he served again as one of the Kts. for this Shire: And upon renewing the Commissions for the peace in 20 and 22. R. 2. was joyned therein.

In that notable Parl. of 21. R. 2. (wherein the K. became so powerfull as our Historians do shew) he was a forward, ambitious, and active man; and being one of his chief favourites and Counsellors in that turbulent time, when *Henry D.* of *Lanc.* who had been formerly banish'd, landed at *Rabenspur* in *Dorsetsh.* fled with the rest of his fellows, to *Wiltoll*, there hoping to protect himself in that strong Castle: but, the discontented Lords, taking advantage of the K. absence (then in *Ireland*) quickly rais'd an Army of no less than 60000 and besieging that Castle, in short time took it, and therein all of them except this Sir *Will. Bagot*;

who, having made his escape, fled into *Ireland*: and of those so taken, forthwith beheaded *Will. le Scrope* L. Treasurer, Sir *John Busby*, and Sir *Henry Green*. All which fell out in the 22. and last year of K. R. 2. whose despolall soon after ensued.

It seems, that this Sir *Will.* came back again into *England* with K. *Ric.* for, within a month after, the new K. began his reign, he committed him prisoner to the Tower of *London*, viz. 22. Nov. yet, on the 24. of Dec. following, the Shirriff of this County received command (for speciall reasons thereunto moving the K. as the Writ saith) that he should permit the B. of *S. Davids*, and other the feoffees of his lands in this County; amongst which this Mannour of *Waginton* is mentioned in the first place, to have possession of them: howbeit, though for what reason I know not, the 23. of Jan. following, he superseded the Shirriff as to that restitution: But this displeasure of the K. continued not very long; for the 12. of Nov. following he gave command to the Constable of the Tower, for his enlargement. It seems he was still popular; for in the Parl. held at *Westm.* the same year, the Commons petitioned, that he might be restored to his lands: whereunto the K. answered, that as he had allowed him pardon, so would he otherwise shew him Justice; which extended to his reception into grace: for in 4 H. 4. he served in the Parl. at *Westm.* as one of the Kts. for this Shire: And the next ensuing year, (the clouds being over) had a full Release from the B. of *S. Davids* and other his feoffees, of all their interest in this Mannour and the rest of his lands. But after this he lived not long; for on the 6. of Sept. an. 1407. (8 H. 4.) he departed this world, as may seem by that part of his Monumentall Inscrip. here at *Waginton*, where he lies interred with *Margaret* his wife, the sister and heir of *Rob. de Wharton* of *Nottinghamsh.* leaving issue *Isabell* his onely Daughter, married to *Tho. Stafford* of *Pipe* in *Staffordsh.* (son of Sir *Tho. Stafford* Kt.) nephew and heir to *Edm. Stafford* B. of *Exeter*, and one of the Kts. for this Shire in the Parl. held at *Leicester* 2 H. 5. as also one of the Esquires retain'd for life with *Ric. Beauchamp* E. of *Warwick*.

Which *Tho.* resided here at *Waginton* whil' it continued unfold; but that was not long: for Sir *John Bagot* Kt. one of the feoffees of Sir *Will. Bagot's* lands, by his deed dated upon Palm-Sunday 5 H. 5. (wherein making mention of the last Will and Testament of the said Sir *Will. Bagot*, made and published, by which he appointed that *Margaret* his wife should hold this Mannour during her life, the remainder to the aforementioned *Tho. Stafford* and *Isabell*, and the heirs of the body of the said *Isabell* lawfully begotten; and in case she should dye leaving no such issue, then to be sold, and the money received for the same, disposed and distributed for the health of the souls of him the said *Will.* and *Margaret*) did with the consent of the said *Margaret*, *Tho. Stafford*, and *Isabell*, sell and grant the reversion of this Mannour; (which ought, as he there expresseth, to have come to him the said Sir *John Bagot*, after the decease of the said *Margaret*, *Tho.* and *Isabell* without issue) unto *Ric. Beauchamp* E. of *Warwick* *Will. Mountfort* and others, their heirs and assigns for ever: the same *Tho. Stafford* by his deed dated the Friday before the feast of St. *Luke* the Evang. in the same year, confirming the grant.

Which Earl, by his last will and Testam. bearing

Claus. de iisd. an. In d.
 o Pat. de iisd. an. In d.
 p Th. Wal. p. 390. n. 30.
 q 5 Ib. p. 395. n. 10. &c.
 f Claus. 1. H. 4. m. 29.
 t Ib. m. 22.
 u Ib. in dorso m. 30.
 w Pat. 2. H. 4. p. 1. m. 26.
 x Rot. Parl. 2 H. 4. m. 18.
 y Claus. 4. H. 4. in d. d. m. 34.
 z Ex autog. penes Herv. Bagot.
 a Ex autog. in bibl. de wsf.
 b Ex autog. penes W. Bromley ar.
 c Claus. 2. H. 5. in d. m. 20.
 f Ex comp. balliv. W. com. penes Wil. Pierpoint ar.
 g Claus. 4. H. 4. m. 9.
 h Ex autog. penes W. Bromley ar.
 i Ib. 2.
 k Rot. f. 141.

ring date 8 Aug. 15 H. 6. appointed, that if it should please God to send him another son, his Executors should pass an estate to him (*inter alia*) of this his Mannour and Castle of **Bathkington**, and to the heirs male of his body, with remainder to his right heirs for ever. But departing¹ this life ult. Apr. an. 1439. (18 H. 6. and leaving Hen. his son and heir afterwards created² D. of **Warwick**, the said Henry enjoy'd it; and after him Ric. Nevill E. of **Salisbury** in right of Anne his wife, sister and heir of the whole blood to the said Duke; unto whom being also in that respect advanced to the same Earldom of **Warwick** the Executors to the same Ric. Beauchamp did, in accomplishment of his said last Will and Testam. deliver³ and confirm it (*inter alia*) upon condition, that he the said Earl and his Countess should forthwith grant it unto the Dean and Chapter of the Collegiate Church in **Warwick** and their successors in pure and perpetuall alms; which was accordingly⁴ performed. Whereupon it continued thereto till that grand dissolution of the Religious houses by K. H. 8. but then, by the Survey⁵ made in 26. of that K. reign, having been valued at 34. l. 14. s. it became swallowed up in the Crown; and by Letters Pat.⁶ dated 13 Apr. 36 H. 8. was thence granted unto Francis Goodere of **London** Gent. and his heirs; who dyed⁷ seized thereof 1 E. 6. leaving Henry his son 13. years of age.

Which Henry, being afterwards Kt. did by Indenture,⁸ bearing date 20 Jan. 37. Eliz. entayl it upon the heirs male of his body: but fayling of such issue, and desiring that his lands might continue to his posterity and name, married Frances his eldest daughter unto his own brothers son; viz. Henry Goodere, son and heir to Sir Will. Goodere then of **Donkeshirby** Kt. and settled⁹ this Mannour on them and their descendants; which Henry, being afterwards Knighted, and a Gentleman of the Privy-Chamber to K. James, but not so fortunate as to augment his estate by following the Court, engaged this Lordship to Sir Henry Raynsford of **Clifford** in **Gloucestersh.** and others, who in 16 Jac. sold it to William Bromley Esq. descended¹⁰ from Sir Walter Bromley of **Bromley** in com. **Staff.** Kt. temp. R. Joh. (the now seat of the Lord Gerard) whose family hath for many ages flourished¹¹ in the Counties of **Staff.** **Salop:** and **Cheshire**; and lineall heir¹² Male to the sometime famous Sir John Bromley, who, in 4 H. 5. recovering¹³ the Standard of **Guyen** in that memorable battail of **Cozby**, then gained by the French in a fierce charge on that wing which Hugh Stafford Lord Bourchier (his near kinsman) then commanded; had¹⁴ for that eminent service not onely the dignity of Knighthood confer'd upon him; but lands of great value in the Duchy of **Normandy**, with offices of speciall power and trust in those parts; as also an augmentation¹⁵ to his Arms; viz. the same Standard of **Guyen** for his Crest.

To which Sir John succeeded¹⁶ Sir John, his son and heir; who by his first wife leaving none but femal issue, amongst whom, by reason of a speciall Entail, a large inheritance was shared, afterwards wedded¹⁷ M. daughter of Ric. Widvile E. Rivers, by Jaquet Dutcheis of **Bedford** (a branch of the Imperiall family of **Luxemburgh**, and great grandchild to K. Edw. 3. by the Princess **Isabell** his eldest daughter) and by her had issue Thomas; whose direct heir male, is Will. Bromley Esq. (son to the before specified William) now Lord of this Man-

nour; a person whose speciall endowments do shew, that he hath not degenerated from such his worthy ancestors; unto whom I have dedicated the Map of this Hundred, whereof he is so great an ornament, as by his Arms therein graven, with that honourary Crest before mentioned, which hath been born by them ever since, may be seen.

Of the Castle, sometime standing here, is there now, besides the moat, nothing remayning except heaps of rubbish; nor when it was demolisht have I yet found: but this is memorable thereof; viz. that when Henry D. of **Hereford**, and John D. of **Posff.** should have determined the difference, then betw^xt themselves, by a personall combat upon **Gosford green**, near **Cobentre**, in 21 R. 2. the said Henry then lodg'd thereat; and from thence advanc'd to the place appointed, upon his white Courser barded with blew and green velvet, gorgeously embroidered with Swans and Antelops of Goldsmiths work, and armed at all points.

In an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) the Church, here, (dedicated to S. John Bapt.) was valued at vii. marks: but in 26 H. 8. at viii. l. xx. d. over and above viii. s. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

Patroni Eccl. Incumbentes, &c.

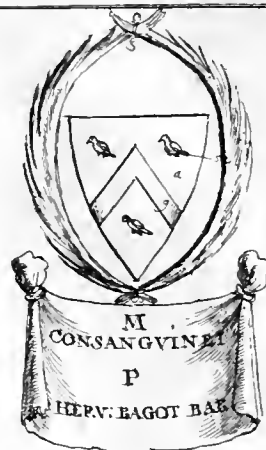
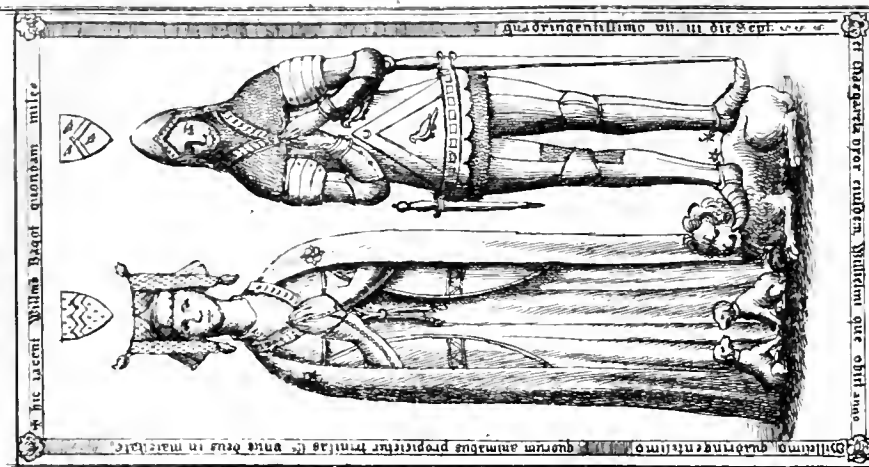
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Ric. hatte Birches, de Solihull, *Streit. f. 10. b.*
Cap. 4. Cal. Jan. 1353. *Ib. f. 24. a.*
Joh. Fylor. Cler. 3. Cal. Feb. 1361. *Ib. f. 30. b.*
Henr. Wyther Pbr. 4. Jan. 1377. *Ib. f. 32. a.*
Will. de Stonley Pbr. 23. Sept. 1383. *Burgh. f. 16 a.*
Ric. de Burley 21 Junii 1384. *Heyw. f. 7. a*
Joh. Porter Cap. 26. Aug. 1405. *El. f. 4. b.*
Joh. Haghmund Cap. 18. Jan. 1409. *Ib. f. 6. a.*
Will. Smyth Cap. 5. Dec. 1421. *Sir. & P. f. 17. b.*
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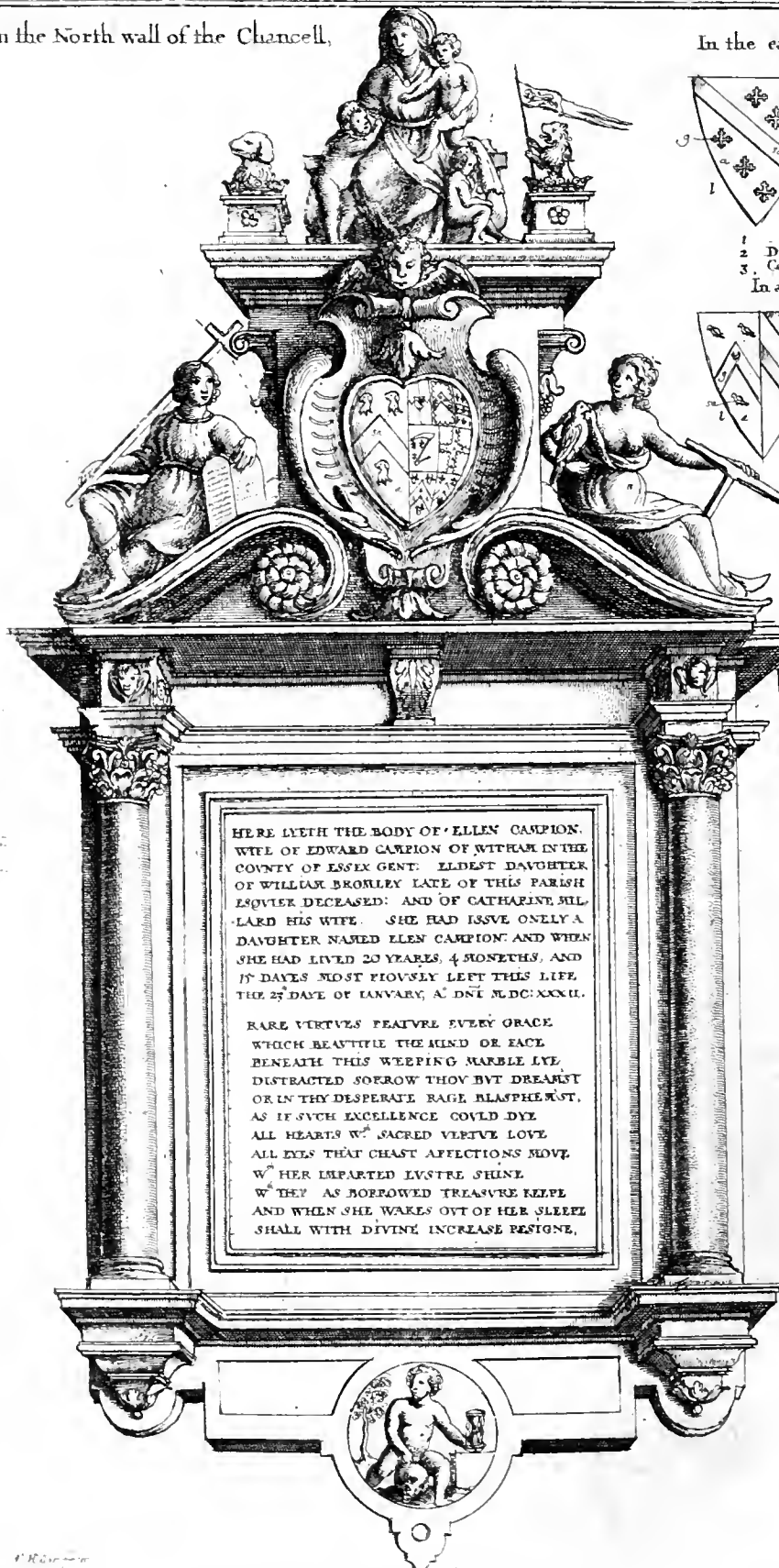
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Edw. Underhill Gen. Edm. Mylner son 12. Oct. 1557. *Ib. f. 10. b.*
Ph. & M. Rex & R. 1558. *Ib. f. 12. a.*
Edw. Underhill de Bathkinton Gen. 1560. *Penibam bund. H.*
Henr. Goodere ar. Jac. Gybson Cler. 24. Apr. 1584. *Bund. b.*
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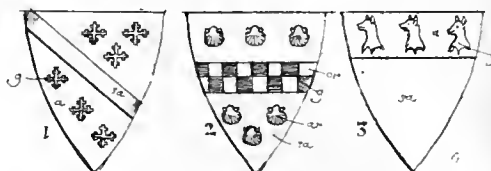
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In the North wall of the Chancell,

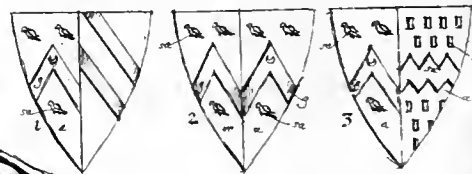


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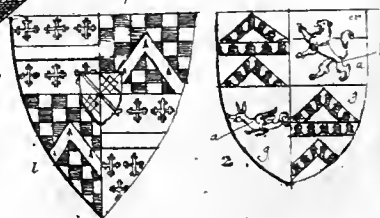
1 Durvassall
2 Colfox

In a South window of the Church.



1 Bagot impaling Bradshaw.
2 Stafford of Pipe impaling Bagot
3 Bagot impaling Whiston.

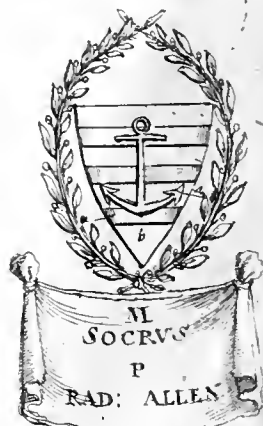
In the East Window of the Chancell.



1 Ric. Beauchamp E. of Warwick.
2 Goddard quartering Thornbury & Brent

HERE LYETH THE BODY OF ELLEN CAMPTON.
WIFE OF EDWARD CAMPTON OF WITHAM IN THE
COUNTY OF ESSEX GENT: ELDEST DAUGHTER
OF WILLIAM BROXLEY LATE OF THIS PARISH
ESQUIRE DECEASED: AND OF CATHARINE MIL-
LARD HIS WIFE. SHE HAD ISSUE ONLY A
DAUGHTER NAMED ELLEN CAMPTON: AND WHEN
SHE HAD LIVED 20 YEARES, 4 MONETHES, AND
15 DAYES MOST PIOUSLY LEFT THIS LIFE
THE 25TH DAYE OF JANVARY, A^N D^NI M^DC^{XXXII}.

RARE VIRTUES FEATURE EVERY GRACE
WHICH BEAUTIFIE THE MIND OR FACE
BENEATH THIS WEEPING MARBLE LYE
DISTRACTED SORROW THOU BVT DREAMST
OR IN THY DESPERATE RAGE BLASPHEMST.
AS IF SUCH EXCELLENCE COULD DYE
ALL HEARTS WTH SACRED VIRTUE LOVE
ALL EYES THAT CHAST AFFECTIONS MOVE
WTH HER IMPARTED LUSTRE SHINE
WTH THEY AS BORROWED TREASURE KEEPE
AND WHEN SHE WAKES OVT OF HER SLEEP
SHALL WITH DIVINE INCREASE RESTORE.



Kenilworth.

Little more than a mile below **Waginton**, is the river of **Sow** more enlarged by a small brook coming from **Kenilworth**, of which place, before I pass further, I am next in order to speak.

Before the Conquest, it was a member^a of **Stoneley**, being ancient demesne of the Crown; and had, within the precincts thereof, a Castle^b situate upon the bank of **Avon**, in the woods opposite to **Stoneley-Abby**. Which Castle stood upon a place called **Hom-hill**, but was demolished in those turbulent times of warr betwixt King **Edmund**, and **Cannus** the Dane. By the Conq. Survey^c, it appears, that this which now beares onely the name of **Kenilworth**, was then in two parts; the one called **Opstone**, certified to contain three hides, being then held, immediatly of the King by **Albertus Clericus**, in pure Almes; upon which were resident two Priests: the woods whereof conteyned half a mile in length, and four furlongs in breadth; This being that part of **Kenilworth** which now the Inhabitants call the **High-town**, and situate upon the ascent on the North part of the Church. But the other, which in the same Record^d is written **Chilnewode**, and posselt by **Rich. Forestarius**, did then contain no more than three virgats, besides the woods, which were certified to be half a mile in length, and four furlongs in breadth. *Hac duo membra* (saith **Domesday-book**) *jacent ad Stanleif manerium Regis*.

That the name, originally, did proceed from some ancient possessor of it, whose habitation was there, is not to be doubted, the syllable **Wode**, which should be **Wode** (*id est*) **Worthe** and signifieth a mansion or dwelling place, manifesting as much: but whether his name was **Kenelm**, or **Kenulph**, for antiently it was written **Kenilworth**; or whether it were the above mentioned **Rich. Forestarius**, who had his seat there, which **Richard** in some very antient authorities, that I have seen, is called **Rich. Chineu**, I cannot positively determine; and therefore will not insist longer on conjectures. Certain it is, that it continued in the Kings hands till H. 1. time, and then was given^e to **Geffrey de Clinton**, a Norman; who (doubtless) had his first abode in **England**, at **Clinton** (now vulgarly called **Clinton**) in **Orfordshire**, and thence assumed his surname.

This **Geffrey**, if we may credit our Countreyman **Ross**, was grandson to **Will. de Tankerville** Chamberlain of **Normandy**, and **Maud** his wife, daughter to **Will. de Arches**, whose descent is derived from **Wevia** sister to **Gunora** Dutcheffs of **Normandy**: but of the certainty thereof I much doubt, considering that an authentique Historian^b, his Contemporary, renders him to have been of very mean parentage, and meely raised from the dust by the favour of the said King **Henry**, from whose hands he received large possessions, and no small honour, being made, both Lord Chamberlein and Treasurer to the said King, and afterwards Justice^k of **England**: which great advancements do argue, that he was a man of extraordinary parts. It seems he took much delight in this place, in respect of the spacious woods, and that large and pleasant Lake (through which divers petty streames do pass) lying amongst them; for he it was that first built that great and strong Castle here, which was the

glory of all these parts, and, for many respects, may be ranked in a third place, at the least, with the most stately Castles of **England**. Neer unto which he also founded^m, at the same time, a goodly Monastery for **Black Canons**: of which Order it will not be amiss to take a brief view before I go on with my discourse of this particular Monastery.

The most received opinion is, that these **Canons Regular** had their first institution from **S. Augustin** Bishop of **Hippo**; wherefore I will succinctly deliver the occasion and ground thereof. This **Augustin** was born in the City of **Tagaste** in **Africa**, and, betaking himself to the study of Philosophy in his younger years, grew to be an excellent Scholar, and a famous Rhetorician, for which he became so eminent, that being sent for to **Millain**, there to teach Rhetorique, by the preaching of **S. Ambrose** then Bishop of **Millain**, he was reclaimed from the Heresy of **Manicheus**, where-with he had been tainted; And afterwards, coming to **Hippo**, at the solicitation of a great person, was, by **Valerius** then B. of that place, ordained a Priest; in which City he shortly instituted a Covent of Clerks, and lived according to the Rule constituted by the holy Apostles, instructingⁿ them in the Evangelique perfection; viz. love of Poverty, Obedience, and Chastity.

After which, upon the death of **Valerius** he became B. of **Hippo**; but notwithstanding, being desirous to continue his Religious Course of life, he founded a Monastery of Clerks, within the precincts of his Church.

Divers sorts of Religious persons have taken him for their Law-giver; viz. the Heremites, called **Augustines**, **Canons Regular**, &c. making all profession under his Rule. Their habite, as **Polyd. Virg.** affirmeth, is a white coat and a linnen surplis, under a black cloak, with a hood covering their head and neck, which reacheth to the shoulders; having, under it, doublet, breeches, white stockings, and shoes or slippers, and when they walk out a black corner'd cap, or a broad Hat; their Crowns being shaven, but not so much as other Monks. Thus much as to the Order.

With this Monastery so founded by the said **Geffrey de Clinton**, I will now proceed, in regard it was so signall a Monument of his piety, reserving my story of the Castle till anon.

By his Foundation Charter^r it appeares, that he gave to the Canons of this House, for the redemption of his sins; as also for the good estate of King **Henry**, whose consent he had thereto; and of his own wife and children; all the lands and woods of this **Kenilworth**, excepting what he had reserved for the making of his Castle and Park. Together with the Mannors of **Salford**, **Illicote** and **Peunham** in this County. The Church of **Wotton**, with a hide of land thereto belonging. Two hides in **Winton**; with the Churches of **Clinton** (in **Orfordshire**) and **Barton** in **Portsmouthshire** Granting further unto them, of pasturage; viz. that wheresoever his own Cattell & Hogs should he, whether within his Park or without, there also might theirs have liberty to feed. And their tenants Hogs to have the like freedom in all other, except his inclosed woods and Park, as his own tenants had.

Adding by another Charter^s the gift of a full tenth of whatsoever should be brought to his Castle; viz. either to his Cellar, Kitchen, Larder, Granary,

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or Hall-garth ; as well of all bought or given , either in Corn, Hay, Hogs, Muttons, Bacon, Venison , Cheefe , Fish, Wine, Hony, Wax , Tallow, Pepper, and Cumin, though they had been tithed

elsewhere before, as of his own proper revenue. Together with all his Lambskins throughout every his Mannours, as well those as should be kill'd to eat, as of others that might dy casuallly.



Canonicus Regularis S^t Augustini.

To these large and munificent gifts, he added the Mannour of **Hichenden** in Com. **Buck.** which he had by the bounty of King **Henry**; and the Church of **Stone** in **Staffordshire**, which he procured of one **Enisan**, within whose Lordship it lay, by the consent of **Nich. de Stafford**, it being founded in his fee. But that which I call, here, the Church of **Stone** was a small Monastery founded in memory of **Wolfsade** and **Ruffin**, slain by King **Wolpherus** their father, in respect that they became Christians, being converted from Paganism, and baptized by that holy man **S. Chad B. of Lichfield**, near a thousand years since.

And besides these particulars did he likewise give to the said Canons, liberty to fish with boat and nets, one day in every week; viz. Thursday, in his pool, here at **Kenilworth**. But other particulars, of him, worthy of Note have not I seen any, except that false accusation of Treason made against him at **Woodstock**, where **K. Henry** kept his Easter in 30. of his reign.

To him succeeded **Geoffrey** his son and heir, Lord Chamberlain likewise to the King as his father was, and possessor of a great estate: for by the certificate of **William E. of Warwick**, in 12. H. 2. it appears, that he held of him no less than XVII. Knights fees de veteri feoffamento. Which **Geoffrey** wedded **Agnes** daughter unto **Roger Earl of Warwick**, with whom he had in marriage ten of those 17. Knights fees; id est a discharge from any service for them, except in some special cases: As also the Shrivalty of this County, to hold to him and his heirs, in such sort, as he the said Earl, had held, or might hold it of the King: and was a great benefactor to this Monastery of **Kenilworth**; not onely by confirming all his fathers grants thereto; but adding these particulars; viz. the land at **Pewton**, at the buriall of his father. The Mannour of **Dakinton** with the Church and Mill, there. The greatest part of **Lemington** with the Church and Mill. The Mill of **Guy-Cliff**. The Cell of **Bretford**, with lands at **Wardfen** and **Wotton**. The Churches of **Willemeleghton** (now called **Wozmleghon**) **Herberbury**, **Radford**, and **Budbroke**, all in this County; with the Church of **Stibbeke** in **Buckinghamshire**, confirmed to them by **William Pipard**.

All which were likewise ratified by **Henry de Clinton**, son to the last specified **Geoffrey**, who also gave thereunto the town of **Lachebroke**, with much more land at **Wardfen**: in consideration whereof the before specified Canons allow'd him every day, during his life, two manchetts, such as two of the said Canons used to have, and four gallons of their better beer, according to wine measure which he was to have whither he were at **Kenilworth** or not, from the time he should enter into a religious life, in case he did so do, except on those dayes he had entertainment in the said Monastery. After whose death, **Amicia de Bidun**, his wife, released unto these Canons all her right of dowrie, which she had in the lands so given by her said husband.

I will now onely enumerate the principall grants made by divers other persons to this Monastery, for as much as of such that were in this County, I speak more largely as I discourse of those particular places. viz. **Bueria** (now called **Bethe** near **Wotton**) given by **Odo de Turri**. The Church of **Stoneley** by **K. H. 1.** Divers lands in **Spolington** by **Julian de S. Remigio**; As also the

Church of **Pffete**, with a yard land in **Conley** (near **Driford**). The Church of **Bethe** (in **Drifordshire**) by **Lesceline**, daughter to **Geoffrey** the Founder; and wife to **Norman de Verdon**; which **Bertram de Verdon**, her son, confirmed; granting, besides, a meadow at **Alho** called **Augenbale**, and another at **Bretford**.

The Churches of **Bratles**, and **Wellebourne** by **Roger Earl of Warwick**. Of **Lockley** by **Rob. fil. Odonis**, with certain lands also there. Of **Whitnash** by **Raph de Mara** and **Lesceline** his wife. Of **Hampton** in **Arden** and **Smite** with the Chappell of **Winklow** by **Roger de Moubray**. Of **Langford** in **Derbyshire** by **Nich. de Grefley** and **Margaret** his wife; which **Margaret**, in her minority, with her whole patrimony, was long under the care and tutelage of the before specified **Geoffrey**, the Founder. Of **Chesterton** by **Will. Croc**. Of **Fenny-Compton** and one hide of land there by **Gilbert le Bigoth**. Of **Canendon**, with divers lands there by **Sewal fil. Fulcheri** (ancestor to the ancient family of **Shirley**, yet lords of that Mannour.) And of **Cherlton-Canville** in Com. **Somerset** by **Rich. de Canville**. All which, with their severall Chappells, were confirm'd to these Canons by severall Kings and Bishops, as I shall have occasion more fully to manifest when I come to each of them.

Of **Broke** in **Rutland**, which was a Cell to this Monastery, given by **Hugh de Ferrers**, and confirmed by **Walcheline** his brother. Of lands in **Pewton** by **Ernald de Bois**. In **Herbivole** and **Walton** by **Will. Giffard**. In **Baginton** by **Hen. de Arden**. In **Ludewell** by **Manasses Arsic**. In **Litho** by **Ric. de Beresford**, **Cecily** his wife, and **Raph de S. Edmundo**. Of half a yard land in **Ricardscote**, in Com. **Staff.** By **Cecily** the daughter of **Rog. le Wayte**. Of lands in **Herberbury** by **Henry Malory** and others. Of fire-wood in **Berkswell** by **Nigel de Mundevill**. Of lands in **Wolston** by **Rog de Frevill** and **Sibill** his wife. And to these were added the Church of **Spilberton** by **Walter Espigurnell** and **Celestina** his wife, in 16. H. 3. With the greatest part of **Lockley**, **Wescote**, and **Wotton**; and the advouion of the Church of **Lockley** by **Peter de Mara**, about the 38. of H. 3.

Afterwards; viz. in 19. E. 2. **John Lok**, and **Roger de Boyvill** had license from the King to grant the Mannour of **Patlethull** in **Staffordshire** to this Monastery. In 20. E. 3. **Thomas de Hampton** to give five messs. with cxii. acres of land in **Radford** thereunto. And in 25. of the same K. reign, **John** the son of **John de Peto**, for granting xiv. messs. two Carucat's, and five yard land in **Lorley** to it.

Many other small parcells, in severall places, were at sundry times given to these Canons by common persons, the mention whereof I do purposely pass by, for brevities sake. Of all which the Prior and Covent of this House, being thus possessor in 12. E. 1. granted away the Churches of **Fenny-Compton**, and **Chesterton** to the B. of **Coventre** and **Lichfield**, and his successors for ever.

And of these their possessions, as they had ample confirmations by severall Kings of this Realme, so were the privileges very great which they enjoyed by those Charters; viz. power to keep **Court-Leet**, Assise of bread and beer, authority to try malefactors within divers of their Lordships

and freedom from suite to the County and Hundred-Courts, as by the same Charters, unto which I have pointed, may be seen: besides **Free-warren** in divers of their Mannours, as I shall instance when I come to them in particular. To these was added by King E. 3. that the Sub-prior and Covent should, during the vacancy, have the custody of the said House, and all the Temporalties appertaining thereunto, paying only to the King his heirs and successors, for every whole year, cxvii li. ii s. viii d.

As to the appropriation of the particular Churches before recited, to the use and benefit of this Monastery, I shall take notice of them when I come to those places where they are situate; as also of such Chappells which were belonging to any of them, that I have not yet mentioned.

Thus was their plenty very great, wanting nothing that might be usefull to them in a full and fit manner, even to the meanest conveniencies; K. H. 3. granting^s them liberty to conduct Spring-water, by pipes, from a pure fountain which lay fit for that purpose, to the severall offices in the Monastery.

That the Priory of **Stone** in *Com. Staff.* was a Cell to this House, and how it came to be so I have already shewed: And that the nature of those Cells was to be subordinate, as to matter of government, and the like, unto those whereof they were thus members, it is not unknown to any man of judgment. I shall now therefore briefly shew, when, how, and upon what termes the Canons of **Stone** became exempted from such their subjection to these of **Kenilworth**; which was by an unanimous reference to the Decree and finall determination of **Roger Meuland** Bishop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield**, in *Anno* 1260. (44. H. 3.) Who, thereupon, did ordain, that from thenceforth the Prior of **Stone** might receive Canons to that habit and profession, and freely dispose of every thing both spirituall and temporall appertayning to them, without the allowance of the Prior of **Kenilworth**. And that the said Prior of **Stone**, and every of the Canons there serving God, with their successors, should be free and exempt from any future subjection to the Pr. and C. of **Kenilworth** for ever, except in these particulars; viz. that the Prior of **Kenilworth**, for the time being, ought once every year to visit the said Priory of **Stone** with ten Horses, staying onely two days, and performing his office there, as of Custome, not removing any Canon of that House; nor sending any Canon to the House of **Stone**, there to continue.

And when the Priory of **Stone** should happen to be void, two of the Canons of **Kenilworth**, together with those of **Stone** to be at the election. That such election should be made by license first required of the Prior of **Kenilworth**, in case he were then within the Kingdom; or of his substitute, if he were absent; and within eight days following, the two Canons of **Kenilworth** to repair thither, to see that all things were carried uprightly at the said election: but if they came not within that time, the Canons of **Stone** to proceed without them. And moreover, that during the vacancy, the Prior and Covent of **Kenilworth**, as Patrons, should have the custody thereof by one of their Canons; who, till the new Prior were elected, were to have fitting dyer there, not meddling with any^{ne} movable or unmovable

It was likewise then decreed, that when the Priory of **Kenilworth** should happen to be void, the Prior of **Stone**, in case he had been a Canon of **Kenilworth**, should be present at the election of the new Prior of **Kenilworth**; taking his place in the Chapter-Houle, and Quire, as his predecessors had done. And, that all such Charters of **Kenilworth**, which might be of use to the Canons of **Stone**, should be transcribed, and those transcripts attested with the Seales of the said B. and Prior of **Kenilworth**; And upon necessary occasion, the originalls to be delivered to the Prior of **Stone**, or his certain Atturney for the defence of that Houle, and prosecution of their rights. Which Decree beares date on the day of the translation of **S. Thomas** the Martyr in the year abovesaid.

But after this; viz. in *An.* 1291. (21. E. 1.) there growing some difference betwixt the Canons of **Kenilworth** & **Stone**, concerning the lands, which they of **Stone** held, they came to a finall Agreement. Whereupon they of **Kenilworth** relealed to those of **Stone** and their successors, their totall interest in the said House of **Stone**, and the particular lands and Churches thereunto appertaining; all which are mentioned therein: Saving to these of **Kenilworth** their right of patronage, as aforesaid; and the yearly Rent of xii. marks and a half sterling, that by their publique Instrument the Canons of **Stone** were bound to pay to **Kenilworth**. Which Agreement and Releases were confirmed by King E. 3. 16. Aug. in the x. year of his reign.

Of the damages that this Monastery sustained when the Castle was besieged in 50. H. 3. I purpose to take notice when I come to discourse of the same Leaguer, having, in the next page inserted the names of all the Priors of this House which I have met with; together with the times when most of them were admitted: But little is there now memorable of them, considering that their Monuments, and historicall actions, kept in certain Registers, which they had in the nature of Annals, were all destroyed at that fatall dissolution of it, and the rest, by K. H. 8. so that there is nothing now remayning, but a very great Bell yet hanging in the present Parish Church, made, it seemes by Prior **Kederminster**, who lived temp. H. 4. H. 5. and beginning of H. 6. time; about which there is an Inscription in large Characters, as may be seen where I have exhibited the Armes still remayning in the windows of the said Church.

I now descend to that Survey, taken in 26. H. 8. as preparatory to the said generall dissolution; at which time this Monastery was valuedⁿ at 533 li. 15 s. 04 d. per annum, over and above all reprises; viz. in Quit-rents, Synodals, Procurations, Pen-sions, stipends to Curats, Charges of Anniversaries, and yearly Fees to the Officers belonging thereunto, with the like. In which it appears, that there was weekly given^x in Almes to poor people for the soul of **Geffrey de Clinton** the Founder, half a quarter of Moncorne, rated then at 5 s. the quarter; and three bushells of Barley made in beer, at the rate of 4 s. the quarter. And on *Maunday-Thurs-day* yearly distributed^y to poor people in ready money, bread, and beer, at the washing of their feet lxxii s. The principall Officers belonging to this House, being at that time, **Henry Marq. Dorset**, high Steward, whose Fee was cvi s. viii d. per ann. **Laurence Grey** Receiver^a generall, whose Fee was vi li. per annum, **John Lodbroke** Auditor^b, his Fee being liii s. iv d. per annum.

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From the foundation to the dissolution of this Religious-House, were about 430. years, it being surrendred^e 15. April. 29. H. 8. by the then Abbot and Covent, whose names I have here inserted with their severall *Pensions*, as they were allowed to each of them during their lives.

<i>Simon Jekys Abbas.</i>	<i>Rich. Hethe.</i>
<i>Joh. Lyster Prior.</i>	<i>Tho. Stone.</i>
<i>Will. Warwyke.</i>	<i>Will. Clare.</i>
<i>Rich. Bager.</i>	<i>Rich. Palmer.</i>
<i>Joh. Rogers.</i>	<i>Rich. Todd.</i>
<i>Tho. Parker.</i>	<i>Will. Chamberlen.</i>
<i>Georgius Ryddell.</i>	<i>Joh. Luffkyn.</i>
<i>Rad. Baxter.</i>	<i>Rad. Sutton.</i>

Pensioners & annuaz.

<i>Simoni Jakes Abbati ib.</i>	c li.
<i>Joh. Lyster Priori ib.</i>	viii li.
<i>Will. Warwyke Canon. ib.</i>	v li.
<i>Joh. Rogers Canon. ib.</i>	vii li.
<i>Ric. Bager Canon. ib.</i>	v li.
<i>Tho. Stone Canon. ib.</i>	vii li.
<i>Tho. Parker Canon. ib.</i>	v li. vi s. viii d.
<i>Georgio Rydel Canon. ib.</i>	v li. vi s. viii d.
<i>Rad. Bakester Canon. ib.</i>	v li.
<i>Ric. Hethe Canon. ib.</i>	v li. vi s. viii d.
<i>Joh. Rivers Canon. ib.</i>	v li.
<i>Will. Clare Canon. ib.</i>	v li.
<i>Ric. Palmer Canon. ib.</i>	v li.
<i>Ric. Todde Canon. ib.</i>	v li.

Catalogus Priorum.

<i>Bernardus temp. H. 1.</i>
<i>Laurentius temp. Regis Steph.</i>
<i>Silvester 2. Joh.</i>
<i>Henricus 16. H. 3.</i>
<i>David 23. H. 3.</i>
<i>Robertus de Estleye 51. H. 3.</i>
<i>Rob. de Salle, defunctus 6. E. 2.</i>
<i>Tho. de Warmynton 6. E. 2.</i>
<i>Joh. de Peyto. 2. Id. April. 19. E. 3.</i>
<i>Henr. de Bradwey 22. Aug. 1361.</i>
<i>Tho. de Merston. 8. R. 2.</i>
<i>Will. de Brayles. 11. Aug. 1400.</i>
<i>Tho. Kidderminster. 12. Febr. 1402.</i>
<i>Tho. Holygreve 5. Aug. 1439.</i>
<i>Joh. Yardley. 2. Maii 1458.</i>
<i>Rad. Maxfeild 11. Jan. 1494.</i>
<i>Will. Wall 9. H. 8.</i>
<i>Simon Jekys 29. H. 8.</i>

Touching the Mannour of *Kenilworth*, which belong'd to this religious House, I find, that it continued in the Crown till 6. Eliz. and then was granted to *Rob. Earl of Leicester* (at that time posselt of the Castle, as I shall shew by and by. But the site of the Monastery, which had been given by K.H. 8. to Sir *Andrew Flamok* (a Courtier of those dayes) descended to Sir *Will. Flamok* his son and heir, who dyed & seized thereof 11. Julii, 2. Eliz. leaving *Katherin* his daughter and heir about three years old, afterwards marryed to *John Colburn* of *Morton-sporell* in this County esquire. Which *John*, having bought certain Horses, stolen out of the said Earles stables here at *Kenilworth-Castle*, as was pretended, became so terrified by *Leicester*, that he quitted unto him all his right therein, upon easy tearmes, as I have heard, &

Kenilworth Castle.

That this Castle was built by *Geffrey de Clinton* Chamberlain and Treasurer to K. H. 1. I have already in my discourse of the Priory, by him then founded, sufficiently manifested; where also I have spoke, both of his parentage, and what else, in relation to him, is notable: but, being a place of such extraordinary strength and largeness (as may be seen by the circuit, breadth, and depth of the outer moats, and that unparallel'd part thereof, called *Cesars-Tower*, which by the thickness of it's walls and form of building, appears to have been of the first foundation) continued not long to his posterity: for in 11. H. 2. the Shiriff accounted^b for the profit of the Park; and in 19. H. 2. it was posselt and garrison'd by the King, his eldest son (whom he had Crown'd) then rebelling against him; with whom *Lewes* & K. of France, *Rob. Earl of Leicester*, *Hugh Earl of Chester*, and many other great men took part, as our Historians do declare. At which time there was layd in a c. quarters of bread-corn, at viii li. viii s. ii d. charge (being not then much more than 2 d. a bushell;) 20. quarters of Barley at 33 s. 4 d. An hundred Hogs at 7 li. 10 s. Forty Cows, salted, at 4 li. cxx. Cheeses at 40 s. 25. quarters of salt at 30 s. at which time c. sol. were allow'd for making of a Gaol there.

And the next year following, did the same Shiriff, viz. *Bertram de Verdon*, account a large summs of money, for payment of the Souldiers, Horse and Foot, therein. 'Tis true, that *Geffrey de Clinton*, son & heir to the said *Geffrey* the Founder, had it a while in possession again, as some words of his Charter, whereby he granted certain lands in *Spilberton* do import; viz. *Postquam Castellum meum & honorem meum recuperavi*; but it remained with him scarce 7. years; and, after that time was never out of the Kings hands, till *Henry 3.* granted it to *Sim. Montfort* E. of *Leicester*, as I shall shew anon: for in 27. H. 2. the Shiriff accounted for the Ferm of the ward thereof: (which I take to be such money as was paid by the Country people, who were, otherwise, to perform their service in person for the guarding of this Castle): as also for certain money that he received, in the nature of Rent, from such as had their abode therein. Which makes me conjecture, that some persons, for security to themselves and their goods, obtained leave, there to reside, whereby they might be preserved from robbery and mischief in those turbulent times.

The next year following, he accounted for the Ferm of such ground as was within the compass of the fortifications. In 30. H. 2. for the charge of repaying the walls. In 31. for workmanship about the Goale there. In 33. for the ground within the Castle, and paunage of the Park. In 1 R. 1. again, for the ferm of the same ground. In 2. x and 3. for the custody and repair thereof. And in the beginning of King *John's* time, *Henry de Clinton* (grandson to the founder) released to the King all his right in the same; as also in the woods and pools, and whatever else belonged there-to, excepting what he had possession of at the death of K.H. 2. his father. Which *Henry de Clinton* had issue *Henry*; who, being in the rebellion K. *John* (at the later end of his reign) submitted himself, and returned to obedience in 2. H. 3. assuring the K.

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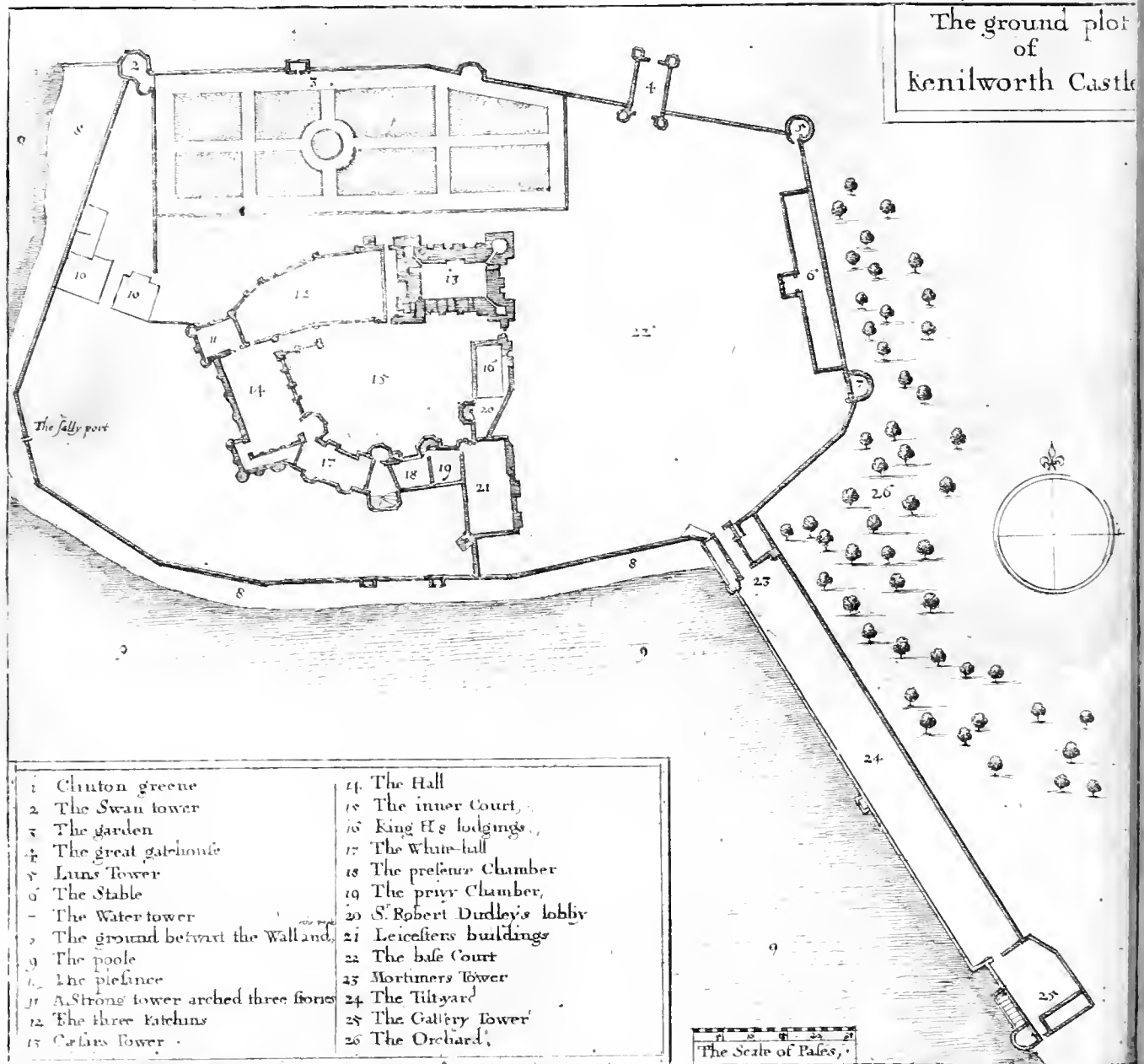
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of his future fidelity, whereupon the Shirriff had command^e to give him livery of those lands, in **Kenilworth**, of his inheritance by right from his father. But after him I find little here, in **Kenilworth** of this family; and therefore, in regard it was of longer continuance in **Colwill**, and **Marstoke**, in **Hemlingford**-Hundred, I have there inserted the whole descent, and made my historical observations thereupon: and so returning again to this Castle, do observe, that, in 5. *Joh. Hugh de Chaucumb* (afterwards Shirriff of these Countyes, for divers years) was made Governour^e thereof (his predecessor in that command having^e been *Hugh Bardulf*); who continued in that place till 9. *Joh.* and then *Rob. de Ropefle* (the then Shirriff) was^e put in his roome. In 13. *Joh. Will. de Cantilupe* Shirriff also at that time) accounted^r for 361. *li.* 07 s. 00. laid out in more building upon this Castle: as also 102. *li.* 19 s. 03 d. for making a Chamber and Wardrobe. The next year following, 224 *li.* for^r more building there: and in 17. *Joh.* (for he continued many years Shirriff) 402 *li.* 02 s. 00. more, for repaires thereof.



That later end of King *John's* reign, being very troublesome in respect that divers of the Barons rebell'd against him, was doubtless the reason wherefore the King bestow'd such cost in building and repaires here about that time; for it was then garrison'd with Souldiers, *Raph de Normanwill* being sent^e thither by the King as a principall Officer, yet to be under the command of the before-mentioned *W. de Cantilupe*, the Kings Steward and Governour thereof, the Kings son being there then, for safety, as it should seeme. In 3. H. 3. there was 150 *li.* 02 s. 03 d. accounted^r for building up of a Tower thereof, which fell down at *Christmass* before. And in 5. and in 6. H. 3. more money layd out in repaires.

It seems that the said *W. de Cantilupe* (Shirriff^e of this County and **Leicester-shire**; from 12. *Joh.* till 8. H. 3.) resided at this Castle; for, in 7. H. 3. command^e was given to those that sold the windfall-trees in the Park, that they should allow unto him part of that timber, to repair the buildings wherein he dwel't, which were ruin'd by the winde. And the same year, and the next, did the said *Will.* account^r for his charges therein, and other repaires. But in 8. H. 3. the custody thereof was committed^r to *John Russell*. In 9. H. 3. *Rob. Lupus* (or *Low*) then the Shirriff, accounted for the carriage of five tonns of wine, brought from **Southampton** and laid in here. And in 11. H. 3. *Will. de Stutevill*, for mending the Gaole and other things

- 1 The woods in y chafe
2 The poole
3 The pleance
4 The Swan house
5 The wall towards the poole
6 The strong tower arched
7 stories with stone
8 The Hall
9 Leicester buildings
10 The stairs Tower

The Prospect of Kenilworth Castle from the old parte on the South side thereof.

- 11 Leicester buildings
12 The great gatehouse
13 Lams Tower
14 The roole of y stable
15 Mortimers Tower

- 16 The fill yard wall
17 The houses in bond
18 The Swan Church
19 The gallery tower



The Prospect thereof upon the road from Coventry towards Warwick being the East side.



- 1 The Gallery tower
2 The woods in the chafe
3 The outer wall of the Castle towards the poole
4 The Castle mills
5 Mortimers Tower
6 Leicester buildings
7 Kings Henry the 8 lodgings
8 The Swan house
9 The roole of the stable
10 The great gate house
11 Lams Tower

- 1 The gallery tower
2 The woods in the chafe
3 The fill yard wall
4 The Cottages on Bullhill
5 Mortimers Tower
6 The roole of the Stable

The prospect thereof upon Bull hill where the road from Colthill towards Warwick being the North east side.

- 7 Leicester buildings
8 Lams Tower
9 Calais Tower

- 10 The great gatehouse
11 The Swan house
12 The houses in Colton end



things amiss, he having that year the Custody thereof, together with the Sherrifalty of these Countyes.

In 13. H. 3. *Stephan. de Segrave* (the then Sherriff) accounted for mending the banks of the pool, and in 15. for repaires of the Castle. It seemes that some Malefactors had wont to be imprisoned here; for in 15. H. 3. *Will. Bassett*, and others, were constituted Justices for the Gaol-delivery thereof. In 19. H. 3. the then Sherriff accounted 66 li. 16 s. 04 d. for a fair and beautiful boat to lye neer the dore of the Kings great Chamber, here. In 21. H. 3. here was another Gaol-delivery. In 22. H. 3. *Hugh le Poer*, the then Governour, had command to deliver it to *Walter Gray* Archbishop of *York* to the use of *Ottobone* the Popes Legate, to whom the King had then committed the custody of it. (Which *Ottobone* was afterwards Pope, by the name of *Adrian* 5.); the occasion of whose coming into England, and the stirrs thereupon, our Historians do shew. Which *Ottobone* substituted *Ric. de Gray*, to keep it in his stead; for by a Precept of the K. to the same *Richard*, bearing date that year, he is stiled Constable thereof.

In 26. H. 3. much cost in building, and repaires, was bestowed here; viz. in feeling the Chappell with Wainscote, and painting it, making seats for the King and Queen, handfomly adorn'd; repairing the Tower where the bells hung; making all the walls new on the South-side, by the pool, (which I conceive to be the same, without alteration that yet stands); beautifying the Q. Chamber with painting, and enlarging it: the same year *Gilb. de Segrave* being made Governor thereof; who by his Letters Pat. dated at *Windfore*, 7. April. doth declare, that he was to keep it only during the Kings pleasure, and not deliver it into the hands of any one but the King himself, so long as he lived: and, that if the King should dy during his custody thereof, to yield it to *Queene Elianor* for the use of the Kings heirs: but in case the said Q. could not come in person, that then he would not deliver it to any, except to some of her uncles, to the use of the Kings heires, who were not in league with the King of *France*. And for his observance of these conditions, he took a solemn oath upon the holy Bible in the Kings presence. Howbeit, shortly afterwards, viz. in 28. H. 3. the King made *Simon Montfort* Earl of *Leic.* Governour thereof; And in 32. H. 3. granted the custody of it to *Alianore*, his sister, then wife of the said *Simon*, to hold during her life: about which time the woods belonging to it, lying neer the road betwixt *Cobentre* and *Warwick*, were very thick (which now are all gone): Wherefore, in 34. H. 3. the Constable hereof had commands to cut down six acres, in breadth, of the under-wood there growing, for the security of passengers.

In 38. H. 3. the King granted it to the said *Sim. Montfort* Earl of *Leicester*, and *Elianore* his wife, during their lives: which Earl, being of a most haughty and ambitious spirit, was the principal ringleader in that great rebellion of the Barons, begun in 42. H. 3. at which time they put themselves in armes, held a Parliament at *Orfords*, by force; and compel'd the Kings assent to their unjust and dishonourable Ordinances. Which fire, so kindled, never ceased flaming, more or less, till it was quenched with the blood of those conspirators in

the battail at *Cobham* 49. H. 3. as our Historians, especially *Math. Westm.* who hath written most largely thereof manifesteth; to whom I refer my Reader for more full satisfaction; in regard I must confine my self to what relates chiefly to this County: wherein I shall observe, that in 48. H. 3. after the King had got *Bozhampton*, and that good success seemed to attend him, having there taken divers eminent prisoners; many of the Northern Barons likewise coming into his aid, *John Giffard*, a Knight of much valour, but one of the most desperat Rebels, was sent by *Earle Symon*, with divers other, to this Castle to be Governour thereof: which, as the same Historian reports, the said Earl of *Leic.* had wonderfully fortified, and stored with many kindes of warlike engines, till that time never seen, nor heard of in England. Who, being come thither, and having suspicion, that the fidelity of the then Earl of *Warwick* (*Will. Mauduit*) was firm to the King, he surprized *Warwick-Castle* most deceitfully; and, carrying the said Earl, with his wife and family prisoners hither, demolished a great part of his Castle at *Warwick*, least it should be of advantage to any of the Royall party (as when I come to *Warwick* I shall more punctually shew.)

The particulars touching the battail of *Leves*, which hapned shortly after; where the Barons prevailing, the King and Prince were made prisoners: as also of the divisions which grew amongst the Chief of those Rebels after they had got all in their power. Of the contrivance how to get the Prince out of the Earl of *Leic.* hands, who had him then with the King a prisoner at *Hereford-Castle*; and of his escape and suddain raising an Army, I must not stay here to relate: but halting on to what concerns this place, shall observe, that *Montfort* Earl of *Leic.* understanding that many came into the Prince, and how his power daily increased, sent his younger son *Simon* into the North, to hasten away the Barons of that rebellious pack, residing in those parts; who brought up thence almost 20. Banners, with a great multitude of Soldiers to this Castle, where they made their station for a while, and hence went to *Winchester*; but, having spoiled that City, made a sudden return to this place again: whereof notice being given to the Prince, then at *Worcester* with his Army, by *Raph de Ardern* of this County, at that time one of the Rebels party (who imploy'd a woman called *Margoth*, that cunningly travailed in mans apparel) he made a shew as if he would have march't to *Salisbury*; and, to colour the business, sent certain Foot, with accoutrements for Horse, before: but when he wrought to the way thwarting the Countrey towards *Kenilworth*, halted thitherward; and coming privately in the night time to a deep valley, neer this Castle, armed, and ordered his men; which, whilst he was doing, he heard a great noyse that made them fear their enemyes had taken an Allarm, and were then ready to fall upon them; but it hapned to be nothing els than certain carriages going out to fetch victuall for the Rebels, which they took, making use of their fresh horses; and so, entring the town and the Monastery, surprized a great number of their enemyes with very little slaughter.

Of which number were xv. that bore Banners; whereof these were the chief, *Gilbert de Gant* (*Rob. de Vere*) Earl of *Orfords*, *Will. de Mont-*

i Math.
Westm. p.
759.

k Ibid.

l Chron. A.
bind. MS. in
bibl. Bodl.
[Med. 20.]
f. 120. b.

m Chron.
Evesh. MS.
in bib. Bodl.
[K. 84.] f.
63. a.

n Chron.
Abend. ut
supra.

o Chron.
Evesh. ut
supra.

chenſy, Ric. de Gray, Adam de Newmarch, Baldwin Wake, Walter de Colevile, John de Gray ſon of Ric. de Gray, and Hugh de Nevill, with their Horſes and Armes, whom they carryed priſoners to the Caſtle of **Worceſter**. But young *Sim. Montfort* lodg'd that night in the Caſtle; and ſo, with thoſe that were there, ſecured themſelves: the Prince making ſo ſuddain a return to **Worceſter**, that *Montfort* had no notice thereof; but, expecting to joyn with thoſe Forces which his ſon had brought out of the North, haſted from **Hereford** towards **Kentworth**, paſſing **Severn** in the twilight where it was fordable; and, ſtaying two days at **Bemſey** near **Worceſter**, on the third came to **Cheſham**.

p Chron.
Eveſh. ut
ſupra.

q Chron.
Abend. ut
ſupra, f.
121. a.

Whole motions, being obſerved by the Prince, he divided his Army into three parts, whereof himſelf led one, *Clare* Earl of **Glouc.** another, and *Rog. Mortimer* the third: and, marching towards **Cheſham**, fromwards the North, made ſhew, as if, coming from hence, it had been the forces of young *Montfort*, with the Northern Barons before ſpecified: for the better diſguiſing of which buſineſs, he cauſed the Banner of young *Simon*, with the reſt that he had taken, to be carryed in the front of his Army; and ſo haſted to get the top of the hill, near **Cheſham**, there to embattle. But this approach of the Prince (ſaith the ſame Author) was diſcovered by one *Nicholas*, a Barber to *Montfort* Earl of **Leic.** who, being ſkillfull in the knowledge of enſignes, told the Earl that his ſons Forces were coming, for he knew their Banners. Howbeit *Montfort*, ſuſpecting the worſt, and fearing to be circumvented, ſent the Barber to the top of the Abby-ſteeple, to take a clearer view of them: who was no ſooner come thither, but he found it quite otherwiſe: for the Prince had then taken down thoſe colours of theirs, and erected his own Banner, with the Banner of the Earl of **Glouc.** on the one ſide, and that of *Mortimer* towards the weſt: which when the Barber ſaw, he cryed out to the Earl, and told him how it was; who, forthwith making all haſt he could to draw out his Army, encouraged them, with confident expreſſions, that it was for the laws of the land, yea, the cauſe of God, and Juſtice that they were to fight.

But God that ſometimes permits rebellious Subjects to prevail in many wicked attempts againſt their Sovereigns; making uſe of them, only, for a while as his chaſtiſing rod, for ſpeciall reſpects; to manifeſt to all the world, that he owned them not in theſe their unchriſtian enterpriſes, brought upon them ſwift confuſion: For the Welch, even before the battail began, betook themſelves to flight; of which, many were drown'd in the river **Avon**; and the reſt of the Rebels ſtrength, after a ſharp ſkirmiſh was overpowered, ſo that few eſcap'd the preſent ſlaughter, that the ſame day were not taken priſoners. The principall perſons that loſt their lives in this battail were, *Simon* Earl of **Leic.** *Henry* *Montfort* his eldeſt ſon, *Hugh* le *Deſpenſer*, *Raph* *Baſſet* of **Dayton**, *Thomas* de *Estele*, *Will.* de *Mundeſville*, *John* de *Beauchamp* of **Bedford**, *Guy* de *Raliol*, *Rog.* de *Rovele*, *Will.* de *Eboraco*, *Ric.* *Truſſell*, *Will.* de *Bermingham*, *Walt.* de *Creppings*, *Rog.* de *St. John*, and *Rob.* *Tregon*. Divers other perſons of quality, with a multitude of the common ſort, being then alſo ſlain. Of thoſe that were wounded and taken priſoners theſe were the chief; *Guy* de *Montfort* a younger ſon to the ſaid Earl

r Ibid.

f Chron.
Eveſh. p.
64. a.

e Math.
Weſtm.

16 Ibid.

of **Leic.** *John* *Fitz-John*, *Henry* de *Hastings*, *Humfry* de *Boun* the younger, *John* de *Vesey*, *Peter* de *Montfort* jun. and *Nich.* de *Segrave*. This was done on the Nones of *Aug.* (id est 4. *Aug.*) Anno 1265. 49. H. 3.

w M. Pa.
rif. p. 998.
n. 20.

Many other particulars are there touching this Rebellion; and the ſaid battail, not yet made publique; but becauſe they do not directly relate to this County, whereunto I do confine my ſelf, I muſt paſs them by; not intending to have digreſſed ſo much, had not that which I have ſaid upon this ſubject been deduced from ſuch authorities, as have not yet come to the open view of the world, and without the relation whereof, there would not have been ſo perfect a coherence in my Story of this place, as now there is, a great part of the Scene lying in this Shire.

After which victory, many places of ſtrength were rendred to the King: but *Sim. Montfort*, one of the ſons of Earl *Simon*, continuing ſtill in this ſtrong Caſtle, received in divers of thoſe that fled from the battail, with other the friends and followers of them that were ſlain, who were much imbittered for the death of their kindred and familiars, whereby he grew to be very powerfull, ſending abroad his Bayliſſs and Officers like a King; his Souldiers ſpoyling, burning, plundering, and deſtroying the Houſes, Towns and Lordſhips of his adverſaries; driving away their cattell, and impriſoning many; forcing them to what fines, he pleaſed, for their liberty. Which courſe of domineering he held on, from the feaſt of *S. Martin* (which is about xi. *Nov.*) in 50. H. 3. till Midſummer following, that the ſiege began.

x Chron.
Eveſh. f. 6.
b.

y Clauſ.
H. 3. m. 5.

But the King, being thus, by the Victory at **Cheſham**, redeemed; and reſtored to his Regall power, having call'd a Parliament at **Wincheſter** (wherein that great City of **London**, was, for its malevolent adherence to, and aſſiſtance of the Rebels, deprived of its antient priviledges; and all that had been active for them, or their furtherers diſherited, and their eſtates beſtowed on thoſe that had ſtood firm to the King, according to their ſeverall demerits;) conſidering well what further miſchiefs might befall the whole Kingdom, unleſs the inſolencies of thoſe, which were in this Caſtle, ſhould be reſtrained, their numbers daily increaſing, made preparation to march into theſe parts, for the timely reducing thereof. And having fitted himſelf with an Army, came to **Warwick**, ſtaying there a while for more forces from ſeverall parts.

z Chron.
Abend. f.
122. a.

In this interim (it ſeemes) *Simon* *Montfort* the younger (before mentioned) conſidering, that without the help of a powerfull Hoſt, to raiſe the ſiege of this Caſtle, then approaching, he could not long hold it, ſtole privately away and got into **France**, there endeavouring to obtain forces in aid of that rebellious remnant yet unſubdued in **England**, leaving *Henry* de *Hastings* Governour hereof in his abſence, whom he encouraged to hold it out ſtoutly, giving him aſſurance, that within a certain time he ſhould be relieved. But when that aſſiſtance, which the King expected, was come to him (amongſt which was *Oſbert* *Giffard* who brought the Poſſe Comitatus of **Orfordſhire**) and *Reginald.* fil. *Petri*, the like for this County, he ſet forwards towards **Kentworth**, with Banners and Enſignes diſplayed; and, on the morrow after the feaſt of the Nativity of *S. John* *Baptiſt*, begirt

a p.
b f. 5.
c 3. d.
d c. m.
e 4. d.
f 1. d.

begirt this Castle on every side; where taking care to have all fit supply of Victual for his Army, he commanded the Shiriff of *Portf.* to cause 36 tunns of wine to be brought hither from *Lenne*, which were bought for his use by Purveyours there: but, being desirous to avoid the spilling of more blood, he sent a gracious message *f* to those that held it; whose hopes were such, either upon young *Montfort's* promises, or diffidence so great, knowing what mischiefs they had done, that they did not onely slight the Kings offers, but maimed *g* the Messenger, and with much resolution defended themselves against all the assaults that were made, having Engins *b* that cast forth stones of great bignels; and making bold and frequent sallies *i*, did very much mischief: neither could the Sentence of *Ottobon*, the Popes Legate, who was there in the Camp, nor the K. power, any whit daunt them.

The K. therefore, that those, whose estates were thus by the Parliament at *Winchester* utterly confiscated, and given away (as I have already said) should not, through desperation, betake themselves to such wayes of revenge as might have imbrewed the Kingdome in universal streams of blood for a long time; of his gracious *k* disposition, advising with his Councel and the said Legat, caused a convention^l of the Clergy and Laity of the Land here at *Kenilworth*; who elected xii persons of the most potent Nobility and prudent Prelates, to whom power was given to make a certain determination touching the estates of those that were disherited, they being accordingly sworn to what might be most convenient. Whereupon the K. with the Clergy and People (before mentioned) did likewise swear, that they would inviolably observe the said Decree.

The persons thus chosen being *Walter Bronefcombe* B. of *Exeter*, *Walter Giffard* B. of *Bath* and *Wells*, *Walt. Cantilure* B. of *Worcester*, B. of *S. Davids*, *Gilb. de Clare* E. of *Glouc.* *Humfrey de Bohun* E. of *Hereford*, *Philip Basset*, *John Baliol*, *Rob. Waltraund*, *Alan la Zouch*, *Rog. de Somery*, and *Waryn de Bassingburne*; the Articles whereof I shall not need to insert, in regard that they are publickly printed^m: but the substance of them was to this effect.

That every person disherited might redeem his lands by a pecuniary Fine according to the nature of his offence; which Fine should be paid unto those that then posselt them, so that the same were not above 5 years value at the most, nor under 2 at the least; except the wife and children of the E. of *Leicester*, concerning whom the K. refer'd himself to the K. of *France*; and excepting *Rob. Ferrers* E. of *Derby*, who was to pay 7 years value of his lands; and excepting *Henry de Hastings*, and those that maimed the K. Messenger, who were to be imprisoned 7 years, or submit to the K. mercy. This was that memorable Decree called *Dictum de Kenilworth* by all our Historians and Records; for in the K. Camp at the siege of this Castle, was it by Proclamation published *Prid. Kal. Nov. an. 1266. 51 H. 3.* though the persons elected metⁿ at *Cobentre*, in respect of conveniency for lodging, and otherwise, that could not be had in the Army. And on the morrow after, being the Feast of *All Saints*, it was confirmed^o by all the Prelates of *England*, not onely by their corporal Oaths, but under their Seals; which they (being specially convoked by the Legate

before mentioned) affixed unto it. Which Legate made publick Declaration^p thereof in the Pulpit of the Collegiat Church in *Warwick*, the very next Sunday following, the K. and his Councel, with a great auditory of all states and degrees, being then present.

These things being performed, the K. forthwith sent^q special Messengers to the besieged in this Castle, and to those that had fled and posselt themselves of the Isle of *Elp*, amongst which, young *Simon Montfort* was^r one, tending them mercy upon the Articles before specified: but they all returned^s answer, that they would not submit thereto; first, because they had no voyce in choosing any of those that were makers of the Decree; and secondly, for that they held the Decree it self intolerable. At which the K. being much moved, took a firm resolution to storm the Castle; and for that purpose, by his special Writ^t, bearing date 20 *Nov.* commanded the Shiriff of this Shire to bring in all the Masons and other Labourers within his precinct (which we now call *Pioners*) with their Hatchets, Pick-axes, and other Tools, to meet at *Portsmouth* upon the day of *S. Lucis the Virgin* (*viz. 11 Dec.*) next following, to receive his further commands therein: but so it fell out, that in short space, not onely their Victual within the Castle grew very scant, but a pestilent disease raged so amongst them, that many dyed; inso much as the K. (by special providence) sending again to them, and offering, that if they did render it, he would receive them to mercy; they proposed^u, that in case he were content they might send beyond Sea to *Sim. Montfort*, and receive a certain answer whether he could come to relieve them by a fixed day, or not, they were resolved, if he did not come accordingly, to yeild it up: and that, in the mean time, all acts of hostility on either part should cease.

Whereunto the K. advising with his Councel, assented. And the same agreement being proclaimed through his Army, Messengers were accordingly dispatcht to *Simon*: but the Flux, and other grievous diseases, increased so much amongst those in the Castle, that they, which were not tainted, were loth to hazard the infection, and so, before the Messengers return, delivered^w the Castle upon Articles to the King, *viz.* that *Henry de Hastings*, then Governour, with all the rest that were therein, should have 4 dayes time to carry out all their goods, and go freely away, with^x Horse, Arms, and all accoutrements, throughout any part of the Kingdome.

The principal persons that so held it, besides the said *H. de Hastings*, were Sir *John Hastings*, (Lord of *Levington*) *Ric. Amundevile* & (Lord of *Berkswell*) Sir *John de Clinton*^a (Lord of *Colmhill*) all in this County; Sir *John de la Ware*, and^b *John de Eston*; every of whom, with the rest, had the K. Letters^c of safe conduct, dated 13 *Dec.* to go to their own houses, or stay where they pleased within this Kingdome, till *Candlemas* following, carrying themselves peaceably. The same Author^d saith, that *Sim. Montfort*, and his Mother the Countess, got away privately but five dayes before the Castle was delivered, and fled beyond Sea: but when he so got out of the Castle, is somewhat uncertain: for by what I have said already, it appears, that he was in the Isle of *Elp*, the K. Letter Pat.^e bearing date *Jan. xvi.* after the render of the Castle, importing as much. Which

p Chron. MS. 1. Rous in Libl. Cotton, p. 247.

q Chron. Abend. f. 122. a.

r Pat. 50. H. 3. m. 33.

s Chron. Abend. ut supra.

t Claus. 50. H. 3. m. 9.

u Chron. Abend. f. 122. b.

w Chron. Evesh. f. 65. a.

x Chron. MS. H. Knighton, f. 69. a.

y Regist. de Stouls, f. 18. a.

z Pat. 51 H. 3. m. 32.

d Chron. Evesh. ut supra.

e Pat. 50. H. 3. m. 33.

f Chron.
Eugb. ut
supra.
g Chron.
Abend. f.
122. b.

render *f* was upon the Feast-day of *S. Thomas* the Apostle, so that the seige lasted full six months. Whereupon the K. took his journey, the next day, to *Stney* (near *Drsoy*) and there celebrated the Feast of the *Nativity* of our Saviour with great joy.

But this seige was very prejudicial to the Canons of *Kenilworth*, and did impoverish them much: for *h* in *September* after it was begun, though they allowed the K. 300 quarters of Corn, and many other things, that the rest of their goods might be protected, yet were they not free from the Souldiers oppression; so that to releive their wants, by his Letters Pat. *i* bearing date the 24 of *Jan.* next ensuing the render of the Castle, he recommended the same to all their Tenants, requiring them to contribute in such manner thereto, as they would expect that God should bleis them, and himself give them thanks. Neither did the Monks of *Stoneley* avoyd the burthen of this Leaguer; but all the recompence they had, was, that the K. confirmed *k* their Charters.

k Regist. de
Stoneley, f.
19. a.

There is no question but that the charge of this seige was very vast: for in 53 of this K. reign, *Will. Bagot*, who had been Shiriff for 6 years before, was allowed upon his account *l* 75 *l.* 13 *s.* 9 *d.* for 255 quarters of Wheat, 52 Oxen, and 173 Muttons which he then took up, and sent in out of this County: and it is not to be doubted but that, besides what the Countyes adjacent suffered by extravagancies of the Souldiers, they sent in proportionable provisions, or money.

All that I have else found memorable relating thereto, is the delivery *m* of the Sword called *Curtina* (which is used to be carryed before the K. of *England* at their Coronation) unto the Keeper of the K. Pavilion here, on Sunday next after the Feast of *S. Margaret*, the K. being then in the Camp: as also that the Queen *n* accompanied the D. of *Winnestock* from *Windsor-castle* hither, the said D. then marrying the K. Neece in his presence. And lastly, that *o* *Philip Marmion*, being Constable of this Castle, immediatly after the seige, carried away divers Arms, Lead, Iron, and other things, to the then value of *x* *l.* But, after the Articles for render hereof were so signed, as aforesaid, the K. staid not long ere he disposed of it: for on the 16 day of the same month, his Charter *p* bears date at *Warwick*, whereby he gave it unto *Edmund* his younger son, and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten; reserving to himself the advowsons of the Priory of *Kenilworth* and Abby of *Stoneley*. And in short space conferred certain privileges unto him here, *q* viz. *q* on the 28 day of *December* ensuing, *Free-chase* and *Free-warren* in all his demein lands and woods belonging to this Castle. And the next *r* year following, *r* weekly *Mercate* upon the Tueday; and a *Faire* yearly, to last for 3 dayes, viz. the Even, day, and morrow after the Feast of *S. Michael*.

Which *Edmund* was E. of *Leicester* and *Lancaster*, viz. of *Leicester*, created *s* 25 *Oct.* 49 *H. 3.* (after the death of *S. Montfort*, slain in the battle of *Evesham*) and of *Lancaster*, 31 *Junii*, 51 *H. 3.* And in *7 E. 1.* held this Castle in demein, having two Mills standing upon the water of the Pool belonging thereto; and several Freeholders which held of him by suit of Court and fealty. As also two woods, one called the *Frith*, and another the *Park*, then Common, and containing 300 acres according to the large measure.

At that time it was certified *x*, that his Park here contained 40 acres of wood, and the Pool half a mile in length, and a quarter of a mile in breadth: as also that he had here a *Court-leet*, Gallows, Affize of Bread and Beer, with a *Mercate* on the Tueday.

The same year I find *x*, that there was a great and famous concourse of noble persons here at *Kenilworth*, called the *Round-table*, consisting of an hundred Knights, and as many Ladies; whereunto divers repaired from forreign parts for the exercise of Arms, viz. Tilting, and martial Tournaments; and the Ladies, Dancing; who were clad in silken Mantles, *Rog. Mortimer E.* of *March* being the chief, and the occasion thereof. Which Exercises began *y* on the Eve of *S. Mathew* the Apostle, and continued till the morrow after *Michaelmas* day; the reason of the *Round-table* being to avoyd contention touching precedency, a Custome of great antiquity, and used by the ancient *Gauls*, as *Mr Cambden* in *Hantsb.* from *Athenens* (an approved Author) oblierves.

As for other memorable matters relating to this place, the enlargement of the Park hath next priority, which was begun by *Thomas E. of Lanc.* (son to the before specified *Edmund*;) for it appears, that in 30 *E. 1.* *John Peche*, then Lord of *Honile*, near adjoining, released *z* his right of Common there, so that the said Earl might hold it up inclosed with ditches and pales; saving to him the said *John* and his heirs Common of pasture for his Hogs and Cattle in two places, viz. *Merebrot* and *Bernet*, and in all other places not inclosed at the making of that release.

But after this, viz. in 15 *E. 2.* *Tho. E. of Lanc.* (beheaded at *Pontfract*) being for his rebellion attainted *a*, and thereupon his lands and possessions confiscate, *John de Somery* (Baron of *Dudley*) and *Raph Lord Basset* of *Drayton*, were appointed to seize this Castle for the K. use (as by a special Precept *b* dated at *Lutbury* 12 *Martii* appeareth) which, within 4 dayes following, was committed *c* to the custody of *Ranulph Charun*, then his servant: howbeit, 24 *Maii* after, he removed the said *Ranulph*, and made *d* *Rob. de Stoke* Governour in his stead. In 16 *E. 2.* *John de Hastings* had the custody *e* of it; and the next *f* year, *Odo de Stoke*: which *Odo* held that command so long as his unfortunate Master had any power; for in *Febr.* (which was towards the later end of the 19 year of *E. 2.*) the K. discerning those clouds, which shortly after raised the flood of rebellion to such a height, as that himself was miserably overwhelmed therein, commanded *g* the same *Odo*, then his Constable thereof, to take and retain as many able men as he should in his discretion think fit for the garrisoning thereof. But, alas, all too late, such was the defection of most of the Nobles in their allegiance to him (the cause whereof was principally attributed to his being so much swayed by the *Spensers*) in^omuch as the giddy multitude were easily stir'd up to appear in Arms for any design which favoured of Reformation: whose strength and assistance, when the great ones had got, they made no other use of it, than the deposal of their rightfull King, upon which in short time ensued his barbarous Murder.

But the circumstances of this tragique business I must not stand here to tell, our Stories being large enough of it: howbeit, that which relateth to this Castle, I will briefly touch; which is, that the

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d Ib. m.

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f Rot. F. 7.
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g Pat. 1.
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the K. being seized upon in Wales by Henry E. of Lanc. (brother and heir to the before mentioned *Thomas*, who was beheaded) and others, was, by the said Earl, forthwith brought hither, viz. in Dec. 20 of his reign: where he had not long staid, ere news came to him, that in a Parliament held at *Westm.* on the morrow after Twelf-day, he was deposed, and his son, young *Edward*, elected King in his stead, being then but 14 years of age. Which wofull tidings being accompanied with a Message from the same Parl. (for so they called that headless meeting) proposing to him the renouncing of his Regal Dignity and Crown, and permitting his said son to reign, otherwise they would do homage to his son, and proceed in what they had begun; the distressed K. knowing no remedy, told them, that seeing they would reject him, he was glad that his eldest son might be received. Which answer of his being returned by the same Messengers, they proclaimed the new King on the 20 of Jan. and set out Proclamations in his name, declaring to the people, that K. E. 2. had made a voluntary and free resignation of his Regal Dignity to his eldest son, whom, within few dayes after, they formally crowned at *Westm.*

But they, who had prosecuted their wicked contrivances against their rightfull K. thus far, thought all was not safe except they went further; and therefore gave it out, that the deposed King was too much observed and respected; so that, about Palm-sunday following, he was committed to the custody of Sir *Tho. Berkley*, and Sir *John Matraviers*, who hurried him from hence privately to *Berkley-castle* in *Gloucestershire*, where their horrid intentions towards him wrought perpetual jealousies in their heads, that he would be rescued; which caused them closely to carry him from thence to *Cozt castle* in *Dorsetshire*: And, to the end it should not be certainly known where he was, kept him in perpetual motion to one secret place or other, till about the Feast day of *S. Mathias* the Apostle, that they most barbarously murdered him, with a spit red hot thrust up into his body at the Fundament, at *Berkley* aforesaid.

But I return to the succession of this Castle. In 1 E. 3. *Henry* brother and heir to *Thomas E. of Lanc.* (beheaded at *Pontfract*, and attainted, as I have already shew'd) was restored to the Earldomes of *Lancaster*, *Leicester*, &c. and all his brothers lands, whereof this was part. Which Earl dyed at *Leicester*, 19 E. 3. and was there buried, leaving issue *Henry* his son, created E. of *Derby*, 16 Martii, 11 E. 3. (his father being then alive) Earl of *Lincoln*, 20 Aug. 23 E. 3. and lastly, Duke of *Lancaster*, 6 Martii, 25 E. 3. which D. dyed seized (*inter alia*) of this Castle, the Tuesday next after the Feast of the *Annunciation* of our Lady, 35 E. 3. leaving his two daughters, his heirs, viz. *Maud* then 22 years of age, and *Blanch* 19. and was buried in the Collegiat-Church at *Leicester*, of his own foundation. Which *Maud* became the wife to *Will. D. of Bavaria*, E. of *Benault*, *Holland*, &c. and *Blanch*, of *John of Cant*, fourth son to K. E. 3. who, shortly after, was created D. of *Lancaster*, viz. 13 Nov. 36 E. 3. so that upon partition of the lands of the said *Henry* Duke of *Lancaster*, this Castle (*inter alia*) came to *Blanch*.

Which *John* of *Cant* began the Structure of all the ancient buildings here, now remaining, excepting *Cesars-tower*, with the outer walls and turrets, towards the later end of R. 2. time, as it seemeth: for, in 15-R. 2. I find, that the King did appoint *John Deyncourt*, then Constable hereof, and his Lieutenant; as also *Robert de Skyllington*, Mason, to hire Diggers of stone, Carpenters and Labourers, to the number of 200 persons; and to provide stone, timber, tile, and all other necessaries, for the use of the said Duke in his buildings here. Which Record, above cited, doth also agree with the tradition of the Inhabitants, by whom the same part of the Castle is, to this day, called *Lancasters buildings*.

But this *John D.* of *Lanc.* having issue *Henry*, surnamed *Bullenbroke* (by reason of his birth at *Bullenbroke* in *Lincolnshire*) afterwards King of *Engl.* by the name of H. 4. (upon the depolal of King R. 2. as is very well known) this Castle came to the Crown, and is contained in the Act, amongst other the possessions belonging to the Duchy of *Lancaster*, that were united to the Dukedome of *Cornwall* in the Parl. of 1 H. 7. Whose son and successor, K. H. 8. bestow'd much cost in repairing thereof; removing that building erected by K. H. 5. near the tail of the Pool in a low marsh ground (thereupon called *Lepians en maris*) and setting part thereof up, in the base court of the Castle, near the *Swan-tower*.

In the Crown it continued till *Q. Eliz.* by her Letters Pat. bearing date 9 Junii, 5 of her reign, granted it to *Robert Lord Dudley*, and his heirs. Which *Robert* (being one of the sons to *John Dudley D. of Northumberland*) was, upon the 28 of Sept. 6 Eliz. created Baron of *Denbigh*, and the day next following, Earl of *Leicester*; and, having obtained this noble seat, spared for no cost in enlarging, adorning, and beautifying thereof; witness that magnificent Gate-house towards the North; where, formerly having been the back-side of the Castle, he made the Front; filling up a great proportion of the wide and deep double ditch, wherein the water of the Pool came.

And, besides that stately peice on the Southeast part, still bearing the name of *Leicesters buildings*, did he raise from the ground two goodly towers at the head of the Pool, viz. the *Floud-gate*, or *Gallerie tower*, standing at one end of the Tilt-yard, in which was a spacious and noble room for Ladies to see the exercises of Tilting and Barriers; and at the other *Mortimers-tower*, whereupon the Arms of *Mortimer* were cut in stone; which doubtless was so named by the E. of *Leicester*, in memory of one more antient, that stood there formerly; wherein, as I guess, either the Lord *Mortimer*, at the time of that great and solemn Tilting, formerly mentioned, did lodge; or else, because Sir *John Mortimer* Kt. prisoner here in H. 5. time, was detain'd therein.

The *Chase* he likewise enlarged, impaling part of *Blakwell* within it; and also a large nook, extending from *Rodden-lane* towards the Pool: which, being then a wast, wherein the Inhabitants of *Benilsworth* had Common, in consideration thereof, he gave them all those fields called *Byttons-fields*, lying North of the Castle. I have heard some, who were his servants, say, that the charge he bestowed on this Castle, with the Parks

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and Chase thereto belonging, was no less than 60 thousand pounds. Here, in *July, an. 1575. (17 Eliz.)* having compleated all things for her reception, did he entertain the Queen, for the space of xvii dayes, with excessive cost, and variety of delightfull shews, as may be seen at large in a special discourse thereof then printed, and entituled, *The Princely pleasures of Kenilworth Castle*; having at her first entrance a floating Island upon the Pool, bright blazing with Torches; upon which were clad in silks the Lady of the Lake, and two Nymphs waiting on her, who made a speech to the Q. in meter of the antiquity and owners of that Castle, which was closed with Cornets, and other loud Musick. Within the base-court, was there a very goodly Bridge set up, of xx foot wide, and lxx foot long, over which the Queen did pass; on each side whereof were posts erected, with Presents upon them unto her, by the Gods, *viz.* a cage of Wild-fowl, by *Silvanus*; sundry sorts of rare Fruits, by *Pomona*; of Corn, by *Ceres*; of Wine, by *Bacchus*; of Sea-fish, by *Neptune*; of all habiliments of War, by *Mars*; and of Musical Instruments, by *Phabus*. And, for the several dayes of her stay, various and rare Shews and Sports were there exercised, *viz.* in the Chase a Savage man, with Satyrs: Bear-baitings, Fire-works, Italian tumblers, a Country Brideale, with running at the *Quintin*, and Morrice-dancing. And, that there might be nothing wanting that these parts could afford, hither came the *Cobentre-men*, and acted the antient Play, long since used in that City, called *Hocks-tuesday*, setting forth the destruction of the Danes in King *Ethelred's* time; with which the Queen was so pleas'd, that she gave them a brace of Bucks, and five marks in money to bear the charges of a Feast.

Besides all this, he had upon the Pool a *Triton* riding on a Mermaid 18 foot long; as also *Arion* on a Dolphin, with rare Musick. And to honour this Entertainment the more, there were then Knighted here Sir *Thomas Cecill*, son and heir to the Lord Treasurer; Sir *Henry Cobham*, brother to the Lord Cobham; Sir *Francis Stanhope*, and Sir *Tho. Tresham*. The cost and expence whereof may be gueſt at, by the quantity of Beer then drunk, which amounted to 320 hogſheads of the ordinary sort, as I have credibly heard. Shortly after which, *viz.* the next ensuing year, he obtained, by the grants of the said Q. a weekly *Mercate* here upon the Wednesday, with a *Faire* yearly on *Midsummer-day*.

But this great Earl (who bore no little sway in his time, as, besides our Annals, some yet living can testify) having wedded the Lady *Lettice*, daughter to Sir *Francis Knolls*, Knight of the Garter, Treasurer of the Household to Q. *Eliz.* and widow to *Walter E. of Essex*, wanting by her any surviving issue, by his last Will and Testament^b, dated at *Wolfeburgh* in *Zeland*, 1 *Aug. an. 1587.* (being then General of the English Auxiliaries for the United Provinces) gave it to *Ambrose E. of Warwick*, his brother, for life; and the inheritance to Sir *Robert Dudley* Knight*, whom he then thought not proper to stile his lawfull son, and to his heirs. Which Sir *Robert*, (being a person of great learning and parts) coming to the possession of it within little more than a year after his fathers death (for his Uncle surviv'd him no more, as in *Warwick* I have

shew'd) made it his seat; and endeavouring to assert his legitimacy, which as to very many stood somewhat dubious, in regard of his said fathers marriage with the before specified Countess of *Essex*, during the life of the Lady *Douglasse* his mother, (widow to the Lord *Sheffield*, and daughter to *Will. Lord Howard of Effingham*) but, failing thereof, travelled into *Italy*, where he past away his right therein unto the late Prince *Henry*; the story whereof, with the circumstances, forasmuch as 'tis memorable in sundry respects, I shall here succintly deliverⁱ.

About the beginning of K. *James* his reign, this Sir *Robert* having married *Alice*, daughter to Sir *Tho. Leigh* of *Stoneley* Kt. and considering with himself, that in case he made good his legitimacy, not onely the title to the Earldome of *Leicester*, as heir to his father; as also that of *Warwick*, for want of issue by the before specified *Ambrose*, his uncle; together with the dignity of Lord *Lisle*, would rightfully accrue to him; but likewise the Castle of *Warwick*, with divers fair Lordships in this County, by vertue of an entail upon his said uncles first advancement to that honour; did, by reason of the great Plague at that time in *London*, obtain a Commission from the Archb. of *Cant.* out of his Court of Audience, directed to Dr *Zachary Babington*, then Chancellour of *Litchfield*, and other, for examining witnesses to prove his said fathers marriage. But no sooner was it discerned by the before specified Lady *Lettice*, and her friends, that the consequence thereof would much reflect upon her, than that they procured Sir *Edw. Coke*, the K. Attorney general, to exhibit a Bill in the Star-Chamber against the same Sir *Rob.* and Dame *Alice* his Lady; as also against the said Lady *Douglasse Sheffield* (for so she was called) then wife of Sir *Edw. Stafford* Kt. and against the before mentioned Sir *Tho. Leigh*, Dr *Zach. Babington*, and divers other; charging them with no less than combination and conspiracy to defame the said Lady *Lettice*, and unjustly to entitle himself to those Honours, &c. And, upon the petition of the Lord *Sidney*, procured a command from the Lords of the Council, not onely to stop^l the said proceedings at *Litchfield*, but to bring all the depositions there taken, to remain within the said Court of Star-Chamber in the Council-chest.

Nevertheless did they vouchsafe liberty to the said Sir *Robert* to examine Witnesses in that honourable Court, in order to the making good of his legitimacy. Whereupon, by full testimony upon oath, partly made by the said Lady *Sheffield*, and partly by divers other persons who were present at her marriage with the before specified Earl, it appeared, that she having been first contracted in *Cannon-Row* (within the City of *Westminster*) about two years before, was solemnly wedded to him, in her Chamber at *Ather* in *Surrey*, by a lawfull Minister, according to the form of Matrimony by Law established in the Church of *England*, in the presence of Sir *Edward Horsey* Knight, that gave her in marriage; as also of *Robert Sheffield* Esq; and his wife, Dr *Julio*, *Henry Frodsham* Gent. with five other persons, whose names are there specified: and that the Ring, wherewith they were so married, was set with five pointed Diamonds, and a table Diamond, which had been given to him the said Earl by the then Earl of *Penbroke's* grandfather, upon condition that he should not bestow it upon any but whom

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^g Pat. 18.
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^h Leicester,
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whom he did make his wife. And moreover, that the D. of *Port.* was the principal mover of the said marriage; but that the said Earl, pretending a fear of the Q. indignation, in case it should come to her knowledge, made her vow not to reveal it till he gave leave; whereupon all her servants were commanded secrecy therein.

And further was it likewise deposed, that within two dayes after the birth of the said Sir Robert Dudley (who afterwards was born at *Shene*, and there christned by a Minister sent from Sir Henry Lea, having to his Godfathers the Earl of *Warwick* (his Uncle) with the same Sir Henry, and Godmother the Lady *Dacres* of the South (by their Deputies) the said Lady *Douglass* received a Letter from the Earl (which one Mrs *Erisa*, but then Lady *Parker*, read) wherein his Lordship did thank God for the birth of his said son, who might be their comfort and staffe of their old age (as are the words of the said Letter) and subscribed, *Your loving Husband, ROB. LEICESTER*. As also, that the said Lady was after this served in her Chamber as a Countess, untill he commanded the contrary, for fear the marriage should be disclosed.

Other depositions there were many, by several persons, testifying what the said Earl himself had said in relation to this his son; as of one *Owen Jones*, who swore, that attending upon the said Sir Rob. Dudley at *Drifftington* in *Sussex*, when he was but ten years of age, and at School, the E. of *Leic.* came thither to see him, and said, *OWEN! thou know'st that ROBYN my boy is my lawfull son; and as I do and have charg'd thee to keep it secret, so I charge thee not to forget it, and therefore, see thou be carefull of him.* Divers other expressions from the said Earl, testified by sundry credible persons, all tending to the same purpose: as also of what *Ambrose E. of Warwick* (his brother) had uttered in like kind, could I adde, were it not for brevities sake.

But that it may appear what was the true cause, that the Earl so declining his lawfull wife, durst not publickly own this his son, I shall observe from the same depositions; viz. his marriage with the before specified Lady *Lettice* in her life-time; with whose beauty he became so captivated, that he endeavoured to perswade the said Lady *Douglass* to disclaim the marriage above mentioned, offering her no less than 700*l.* per ann. in the close Arbour of the Q. Garden at *Greenwich*, in the presence of Sir *John Hubbard* and *George Digby*, in case she would so do; and, upon her refusal, verifying her with protestations, that he would never come at her, and that she should never have penny of him.

It seems that the said Lady *Douglass* had then the custody of her son; for I find it deposed, that the Earl tendered her 1000*l.* to deliver him unto Sir *Edw. Horsey*, Captain of the *Isle of Wight*, to be conveyed into the said Isle, there to be brought up by him, which she refused. And there wants not strong suspicion, that, being doubtfull lest the life of the same Lady *Douglass* might minister discourse of this foul play, he designed to dispatch her out of this world: for certain it is, that she had some ill potions given her, so that with the loss of her hair and nails, she hardly escap'd death; which being discerned, to secure

her self from the like attempts for the future, she contracted marriage with Sir *Edw. Stafford* Kt. (a person of great honour and parts, and sometime employ'd as an Embassadour into *France*) whereof, afterwards, most sadly repenting, she said, that she had thereby done the greatest wrong that could be to her self and son.

Having thus manifested what is observable in reference to Sir Rob. Dudley's legitimacy, let us now see the Catastrophe. For after these fair hopes in obtaining what he aimed at, there was not onely a stop to all further proceedings in the before specified cause, but a special Order by the Lords, that the Depositions should be sealed up, and no Copies taken of them without the Kings special license. Which unexpected dealing so astonish'd him, that he forthwith resolved to quit the Kingdome; and, to that purpose, obtaining license to travel for 3 years, went into *Italy*; whereof his adversaries taking advantage, procured his Summons to return by a special Privy Seal; unto which not obeying, this Castle and all his lands were seized on to the K. use, by vertue of the Statute of Fugitives; and soon after surveyed, as by what I have here added*, to the end that the greatness and state thereof may the better appear.

m Annal. Eliz. per Will. Cambd. in an. 1578. & 1584.

n Ab exempl. authentico in bibl. Cotton.

The Castle of *Kenilworth*, situate upon a Rock.

1. The circuit thereof within the walls containeth 7 acres, upon which the walks are so spacious and fair, that two or three persons together may walk upon most places thereof.
2. The Castle, with the 4 Gate-houses, all built of free-stone, hewen and cut; the walls, in many places, of xv and x foot thickness, some more, some less, the least 4 foot in thickness square.
3. The Castle and 4 Gate-houses, all covered with lead, whereby it is subject to no other decay than the glass, through the extremity of weather.
4. The rooms of great state within the same; and such as are able to receive his Majestie, the Queen and Prince at one time, built with as much uniformity and conveniency as any houses of later time; and with such stately Cellars, all carryed upon pillars, and architecture of free-stone, carved and wrought, as the like are not within this Kingdome; and also all other houses for offices answerable.
5. There lyeth about the same in Chases and Parks 1200*l.* per an. 900*l.* whereof are grounds for pleasure; the rest in meadow and pasture there-to adjoining, Tenants, and Free-holders.
6. There joyneth upon this ground a Park-like ground, called the *Kings-wood*, with xv several Copices lying all together, containing 789 acres within the same: which, in the E. of *Leic.* time, were stored with red Deer: since which the Deer strayed, but the ground in no sort blemished, having great store of timber, and other trees of much value upon the same.
7. There runneth through the said grounds, by the walls of the Castle, a fair Pool, containing Cxi acres, well stored with Fish and Fowl; which at pleasure is to be let round about the Castle.

8. In timber and woods upon this ground, to the value (as hath been offered) of 20000 l. (having a convenient time to remove them) which to his Majesty in the Survey are but valued at 11722 l. which proportion, in a like measure, is held in all the rest upon the other values to his Majesty.

9. The circuit of the Castle, Mannours, Parks, and Chase, lying round together, contain at least xix or xx miles in a pleasant Countrey; the like, both for strength, state and pleasure, not being within the realm of England.

10. These lands have been survey'd by Commissioners from the K. and the Lord Privy-Seal, with directions from his Lordship to find all things under the true worth, and upon oath of Jurors, as well Free-holders as customary tenants; which course being held by them, are notwithstanding surveyed and returned at 38554 l. 15 s. 0 d. Out of which for Sir ROB. DUDLEY'S contempt, there is to be deducted 10000 l. and for the Lady DUDLEYS joynture, which is without impeachment of waft, whereby she may sell all the woods, which by the Survey amount unto 11722 l.

The total of the Survey ariseth, as followeth.

In Land,	16431 l. 9 s. 0.
In Woods,	11722 l. 2 s. 0.
The Castle,	10401 l. 4 s. 0.

His Majesty hath herein the mean profits of the Castle and premisses, through Sir ROB. DUDLEY'S contempt, during his life, or his Majesties pardon; the reversion in fee being in the Lord Privy-Seal.

But it was not long afterwards, that Prince Henry, affecting it as the most noble and magnificent thing in the midland parts of this Realm, made overture by special Agents to the said Sir Robert of a desire to obtain his title thereto by way of purchase. Whereupon, in consideration of 14500 l. to be paid within the compass of a twelve-month unto the said Sir Robert or his Assigns, certain Deeds were sealed bearing date 21 Nov. 9 Jac. (an. scil. 1611.) and Fines levied, settling the inheritance thereof; as also of the Mannour and lands in Kenilworth, together with those of Rudfen, Balthall, and Long-Itchington, upon the said Prince and his heirs; but with condition, that the same Sir Robert should during his life hold and enjoy the Con-

stableship of the said Castle by Patent from the same Prince.

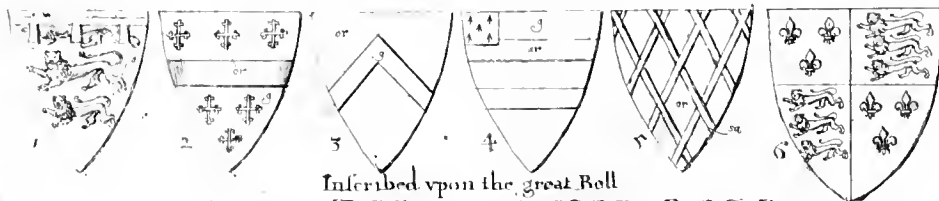
Howbeit, Prince Henry departing this life, there was not above 3000 l. of the said sum ever paid, (as I have heard) and that likewise to a Merchant which broke, so that it never came to Sir Robert Dudley's hands. Nevertheless did Prince Charles, as heir to his brother, hold the possession thereof; and in 19 Jac. obtain'd a special Act of Parl. to enable the Lady Alice, wife to the said Sir Rob. in regard she had a joynture therein, to alien all her right unto him, as if she had been a feme sole: which accordingly she did by her Deed bearing date 4 Maii, 19 Jac. in consideration of 4000 l. assigned to her out of the Exchequer.

And being thus come to Pr. Charles, as hath been shew'd, the custody thereof was, by Pat. dated 15 Martii, in the first year after he came to the Crown, granted to Rob. E. of Devonmouth, Henry Lord Carey, his eldest son, and Tho. Carey Esq; together with the Park and Chase during their lives, and the longer liver of them, with the fee of xii d. per diem, and an annuity of xl s. per ann. for repairing the walls and buildings, to be paid by the K. Receiver of this County, in whose possession it now rests, an. scil. 1640.

But one thing have I yet further to observe touching the before specified Sir Rob. Dudley, and then I shall proceed: which is, that having thus settled himself in Italy, within the Territories of the great D. of Tuscany, of whom he had extraordinary esteem, he was so much favoured by the Emp. Ferdinand the second, as that, being a person not onely eminent for his great learning and blood, but for sundry rare endowments, as is very well known, he had by Letters Pat. from his Imperial Majesty, bearing date at Vienna, 9 Martii, 1620. the title of a Duke given unto him, to be used by himself and his heirs throughout all the Dominions of the sacred Empire.

That which I have further to say of Kenilworth, concerns the Church (dedicated to S. Nicholas) which is, that in an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) it was valued 7 at viii marks, and the Vicaridge at one mark: But in 26 H. 8. it appears, that the Vicar of Kenilworth had onely an yearly stipend of 6 l. 13 s. 4 d. per ann. paid by the Prior and Covent: which, being so small a portion, continued thus till 20 Jac. that the Lady Aliza Dudley augmented it with xx l. per ann. out of lands in Spanceter, as in my discourse of that place is manifested.

Armes in the Church windows



- 1 Earle of Lancaster
- 2 Beauchamp.
- 3 Stafford
- 4 Mordaunt
- 5 France and England quartered.

Inscribed vpon the great Roll

T. KADARMYNSTRA P. D. R.

OMNIBUS SANCTIS SPONTANEA HONORUM DEO PATRIA LIBERATIONEM
ANGELVM PIACIS MICHAEL AD IERON. GALLVS MICEL ROGEEARVS AVIAT.

Patroni Vicariæ.

Incumbentes, &c.

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Kenilworth.

Henr. de Lodbrok Pbr. 5.
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Galfr. Marmion Pbr. 15.
Cal. Julii 1312.
Rog. Boywill Cap. prid. Id.
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Will. de Stoneley 16. Cal.
Martii 1316.
Joh. de Hinslap Cap. 13.
Cal. Feb. 1323.
Henr. de Ansty Cap. 3.
Non. Junii 1346.
Will. de Preston Cap. 9.
Cal. Maii 1349.
Joh. de Calwich Cap. Id.
Junii 1349.
Rad. Rokeby Cap. 6. Id.
Aug. 1349.
Rog. de Bermicham 12.
Cal. Febr. 1351.
Joh. King Pbr. 8. Cal. Maii
1353.
Will. de Covele Pbr. 7. Id.
Sept. 1361.
Ric. atte Birches Pbr. 2.
Non. Martii 1373.
Will. Port. Cap. 21. Oct.
1411.
Rob. Loghtburgh Pbr. 1.
Maii 1436.
Ric. Lyne Pbr. 4. Octob.
1437.
Joh. Smyth Pbr. 21. Nov.
1441.
Will. Chapman Pbr. 19. Oct.
1447.
Ric. Brannston 13. Aug.
1454.
Joh. Audley Pbr. 4. Jan.
1457.
Tho. Rawlynson Pbr. 19.
Oct. 1498.
Joh. Wright Cap. 19. Sept.
1500.
Tho. Westerby, alias Bar-
bour Cap. 6. Junii 1504.
Joh. Puleny Cap. penult.
Dec. 1524.
Tho. Bird in art. Bacc. 11.
Sept. 1545.
Joh. Bust in art. Magister
8. Apr. 1611.

Rudfen.

THE first mention that I find of this place, is, that Geffrey de Clinton (son to Geffrey Founder of Kenilworth-Priory) gave it into the Canons of Kenilworth, it being there written *Wride-fen*: but I rather think that the true name is according to the usuall pronunciation at this time; viz. *Rudfen*, in regard it so well agrees with the situation thereof, which is in a dirty soil of a red Colour; for *Rud* is Red, and *Fen*, in the Saxon or old English, signifieth Dirt.

Being thus in the hands of those Canons, it appears that in 4. H. 7. the Prior of Kenilworth

made the Park here, and inclosed xl. acres of erable-land therein, storing it with Deer. But after the dissolution of that Monastery it was granted out of the Crown, by K. H. 8. (*inter alia*) to Thomas Marrow of London Esquire, and his heirs, by the name of the Mannour of *Wrypsen*, alias *Rudfen*, 20. Junii 37. H. 8. Which Thomas, in 3. & 4. Ph. & M. reconvey'd it to the Crown; and the same year had a grant thereof again, with *Berkswell*, and other lands in this County. But, it seemes, that Marrow kept it not long; for the next year following, I find that the Queen paid it to John Throkemorton Esq. for 21. years; in which grant it is said to have been in the Qu. hands by exchange for other lands with the said Thomas Marrow. Which Lease, belike, was surrendred; for plain it is that Q. Eliz. in 7. of her reign, convey'd it to Robert E. of Lesc. and his heires. After whose death Lettice, Countess of Lesc. his Widow, during her life held it: but the inheritance being in Sir Robert Dudley Kt. (base son to the said Earl), by vertue of his fathers Will; he, in the same grant whereby he past *Kenilworth-Castle* to Prince Henry, joynd this; since which it hath accompanied the possession thereof.

There is no more building at this place then one house; which having been a Grange belonging to the Canons of *Kenilworth*, upon the dissolution of that Monastery, was assigned to the last Prior for his residence whilst he lived, as I have heard.

Stoneley.

I Now come to *Stoneley*, situat on the Northern bank of *Sow*, a little below the joyning of of *Kenilworth-water* therewith: which is a very spacious Parish, and containeth many petty Hamlets and places of Note; viz. *Cloud*, *Starton*, *Finham*, *Fletchamsted-Superior* and *Inferior*, *Hurst*, *Cryfield*, *Canle*, and *Hill*, with the three Granges called *Welenhill*, *Wokindene*, and *Wylburne*, of all which in their order.

Before the Norman invasion, King Edward held it in demesne; so likewise afterwards did William the Conq. by whose generall Survey it was certified to contain six hides, there being then two Priests; (of whom I shall say more when I speak of *Cloud*, and *Fletchamsted*) the woods extending to four miles in length, and two in breadth (*Kenilw.* being a member thereof); in which the King had feeding for 2000. Hogs. There were at that time also two Mills, rated at 35 s. 4 d. As for the name, there needs not much to be said, in regard 'tis obvious enough, considering that the nature of the soil where the Town stands is rocky; *Stanley* the ancient name, now altered to *Stoneley*, signifying a stony place.

In the Crown it continued till H. 2. time, answering xvii l. xiv s. v d. yearly, to the King; who had within the precincts thereof two Houses, one in the Town of *Stoneley*, and the other at *Cryfield*; his tenants here, being called *Sokemanni*, by reason (saith *Bracton* upon that word) *quod deputati sunt, ut videtur, tantummodo ad culturam; & quorum custodia & maritagia ad propinquiores parentes, jure sanguinis pertinebat*. Which tenants had wont, from antient time, every 3. Weeks, to do their suite at the Kings Court, held for this Mannour upon a bill, then and yet, called the

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Wetstow-hill, on the South-side the river opposite to the Church, (having that appellation, because of the pleadings there; the word *Mote* being to this day used in that sense by our Lawyers) each Tenant holding one yard land, and paying yearly xxx *d.* viz. 1 *d.* an acre, in regard every yard land contained xxx. acres and no more.

In the distinct Hamlets belonging to this Mannour, there were viii. yard land onely; and if they had any more it was by improvement of the waists; each of which Hamlets gave a certain portion of money for a Common-fine twice a year: howbeit, that payment was not made by the *Sokemanni*, but by the inferior Tenants, if there were any: the further customes touching which *Sokemanni* were as followeth; viz.

1. That each of them, at his death, should give an entire Heriot, that is to say, his Horse, Harness, and Armes, if he had any; otherwise his best beast. and that the heire succeeding his father should be admitted to the inheritance at xv. years of age, doubling his Rent for a Relicf; and from thenceforth to be joyn'd with the rest of the *Sokemanni* in Juryes; as also in collecting the Kings rents, and answering to proces, as if he had been of full age.

2. That they were to have Estovers in the out-woods, by the oversight of the Foresters; scil. *Housebote*, *Heybote*, and *Firebote*, and freedom of paunage for their own Hogs; but for such Hogs as they did buy after the *Nativity* of S. John Baptist, to give paunage.

3. That at the *Bederipe* in harvest (*id est* the generall Reap for the Lords corn, the word *Bede* signifying to pray or request) they should all come upon request or notice, with every of their tenants; the *Sokemanni* to ride up and down on Horseback, with wands, to see that they work't well, and to amerce those in the Court, then and there held, that made default or laboured idly.

4. That they should be in the field at Sun-rising, and work till Sun set, not sitting down to breakfast, but each of them eating what he brought with him, as they went up and down the lands to their work; and after breakfast to sit down once before dinner, the Lord finding them drink; but at Noon, both they and the *Sokemen* to have meat and drink provided by the Lord.

5. That the Reapers should eat by themselves, every one having a little Wheat-loaf, 4. Eggs, and porrage; viz. Grewell, without flesh boyled in it, except the Lord would afford them other, with Cheese and Beer sufficient; and after dinner one sitting down with bread and beer, but the *Sokemen* themselves to be served with better dyet, according to their degrees.

6. And lastly, when the King should assesse his Boroughs and Mannours with *Tallage*, he to have from the *Sokemen*, here, the tenth part of their goods.

I now descend to the foundation of the Abby, and the occasion thereof.

The Order of *Cistercian* Monks being propagated in England, towards the later end of K. H. 1. reign (as in *Combe* I have shew'd) found, in short time, many pious Benefactors in severall parts of the Kingdom; who bountifully bestowed upon them very large possessions, in such places as were most proper for them to seat themselves with least disturbance in their strict and holy Rule of serving God: Amongst which were *Maud* the Empress,

and King *Stephen*; who, though otherwise opposites to each other, yet in this good work concurred, granting a certain desert, called *Radmoze*, lying in the Forest of *Canok*, in *Staffordshire*, (a mile Southwards from *Beaufort*) unto *Clement* and *Herveie*, two devout Hermits, with others of their society: As also a certaine laund, called *Welletho*, for tillage and pasturing of cattell. Which Concessions *Roger de Clinton*, then Bishop of *Chester*, not onely confirmed, but gave them liberty to betake themselves to what regular life soever, they, through Gods direction, should make choice of; and to receive, and instruct any such women, who, having devoted their lives to Gods service, would be content to do the like.

But, after they had found what molestation they had by the Foresters, who, riding frequently that way, much disturb'd their devotions, they humbly besought the said Empress, that she would vouchsafe to change their seat. Whereupon, bearing a great affection to the *Cistercian*-Order, she told them, if they would undergoe that Rule, she would grant their request. To which proposall of hers they, after some deliberation, assenting, the same place of *Radmoze* was made an Abby, one *William*, the principall of those religious persons, being elected the first Abbot there: unto whom *Henry D.* of *Normandy*, son to the said Empress, by his Charter granted and confirmed, not only the same *Radmoze* with the appurtenances; viz. *Welletho*, and *Witley* for tillage and pasture; as also *Hedenestod* for pasture and paunage, with liberty to build a Church, and such houses as might be fit for their habitation; but gave them the Town of *Canok* with the appurtenances, and the Mill at *Witley*, with all things belonging thereto.

Which good work so begun wanted not the bounty of divers other pious Men to carry it on; *Osbert de Arden* (of whom I shall speak in *King's-bury*) giving them his Lordship of *Worsington*; *Will. Croc* (of whom I am to speak in *Chefferton*) all the right he had in *Witley*, to the intent that they would receive him into their fraternity, and vouchsafe his body buriall there. *Geffrey de Clinton* three yard land at *Wetlabescote*, and one hide in *Radway*: And *Roger de Clinton*, B. of *Chester* before mentioned, two hides more in the said Town of *Radway*.

Shortly after which, this new Abbot and his Monks, not yet well instructed in the *Cistercian* discipline, requested *Hamon*, the second Abbot of *Wordestey* (in *Worcester* shire) to send two of his Covent to inform them therein. Which being accordingly done, there grew great friendship betwixt these two Monasteries, the Monks of *Wordestey* always giving courteous entertainment to those of *Radmoze* whensoever they had occasion to visit their Grange at *Radway*. Howbeit, at *Radmoze* they continued no more then xiii. years: For, finding the Foresters, not only troublesome, but, by their frequent visits, somewhat burthensome also, they became Petitioners to K. H. 2. on the 14. Cal. of Jan. in the very first year of his reign, making use of his mother, the Empress, their Patroness, to mediate, that he would be pleased to translate them to his Mannour of *Stoneley* in *Warwick* shire, and accept of what they had at *Radmoze* in exchange for that place. Whereunto the King graciously yielding, they came from *Radmoze*, and first seated themselves

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selves where the Grange of **Cryfield** now stands, the inhabitants thereof then removing to **Hurst**: but finding inconvenience there, in regard it was so neere the publique road way, they made choyce of another place, a little below the confluence of **Solo** and **Avon**, almost inviron'd with the river; having that thick wood called **Echels** on the North, and there began the foundation of their Church; whereof the first stone being laid *Id. Apr. Anno 1154. scil. 1. H. 2.* the Church-yard was consecrated "by **Walter Durdent** Bishop of **Coventre**, with the assent of the Prior and Canons of **Leicestershire**, to whom the Parish Church of **Stoneley** appertained: upon condition that the said Monks should no way diminish the rights due to the said Church of **Stoneley**, but make just payment of all Tithes to the same, for such grounds as they should till within that Parish; all which the said King **Henry** by his Charter confirmed.

And to the end that these Monks should have **Stoneley** intire, the said King gave command by his precept to the Shiriff of this County, to assigne the Freeholders there, as much land in value, in other places, by way of exchange for that they had here. But there being a Custom & amongst the **Cistercian** Monks, that no new Monastery of the same Rule, should without license of the next adjacent Abby of that Order, be erected; these, upon their translation hither, were constrained to come to an Agreement with the Monks of **Combe**; who conditioned with them, upon yielding such their license, that if they had a minde to erect any Granges, or remove the site of their Abby, the Monks of **Stoneley** should not hinder them. Which Agreement was made in the presence of the Abbots of **Waverle**, **Bozelle**, and **Sperevale**, in *Anno 1155. 1. H. 2.*

At the time when this Monastery was so founded, there were in the Mannour of **Stoneley** 68. villains, 4. *Bordarii* (id est Free-holders,) and two Priests; all which held xxx. Carucats of land (as is exprest in *Domesday-book*). As also 4. Bondmen, or servants, whereof each held 1. mess. and one quartone of land, by the services of making the Gallows, and hanging of Theeves: every one of which Bondmen was to wear a red clout, betwixt his shoulders, upon his upper garment; to plow twice a year, to reap as oft; that is to say at the two *Pederipes*; to give aid to the Lord at the Feast of **S. Michael**; to make the Lords malt, and do other servile work.

As for the particulars that the Monks held in demesne, and otherwise in 7. E. 1. I refer my Reader to the Record, not accounting it necessary to insert it here, having spoken so fully already of their possessions. But it seems that the King did not quit his totall interest in **Stoneley** to the Monks upon the foundation of this Abby: for I find, that the Shiriff of **Warwickshire** in 15. H. 2. accounted 29s. 9d. for paunage of the Woods: and in 19. H. 2. received 40 s. from those men which held the assarts: As also in 27. H. 2. 55 s. for perquisites here. Nay, his Officers and Foresters in the beginning of King **John's** time, did so insult, as that they alledg'd all was his, notwithstanding what King **Henry** his grandfather had given them by his Charter before specified. And so far were the privileges, which belong'd to the Monks within this their Mannour of **Stoneley** slighted, that upon any suite betwixt the Tenants, or against the Abbot,

all Writts were directed to the Ks. Bayliffs; so that *Will. de Tyso* the then Abbot, considering their grievances, and the further dangers to them which were imminent enough, repaired to the King, and for 200. Marks and two white Palfreys got a confirmation of his fathers Charter, with a grant of the Woods of **Wethale**, and the assarts at **Hurst**, for which there had wont to be payd yearly into the Exchequer 29 s. which Charter beares date 12. Maii 5. Joh. And yet thought they not themselves sure: for in 11. H. 3. they gave the King xv. Marks for to confirm his fathers grant.

But I come now to the chief of their other Benefactors, resolving to speak more fully of them, and of what they gave in the particular places where the lands so given did lye. These were **Stephen de Segrave**, who gave all his land of **Bertcote** with the Mannour house. **Geffrey de Langley** the Mannour of **Staberton**. **Hugh de Arden** lands in **Rotley**. **Robert de Broc** lands in **Radway**. **Sir Thomas de Edneure** Knight, all his lands in **Hull** next **Wotton**. **Geffrey Savage** and **Sir Will. Whelton** Knight **Partford mill** (standing upon the little torrent near **Gate-bridge**) **Richard Trussell** 1. mess. in **Rotley**. **Thomas de Arden** the Church of **Rotley**. **John de Mercote** lands in the said **Rotley**, and **Radway**. **Rob. de Waldene** more in **Radway**.

In all which, the privileges which these Monks had, were very many and great; viz. **Free-warren**, **Infangthef**, **Outfangthef**, **Weyfs**, **Streys**, goods of **Felons** and **Fugitives**, **Tumbrell**, **Pilory**, **Sek**, **Sak**, **Toll**, **Theam**, amerciements for murders, Assise of bread and beer; with a **Mercate** and **Faire** in the town of **Stoneley**: which Lordship was to answer for xii. before the Kings Justices or Coroner: and the tenants thereof (id est Freeholders) to plead the *Writ of Right* according to the custome of the Mannour; having Assise of fresh force against such as should disafe them without a Writ. And moreover that the Kings officers might not take distresses, nor make any attachment within the same, without the Bayliff of the Mannour. As also that the Lord and his tenants of the same Mannour, should be free from payment to the County or Hundred-Courts; from Murthers; Aid to the Shiriff, and coming to his *Turne*: from all common amerciements, of *Toll*, *Pontage*, *Passage*, and *Murage* throughout **England**; and from payment of the expences to the Knights for the Shire sent to Parliament.

Which **Mercate**, **Faire** and **Free-warren** were granted to them by K. E. 1. as his Charter, bearing date at **Laernarboon** 27. Maii, in the 12. year his reign testifieth; viz. the **Mercate** on Thursday every week: and the **Faire** yearly to last for eight days, beginning on the Even of the *Nativity* of **S. John Baptist**. But the tenants within the libertyes of **Stoneley**, for as much as it was ancient demesne of the Crown, were to pay Tallage to the Monks as oft as the King had Tallage of the like Mannours: the particular summs then due from the Town of **Stoneley**, and from the Hamlets antiently belonging thereto, being these.

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Hall ---19--07--0--q.	Cruleseld ---16-00--0.
Flechem ---18--09--ob.	Hurst ---18--05--ob.
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Which Aidin 36. H. 3. upon the Kings transfretation into **Calcoign**, the Abbot of **Stonle** had, as appears by the Kings mandate & to the Shiriff of this County.

As for the other memorable passages touching this Monastery, or the Abbots and Monks thereof they were these; viz. That *Will. de Gyldeford*, the ninth Abbot, being a man of singular wisdom, and made Penetentiary to *Panduph* the Popes Legat, was afterwards sent with Legatine authority into **Wales**; which occasioned many superior Abbots and others, to malign him; so that, because he countenanced a Shepherd belonging to the Monastery, to fight a Duell, and to hang a Thief that had privately stole away some Cattell of theirs, such advantage was taken against him, as that, being prosecuted for it, he was deprived in anno 1235. 15. H. 3.

Within ten years after which his depofall, the Monks of this House sustained much loss by fire, whereby a great part of the Abby was consumed; towards the reparation whereof the King allowed them fourty Oaks out of his Woods at **Benilwoeth**, which the Shiriff of this County had command^b to deliver. And not long after this; viz. in 43. H. 3. divers of the Monks grew so exorbitant, that they fell to wandring; insomuch as the King sent forth his Precepts to all Shiriffs and other his Officers to apprehend and deliver them to the Abbot for chastisement according to their demerits, and as their Rule required.

The xvi. Abbot, viz. *Rob. de Hockele*, though a young man, yet being very sage and prudent, freed the House from many debts that were owing at the entrance of his government, and was a great builder: for he caused the stalls of the Quire to be all new made; as also the carved-work under the steeple, with the great East window above the high Altar, and the Church to be new dedicated & covered with lead: all which are now totally demolish^t. But the Gate-house, a fair and strong building, and also one of his works, still standeth; on the front whereof, outwards, there is remainyng yet a large Escoccheon of stone, whereon three Lyons passant gardant are cut; with a Lyon passant gardant upon a Helme, set on the corner of the shield, according to the fashion of that time wherein he lived. Which Badge he fixed here in memory of K. Henry the 2. their Founder.

But all that I have further to say of them, is, that in 38. E. 3. there was a Complaint^f made against *Thomas de Pipe* the then Abbot; viz. that he granted estates to divers persons for lives, offseverall Fermes and lands, without reserving any Rent to be paid, to the great pejudice of the Monastery: And this was alledged to be for the support of a Concubine that he had, called *Isabell Penskele*, and his children by her, which were more in number, as the Records says, than the Monks then in the Covent. And it was then also alledged, that were it not for these Leases xx. might very well have been main- rayned therein. How he acquitted himself of this scandalous charge I know not; but certain it is, that the man was a person of notable parts, and deserved very well of the House: for he composed that excellent *Leiger-book*, being the transcript of their evidences, wherein are all things historical- ly entred, that concern this Monastery; and very many particulars relating to the generall Story of the Kingdom, especially of these parts, which are not elsewhere to be met with, whereof I have made

much use in this present work; and for which his memory will be of good esteem with all that are lovers of History.

By the Survey taken in 26. H. 8. the revenue of this Abby was certified^b to be C li. iii s. 1 d. ob. over and above all reprises. Of which the sum of 04 l. 05 s. 04 d. was then reckoned for the charge of 8. quarters of Rye made in bread at 5 s. the quarter. 3. quarters of Malt in beer, at 4 s. the quarter; and 200. Herings at 20 d. the Hundred: All which were yearly given in Almes to poor and impotent people upon *Maunday-Thursday* at the washing of their feet, by the decree of a generall Chapter of their Order. And moreover C vii s. viii d. per ann. for their charge in relief of poor people; viz. three bushels of Rye, weekly made in bread, being in all 17. quarters and a half; and 6. quarters of Malt made in beer at 4 s. the quarter. The yearly fee then to the principall Officers being to *Henry Marq. Dorset*, their high Seward. Liii s. iv d. To *Robert Caster* gent. their generall Receiver. xxvi s. viii d. And to *Thomas Gregory*, Auditor, xxvi s. viii d.

So that, being in clear yearly value less than CC li. it was suppressed by Act of Parl. in 27. H. 8. whereupon the Monks were, for the most part, disposed of to other Religious Houses that then stood undissolved; *Thomas Tutbury* the then Abbot having a Pension^d of 23 li. per annum assigned to him during his life.

Catalogus^t Abbatum.

1. *Willielmus*, primus Abbas obiit Id. Dec. anno 1159.
 2. *Rogerus* obiit Non. Feb. anno 1178.
 3. *Nicholaus* obiit Cal. Sept. anno 1188.
 4. *Henricus* obiit 3. Id. Sept. anno 1189.
 5. *Will. Pershore* translatus ad **Wobbesley**.
 6. *Will. de Campden* Abbatizavit 8. ann.
 7. *Will. de Tysoe* obiit 10. Cal. Aug. an. 1217.
 8. *Ranulphus* cessit officio ann. 1221.
 9. *Will. Gyldeford* depositus ann. 1231.
 10. *Osbertus* de Westwelle renunciavit officio Non. Sept. ann. 1258.
 11. *Petrus Wyche* obiit 9. Cal. Martii 1261.
 12. *Ric. de Merynton* à regimine amotus ann. 1272.
 13. *Tho. de Orlescote*, translatus ad **Wobbesley** an. 1277.
 14. *Will. de Heyford* assumptus in Abb. de **Wobbesley** an. 1293.
 15. *Joh. de la Sale* depositus, post an. 16. & 2. menses.
 16. *Rob. de Hockele* obiit die S. Desiderii Episc. an. 1349.
 17. *Rob. de Atherston* renunciavit officio anno tertio regiminis sui.
 18. *Thomas de Weston*, aliàs dictus *Tho. de Pipe*, successit eidem *Roberto* 9. Cal. Junii an. 1352. atate juvenis.
- Rob. Sutton* 10. H. 7.
Thom. Hodkinson.
Thom. Tutbury 27. H. 8.

After the before-specified dissolution, it continued not long in the Crown: for in 30. H. 8. it was granted^a to *Charles Brandon D. of Suff.* and his heirs. Which D. had issue *Henry* and *Charles*; who both dying childless, *Sir Ric. Cavendish* Knight, Sir

b M S. n. 5. 47. b.

i Lib. S. in Cur. Augm.

k Reg. e. Stonle. 179. a.

l In. m. 3. 16.

o Pat. H. 8. 14. p. 5. l. 2. q. 2. 16.

Sir William Sidney Knight, Thomas Glemham Esq. Tho. Lovell Esq. Christian Darnell widow. Eliz. the wife of Walter Ayscough Esq. and Eliz. the wife of John Trye were found to be their 9 cosins and heirs. Betwixt whom partition being made 21. Maii 2. Eliz. the site of this Monastery with part of the lands thereunto belonging, was allotted unto William Cavendish Esq. son and heir to the said Sir Richard. Which Will. (by the name of Will. Cavendish of Trymley. St. Martin. in Com. Suff. Esq.) by his deed bearing date 17. Martii 3. Eliz. sold it unto Sir Rowland Hill and Sir Thomas Leigh Knights Aldermen of London. After which upon division made of divers Mannours and Lands, joyntly acquired by them, the site of this Monastery became allotted to the same Sir Thomas Leigh; who, purchasing in the greatest part of all other lands lying in Stonley, thereabouts and obtain'd in 4. Eliz. a Pat. of confirmation for them all, together with the Mannour of Stonley.

Which Sir Thomas, being son to Roger Leigh of Wellington in Shropshire, descended by a younger branch from that ancient family of the Leigh's of High Leigh in Cheshire (as their descent sheweth;) and bred up under the said Sir Rowland Hill (an opulent merchant of London) became at length, for his skill and diligence, his Factor beyond Sea; and underwent that trust so well, that Sir Rowland, having no child, match't his neece, whom he much affected, to him; viz. Alice, daughter to Barker of Hamon in Shropshire; upon whose issue he bestow'd the greatest part of his estate. Much might be said of this Sir Thomas Leigh, who was Lord Mayor of London in 1 Eliz. but let the Epiraph upon his Monument at Mercers Chappell where he lyeth buried suffice; for he dyed in that City 14. Eliz. leaving issue 3. sons, Rowland, Thomas, and William.

The eldest of which was largely provided for in Gloucestershire at Longborough and thereabouts by the said Sir Rowland Hill, his Godfather. But the second here. And the third at Peunham in this County had ample possessions settled upon them by their father and mother, she being joynd purchaser in all, and lived here at Stonley to a very great age, to see her childrens children to the fourth generation: where departing this life Jan. an. 1603. she was buried at the upper end of the Chancell, on the North side. The memoriall of which worthy Lady, though there be none over the place of her sepulture, will continue in that lasting monument of her piety erected in this Town; I mean the Hospitall for poor people; of which I shall say more anon.

Thomas the second son, Knighted by Q. Eliz. and honoured with the title of Baronet at the first erection of that order; scilicet 29. Junii 9. Jac. wedded Katherine, daughter to Sir John Spenser

of Wilmelghston Knight, by whom he had issue Sir John Leigh Knight his son and heir, whom he survived: And having lived to a great age in much reputation, being Custos Rotarum, for this County; and in all publique employments of his time one of the superior rank, deceased in Febr. 1. Car. leaving Sir Thomas Leigh, son to the before specified Sir John, his next heir. Which Sir Thomas (now Lord of this Mannour) having been dignified with Knighthood by King James, wedded Mary, daughter and coheir to Sir Thomas Egerton Knight (eldest son to Thomas Lord Ellesmere Lord Chancellor of England) and firmly adhering to the late King Charles in his greatest distresses, was, in testimony of his stedfast loyalty advanced to the degree and title of a Baron of this Realm.

The Church (dedicated to our Lady) whereunto belonged 8. yard land, being given by K. H. 1. to the Canons of Benilworth shortly after the Foundation of that Monastery, was appropriated to them by Geoffrey Muschamp Bishop of Coventre and Litchfield in King John's time, with a Pension of v. marks out of the Vicaridge; and confirmed by Pope Gregory the ix. anno 1228. 12. H. 3. And in anno 1291. 19. E. 1. valued at 24. marks, the Vicaridge in 26. H. 8. being likewise rated at vi li. xv s. iv d. over and above xxx s. yearly Pension then payd to the Canons of Benilw. and 8 s. per annum allowed for Procurations and Synodals. Which Vicaridge was by the Lady Aliza Dudley augmented with 20 li. per annum out of lands purchased in Mancester, whereof I have there taken notice: who also gave three large and faire pieces of gilt plate to remain for the use of the Communicants here for ever.

The Hospitall before mentioned was founded by the said Lady Alice Leigh, for ten poor people; viz. five men and five women, all of them to be unmarried persons, and nominated by her; but after her decease by Sir Thomas Leigh, her son, during his life, and his heirs for ever. To whose maintenance she charged 29 li. per annum to be payd out of Milburn-grange, situate in this parish, and thus distributed; viz. 52 s. to each of the poor people, at the Feasts of S. John Baptist, S. Michael, the Nativity of our Lord, and the Annuntiation of our Lady, by even portions. vi s. viii d. apiece yearly to the Church-wardens for the time being, whom she constituted Supervisors of the said poor people, as to their orderly coming to Church every Sunday and Holy day, except there were urgent cause to the contrary. x s. per annum to the Mayor of Coventry, for the time being, whom she also appointed to oversee the performance thereof. And x s. yearly towards the repair of the Church here at Stonley: as also xxii s. viii d. to a Preacher for to preach 4. Sermons there yearly. All which Q. Elizabeth by her Letters Pat. bearing date 28. Junii 19. of her reign, confirmed.

x Reg. de
Stonle f.
82. a.

y Reg. de
Kenil. p.
145.

z Ibid. p.
73. c.

a Reg. de
Stonle f.
87. b.

b M S. in
Scac.

c M S. pe-
nès S. A.
eq. aur. f.
48. b.

d Pat.
19.
Eliz.

Patroni Vicariz.

Incumbentes & temp. Inst.

Patroni Vicariz.

Incumbentes & temp. Inst.

Langt. f.
27. a.

Ib. f. 34. a.

Northb. f.
31. b.Ib. f. 46. a. Prior & Conv. de
Ib. f. 51. a. Kenilw.

Ib. f. 53. a.

Streit. f. 9. a.

Rough. f. 2.
b.Ib. f. 8. b. Abbas & Convent.
de Stonley.

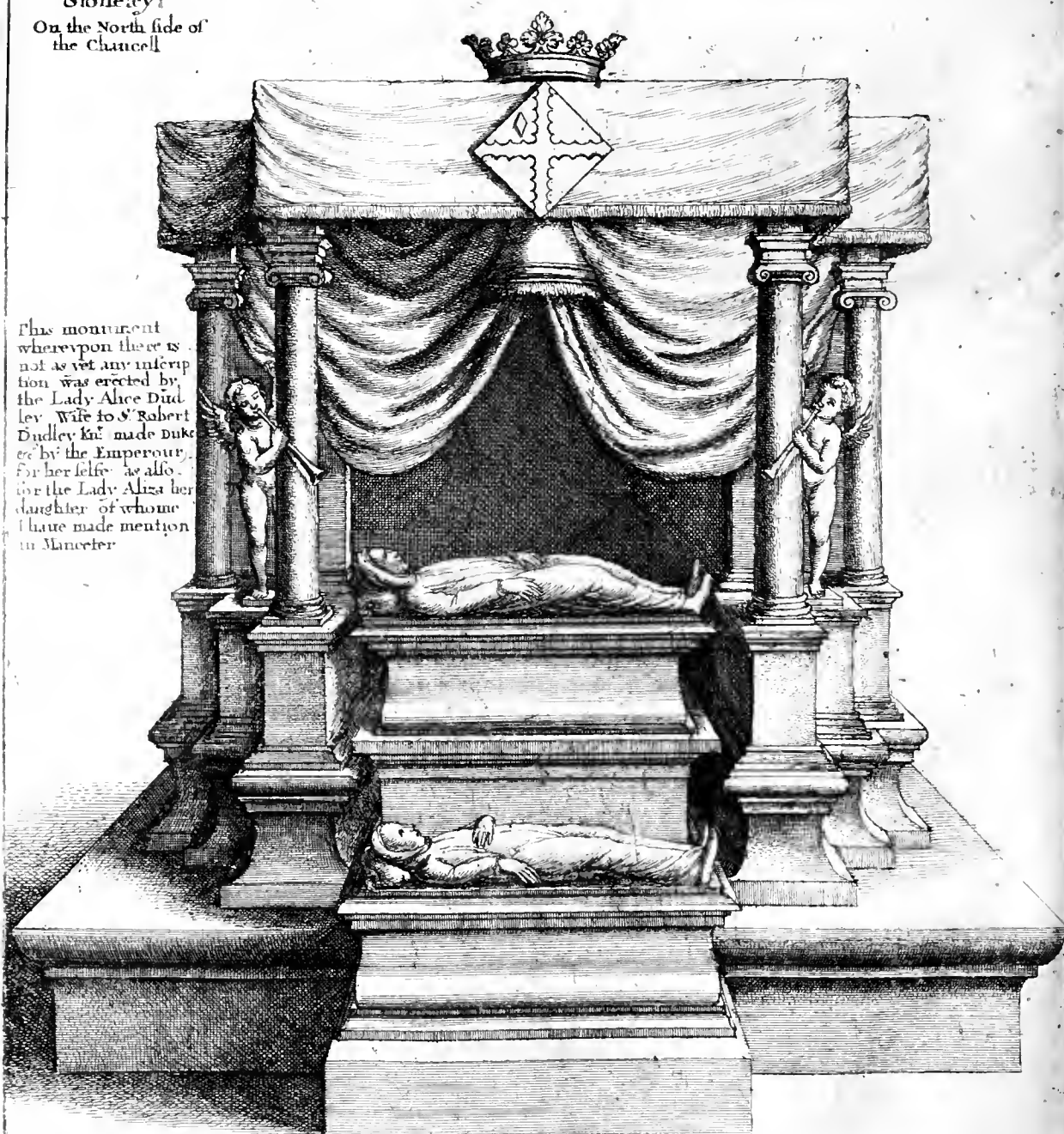
Bull. f. 5. b.

Heyw. f. 6.
a.Joh. de Wylmeighton Diac.
Non. Oct. 1307.Joh. de Wylmeighton Sub-
diac. 19. Maii 1307.Joh. Wake Cap. 17. Cal. Sept.
1337.Will. Aleyn de Shulton, Pbr.
2. Non. Junii 1348.Jo. de Sutham Cap. 17. Cal.
Oct. 1349.Henr. de Mollington Diac.
3. Cal. Maii 1350.Will. Payn Pbr. 5. Cal. Sept.
1361.Joh. Scarburgh Pbr. 8. Julii
1398.Joh. de Coventre Monachus
13. Aug. 1401.Will. Clifton Cap. 23. Oct.
1417.Joh. Hull Cap. 5. Junii
1421.Prior & Conv. de
Kenilworth.Tho. Reyley Civis Cov.
ratione concess. Pr.
& C. de K.

Eliz. Regina.

Joh. Morecock Cap. 28. Ib. f. 14. a.
Martii 1425.Nich. Blake Cap. 19. Junii Ib. f. 21. a.
1428.Joh. Westhouse Pbr. 1. Nov. Ib. f. 41. a.
1442.Will. Loveles 5. Novemb. Ib. f. 43. a.
1445.Tho. Canke Pbr. 22. Jan. Bo. f. 11.
1450.Ric. Whyngar Pbr. 14. Jan. Bowl. f. 1. a.
1494.Will. Wall. Pbr. 27. Martii Ib. f. 142.
1494.Ric. Mawdesley Cap. 1. Str. & 1.
Martii 1537. f. 15. b.Joh. Hessam Cap. 21. Oct. Samp. f. a.
1545.Henr. Belingham Cler. 23. Overton
Jan. 1598. Bund.Stonley
On the North side of
the Chancell

This monument
whereupon there is
not as yet any inscrip-
tion was erected by
the Lady Alice Dud-
ley Wife to S^r Robert
Dudley Kn^t made Duke
of by the Emperour
for her selfe as also
for the Lady Aliza her
daughter of whom
I have made mention
in Manchester



Cloud.

THis being now only known by the Bridge over **Abon** betwixt **Babnell** and **Starton**, hath its name from the rock on the Southern side thereof; Clude in the Saxon signifying as much. In the Conq. time there were two Priests in **Stoneley**, which had each of them a Chappell; viz. one at **Flechamsted**, and the other here at **Cloud**. Of theie, he that served here was called **Edmund** the Hermite, in regard that anciently here had been an Heremitage. Unto which **Edmund**, for his maintenance, certain parcels of land lying in **Starton** were given by **Will.** surnamed **Hufeler**, brother and heir to one **Simon**, Cook to **K. H. 1.** which **Edmund** was buried in the Chappell here, afterwards burnt by theeves. After whose death neither the King, nor any Lord of **Starton** presenting thereto, the Prior of **Kenilworth**, as Rector of the Church of **Stoneley**, entred upon the lands belonging to it, and appropriated them to the use of that Monastery.

As for the Bridge before specified, it was built by one of the said Heremites out of the Almes bestowed upon him by good people. Which falling in time to decay, the Prior of **Kenilw.** in 26. E. 3. was presented by the Hundred for not amending it, for as much as his Predecessors time out of mind had used to repair the same, as then was alledged: but the Prior proved, that no certain person was obliged to repair it, in regard it had been built by the Heremite as above said: And moreover, that there being another Bridge neere at hand, there was no necessity to keep up this; whereupon he was acquitted.

Starton.

A Little below **Cloud** lyeth **Starton** (taking its name from the **Stoure** or streame, as I guess.) Which, being a member of **Stoneley** continued therewith in the Crown, till **K. H. 1.** granted it unto his Cook, called **Simon** surnamed **Hufeler** de **Arderne**, and his heirs, by the service of a Soar-Sparhawk yearly. From whom it descended to **Will.** his brother; who gave to **Edmund** the Heremite then Priest at **Cloud** those parcells of land before mentioned. To which **Will.** succeeded **Geffrey** surnamed **Arderne**; and to him **Rhesse**, who past this mannour to **Walter Marescall** Earl of **Wembroke**, in exchange for lands in **Ireland**. Which **Walter** soon convey'd it to Sir **Geffrey de Langley** Knight (of whom I have spoke in **Binley**) and **Maud** his wife and the heirs of their two bodyes; and for want of such issue to the right heirs of the same **Geffrey**; reserving the said Rent of a Soar-sparhawk to be yearly payd to the King his heirs and successors at the feast of **S. Michael** the Archangell; and to him the said Earl and his heirs a pair of Gloves, or a peny for all services; King **H. 3.** by his Charter dated 12. Martii 29. of his reign confirming the grant.

Soon after which; viz. in 30. H. 3. the said **Geffrey** obtained a Charter of **Free-warren** in all his demesne lands here: but the next year following, sc. 31. H. 3. he past away this Mannour to the Monks of **Stoneley** and their successors, in

Fee-ferm, for xx li. per annum undertaking to pay the Soar-Sparhawk to the K. And afterwards releasing the said xx li. Rent to the Monks, obtained the Kings confirmation of his grant, the Soar-Sparhawk being afterwards paid by his heir.

The particulars which the said Monks had here were in 7. E. 1. certified to be two carucats of and, and one Water-mill in demesne, with six villains and seven Cottagers, holding by severall Rents and Services. All which, with liberty of **Free-warren**, renew'd to them by another Charter in 12. E. 1. they enjoyed till the dissolution of their House in 27. H. 8. But then coming to the Crown, it was in 33. of the same Kings reign granted to **Charles Brandon** D. of **Suff.** which D. by his deed bearing date the last day of the same month, passed it unto **Matthew Wrottesley** and **Anthony Foster**: who in March 3. E. 6. sold it to **Thomas Marrow** of **Rudfyn** Esq. of whose grand-child, **Samuel**, it was purchased by Sir **Thomas Leigh** Knight, Citizen and Alderman of **London** 17. Junii 7. Eliz. and so continueth to his posterity, together with **Stoneley** unto this day.

There is a fair Bridge of stone, over **Abon**, lying neer **Starton**, now commonly called **Starebysloge**, but formerly **Kingsbrige**. This in 51. H. 3. being in decay, the King directed his Precept to the Shiriff for enquiry who ought of right to repair it, and to distrein them thereunto. What was done thereupon I find not: but in 26. E. 3. the Abbot of **Stoneley** being questioned for the not repair of it, did not deny but that he ought of right so to do.

Finborgh.

Within the precincts of **Stoneley** there was a certain House, with two yard land belonging to it, called **Fynborgh**, given by King **H. 1.** unto one **William** his Falconer by the service of keeping a Falcon. Which land, one of the same **William** his descendants charged with an annuity of 5 s. per annum to the Canons of **Kenilworth**; in respect whereof the Priors of **Kenilworth** did challenge to be Lords of the same tenement, exasting Heriots and suite of Court from the possessors thereof. But this tenement came at length, by succession, to one **Alex. de Fynborgh**; who dying without issue, **Joan** the wife of **Steph. Stretton**, and **Alice** the wife **John Fynborgh**, being his sisters, inherited it: Neither of which having children, **Joan** the survivor gave it in her widowhood to **Will. de Hulle** a Priest, who past it unto one **John Bacon** of **Wolston**. Which **John** sold it to Sir **Will. Bagor**, of **Baginton** in R. 2. time: but since that have I seen little of it.

Fynham.

This village lyeth upon the bank of **Soto**, and being a member of **Stoneley** was posselt by the Monks from the Foundation of that Abby, they having **Free-warren** granted to them here in 12. E. 1. In it anciently were xii houses; of which eight were gone before the beginning of H. 7. time. When it past out of the Crown I have not seen: but in 3. E. 6. **Cuthbert Joyner**, a Citizen

r Pat. 17. E.
2. p. 1. m. 6.
per Inspx.

f Rot. F.
44. H. 3. m.
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t Inq. per
H. Natr.
Et. f. 17.
b.

u Cart. 12.
E. 1. m. 39.

w Pat. 33.
H. 8. p. 6.

x Ex ipfs
autogr.
y pend's
z Thom.
D. Leigh.

a Regist. de
Stonley f.
24. b.

b Plac. co-
ram Rege
T. Trin. 26.
E. 3. Rot. 3.

c Reg. de
d Stonle
f. 6. a.

e Cart. 12.
E. 1. m. 39.

f Hist. M. S.
I. Rous in
bibl. Cor-
ton. p. 143.

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zen of **Cobentre**, and *Thomas Kevet* were owners of 2 it. Which *Thomas* died ^h seized of six mess. here, and certain lands to them belonging, in 1 *Eliz.* leaving *George* his son and heir.

g Inq. super
depop. 3. E.
6.
h Efc. 20.
Eliz.

Fletchamsted.

THIS is now in two parts, one commonly called **Over-Flechamsted**, and the other **Nether-Flechamsted**; but antiently they were not divided. Here it was, that K. H. 1. observing it to be a place of great solitude, in respect of the thick woods and large waltts thereabouts, gave to one *Gerard* an Heremite and Priest, a carucat of land, whereupon in proceſs of time he built Houses, and let them for Rent. Which *Gerard* had a Chappell here, the yard whereof was consecrated by *Walter Durdent* then B. of **Cobentre**; upon condition ^k that he the said *Gerard* and his successors should pay tithes to the Canons of **Kenilworth** in right of their Church of **Stonley**.

In this Chappell did he celebrate Divine service daily, & was afterwards buried therein. After whose death K. *Henry* preferred ^l one *Bryan* thereunto, who also was a Priest and brother to a *Templar*, named *Peter Lomſy*: which *Peter* sent the said *Bryan* into **Ireland** upon some business for the *Templars*, and in his absence sung Maſs in the Chappell here, for the King. But *Bryan* dying in **Ireland**, the *Templars* held ^m this Chantry and the land thereto belonging; and procured K. H. 2. to bestow it upon one *Robert Piron* a Priest, during his life, for their use; and after his deceaſe upon them. Whose grant K. *John* confirmed ⁿ. Which lands were in 31. H. 2. certified ^o to be worth 14 s. per annum, and the Mill, that the said *Templars* had also here, 3 s. whereof they continued poſſeſt till the destruction of their Order; yet not very peaceably, in regard that the Canons of **Kenilw.** perplexed them with ſuites in R. 1. & 9 K. *John*'s time, upon the title they pretended to have thereof by the grant of K. H. 1.

In 7. E. 1. that which the *Templars* had here was certified ^r to be 1. that one Carucat of land, and Mill above ſpecified, held by the ſervice to find a Priest to ſing Maſs daily for the ſouls of the Ks. Progenitors; and for the ſoul of *Gerard* the Heremite. 2. That the Tenants of this and the reſt of the lands, which they had here, were to do ſuite to the Court at **Walsall** twice a year; and each of them to find one man in Harveſt for to work four days with their hooks, the *Templars* providing them dyet: All which had Houſe-bote and Hey-bote in the Abbot of **Stonley**'s woods called **Wetſt-wood**.

In the time that the *Templars* thus held it, *Guido de Foreſta*, Maſter of that Order here in **Eng-land** temp. E. 1. purchaſed ^s from the Monks of **Stonley** for an C. marks, and the releaſing all their intereſt of common in the woods and lands belonging to the Abby of **Stonley** 192. acres of waſt, lying in a great out-wood there adjoining, called **Wetſt-wood**, with all ſuch Rents and ſer- vices which the Monks of **Stonley** had of the ſaid *Templars* tenants in **Flechamsted**, except the rent of *John Fitz-Nicholas*. But when the *Templars* were ſuppreſt (ſcil. An. 1211. 5. E. 2.) *Robert de Hockele*, then Abbot of **Stonley**, entred ^t into this Chappell and lands here, and held them for 40. days. Howbeit afterwards, by the adviſe of *Tho. de Hockele* his brother, then a Dr. in Divinity and a

Canon of **Kenilworth**, fearing that he might under- go ſome Eccleſiaſtical cenſure for what he had done, rendred ^u them up to the *Hospitalars*, to whom the K. and Pope had granted them, as I ſhall fully ſhew when I come to **Walsall**. All which lands, except the carucat firſt belonging to this Chantry, did pay ^v tithes to the Church of **Stone-ley**; and in 21. H. 7. were held ^x of the ſaid *Hospitalars* by *John Beuſitz* of **Walsall** in Leale: who by his Will diſpoſed thereof to *Ellene* his wife.

Which Order (withall the great Monasteries) be- ing diſſolved in 30. H. 8. the K. by his Letters, Pat. dated 26. Febr. 36. of his reign, granted away whatſoever the ſaid *Hospitalars* had here, to *John Beaumont* eſq. and his heirs, by the name of a Man- nour; the particular lands thereunto belonging, being ſaid to be in **Over-Flechamsted**. Who having licence ^y the ſame year to alien it un- to *William Humberſton* and his heirs, levied a Fine thereupon T. Hill. 2. E. 6. But afterwards it came by purchaſe ^z to Sir *Tho. Leigh* Kt. and Dame *Alice* his wife. Which Sir *Thomas* had iſſue Sir *Thomas*, who made the Park here & built a fair Houſe with- in it, now enjoy'd by his grandſon, together with **Stonley** whereof I have already ſpoke.

Nether-Flechamsted.

Concerning this, I have not ſeen any thing be- fore H. 7. time; but then, ſc. 3. H. 7. was Sir *John Catesby* Kt. ſeized ^b thereof: from whose ſon & heir, viz. *Humfrey Catesby* eſq. *John Smyth*, a wealthy Citizen of **Cobentre** (living in the **Spon-ſtreet**) purchaſed ^c this & other lands of good value. Which *John* in 6. H. 7. was ^d one of the Commiſſioners ap- pointed in this County for arraying of men in de- fence of the Kingdom then in danger of an invaſion by *Charles* 8. K. of **France**: as alſo for conſerva- tion of the peace, from ^e 8. till 15. H. 7. and then was conſtituted one of the Juſtices for the Gaol- delivery at **Warwick**. To whom ſucceeded *Henry* his ſon and heir; who in 12. H. 7. made ^f a Park of the one half of this Lordſhip, converting ^g the reſt into Paſture; whereby 4. of the 5. Meſſuages, there being, went to decay. In that Park he then alſo made a pool ^h of certain ground that had for- merly been a Medow: and in 20. H. 7. obtain'd in exchange ⁱ from the Abbot of **Stonley**, for other lands, all that belong'd to the Monks of that Houſe in this **Flechamsted**. Which *Henry* left iſſue Sir *Walter Smyth* Kt. (of whom I have ſpoke at large in **Shirford**;) he & *Richard*; & he Sir *John Smyth* Kt. now of **Crabet** in **Suſſer**, the preſent owner hereof.

Hurſt.

THIS place takes it name from the ſituation which is upon a dry bank; for ſo the word *hurſt* in the Saxon imports. The firſt mention I find hereof is in 1 H. 2. upon tranſlation of the Monks from **Radmoze** to **Cruleſeld**, being then removed; hi- ther. Which K. upon the foundation of **Stonley-Abby** gave ^k the Monks this place in augmentation of their poſſeſſions, whereof they afterwards obtain'd K. *John*'s confirmation ^l; and out of their eſtarts here, in proceſs of time, made a Grange ^m called **Bo- kindene**, ſituated about half a mile from hence.

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i Regiſt. de
Stonley f.
127. b.

k Regiſt. de
Kenilw. p.
82, 83.

l Reg. de
Stonley ut
ſupra.

m Ib. f. 128.
a.

n Cart. 1.
Joh. p. 2. n.
105.

o Ex Cod.
MS. in
Scac. penes
Rem. R.

p Rot. P. 2.
R. 1.

q Pl. de T.
Mich. 2.
Joh. Rot.
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r Inq. per
H. Nott.
C. c. f. 18. a.
C. c.

s Reg. de
Stonley
f. 128. a.

u Ib. f. 1.
b.

v Ib. f. 1.
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x Mills
Qu. 21

y Pat. 36
H. 8. p. 7.

z Pat. 3
H. 8. p. 1.

a Lib. 3.
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b Efc. 3
H. 7.

c Efc. 1
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d Pat. 67
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e Pat.
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f In
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dep.
3. 16.

h Pat. 2
H. 7. p. 1.

i Regiſt.
k Sto
f. 16.

l Cart.
Joh. n. 1.
m. Regiſt.
Stonley
17. b.

This **Hurt** was antiently a pretty Village consisting of 19 houles, of which in the beginning of H. 7. time, there was "no more than one left; and is now, for the most part, posselt by the Lord Leigh of **Stoneley**, descended to him from his great-grandfather, who purchas'd it in the beginning of Q. Eliz. time.

Cryfeild.

This was antiently written **Crolesfeld**, and **Crolesfeld**, the first syllable standing, doubtless, for his name who posselt it in the Saxons time: for many of their denominations were such as to us are now very uncouth.

Before the Norman Conquest the Kings of England had here a House, the place where it stood retaining the name of the **Bury-Stepe** for a long time after, **Bury** signifying the same with *Curia*, and **Stepe** *locus*. In this House, whereunto belong'd six carucats of land, antiently resided a foreign Earl, by the Kings leave: Which E. being a great Robber, and infesting the Country hereabouts very much, was removed by K. H. 2. who, upon exchange with the Monks of **Radmore**, for **Stoneley**, brought them hither, displacing the Inhabitants, and settling them at **Hurt**. But the Monks soon finding how inconvenient the Highways were to them, chose another, where they built their Abby, as I have in **Stoneley** shewed. Upon the foundation and endowment whereof, the same K. gave them 4 carucats of land in this place, which King John confirmed, where the Monks had a Grange, afterwards burnt by the negligence of those souldiers that quartered therein at the siege of **Kensilworth**-castle, 51 H. 3.

In 7 E. 1. it was certified, that this Village paid a Stone of Wax yearly for maintenance of the Lights in **Stoneley**-Abby, burning before the Image of the blessed Virgin: As also that the Free-holders here did suit to the three weeks Court at **Stoneley**, and came to the Abbots *Bederepe*, as in **Stoneley** I have at large declared. But this place hath also suffered depopulation, as well as the neighbouring Villages: for of xii Tenements that were antiently here, in the beginning of H. 7. time, no more than the Grange was then left. Which Grange, after the dissolution of the Abbeys, that the K. past away most of their possessions, was 13 Apr. 36 H. 8. granted to **Rob. Bocher**, then a servant in Court, and to *Eliz.* his wife, and to the heirs of the same **Robert**. Which **Rob.** dying seized thereof, 31 Maii, 3 & 4 Ph. & M. left **Rob. Bocher** his cofin and heir, then 12 years of age.

Canle.

Though there be no mention hereof in Record so high as the Conquest, yet the name, being compounded of two British words, viz. **Cann**, which signifieth *albus*, and **Ule** *locus*, doth shew that it hath been of much greater antiquity. But of this, as involv'd with **Stoneley**, and so coming to that Abby upon the foundation thereof, were the Monks disposelt, as it seems, in H. 3. time. For at the time of the siege of **Kensilworth**-

castle in 51 of his reign, *Ric. de Alcrington*, then Abbot of **Stoneley**, commencing his suit against **Robert** the son of *Peter de Canle*, recovered it; and had possession delivered to him by the Sheriff upon the K. command at the Cross in **Stoneley** on the day of S. *Clement* the same year; whereupon the tenants did their fealty to the said Abbot. But after the dissolution, the greatest part of it came by purchase to Sir *Tho. Leigh*, with **Hurt**, and other lands; and so is descended to his great grandchild, who now enjoys it.

Hill.

This village (taking its name from the situation) was also a member of **Stoneley**, and involved therewith; but antiently written **Hulle**, and sometimes **Kings Hulle**. Here the Monks of **Stoneley** had a Grange: which, after the dissolution of their House, was in 34 H. 8. granted, *inter alia*, to *Leonard Chamberleyn* Esq; and *Ric. Andrews* Gent. and to the heirs of the said *Ric. Andrews*; but came soon after to *John Wade* and *Tho. Gregory*; for in 38 H. 8. the said *John Wade* releas'd his title therein to the said *T. Gregory*, in consideration of the like made to him of lands in **Flechamsted**. Which *Tho.* dyed seized thereof 16 *Marri*, 16 *Eliz.* leaving *Arthur* his son then 34 years of age; whose son, as I think, still enjoys it.

Helenhull.

This was one of the Granges sometime belonging to **Stoneley**-Abby: but the first mention I find of it is a License (inter alia) granted by *Edm. E. of Lanc.* 6 E. 1. to the Monks of **Stoneley**, for their quiet enjoyment of what they had improved by inclosure here. And I conceive that it came to *Tho. Gregory*, with **Kinghill**; for in 4 *Eliz.* the said *Tho.* had License to alien the same unto *Will. Phynnis* and *Arthur Gregory*, and to the heirs of the said *Arthur*. Which *Arthur* dyed seized of it, with **Kinghill** above specified, 2 *Jac.*

Bokindene.

This Grange was built by the Monks of **Stoneley** upon the effarts, which they made at **Hurt** before mentioned; and so passing as a member of **Hurt**, is now scarce taken notice of.

Milburne-Grange.

This, standing upon the water which comes from **Kensilworth**, not far from a Mill, hath its name thereof; **burne** in the old English signifying a Brook.

Before the 12 of E. 1. I find nothing of it: howbeit then is there mention of it in the Charter of **Free-warren** granted to the Monks of **Stoneley**; and should seem to have been some petty Village;

Village; for in the beginning of H. 7. time, it is reckoned up amongst many other where depopulation had been exercised; and in 29 H. 8. was granted (*inter alia*) to James Cruce of Kenilworth Genr. and his heirs; who dyed & seized thereof, 20 Sept. 1 E. 6. leaving James his son and heir 14 years of age. Which James by his Dced & dated 1 Martii, 2 & 3 Ph. & M. past it to Anthony Throgmorton, Citizen and Mercer of London, who 1 Mai, 7 Eliz. sold it to Sir Tho. Leigh Kt. Citizen and Alderman of London, whole great grandchild (now of Stoneley) enjoys it.

Ashowe.

HAVING now done with that spacious parish of Stoneley, following the stream of Avon, I come next to Ashow, situate on the Northwest side thereof. In the Conq. time this was posselt by Turchil de Warwick, whose free-hold it had been before the Norman invasion; one Ermenfridus then holding 2 hides thereof of the same Turchil. Here were then also 2 Mills, and woods of half a mile in length, and 3 furlongs in bredth; the whole value of all being certified at xl s. as the Survey then made doth manifest, in which it is written *Aleshot*. But 'tis very like that there was some mistake in the transcriber; for in all ancient Records after that time it is written *Alesho*; which makes me conjecture, that the original appellation thereof was either by reason of its situation Eastwards from *Wotton*; for of that parish it hath been; and that the syllable *ho* was at first *hof*, which with the Saxons signified a House or Cave; or else from the old English word *aeste*, which signifieth an Ash.

And as I have taken liberty to guess here at the occasion of its name, so must I do touching the succession thereof, in regard that the light, which I have from Record, is so dim in many places. Finding therefore that the *Verdons* were superiour Lords of the Fee here: and that *Lecelina*, mother to the first *Bertram de Verdon*, that had any thing to do in this County (as I have in *Wotton* manifested) was daughter to *Geffrey de Clinton*, that founded the Castle and Priory of *Kenilworth* in H. 1. time; and gave a meadow here to the Canons of *Kenilworth*, called *Ruggenhale*, which shews that it came by her; I need not much doubt, but that *Turchil de Warwick's* issue being disposselt of the most of their fathers lands (as I shall elsewhere shew) this was, *inter alia*, bestowed by K. H. 1. on the said *Geffrey*, whom he advanced so high, as in *Kenilworth* is declared; and given by him to *Norman de Verdon* with his said daughter *Lecelina* in marriage. And to that opinion I do the more incline, when I consider, that it was anciently a Chapelry to the mother Church of *Wotton*; which Church the said *Geffrey* gave to the Canons of *Kenilworth*, at the very foundation of that Monastery.

But it seems that *Verdon* did anciently enfeoff one of the *Simelyes* in this *Ashow*: for in 26 H. 3. *Geffrey de Simely* held here, and in *Caldercote*, half a Kts. fee of *Roise de Verdon*, and she of the Earl of *Warwick*. Which *Roise*, being the heir female of that great family, dyed in 32 H. 3. To the said *Geffrey* succeeded *William*; who in 7 E. 1. with the Abbot of *Stoneley*, was certified to be Lord of this place, then written *Aliche*, both of them holding the same of *Thobald de Verdon*; whereof the said *Will.* then had 8 acres in demesne, 2 Cottagers, owing suit to his three weeks Court here; twice a year making appearance at his Court of *Wandon*; and xi Free-holders, who held 4 yard land and a half, and 9 acres and a half. Which *Will.* had also a certain out-wood here, containing 6 acres; and another several wood of 6 acres more. Here likewise had the Abbot of *Stoneley* 3 Cottiers, and 3 Free-holders, who then held 3 yard land, a quarter, and 4 acres, doing suit twice a year also at the Court of *Wandon*.

But in 29 E. 1. did *Geffrey de Simely* alien to *Tho. E. of Lancaster* (then Lord of *Kenilworth* castle) and his heirs, all his waits and woods called *Widenhage*, lying in this Lordship, viz. betwixt the bank of *Avon*, and the said Earls wood called the *Grith*, belonging to *Kenilworth*: which grant *Ric. Bassett* and *Elylia* his wife (sometime the wife of *Will. de Symelie*, and mother to the said *Geffrey*) confirmed. Howbeit, after this *Geffrey* I have not seen any more of their male line: but in 20 E. 3. *John de Hokkeley* is certified to hold part of a Kts. fee here, of the heirs of *Verdon*. The like appears in 34 E. 3. wherein the same is mentioned to be that which *Geffrey de Simely* held. But in 2 H. 4. *Will. Allesey* had it.

Little have I seen that is further memorable relating to this place, other than that in 13 E. 4. *John Hugford Esq.* and *Tho. Waldeyve*, had licence to grant, *inter alia*, 8 mess. 2 carucats, 20 acres of land, 12 acres of wood, xii s. a pound of Pepper, and a red Rose yearly rent, all lying here, with half the fishing in *Avon*, to the Monks of *Stoneley*, for ever. All which coming to the Crown by the dissolution of that Monastery, is posselt by the Lord *Leigh*, together with *Stoneley*, and most of the lands sometime belonging thereto.

The Church (dedicated to the *Assumption* of our Lady) having been anciently but a Chapel belonging to *Wotton* (as I have already intimated) was confirmed to the Canons of *Kenilworth* in H. 2. time by *Ric. Peche B. of Cob.* and had a Pension of xx s. per ann. granted out of it to the said Canons by *Geffrey Muschamp*, one of his successors, in K. *John's* time. In ann. 1291. 19 E. 1. it was valued at v marks; and in 26 H. 8. at vi l. ii s. over and above the xx s. yearly Pension due to the Canons of *Kenilworth*, and 8 s. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*. But it hath lately been augmented with xxi l. per ann. by the Lady *Aliza Dudley*, in such sort as the rest were whereunto she gave the like annuity, as in *Spencer's* I have declared.

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Northb. f. 19. a.	<i>Ric. de Greneburgh, Cler.</i>
Ib. f. 27. a.	9 Cal. Dec. 1324.
Ib. f. 40. a.	<i>Will. de Houghson, Cler.</i>
Ib. f. 43. b.	16 Cal. Oct. 1333.
Ib. f. 47. b.	<i>Will. de Shulton, Pbr. Id.</i>
Ib. f. 49. a.	Nov. 1343.
1701. f. 9. b.	<i>Will. Torald, 12 Cal. Dec.</i>
Ib. f. 13. b.	1345.
Ib. f. 18. a.	<i>Joh. de Frolesworth, Cler.</i>
Ib. f. 30. b.	7 Id. Maii, 1349.
urgh. f. b.	<i>Rad. de Cleybroke, Cler.</i>
eyw. f. o. a.	8 Cal. Aug. 1349.
Ib. f. 22. a.	<i>Hugo de Ryby, Pbr. 2 Non.</i>
Ib. f. 24. b.	Sept. 1361.
Ib. f. 25. a.	<i>Tho. Dawen, 6 Id. Martii,</i>
Ib. f. 32. b.	1364.
Ib. f. 42. b.	<i>Will. de Stoneley, Pbr. 7.</i>
ml. f. 20.	Cal. Nov. 1369.
f. 204. a.	<i>Ric. de Milverton, Pbr.</i>
o. p. 18. b.	23 Sept. 1383.
mp. f. 42. a.	<i>Tho. Cresset, Pbr. 24 Mar-</i>
f. 44. b.	rii, 1398.
ubam id. c.	<i>Joh. Rouland, Pbr. 10 Oct.</i>
mp. f. 48. a.	1427.
ubam id. b.	<i>Joh. Drury, Cap. 22 Julii,</i>
dele id. c.	1428.
	<i>Tho. Taylour, Cap. 13 Mar-</i>
	tii, 1430.
	<i>Will. Bradley, Pbr. 14 Oct.</i>
	1430.
	<i>Tho. Plunchon, Pbr. 20.</i>
	Sept. 1433.
	<i>Ric. Gaydon, Pbr. 1 Junii,</i>
	1445.
	<i>Ric. Spycer, Cap. 23 Oct.</i>
	1453.
	<i>D. Adam Stapull, Cap.</i>
	15 Junii, 1500.
	<i>D. Tho. Parker, Cap. pe-</i>
	nult. Oct. 1542.
	<i>Walt. Smyth, miles,</i>
	<i>& Henr. Porter,</i>
	gener. ratione con-
	cess. Pr. & Conv.
	de Kenilw.
	<i>Tho. Leigh, miles.</i>
	<i>Rog. Barker, Cler.</i>
	1565.
	<i>Rog. Vicars, Cler. 29 Mar-</i>
	tii, 1572.
	<i>Henr. Beriche, Cler. 4.</i>
	Aug. 1575.
	<i>Math. Croket, Cler. 8.</i>
	Maii, 1581.
	<i>Martinus de Lane, 15 Aug.</i>
	1586.
	<i>Timoth. de Lene, 6 Jan.</i>
	1610.

Bericote.

ON the South side of **Abon**, but in the parish of **Abon**, lyes **Bericote**, but long since depopulated. Which name may seem to have had its original from the ascent it stood upon, **Berg** with the Saxons signifying a little hill, and **cote** the same with **domus**, as is commonly known. In the Conq. time **Turchil de Warwick** (whose father **Alwine** posselt it before the Norman invasion) held

it by his under-tenant, named **Tonne**, it then containing ^b 2 hydes; there being a Mill rated at 4 s. ^b and the whole value of all xl s. But soon after, though I have not seen how, it came to the Crown; and therein continued till H. 2. time. Which King enfeoffed ⁱ one **Boscher**, his servant, thereof, with the said Mill and other the appurtenances, by the service of keeping a white **Brache** with red ears, to be delivered unto the K. at the years end, and then to receive another to breed up, together with half a quarter of bran. From which **Boscher** it descended to **Henry** his son and heir, who granted ^k it unto **Steph. de Segrave**. Which **Stephen** bestowed ^l it on the Monks of **Stoneley**, reserving C s. yearly rent to be paid to him and his heirs forever: But this Annuity did **Gilbert**, the son and heir to the said **Steph.** release ^m to them, in augmentation of one Monk more, to be added unto that Covent.

In 7 E. 1. I find ⁿ, that the said Monks of **Stoneley** had 13 Cottiers, and 3 Free-holders here, with a wood containing 4 acres inclosed, in the nature of a Park. After which it became depopulated, though when, I know not: for in 33 H. 8. here was nothing left but a Grange; which, being by the K. 9 Feb. the same year, granted ^o to **Charls Brandon D. of Suff.** the said D. soon after past away to **Math. Wrottesley Esq;** and his heirs. Which **Mathew**, together with **Anth. Foster Esq;** fold ^p it, 4 Martii, 3 E. 6. unto **Tho. Marrow** the elder, of **Rudsyn Esq;** who in 2 & 3 Ph. & ^q M. alien'd ^r it to **John Harreyoung Gent.** of whom it was purchased ^s, 20 Oct. 24 Eliz. by **Tho. Leigh Esq;** (but afterwards Kt. and Bar.) and **Katherine** his wife; and so is descended to **Tho. Lord Leigh**, his grandson, the present possessor thereof.

Chesford-Bridge.

A Little below is **Chesford-Bridge**; which being in decay, the towns of **Kenilworth**, **Wotton**, **Hall**, **Milberton**, **Abon**, **Cobington**, **Willington**, **Lemington-Priors**, and **Radford**, were presented ^t before the Justices Itinerant, by the Hundred of **Unghetlow**, in 13 E. 1. for the not repair of it: but in 6 E. 2. the Jury upon their Verdict discharg'd them; judgement ^u being given, that the Abbot of **Combe** ought to repair it. Howbeit, in 26 E. 3. it was found ^v upon a trial, that the ground on neither side the Bridge did belong to the Abby of **Combe**, and that the same Abbot ought not to repair the ends thereof, his predecessors never having done it; nor of right ought to amend any more than 2 Arches, with that part of the Bridge standing out of the stream; and that neither those two Arches, nor the other part out of the Water-course, were at that time in decay. But in 43 E. 3. it appears ^x, that the Abbot of **Combe** being again questioned, could say nothing in his defence for the not repairing it, there being an Arch then broken; wherefore the Sheriff had command to distrain him thereunto.

Wootton, vulgo Leek-Wotton.

ABout a mile below *Wootton*, there falls into *Avon* a torrent called *Holbrooke*, which hath its head from the great Pool in *Wedgnock-park*. On the top of the Hill, Southwards of this brook, stands *Wotton*, that antiently included *Wilberton*, *Leminton*, *Wootton*, *Lillinton*, and *Cobinton* within its parish, which now are all distinct Mother-Churches: but for the present containeth onely *Heathe*, *Woodcote*, *Hill* (vulgarly called *Hill-Wotton*) and *Wedgnock-Park*, whereof I will speak in their order.

Touching *Wotton* it self, I find, that in the Conq. time *Rog. de Montgomeri*, (E. of *Shrewsbury*) posselt it; one *Outti* holding it under him, whose Free-hold it was before the Norman invasion; and that it contained then 3 hydes, having a Mill rated at 2 s. (which is now called *Gupes-Cliff-Mill*) the woods thereof being two miles in length, and one in breadth, all valued at C s. But in *Doomsday-book* it is written *Quatone*, which I conceive to be in reference to the situation thereof amongst woods, the word *coit* in the British signifying a wood; with which agreeth the modern English appellation, viz. *Wotton*, the *d* being changed into *t* for the more smooth pronunciation.

That the said *Roger* and his posterity lost all for their Rebellion, I have manifested in *Wotton*: so that this, being in the hands of K. H. 1. was, *inter alia*, given to *Geffrey de Clinton*; who, upon his foundation of the Priory at *Kenilworth*, gave thereunto the Church of this town, and 1 hyde of land. Which grant of his had been greater, but that he reserved part of the woods to be afforested, to enlarge his Park of *Kenilworth*: But the rest *Geffrey Salvage* had, and very probably by the grant of the same *Geffrey*, it being a whole Kts. fee (of which *G. Salvage* and his descendants I have already spoke in *Baginton*) who had much ado to hold it, as it seems; for in 2 R. 1. *Richard de Frevill* (then Lord of *Wotton*) impleaded him for it. And in 7 R. 1. he was constrain'd to come to an Agreement with *Tho. de Arderne* about it, who then levied a Fine thereof to him. Nay in 2 Joh. *Henry de Armentiers* had suits with him for it; who claim'd it in right of *Isabell* his grandmother; alledging, that she was seized thereof in H. 2. time; and that by *David de Armentiers*, her son, it so descended to him the said *Henry*. Whereunto *Geffrey* answer'd, that being in the K. service beyond Sea, he had protection; for which he paid a Fine at his passage, to the end he might not be impleaded in his absence; whereupon he was then discharged. But it seems that did not end the business; for upon a full Agreement betwixt them, where it appears, that the said *Geffrey* allow'd him a third part of the said Kts. fee, there is mention made, that they had a trial by Battle for it.

After this, scil. in 9 H. 3. there was a great suit betwixt *Henry E. of Warwick*, and *Will. Mauduit* and *Alice* his wife (sister to the said Earl) for 2 carucats, 22 yard land, and xvi s. rent, with th'appurtenances in this *Wotton*; whereof the E. alledged, that *E. Walleran* his father dyed seized: But the said *Will.* and *Alice* exhibited the Charter of the same *E. Walleran*, whereby he gave

those lands unto her, and received her homage thereof; causing the Free-holders to do homage also to her the said *Alice*, who was then within age, and in the tuition of *Alice de Harecourt*, her mother. What further became of this business, I have not seen, and therefore shall proceed with my discourse thereof in relation to *Savage*.

In 36 H. 3. it was certified, that the heir of the said *Geffrey Savage* held one Kts. Fee here of *Thomas de Clinton* (heir male to the first mentioned *Geffrey*) and he of the E. of *Warwick*. To which *Geffrey Savage* succeeded *Philippa* (as one of the heirs to the last *Geffrey*) who with *Robert de Mortimer*, the Abbot of *Stoneley*, and Prior of *Kenilworth*, in 7 E. 1. held this *Wotton*, and *Hill*, with the *Crosse-grange*, for one Kts. fee. Which *Philippa* had here at that time 12 servants holding 1 yard land at will, and giving Aid at the Feast of S. Mich. at the Lords pleasure, with 4 Cottiers and 3 Free-holders, which held half a yard land by certain rent, fealty, and suit of Court twice a year: as also a Court-leet, and Assize of Bread and Beer, by the confirmation of K. H. 1. That which *Rob. de Mortimer* had, was the third part of a Water-mill, as also 8 servants holding 3 yard land, a half, and fourth part at will, performing Aid at the Feast of S. Michael. The Abbot of *Stoneley* 3 servants holding 1 yard land and a fourth part at will; as also 5 Free-holders holding 21 acres, and one acre of meadow. The Canons of *Kenilworth* 2 carucats, with the Mill of *Gibbecliffe*, which they held in demesne; besides the Church appropriat, endowed with one yard land: And likewise 2 servants holding 33 acres of land at will, giving Aid, viz. mowing, reaping, raking, harrowing, making Hay, &c. eight Cottiers, who perform'd the like services, and 4 Free-holders, paying certain rent, and doing suit of Court twice a year.

But the Mannour belonging to *Savage*, came by inheritance to *Menill*, as may be discerned by the Pedegree in *Baginton*: For in 13 E. 1. *Will. de Menill* claim'd a Court-leet, with Assize of Bread and Beer in this place, then termed *Wotton-Savage*, which were allowed. From which *Will.* descended Sir *Hugh Menill* Kt. who in 24 E. 3. granted the moytie of this Village to *Henry E. of Lancaster*, and his heirs (then Lord of *Kenilworth-castle*, whereunto it lay convenient) which I suppose was all that *Savage* had here. How it came to the Crown, wherein it still continues, I need not here declare, having made it so plain in *Kenilworth*, the possession of which Castle it hath since accompanied.

The Church (dedicated to *All Saints*) appropriated to the Canons of *Kenilworth* in K. John's time, (having been originally granted to that Monastery upon the very foundation thereof) was in ann. 1291. 19 E. 1. valued at x marks; and the Vicaridge in 26 H. 8. at Cxii s. over and above 8 s. allow'd for Procurations and Synodals. Which being so small, became augmented by the Lady *Aliza Dudley* with xx l. per ann. as in *Pan-ceter*, where the lands were purchased, may be seen.

That which the Canons of *Kenilworth* had here, besides the Church, being after the dissolution of that House granted to *John D. of Roth-umb.* by K. E. 6. came again to the Crown through his attainer; and was by *Q. Mary* pass'd to Sir *Rouland Hill* Kt. and others, in 1. of her reign, by

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a Ib. p. 143.

b Rot. P.
2 R. 1.

c Rot. P.
2 Joh.

d Plac.
de ann.
5 Joh.
e Rot.
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f F. levat.
5 Joh.

h Pl. apud
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by the name of the Mannour of **Leek-Wotton**, alias, **Crosse-grange**; and is now in the possession of the Lord Leigh of **Stoneley**, by descent from Sir **Tho. Leigh** Kt. and Alderman of **London**, his great grandfather, to whose use the same was purchased by the before specified Sir **Rouland Hill**, &c.

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of **Kenilworth**, with his body, which he determined to be buried in that Monastery, an annual rent of v s. issuing out of certain lands here, held of Sir **Hugh de Beckbirie** Kt. which gift of his, **Aliva de Beckbirie** in her widowhood confirmed. But being a member of **Wotton**, it belong'd to **Savage**, as that did; and had, within the precincts thereof, a Mill called **Partford** Mill, whereof two parts were given by **Geffrey Savage**, and the third by Sir **Will. de Wholton** Kt. to the Monks of **Stoneley**. To which Monks Sir **Tho. de Ednesoure** Kt. (who married one of the co-heirs of **Savage**) gave also certain lands here.

Heath.

I Am not very well satisfied where this Hamlet directly stood: but by some circumstances I guess, that the same, which is now called **Wotton**, contained the greatest proportion of it; being certain (by what I shall presently manifest) that the rest of it was situate on the other side of the little torrent called **Holbrooke**, as the Map will shew. There is no doubt to be made but that its name was originally occasioned from the nature of the soil, being of a Heathy disposition at first, before tillage did alter it. And as confident I am, that it was then a member of **Wotton**, forasmuch as it is not mentioned in the Conq. Survey.

Till H. 1. time, I have not seen any thing thereof; but then, viz. in 23 of that Ks. reign, **Roger E. of Warwick**, upon his foundation of the Collegiat-Church of **S. Mary** in **Warwick**, gave thereunto a hyde of land lying here. Shortly after which, did **Geffrey de Clinton**, son to **Geffrey**, the Founder of **Kenilworth**-Priory, inter alia, confirm the grant that **Odo de Turri** made to that Monastery, of all the rest, as it seems, of this Village: for he sets forth the bounds thereof from **Holbrooke** to **Abon**, and so to **Amoe**; and beyond **Holbrooke**, from the way leading to **Warwick** from **Cobentre** overthwart the long hill, unto the way which goeth from **Wotton** to **Kenilworth** by **Hineleford**.

In 7 E. 1. **Tho. de Ednesoure**, one of the co-heirs of **Savage**, was certified to be Lord of this Hamlet, having here 1 mess. and half a yard land in demesne, with 3 Free-holders, who occupied 31 acres of land, and 2 acres of meadow, under a certain rent and suit of Court twice a year at **Ba-ginton**; besides ten acres of land, and 2 acres of meadow more, then held of him by the Hospital of **S. John** in **Cobentre**. But this was not all thereof: for in 19 E. 1. the Canons of **Warwick** had also 1 carucat of land here; which being given at first, as I guess, by Earl **Roger** to the Collegiat-Church there, by some exchange afterwards came to the Priory of **Kenilworth**. But that which the Canons of **Kenilworth** had, now belongeth unto the Grange called **Crosse-grange**, and so did (questionless) before the dissolution of that Monastery. As for the residue of this Hamlet which **Savage** had, it is so confounded with **Wotton**, that there is no distinction can be made thereof from that Lordship.

Hill-Wotton.

This place, (antiently written **Halls**) lying Southeast from **Wotton** about a mile, and reputed a member of it, taketh its name from the high situation thereof. The first mention I find of it, is not till the beginning of H. 3. time, where **Godwin** the son of **Godewin de Wotton**, gives to the Canons

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Woodcote.

THis being at first a single House, and seated amongst woods, whence it had that denomination, is now reduced to what it was at first, there being at present no more than the Mannour-house: but in the Conq. dayes, and long after, it had divers Inhabitants. At that time the E. of **Salisbury** posselt it; it being by the Survey^e then taken certified to contain two hydes, whereof one was the Free-hold of **Leuricm** before the Norman invasion, and the other of **Cantvin** and **Turbern**, having woods of a mile in length, and half a mile in breadth, all which were valued at 50 s. In that Record^e it is written **Wodecote**; and descended to **Robert** Earl of **Leicester**, the lineal heir to the said Earl of **Salisbury**, who held it in 20 H. 2. By which Earl it was given (I suppose) to **Rob. Boteler** (a great man in this County, and a principal Officer unto him, as in **Obersley** I shall shew) for his son, *sc.* **Raph. Boteler**, granted^e it to **John Belet** and his heirs, in 14 Joh. to hold of him and his heirs by the fourth part of a Kts. fee.

But this it seems was onely **Woodcote-inferior**; for by that name do I find it distinguish'd; the other, *viz.* **Woodcote-superior**, being held^f by **Simon de Turvill**, and **Roger de Craft**, of the Earls of **Warwick**, together with **Fulbroke** in this County, by half a Knights fee, in 20 H. 3. Which half Kts. fee was^g in the tenure of the same **Roger de Craft** and **John Mace** in 36 H. 3. And in^b 52 H. 3. of **Henry Hubaud**. Of this **Woodcote-superior** there were afterwards many Sharers: for in 7 E. 1. it appearsⁱ, that **Henry Hubaud**, **Hugh de Herdeberge**, **Robert Parson** of **Bedworth**, and **Dionysia Mace**, held it of the Earls of **Warwick** by the fifth part of a Kts. fee. And that **Woodcote-inferior** (granted^e to **Belet**, as abovesaid) was then held by **Rob. Masse** of **Raph Boteler** by the fourth part of a Kts. fee. Which **Robert** had there at that time xi tenants, who held 3 yard land and a half, with 3 acres and a half, at the will of the Lord, performing Aid at the Feast of **S. Mich.** and paying Scutage.

That which **Hugh de Herdebergh** had here, was, in 19 E. 2. seiled^k upon **John de Peyto** and **Alice** his wife (the heir of **Herdebergh**). And^l in 13 E. 3. upon **Sir Walter Hopson** Kt. and **Joan** his wife, and the heirs of the said **Sir Walter**, after the death of the same **John de Peyto**. But in 43 E. 3. I find^m, that **John Mauduit** held lxiii s. iiii d. yearly rent here, issuing out of several Tenements held by Copy of Court-Roll; which Tenements were then held of the D. of **Lancaster**, as of the Honour of **Leicester**. And that the said **John Mauduit**, and **Agnes** his wife, dying without issue male of their bodies, the said Tenements came to **Will.** the son and heir of **John de Molins**, and of **Egidia** his wife. Which **Will.** dyedⁿ seized of them in 4 R. 2. leaving **Sir Ric. Molins** Kt. his son and heir, then 24 years of age; whose grandchild **Alianore**, *sc.* daughter & heir to **Will.** his son, matching^p to **Rob. Hungerford**, brought this, with a fair Inheritance besides, unto that noble family.

From whence it came to **Hastings**, as it seems, **Edw.** Lord **Hastings**, taking to wife **Mary** the daughter and heir of **Sir Tho. Hungerford**: which **Edw.** had issue **George**, created^q E. of **Huntingdon**, 21 H. 8. who sold^r it, together with **Burton-**

Hastings in this County, unto **Tho. Harvye**, a rich Citizen of **London**; whereby it is descended, together with the same **Burton-Hastings**, unto **Sir Tho. Cotton**, now of **Connington**, in **Com. Hunt.** Baronet, from **Lucie** his great grandmother, one of the daughters and co-heirs to the said **Tho. Harvye**.

The last mention that I find^s of **Hubaud** in this place, is, that **Tho. Hubaud** in 6 E. 4. held the sixth part of a Kts. fee here of the E. of **Warwick**. Nor is there much more, that I have seen, memorable hereof, other than the complaint^t of our Countryman **Rous**, who reckons both these **Woodcotes** amongst the depopulated towns on this side the County.

Wedgnock-Park.

THis is one of the most antient Parks in **England**: for I find^u, that **Henry de Neuburgh**, the first E. of **Warwick** after the Conquest, in imitation of **K. H. 1.** who made the Park at **Woodstoke** (containing 7 miles in compass, and which was the first in **England**) did impark it; but at that time it contained no more than what now is called the **Old-Park**, the rest having been enlarged by the succeeding Earls; who had, as it seems, a Mannour here; for so it is called in that settlement^v made 31 H. 3. by **John de Plessers** E. of **Warwick** upon **Will. Mauduit** and **Alice** his wife. And concerning this place, I further find, that the tythes of the assarts here, as also of the paunage and venison, were by **Margery Mareschall**, Countess of **Warwick**, in H. 3. time; given^x to the Hospital of **S. Mich.** in **Warwick**, in pure alms. And, that in 26 E. 1. upon the extent^y of the lands belonging to **Will. Beauchamp** E. of **Warwick**, then deceased, it was certified, that he had here at **Wegenok**, besides the Park, containing xx acres, a little Pool, and eight acres of arable land: As also, that in 9 E. 2. the underwood of this Park did yeld^z 26 s. 8 d. per an. the herbage 10 s. and the paunage, with the Nuts, 6 s. 8 d. Howbeit, in those dayes the Park was but small, till **Tho. Beauchamp** E. of **Warwick** enlarged it with certain woods called **Wegenok-Doncle**, lying within the parish of **Hatton** and adjoining thereto, which he purchased^a of the Lady **Scolastica de Melfa**.

After which it continued to the succeeding Earls, even to the last of that family; but coming to the Crown, with the rest of their lands, was by **K. E. 6.** in 1. of his reign, granted^b with the Castle of **Warwick**, and divers other Mannours, unto **John Dudley** E. of **Warwick**: upon whose attainder, in 1 M. the **Q.** demised^c the herbage and paunage thereof to **Henry Jernegan**, for 30 years, at x marks per ann. And **Q. Eliz.** in 14 of her reign, past^d the inheritance of it, together with the wood called **Fernchill**, and the Mannour-house, named **Goodrest**, to **Fulk. Grevill** Esq; and his heirs. Which **Fulke** being created Lord **Brooke** by **K. James** (as I have elsewhere shewed) settled this, and many other lands, on **Rob. Grevill** his kinsman, now, (*sc.* 1640.) Lord **Brooke**, by virtue of an entail, with that Honour.

Touching the said Mannour-house called **Goodrest**, first built by **Tho. Beauchamp** (the second of that name) Earl of **Warwick**, in part of E. 3. and R. 2. time; I suppose it was so called, in

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d Pat. 4.
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In respect that some of the Countesses of **Warwick**, to avoyd much concourse of people, retired hither when they were near the time of Childbirth; for 'tis plain, that many of their children were born here, as I have elsewhere observed. But all the further mention that I find thereof, is, that K. H. 7. (the Earldome of **Warwick** being in his hands) granted the custody of it, with the Gardens and Waters in the Park, to *Edm. Belknap* Esq; of the body, for life.

Cuckow-Church.

THAT which beareth this name, is onely certain grounds lying within **Wedgwick**-park, where antiently stood a Chapel, which was of the Earl of **Warwick's** patronage. How long it is since that Chapel fell to ruine, is uncertain; but in 16 H. 7. the K. by his Letters Pat. dated 18 *March*, reciting, that it had been down to the ground of a long time; and that the place where it stood, with the Chapel-yard, had also been, and then was employed to prophane uses: As also, that there were no Inhabitants there which should rebuild it; to the intent that the same place, formerly so consecrated, might thenceforth be converted to pious uses, bestowed it on the Dean and Chapter of the Collegiat-Church in **Warwick**, and their successors, together with xls. yearly rent thereto belonging, formerly given to the said Chapel in recompence of the glebe pertaining thereto; which the Earls of **Warwick** had obtained in exchange for the said xls. rent. But the Village whereunto this Chapel did belong (many years since depopulated) was called **Rykmersberg**. [See more thereof in **Beaufall**.]

Blacklow-hill.

THere is nothing else memorable in the parish of **Wotton**, but **Blacklow-hill**, where the Earls of **Lanc.** and **Warwick**, having at **Dedington** in **Oxfordsh.** surprized *Piers de Gaveston*, Earl of **Cornwall** (a great Favourite to K. E. 2.) beheaded him without judgement of his Peers, or any course of Law, on the day of *S. Gervasius* and *Prochasius*, 7 E. 2. (scil. mense Junii) under the side of the hill, in the place where since that time stood a Cross called *Gaveston's-Cross*.

Guyes-Cliffe.

THIS being a great Cliff on the Western bank of **Avon**, was made a choyce of by that pious man *S. Dubritius* (who in the Brittons time had his Episcopal seat at **Warwick**) for a place of devotion; where he built an Oratory dedicated to *S. Mary Magd.* unto which, long after, in the Saxons dayes, did a devout Heremite repair; who finding the natural Rock so proper for his Cell, and the pleasant Grove, wherewith it is back'd, yeilding entertainment fit for solitude, seated himself here. Which advantages invited also the famous *Guy* (sometime E. of **Warwick**) after his notable achievements, having weaned himself from the deceitfull pleasures of this world, to retire

hither; where, receiving ghostly comfort from that Heremite, he abode till his death (as by my discourse of him in **Warw.** shall more fully be manifested.)

It seems that this place continued in the same condition for a long time afterwards: For I find, that in 8 E. 3. one *Thomas de Lewes*, being a Heremite here, had the K. Letters of protection for himself and all his goods; in which Record it is written *Gibbeclybe*. And that in 10 H. 4. one *John Burry*, at that time likewise Heremite here, had C. s. per ann. salary, for to pray for the good estate of *Ric. Beauchamp*, then E. of **Warw.** as also for the souls of the father & mother of the said Earl.

Whether it was out of respect to the memory of the famous *Guy*, before mentioned, or to view the rareness of its situation, I cannot say; but certain it is, that K. *Henry 5.* being on a time at **Warw.** came to see it, and did determine to have founded a Chantry here for 2 Priests, had he not been by death prevented. After which the before specified *Ric. Beauchamp* E. of **Warw.** bearing a great devotion to the place, whereupon then stood nothing but a small Chapel, and a Cottage in which the Heremite dwelt, in 1 H. 6. obtained license to do the like, sc. for 2 Priests, which should sing Mass in the Chapel there daily, for the good estate of him the said Earl and his wife, during their lives; and afterwards for the health of their souls, and the souls of all their parents, friends, with all the faithfull deceased. Of which Chantry *Will. Berkswell*, (afterwards Dean of the Collegiat-Church in **Warw.**) and one *John Bevington*, were the first Priests; for whole maintenance, and their successors, the said Earl in 9 H. 6. had license to grant the Mannour of **Athorne** in this County, with one mess. one carucat of land, and Cxviii s. x d. ob. yearly rent lying in **Whitnash** and **Wellesburne**. And because he thought not that enough, by his last Will and Testament he ordained, that in all hast after his decease, the remnant of what he had designed for his Chantry Priests there, should by his Executors be delivered, and made sure to them: And that the Chapel there, with the other buildings, should be new built, as he the said Earl had devised, for the wholsom and convenient dwelling of those Priests.

The costs of all which, with the consecration of the two Altars therein, as appeareth by the accounts of the said Executors, from the 28 to the 37 H. 6. amounted unto Clxxxiii l. v d. ob. Then did Earl *Richard*, in memory of the warlike *Guy*, erect that large Statue, there yet to be seen on the South side within that Chapel, the Figure whereof I have here exprest: And having raised a roof over the adjacent Springs, walled them with Stone.

Here was it also that our **Warwicksh.** Antiquary *John Rou* (whose portraiture likewise, exactly taken from an antient Roll, wherein it was drawn to the life by himself, I have represented) after he came from the University, lived, being a Chantry-Priest in this Chapel; and compiled his *Chron. de Regibus*, which I have so often quoted. Of whom, considering his special affection to, and knowledge in Antiquities, being loth to omit any thing which may do honour to his memory, I shall here observe, that for his parentage he was the son to *Geffrey Rou* of **Warwick**, but descended of the *Rousses* of **Winklow** in this County; and touching his education, course of life, and death, have transcribed what *Bale* from *Leland* hath exprest of him.

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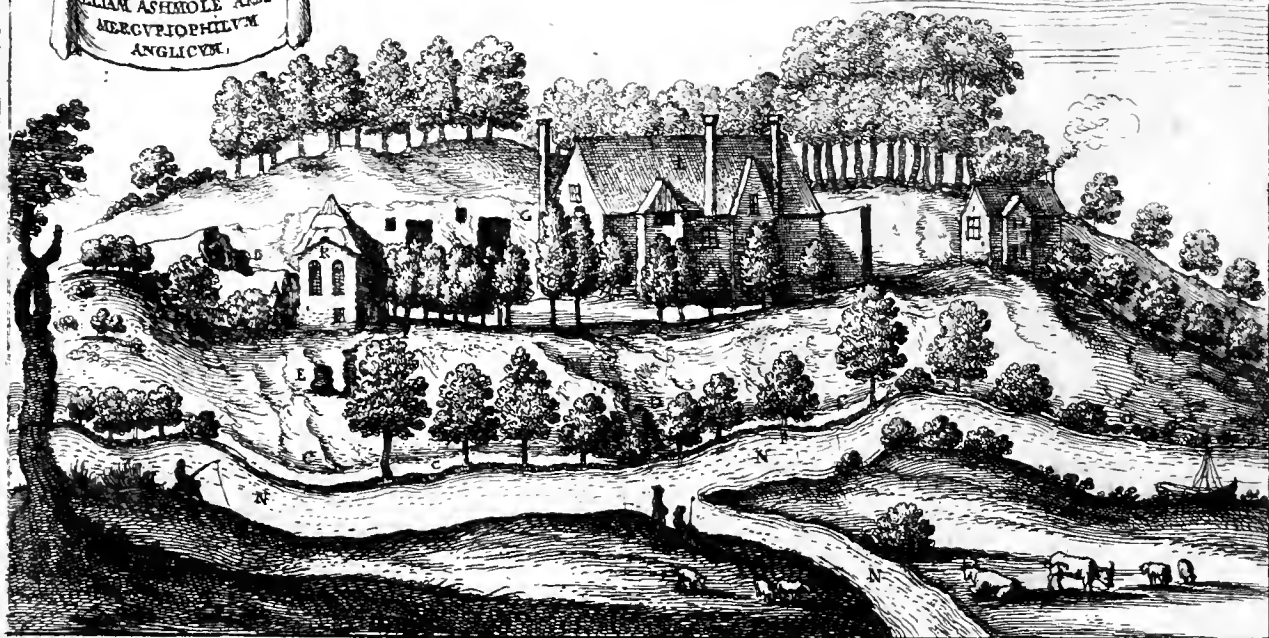
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The prospect of
Guye's Cliffe
from the meadows on
the north-east thereof,

- A. Guye's Cairn
- B. The alley over the Cairn
- C. The lower walks
- D. A Cliffe in the rock
- E. The Celler vnder the Chapell
- F. The Passage into the lower walks
- G. The great Celler in the Court
- H. Chambers in the rock
- I. The Still-house
- E. The Chapell
- I. The house
- M. The Springs
- N. The river Avon.



The Statue of
the sometime
famous Guy
standing here
wth in the Cha-
pell of Mary
Magdalen.

The portraicture of Iohn Rows, sometime
a Chantry-priest here, as it was taken from an
ancient Roll, drawne by himselfe; wherein the
pictures of the Earles of Warwick are also
curiously delineated.



Johannes Rouse, alias Rossus, Warwici urbe, magna olim celebritatis natus, simul & educatus fuit (ut Lelandus scribit) donec maturiores anni Philosophicos poscerent praeceptores. Tum vero Oxonium petiit, alium aliquid in re literaria inchoaturus: ubi, inter cetera, incredibili diligentia usus est in legendis authoribus, qui de nostris rebus scripserunt; unde tam exactam Britannica antiquitatis cognitionem sibi comparavit, ut multos, ex nostris, longo praeceperit intervallo. Perlustratis enim apud Anglos & Cambros omnibus ferè bibliothecis, copiosam rerum maximè memorabilium suppellectilem collegit; quae ne per incuriam dilaberetur, consulit se ad quietem, rem scripturienti imprimis necessariam. Est locus in colle positus, prope Avona fluminis ripam, distatq; à Warwico vix passibus mille: ubi constat Guidonem Warwicensem Comitem famosissimum illum, vitam olim vixisse solitariam. Hunc locum amenissimum Guidonicum-clivum ab eo appellatum, alto muro cinctum, annuente Rege Edw. quarto, Rossus homo minimè ambiciosus, unà cum vicinis aliquot fundulis, in possessionem accepit. Et parato in hunc modum honesto otio, atq; aurea fortuna mediocritate, expeditus & alacer, scribendi munus aggressus est: quod nunquam postea nisi cum ipsa vita deposuit. Quo longo tempore, multa Chartis commendavit, & in characteribus latinis: praecipue hac.

Antiquitates Warwici, lib. 1.

De Episc. Wigorn. lib. 1.

Vetustates Clvi-Guidonici, lib. 1.

De Comitibus Warwic. lib. 1.

De Academiis Britannicis, lib. 1.

Contra historiolum Cantabr. lib. 1.

Cronicon Warwicense, lib. 1.

Et opera quadam alia, sed imperfecta, moriens reliquit. Bibliothecam etiam instituit in ipsa australi porticu fani Mariae Warwici. Vixit usq; ad maturus annos Henrici septimi, ac Warwico demum obiit 14 Jan. Anno à Christi servatoris nativitate An. 1491. Sepultusq; est ibidem in dicto Mariae fano, ut ex inscripto Epitaphio apparet.

But of these his writings, most, I suppose, are perished, or in such obscure hands, that it is not known to me where they can be seen. Those only which are extant, being a Roll of the Earls of **Warwick** (wherein besides a brief Historie relating to each of them, their Pictures and Arms are with much curiosity depicted) and a Chronicle of the Kings of **England** reaching down to his own time.

But I return. A place this is of so great delight, in respect of the River gliding below the Rock, the dry and wholesome situation, and the fair Grove of lofty Elms overshadowing it, that to one, who desireth a retired life, either for his devotions or study, the like is hardly to be found, as *Leland* in his MS Itinerary, made temp. H. 8. doth well observe. It is a House (saith he) of pleasure, a place meet for the Muses: There is silence, a pretty wood, *Antra in vivo saxo*, the River rousing over the stones with a pretty noyse, *nemusculum ibidem opacum, fontes liquide & gemmei; prata florida, antra muscosa, rivi levis & per saxa discursus; necnon solitudo & quies Musis amicissima.*

Several Caves are there hewn out of the firm Rock; one of which, if we may believe tradition, was made by the renowned *Guy*, when he was an Heremite here. In 26 H. 8. by the Survey then taken, the lands belonging to this Chantry were

certified to be worth xvii l. ii s. liii d. per annum, over and above all reprises, *Nich. Lauder* and *Tho. Moore* being then the Priests that served therein. But by another Survey, in 37 H. 8. the value, over and above reprises, was certified to be xix l. x s. vi d. All which, viz. Chapel, Buildings, and Possessions thereunto belonging, were, by *Tho. Moore* and *Rog. Higham*, Priests of that Chantry (the Ks. License being thereunto had and obtained) granted unto *Sr. Andrew Flammeck* Kt. and his heirs, the 4 day of June, 1 E. 6. Whose son *Will. Flammeck* dying seized of them, 11 July, 2 Eliz. left *Kath.* his daughter and heir, then ab ut 3 years of age: The particular lands belonging thereto, being 15 mess. 500 acres of land, 50 acres of meadow, and 20 acres of pasture, situate in *Guyes-cliff, Awoyne, and Whitnash*, as by that Inquisit. appeareth.

The Chapel here was dedicated to *S. Mary Magd.* as the grant thereof by *Q. Eliz.* to *J. Colburne* in 21 of her reign, manifesteth; and is in the parish of *S. Nich.* in the suburbs of **Warwick**. This *John* wedded the said *Kath.* the daughter and sole heir of *Will. Flammeck* before mentioned. And of him was it purchased (as I have heard) by *Will. Hudson* of **Warwick**; whose daughter and heir, *Hersula*, brought it in marriage unto *Sir The. Beaufort* of **Embsay** Kt. in which family it still continues.

Within the precincts of **Guyes-cliff** there is nothing more but the Mill; which, as I have formerly shewed, was in being at the Norman Conquest; and afterwards given by *Geffr. de Clinton* (the second) to *Gilebert Nutricium*, of whom I shall speak in **Lemington**: in which grant it is called *Molendinum de Chibbesle*. How the said *Gilbert* parted with it, appears not; but I find, that *Henry de Clinton*, son to the said *Geffrey*, mortgaged it to *Randolph de Cotton* for ten pounds of silver. It seems that the same *Geffr.* bestow'd it on the Canons of **Kentworth**; for so doth the confirmation of *Henry* his son, made to them thereof, imply; whereby he grants unto them therewith, both the Miller and his Children, in which it is written *Kibblesle*. And yet it can hardly be said that he gave it; for by his deed it appears, that the same Canons discharged xx marks of silver which the said Miller was tyed to pay; as also 2 marks of silver yearly to the said *G. de Clinton* during his life. But in 7 E. 1. I find, that the Prior of **Kentworth** had two Mills here; which, after the dissolution of the Monasteries, were granted to *Ric. and Tho. Lawley*, and their heirs.

Milverton.

Somewhat lower, on the Southeast side of **Abon**, stands **Mildeston**, wherein the E. of **Mellent** held 2 hydes, excepting 1 virgat, and a Mill valued at 50 s. as appears by the Conq. Survey: all which was then rated at 5 s. having been the Freehold of one *Leuwinus* before the Norman invasion; but in that Record it is written **Malbertone**, which shews that it originally had its name from some ancient possessor thereof. That most of the said E. of **Mellent**'s lands, in this County, came to the Earls of **Warwick**, is plain enough: but how or when this place was disposed of by those Earls, considering that we have so little light touching those elder times, I am not able directly to shew.

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The first & most ancient mention thereof, that I have met with, is, that *Roger Earl of Warwick*, upon his foundation of the Collegiat-Church in *Warwick* (which was in *An. 1123. 23. H. 1.*) gave, *inter alia*, for the maintenance of the Canons there, half a hide in *Spilbertone* (so it is there, written) and all the tithes of those lands there, which were of his fee. What proportion of this village *Geffrey de Clinton* (the Founder of *Kenilworth Castle*) had I cannot say; but that he enjoyed a part thereof is certain: for upon his death-bed he gave command to *Geffrey* his son, that he should render two yard land, lying here in *Spilbertone* to *Ermenfride de Ponte* his servant; which was done accordingly. After this, and very antiently, doe I find, that there were three Lords of this Town; viz. *Astley*, *Spigurnell*, and the third a Prebend of the Collegiat-Church in *Warwick*, each possessing a distinct share, as I shall shew anon. And that, what *Astley* had here, was given to their family in *H. 1. time*, as is evident from what I have already said in *Astley*.

But the first mention I find of *Spigurnell* is in *12. Joh.* where *Rob. de Milverton* levied a Fine of two yard land here, to *Walter Spigurnell* and *Celestina* his wife. Whether this was all that *Spigurnell* had here, I cannot determine; but I believe it was the two yard land which the above mentioned *G. de Clinton* posselt.

This village hath antiently been accounted within the Parish of *Wotton*; for in King *John's* time *G. Muschamp* Bishop of *Cobentre*, upon the appropriation of the Church of *Wotton* to the Canons of *Kenilworth*, granted unto them one-ly one mark yearly out of the Chappell of *Spilberton*: But Parishes being not perfectly settled till about the later end of that Kings reign (as in *Church ober* I have shewed,) this Chappell, in the beginning of *H. 3. time*, grew to the reputation of a Church; for by that name did the above mentioned *Walter Spigurnell* and *Celestina* pass the advouson thereof to the Canons of *Kenilworth* in *16. H. 3.* Which family of *Spigurnell* having their seat at *Emscote* in this Parish, held that place, together with *Spilberton*, of the Honour of *Leicester* by half a Knightsfee in *55. H. 3.*

But *Astley* enfeof't *Trussell* of the most part that he had here; which might be the occasion that *Ric. Trussell* took part with *Thomas de Astley*, one of the rebellious Barons in *H. 3. time*; for I find, that the same *Richard* was slain in the battail of *Evesham* with the said *Thomas*, in *49. H. 3.* Howbeit, the residue of *Astley's* lands in this place, were by *Thomas Lord Astley* (*inter alia*) given in *11. E. 3.* for the foundation of a Chantry in the Parish-Church of *Astley*, as I have there manifested: which afterwards, when the said Chantry, being augmented with greater possessions, was changed into a Collegiat-Church, were by the said Lord *Astley* assigned for the maintenance of one of the Canons therein, and called the Prebend of *Spilberton*.

In *7. E. 1.* it was certified, that *John Spigurnell*, *Will. Trussell*, and *Raph de Hengham* were Lords of *Spilberton*; and that the said *John* held his share therein (*Emscote* being joyned therewith) of *Elene la Zouch* by the service of half a Knights fee. [which *Elene* was one of the coheirs of *Roger Quincy. E. of Winchester*, who had part of the Honour of *Leicester* in right of *Margaret*

his mother, one of the coheirs to the last of those ancient Earls.] By that Record it also appears, that the same *John* had two yard land here in demesne, and five servants, who held one yard land, an half, and a fourth part by servile tenure, as above-said: and *12. Cortiers* holding one Carucat at the will of the Lord: And that the Mill was then held by *John de Astele* of the said Sir *Andrew* for the yearly rent of *v. marks* and a half, and two strikes of *Eeles* to *Will. Trussell*. And lastly, that *Raph de Hengham* held his share of the Earl of *Warwick*, viz. two yard land, which four Freeholders then occupied, being a Prebend of the Collegiat-Church in *Warwick*: howbeit, in *9. E. 2.* there was no other certified to be Lord of *Spilberton* but *Will. Trussell*; and yet, in *20. E. 3.* *Maud Spigurnell* answered for the sixt part of a Knights fee here and in *Emscote*, which she held of the Honour of *Winchester*.

From which *Will.* descended Sir *Allured Trussell* Knight (as in *Willesey* appeareth.) Who in *6. R. 2.* entayled this Mannour (for by that name it is recorded) upon the heires male of his body, with remainder to Sir *Fouke Pembruge* Knight, and *Margaret* his wife, and the heires of the said *Margaret*. Whether the descendants of the said Sir *Allured* past away their right therein; or if so; when and to whom, I cannot say: for I find, that they continued posselt of a great part of this village till *H. 8. time*, *Thomas Trussell* then dying leyzed of ten messuages, *xx. yard land*, *xxx. acres* of meadow, *xx. acres* of pasture, and a water-mill, all situate within the precincts thereof, leaving *Allured* his grandchild and heir four years of age. But *Spigurnell's* part came at length to the *Hugfords* by purchase, as I guess: for in *12. H. 4.* *Rob. Hugford* esq. obtained a Charter of *Free-warren* in all his demesne lands that he then had in possession or reversion, here, and in *Emscote*. To which *Robert* succeeded *Thomas*; who in *10. H. 6.* was certified to be Lord thereof, with *Emscote*; and that he held it by the sixt part of a Knights fee: but since that time it is divided by a daughter and coheir of *Hugford* to the *Beaufoes*, (as in *Emscote* I shall shew) and continueth unto them untill this day.

That the Church was antiently a Chappell belonging to *Wotton*, I have already manifested, being afterwards appropriated to the Canons of *Kenilworth*, and endowed with *xv. acres* of land; but of the Vicaridge there hath not been any Ordination, considering its vicinity to *Kenilworth*, whence the Prior usually sent a Priest to serve the Cure, to whom he allowed the small tithes and offerings for his pains; which in *26. H. 8.* were certified to be worth *vi li. per annum*.

Emscote.

Here is now no more left than the Mannour-house, the rest having been long since depopulated. The first mention I find thereof, is, that *Walter Spigurnell*, in a grant to the Monks of *Combe* of certain common of pasture within his fee of *Spilberton*, calls himself of this place, then written *Edulscote*: which shews, that one *Edulfus* was antiently owner thereof. But upon collection of the Aid in *20. H. 3.* it is written *Edel-mescote*, and so by contraction in pronouncing, now

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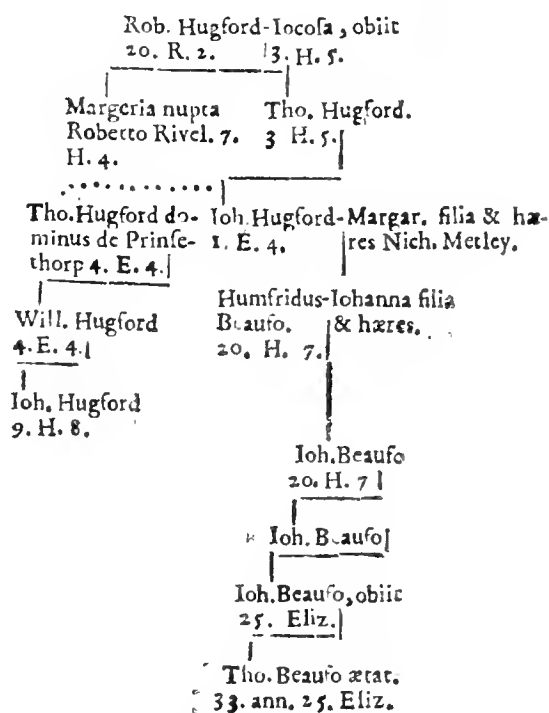
now made **Comescote**. Of which family, *scil.* **Spigurnell**, there were these that had to do here; *viz.* **Walter**, who lived in **King John's** time, and **beginning of H. 3.** **James**, against whom **Will. Trussell**, in **37. H. 3.** brought an **Affise** for common of pasture in this village, then written **Coelbecote**; and **John Spigurnell** in **55. H. 3.** Who, in **7. E. 1.** was certified to be Lord thereof, holding it of **Elen la Souch**, (one of the coheirs to whom part of the Honour of **Leicester** descended, as I have intimated in **Wilberton**,) by suit of Court twice a year.

Which **John**, held here a certain meadow then in demesne, paying to **Will. Trussell** a mark yearly, and as much to the Prioreſs of **Grace-Dieu**; and had five servants holding two yard land and a fourth part by a certain Rent, and performing severall services; *viz.* reaping, mowing, carrying Hay and corn, gathering of stubble, harrowing, &c. And two Cottiers holding two Cottages for certain Rent, and Hay-making. To whom succeeded **Henry Spigurnell**; who in **1. 2. 4.** and **11. E. 2.** was in Commission for taking Affises of **Novel disseisin**, and for the Gaol-delivery at **Warwick**. But after him I have not seen more of any male branch of this family; nor female, except **Maud Spigurnell**; who, in **20. E. 3.** held the sixth part of a Knights fee here and in **Wilberton**, of the Honour of **Winchester**.

The next possessor of this manour, that I have met with was **Will. Revell** (descended from the **Revells** of **Petebold-Rebell**, as in the Pedegree there inserted is manifest) that dyed without issue, leaving **Joan** his filter and heir, wife to **Geffrey Reynolds**; by whom she had issue **Richard**; who, affecting his mothers name, called himself **Revell**. Which **Joan** in her widowhood married to **Will. Atelberge**, a Citizen of **Cobentre**, and party to the Covenants of Marriage betwixt the said **Ric. Revell** his son in law, and **Margery** the daughter of **Robert Huggeford** in **7. H. 4.** What this **Richard Revell** was by his profession or practice appears not; but he kept not this Lordship long: for in **9. H. 4.** he levied a Fine thereof to the abovementioned **Rob. Hugford** (his father in law) and **Joyce** his wife, and to the heirs of the said **Robert**: And by his deed of Release, dated **18. Maii** the same year, wherein he calls himself **Ric. filius Galfridi Reynald de Comescote, alias dictus Ric. filius Johanna filia Willielmi Ryvell**, confirmed to the said **Robert Hugford**, and **Joyce**, and the heirs of the said **Robert** all his right therein. Which **Robert** obtained a Charter of **Free-warren** in all his demesne lands here, and in **Wilberton**, dated **12. Dec. 12. H. 4.** in whose male line it continued till the beginning of **H. 7.** time, and then by a daughter and coheir came to **Beaufo**.

But before this **Robert Hugford** I have not seen any thing of their name in this County; howbeit, in **Shropshire** there was an ancient family of them. And, if I may have liberty to guess at the originall of this man's advancement to so good a fortune in **Warwickshire**, I shall conclude it to have been through his relation to **Thomas Beauchamp** Earl of **Warwick**: For it appears that in **20. R. 2.** he was **Custos Hospitii**; *id est* **Comptroller** of the household unto the said Earle; who, by his Letters Pat. (for so they are termed) bearing date at **Warwick** **26. Apr. 1. H. 4.** granted unto him, by the title of his beloved Esquire, for his good service done and to be done, as well to him the said Earle, as unto

Richard Beauchamp his son, an Annuity of **8 li.** to be yearly received during his life, out of the said Earles Mannour of **Wike** near **Perthore** in **Com. Wigorn.** And upon the last day of the said moneth of **April**, in the same year, I find that this **Robert** was retained by Indenture to serve the said Earle, and his son **Richard**, all his life, as well in Peace as Warr, receiving for his wages in time of Peace **7 li. per annum** out of the issues and profits of the said Mannour of **Wike**; but upon these further Covenants; *viz.* to come to the said Earle, or his said son, whensoever he should be required, in times of peace, with a Groom and two Horses during his day.



That in time of Warr he should receive from the said Earle or his son **xx li.** for his wages; whereof half to be payd at the beginning of the Warr, and the rest quarterly as long as he did continue therein. That he should be well and sufficiently armed, arrayed, and horsed for the warr, suitable to his degree with one Yeoman, 2. Grooms and 4. Horses, and to have dyet for himself, and livery for his said servants and Horses: but that the said Earle or his son should have the third part of whatsoever he the said **Robert** or his men did gain by the war which did exceed the value of ten Franks. And if he or they hapned to take any prisoners, he should not permit them to be ransomed without the consent of the said Earle or his son. And lastly, that himself with his Men and Horses should be upon all occasions shipt to and fro at the charge of the said Earle.

In **3. H. 4.** he was Receivour general to the same Earle; and the same year joyned in Commission with the Shiriff, for levying and collecting the Aid in this County, for marriage of **Blanch** the Ks. eldest daughter. In **5. H. 4.** he served as one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then holden. And in **9. H. 4.** was Surveyour of all the said Earles lands.

To which **Robert** succeeded **Thomas** his son and heir; who being **21.** years of age at the death of **Joyce** his mother **3. H. 5.** had livery of this Mannor the year following. This **Thomas**, in **5. H. 5.** was one of the Councill to the before specified Earle **Richard**; and in **7.** being one of those in this County certified to bear ancient Armes from his Ance-

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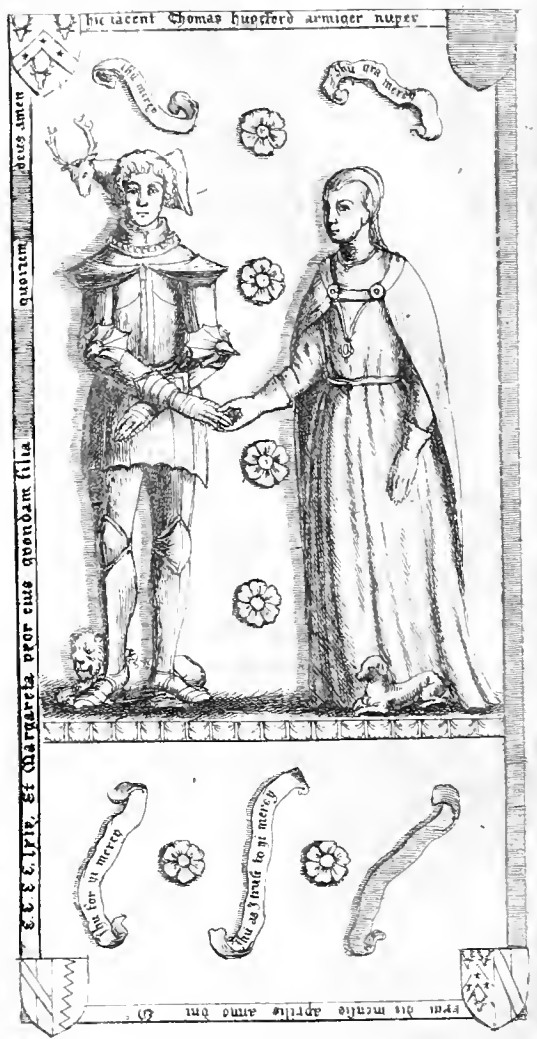
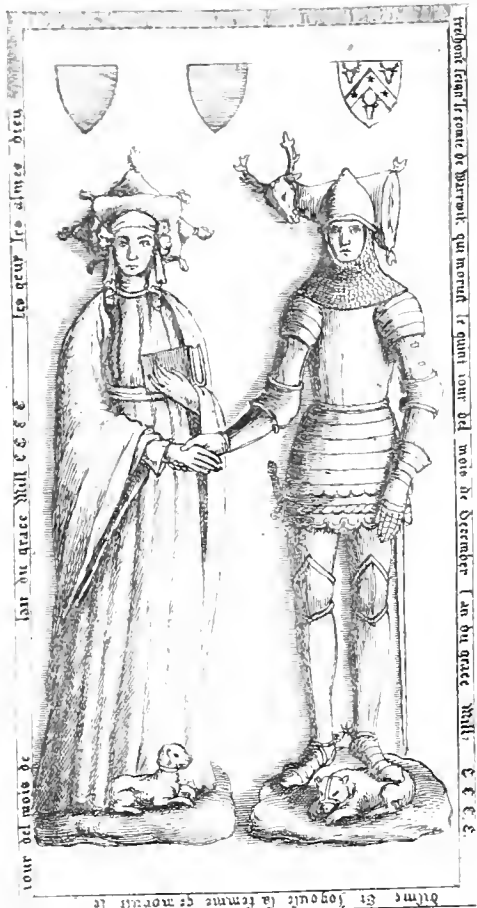
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flours, was then, amongst others, appointed to attend the King in person, in his wars for the defence of the Realm: As also in 12. H. 6. constituted one of the Justices of Peace in this County; in which year he is reckoned & with the chiefest of those that took their Oaths for performance of such Articles as were ordained in the Parliament then held. In 14. H. 6. he was employed for assessing a xv. and tenth in this County; And in 17. joyned in Commission with Richard Duke of *York* and divers other persons of quality, to take custody of all the Castles, Lordships, Mannours &c. whereof Richard Beauchamp Earl of *Warwick* dyed seized, in respect of the minority of *Henry*, son and heir to the said Earl, having been feoffee, Surveyor, and Receiver & general to the said Earl for all his lands, as his father was; as also one of his Executors.

In 19. H. 6. he was one of the Commissioners appointed to treat with the people for a loan to the King. In 20. one of the Knights for this Shire in Parliament. And upon renewing the Commissions for the peace in this County, from 17. till 27. H. 6. still joyned therein. He was also Constable and Governour of *Warwick-Castle*; and Supervisor of all the fishings, pools, and Swans belonging to *Henry* Duke of *Warwick* in this County and *Staffordshire*. In consideration whereof he had an annuity granted to him by the said Duke's Letters Pat. dated 5. Junii 24. H. 6. And in 28. H. 6. in Commission about levying the Subsidy then granted to the King in Parliament. So likewise, from 30. H. 6. till 9. E. 4. upon all renewings of the Commissions for the Peace, made one. As also Squier of the body to the K. E. 4. and to Richard Nevill Earl of *Warwick* Surveyor of his lands.

And as his publick employments were very great, so were *John Hugford* his son's; whom I find in 34. H. 6. Steward to Richard Nevill Earl of *Warwick*: As also a Justice of peace in this County from 1 E. 4. during the whole reign of that K. and of his brother K. Richard 3. as appears by the Records of their times. This *John*, having been Sheriff of the Countyes of *Warwick* and *Leic.* in 12. and 18. E. 4. in consideration of the acceptable services which the said King acknowledged he had done, was constituted Constable of *Warwick-Castle*: as also Steward of *Warwick*, and all the Lordships in this Shire, then in the King hands, in respect of the minority of *Edward* son to *George* Duke of *Clarence* (by reason of the Earldome of *Warwick*.) Which office, together with the place of Surveyour of all the Parks and Chases in this County, King Richard 3. by his Letters Pat. dated 15. Nov. granted also to the said *John* and *Humphrey Beaufort* esq. in regard of the minority of the aforesaid *Edward*. He was also a great Benefactor to the Abby of *Stoneley*, as appears by the large quantity of land given & thereunto by him, lying in *Athor*, and other places.

And, having much augmented his fortune by the marriage of *Margaret*, daughter and heir to *Nicholas Metley* (as in *Wolston* and *Perston* I have shewed) departed this life on the feast day of S. *Nicholas* the B. 1 H. 7. leaving issue by the said *Margaret* three daughters, which were his heirs; viz. & *Jean* married to *Humphrey Beaufort* of *Bereford*-S. *John* in *Driford* shire esq. *Alice* to *Richard Cotes* esq. and *Anne* to *Gerard Danet* esq. upon the partition of whose lands, this, with *Spilberton*, came to *John Beaufort*, son and heir to *Humphrey Beaufort*.

so above mentioned, and *Joan* the eldest daughter of the said *John Hugford*. Which *John* in 20. H. 7. had livery of his inheritance without proof of his age; (that is to say of all the lands descended to him from *Humphrey Beaufort* his father, *Joan* his mother, and *Gerard Danet*; which *Gerard* was tenant by the curtesy to such lands as belong'd to *Anne* his wife another of the daughters and heires to the said *John Hugford*;) and departing this life on *Michaelmas* day Anno 1516. (8 H. 8.) lyeth buried, together with the severall *Hugfords* before specified, in the South part of the Collegiate Church at *Warwick*, as their Monuments, which I have here exactly represented, do manifest. From whom is lineally descended *Henry Beaufort* esq. Lord of this Mannour Anno scil. 1640.

Willoughby.

Here, at *Embsay*, it is, that *Avon* is enlarged by the confluence of *Leame*; which having its head in *Northamptonshire* (about *Wyannston* and *Dabentre*) entrench *Warwickshire* betwixt *Wolshamcote* and *Willoughby*. Touching its name, I mean the etymologie, it may seem to be derived from the Greek word *Avon* which signifyeth a pool or lake; for our antient Saxon language is affirmed by very learned men in both, to have its originall from the Greek. Neither is this conjecture improbable; for as much as this River is of a muddy disposition, having some standing holes, in the nature of lakes or ponds in sundry places thereof. And we find at this day, that divers of those artificial Rivers in *Cambrygshire* antiently cut to drayn the *Fens*, do bear the name of *Leame*, as *Waterley-leame*, *Pew leame*, *Porton's-leame*, &c. being all muddy channells through which the water hath a dull and slow passage. But leaving the better interpretation thereof, to those that have more skill, I come to *Willoughby*.

The occasion of this Towns name is evident enough, the last syllable, *scil. Bye* in the old English signifying a Village, as we use it in some sence to this day, calling those orders which are made in a Court-Baron *Bye-Laws*, i. e. the Town-Laws; and the first, *willough*, importing that divers of such trees did antiently grow there. In the Conq. time most of it was in the possession of *Turchill de Warwick*; and the rest, of *Hugh Grentemaisnill*: howbeit the proportion which each had, doth not directly appear, for as much as it is in the Record confounded with other places: But it is there written *willebere*, *willebes*, and *willebec*; which last, if it were the originall name, must be interpreted the *willough-book*; for *Bec* in the Saxon signifieth a little stream.

How it came into the Kings hands I have not seen; but it seemes that King H. 1. posselt it, and enfeoffed one *Wigan* his servant of 12. yard land here, in Sergeanty, then valued at xii li. which Sergeanty as well included lands in *Dunburgh*, *Thurlaston*, and *Hulle*, as this; viz. to find at his proper costs a man in harness for the Kings service, with two Horses in every Army of his within *England* and *wales*. Which *Wigan* held this *willoughby* all his life; From whom it descended to *Raph* his son and heir; and from *Raph* to *Will*. and from *Will*. to *Ivo*. Which *Ivo* dying without issue it reformed to *Thurstan* his uncle, who granted the

whole Mannour, with the advouſon of the Church to the Hoſpittall of *S. John*, without the Eaſt-gate in *Drfozd*, founded by King *Henry 3.* in 17. of his reign, *ut ibidem infirmi & peregrini, ſua remedium recipere neceſſitas u.*

In this town there was alſo one *Henry Waltham*, who held one carucat of land and xvii s. yearly rent, here, by Sergeanty; viz. to be the Kings Marshall in the Court of Common-Pleas: which *Henry* in 5. H. 3. payd ten marks for his Relief due for the land above mentioned, and formerly belonging to *Will. Wigan* his Uncle.

But beſides the Mannour ſo granted by the ſaid *Thurſtane* to that Hoſpittall, was there given thereunto, by *Peter* the ſon of the ſame *Thurſtan*, all that he had here, which did belong to the before ſpecified *Tvo* (there called *Tvo de Shraule*; for he was alſo owner of *Shrewſley* in this County:) As alſo the advouſon of the Church by *Gilbert de Segrave*: ſo that, in 32. H. 3. the Guardian and Brethren of the ſaid Hoſpittall, being poſſeſt of ſuch a fair proportion of lands in this place, obtained a Charter for a weekly *ſerocate* here, on the Tueſday; and a *faſt* once every year to laſt for 2. days; viz. the Munday and Tueſday in *Whitſomweek*. Neither was this all: for it appears, that in 53. H. 3. *John* the ſon of *Peter*, ſon to the before mentioned *Thurſtane*, gave thereunto one meſſuage, and one carucat of land more, lying within the precincts of this Village; as alſo all his right to the patronage of the Church. And that in E. 1. time, a family bearing the name of *Hamund*, and here reſiding, were good Benefactors thereto; Of which was one *Richard Hamund*, alſo Clerk, ſtiled eſquier in 23 H. 6. who then held the whole Mannour by Leaſe of the ſaid Guardian and Brethren.

But I further find, that *Will. Wainſlete* Biſhop of *Lincheſter* having in 26. H. 6. began the foundation of *Wagdale College* in *Drfozd*, in the very place where the ſame Hoſpittall ſtood, did in 35. of the ſame Kings reign, obtain from the ſaid Maſter and Brethren the grant of this Lordſhip, whereunto it hath ever ſince continued, being poſſeſt by the Preſident and Fellows thereof at this day; yet conſtantly leaſed out to the deſcendants of the ſaid *Richard Clerke*, men of a fair eſtate here. Of which family were *Edward* and *Hierome* (viz. ſons of *Henry Clarke*;) the former, father to *William Clerke* of this place deceased; *Henry Clerke* of *Rochester* in *Kent*, now Sergeant at the Law; as alſo of *Samuel Clerke* of *Kingthorpe* in *Porthamptonſhire* Doſtor of Divinity, and one of the Chaplains in ordinary to King *James* and King *Charles*, (who wedded *Margaret* one of the daughters to *William Peyto* late of *Cheſterton* in this County eſquire:) And the later of *John Clerke* of *Gilsborough* in *Porthamptonſhire* Counſellour at Law, and Bencher of *Lincolns-Inne* (an. ſcil. 1640. From which *Richard*, Sir *George Clerke* of *Watford* in *Com.* *Porthampton Kt.* As alſo *John* now merchant of *London* (nephew to the ſame Sir *George*;) and tenant to this Mannour from that Colledge are likewiſe deſcended.

Nor may I omit to take notice, that of this family was alſo the famous Sir *John Clerke* in H. 8. time (as conſtant tradition ſtill affirmeth;) who having taken the Duke of *Longvile* priſoner, at the battail of *Spurs*, was for that ſignall ſervice rewarded by the King with an honourary addition to his Armes; viz. in the ſiniſter part of the ſhield a Canton azure with a demi *Ram ſaliant Argent*, two flower de

Luces Or in chief, and over all a baſton trunked, as appeareth on his Monument at *Lame* in *Drfozdſhire*. Which Armes; viz. *Argent on a bend gules, between three pellets as many Swans proper*, is ſtill born by theſe Clerk's before mentioned, as well as by the immediat deſcendants to the ſaid Sir *John*, now reſiding at *weſton* by *Lame* beforementioned, and at *Crowton* in *Porthamptonſhire*.

The Church (dedicated to *S. Nicholas*) being very antiently appropriated to the ſaid Hoſpittall of *S. John*, without the Eaſt gate in *Drfozd*, as by the Inſtitutions to the Vicaridge may ſeem, was in an. 1291. 19. E. 1. valued at viii. marks; And in 26. H. 8. the Vicaridge at ix li. iv s. iv d. To this Church did one *John Haward* in 15 H. 6. give one meſſ. lying withing the precincts of *Wiltoughby*; as alſo 20. Acres of land, ſituated in *Latteherdewick* and *Bradwell*, for the finding of a Lamp to burn therein for ever.

Patroni Vicariae

Incumbentes.

<i>Henr. Trunket Pbr.</i> 24. Langt. f. 3. b.	
<i>Martii</i> 1311.	
<i>Will. de Alſepath Cap.</i> 12. Ib. f. 33. a.	
<i>Cal. Sept.</i> 1312.	
<i>Will. Pyndere Cap.</i> 3. Cal. Northb. 47. b.	
<i>Feb.</i> 1348.	
<i>Joh. de Garſyndon Pbr.</i> 29. Sk. f. 2. April. 1388.	
<i>Magiſter Hoſp. S. Joh. Oxon.</i> 1417.	
<i>Will. Barſlot Cap.</i> 15. Oct. Bull. f. 6. b.	
<i>Michaell James</i> 10. Junii Heyw. f. 26. a.	
1431.	
<i>Will. Pygete Pbr.</i> 16. Junii Ibid. 1431.	
<i>Joh. Mervyn Pbr.</i> 2. Apr. Ib. f. 34. b.	
1436.	
<i>Will. Thomſone Pbr.</i> 3. Ib. f. 41. Sept. 1443.	
<i>Ric. Stokysley</i> 1. Febr. 1505. Bl. f. 4. a.	
<i>Will. Humfrey, in art. Mr.</i> ult. Febr. 1521. Ib. f. 7. b.	
<i>Tho. Gardiner Cler.</i> 9. Martii 1547. Sampſ. f. 4. a.	
<i>Gedeon Hancock Cler.</i> 23. Junii 1578. Sampſ. B. f. 47. b.	
<i>Gideon Hancock Cler.</i> 3. Febr. 1585. Bundell. I.	
<i>Rob. Wilton Cler.</i> ult. Junii 1602. Overton bund. C.	
<i>Henr. Clerke in art. Mr.</i> 15. Maii 1621. Morton bund. incert.	

Dunchurch.

Next come to *Dunchurch*, containing theſe Hamlets; viz. *Cauſton*, *Toſte*, and *Thurlaſton*, the laſt of which extends it ſelf to the very bank of *Leame*. In the Conquerours time *Oſhermus fil. Ricardi* (of whom I ſhall ſpeak in *Alton-Cantlow*) poſſeſt it: but in *Domeſday-Book* it is written *Doncerce*, and certified to contain five hides valued at C s. of which before the Conqueſt one *Ulmarius* was owner. As for the originall of the name, 'tis evident enough; *Done* or *Dune*, ſignifying in our old Engliſh, a Hill, and *Cerce* a Church, which agrees with the ſituation thereof.

In King *Stephen's* time I find that *Hengelramus Clement*, being Lord of it, gave to the Monks of *Stowell* his demeſn lands lying in the fields here;

here; which grant *Will. Clement* his son ratified; who likewise bestowed the advowson of the Church upon them, *Richard Peche*, then Bishop of *Coventre* confirming the same. But whether it was the said *Hengelram* or his father, who became first enfeoffed of this Lordship by the descendants from the before specified *Osbernus*, I cannot directly affirm: yet, that it was one of them is not to be doubted; for as much as by many Records it is evident, that the posterity of the said *Hengelram* held it of the Honour of *Ricard's Castle* in *Herefordshire* (which belong'd to the said *Osbern* and his family, who assumed the name of *Say*) by half a K^es. fee.

But from the before specified *Will. Clement*, it came to *John Dunheved*, in right of *Christian* his wife, heir to the said *William*. Which *John*, upon the death of the then Incumbent, had a purpose to have entered upon the rights of the Church; howbeit, the Abbot of *Pipwell* being advertised thereof, got a great number of men, Horse, and foot, and kept possession of it by force: whereupon the said *John* forbore to prosecute his intention; yet afterwards the Monks and he came to an Agreement; so that, with *Christian* his wife, he did by a Fine in 31 H. 3. quit his right in the advowson thereof to the said Monks.

Within the precincts of this Lordship, was the same *Wigan*, of whom I have spoke in *Willoughby*, enfeoff'd by K. H. 2. with 8. yard land; whose son *Kaph* bestowed upon these Monks of *Pipwell* 7. yard land and a half thereof; giving the residue to the Church of this place: In consideration whereof, the said Monks made him partaker of all the Prayers and benefits of their Order; and covenanted to receive him to be a Monke in their Covent, or else his brother, in case either of them should be willing to live a regular life: And besides all this, gave unto him 27. marks of silver; to his mother 2. Cows with Calves; to *Thurstan* his brother, a Horse; and to *Wigan*, his other brother, xii d. Which Monks, having so large a portion, did in 11 E. 1. (inter alia) obtain a Charter of *Free-warren* in all their demesne lands here.

In 28 E. 1. two parts of this Mannour were settled by the before specified *John Dunheved* upon himself and *Enstachia* his wife for their lives; the remainder to *Stephen* their son. Which *John* in 29. E. 1. (with divers other persons of note) had summons to attend the K. with Horse and Armes, at *Warwick* upon *Twede*, on the feast day of the *Nativity* of *S. Jo. Bapt.* to march against the Scots. To this *John* succeeded *John* his younger son (*Stephen* being dead as it seems;) who in 11 E. 2. entered into Covenants with *Sir John Peche* Kt. (Lord of *Hampton* in *Arden*) to prosecute suit at the costs & charges of the said *Sir John*, touching this and other Mannours, as his right by inheritance, against whomsoever should lay claim thereto: and, having cleared his title, to enfeoff the said *Sir John Peche* of them, to the use of him the said *Sir John* and his heirs. In consideration whereof, the same *Sir Jo.* covenanted to find & provide for the said *Jo. Dunheved*, during his life, a Robe of the same suite, that he gave his Esquiers; and in time of peace to furnish him with a Horse & a Groom, in such sort as he allowed to the rest of his servants of that rank; but in *War* with two Horses and Grooms, and one Horse armed in like fashion as he did to others; paying to him the said *John* x li. per annum quarterly, at *Hampton* in *Arden* before specified. Which Agreement bears date the Sunday after *S. Luke* the Evangelist, the year before mentioned.

After this, viz. in 19 E. 2. I find that *Edm. de Verdon*, and *Agnes* his wife, did by their deed, dated 16. Sept. grant to the said *Sir John Peche* and *Alianore* his wife, and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten, this Mannour of *Dunchurch*; but how *Verdon* came to any title therein appears not: And that in 4 E. 3. *John Dunheved* levied a Fine thereof to the uses of the said *Sir John Peche* and *Alianore*, and the heirs of their two bodies; and for default of such issue to *Nich. Peche*, son to the said *Sir John*, for life; but after his decease to the right heirs of the same *Sir John*. In whose family it continued so long as the male line lasted; and then, by *Margaret*, one of the daughters and heirs to the last *Sir John*, came to *Sir William Montfort* of *Colshill* Knight, to whose posterity it remained till the attainder of *Sir Simon Montfort* in 10 H. 7. [Of which families; viz. *Peche*, and *Montfort*, I shall speak historically when I come to *Hampton* in *Arden* and *Colshill* in *Hemlingford Hundred*.]

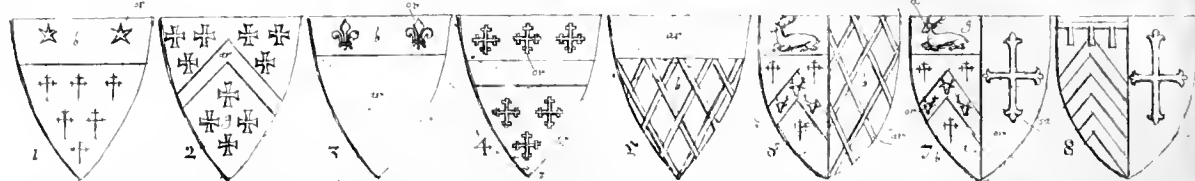
But then cicheating to the Crown, was by King H. 7. given to *Girald* Earl of *Wiltshire*, and *Eliz. S. John* his wife, and to the heirs male of their bodies 25. Aug. 12 H. 7. And by another Patent dated 30. Julii 18 H. 7. confirmed; whereby also *Free-warren* was granted to them therein; which King H. 8. likewise ratified. By virtue of which entail it devolved to *Sir James Fitz Gerald* Knight, one of his sons by the said *Eliz. S. John*: But by attainder of the said *Sir James* in 28 H. 8. again reverted to the Crown; and in 32 H. 8. was granted to *Sir Sir John Fitz Williams* Knight and his heirs. From which *Sir John*, it came very suddenly to one *Anthony Stringer* of *London*: to whom I find, that King H. 8. in 35. of his reign, granted in lieu thereof, and other lands which he then had of him in exchange, the site of the Priory of *S. Margaret* near *Parlborough* in *Wiltshire*. After which, it staid in the Crown till Queen *Mary's* time; and then was passed, in 1. & 2. of her reign to *Smyth* and others; who, the same year, aliened it to *Sir Rouland Hill*, and *Sir Tho. Leigh* Aldermen of *London*. And so, being by partition betwixt the said *Sir Rouland* and *Sir Thomas*, allotted, inter alia, to the said *Sir Thomas*, was settled upon *Sir William Leigh* his younger son: which *Sir William* had issue *Sir Francis*; who in 18. Jac. obtained a speciall Patent for a *Court-leet* to be yearly held within this Lordship. From whom it is descended to *Francis* Lord *Dunsmore*, his son and heir, now living, *An. scil.* 1640.

That which the Monks of *Pipwell* had here, came in time also to have the reputation of a Mannour: and in 3. & 4. Ph. & Mar. was granted out of the Crown to the said *Sir Rouland Hill*, and *Sir Thomas Leigh*, and their heirs; and so upon the same partition being assigned to *Sir Tho. Leigh* is enjoyed by the Lord *Dunsmore* as above said.

The Church (dedicated to *S. Peter*) being given to the Monks of *Pipwell*, as I have already shewed, was appropriated to that Monastery by *Ric. Peche* B. of *Covent* in H. 2. time; and the Vicaridge endowed by *Alex. Savensby*, his successor, an. 1229. 12 H. 3. at which time there was x li. per ann. reserved to be payd out of the fruits of the Rectory to the Cathedral of *Wich* for ever. In an. 1291. 19 E. 1. it was valued at xv. marks per an. over & above the xv. marks yearly Pension payable to the Dean, and Chapter of *Wichfeld* & the Vicaridge at lx s. But in 26 H. 8. at xiv li. xxii d. over & above viii s. yearly allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

Patroni Vicariz.	Incumbentes &c.	Patroni Vicariz.	Incumbentes, &c.
Northb. f. 22. b.	Lambertus de Hale Cap. 8. Cal. Oct. 1329.	D. Joh. Insulens. Episc. titulo Comenda. 9. Feb. 1449.	Bo. f. 10.
Ib. f. 31. a.	Will. de Shulton Pbr. 9. Cal. Maii 1337.	Magr. Will. Elmesdale 29. Ib. f. 10. Oct. 1450.	
Ib. f. 34. c.	Thom. de Bilney Pbr. 3. Id. Maii 1339.	Joh. Stag. Cap. 20. Oct. 1454. Bowl. f. 21. a.	
Ib. f. 61. a.	Ric. de Mere Cap. Non. Aug. 1357.	Joh. Harrys Cap. super de- privat. Joh. Stag. pro defe- & resid. 19. Julii 1456.	Ib. f. 22.
Siret. f. 4. a.	Will. Sars Pbr. 4. Id. Nov. 1358.	Rad. Whitehed in decret. Bl. f. 7. Bacc. 20. Julii 1515.	
Ib. f. 10. a.	Joh. de Oselveson Cap. Id. Sept. 1361.	Tho. Bolte Cler. Nov. 6. 1547	Sampl. f. a.
St. f. 5. b.	Ric. Giffard Pbr. 12. Mar. 1390.	Magr. Tho. Bolte 12. Junii 1553.	Sampl. f. 1. b.
Arund. f. 142. b.	Joh. Grene Cap. 22. Nov. 1414.	Nath. Williams art. Bac. 19. Maii 1626.	
		Joh. Biker art. Magr. 14. Martii 1626.	

Dunchurch.
Arms in the Church windows



1. Chilton E. of Huntingdon. 2. Berkley. 3. Chilton of Colshill. 4. Beauchamp. 5. Boughton empaling Cane. 6. Boughton empaling Cane. 7. Boughton empaling Cane. 8. Boughton empaling Cane.

Causton.

Northwest of Dunchurch lieth **Causton**; which in the Conq. days, one *Ulf* held of *Turchil de Warmie*, being then certified to contain 1. hide, valued at xii s. but before the Norman invasion *Edvinus* posselt it. After this, till K. Steph. time I do find no more mention thereof; but then doth it appear, that *Ingebramus Clement* (spoke of in Dunchurch) was owner of it; himself or his father having been enfeoffed thereof (doublets) by *Siward de Arden*, son to the said *Turchil*: for by his grant of it to the Monks of *Pipwell*, he mentions *Henry de Arden*, son to the said *Siward*, to be his immediat Lord, of whom he held it. Which *Henry*, with *Oliva* his wife, of whose dowrie it was, confirm'd the donation; in consideration whereof, the Monks gave unto her a Palfrey and a Cow: and being posselt of so large a proportion in this village, soon after obtained it from one *Turchil de Causton*, whom *Ingebram Clement* had formerly enfeoffed all his interest therein; *Will. Clement*, son to the same *Ingebram*, confirming the grant in the presence of *Ric. de Luci*, and other the Justices Itinerant at *Portsmouth*, the same year that K. H. 2. came into England after his son's Coronation, and summons given concerning his expedition into Ireland; (viz. 17. H. 2.)

Of which *Turchil de Causton*, and *Wimare* his wife, I find, that they gave the lands, before mentioned, to the said Monastery, *cum corporibus suis*: whereupon the Monks were to find them all necessaryes during their lives, and afford them buriall in their Church-yard at *Pipwell*, when they should dye; with performance of the like solemnity as for a Monk of their Covent. Many, and frequent have been of ancient time such grants of

lands by particular persons, *cum corporibus*, as the expression is: some whereof having this added, *in Ecclesia, sive in Cimiterio ejusdem Monasterii sepeliri*; others not: And therefore it may seem, that divers, who gave their bodies in this sort, did devote themselves during their lives to the service of God in attendance upon the Monks, as we see the Lay-brothers in forrein Monasteries now do. Which puts me in mind of a singular instance of this kind; whereby it appears, that the person so disposed, did with certain Ceremonies give livery and seisin, after a sort, of himself; for the rarity of which example, I have here transcribed a grant wherein the formality thereof is contained.

De Ingebaldo servo:

*S*imus omnes, & fideliter credimus, quod quisquis aliquid de rebus suis exterioribus devota Deo mente donaverit, mercedis apud ipsum retributione, pro certo, gaudebit. Quanto magis sperare debemus imo firmiter tenere, illum potius recompensatione mercedis Dei bonitate donandum, qui non solum res transitorias, sed etiam seipsum eidem Domino Deo perseveranter mancipaverit servitutum. Quod ego Ingebaldo diligenter considerans, cum quidem naturalem secundum seculum a progenitoribus habeo libertatem, voluntate propria me in servum trado Domino Deo, & loco in nomine & honore S. Trinitatis; id est ejusdem unius & summi Dei apud Vindocinum constructo. Qua vero istud occasione conceperim cunctis fidelibus volo manifestari ad gloriam Dei, & habendam erga eundem locum reverentiam omnibus Christianis venerabiliorum. Contigit mihi egritudinem corporis incurrere adeo grave, ut desperatus spem recuperanda salutis prorsus perdiderim. Vixi igitur, si me Deus convalescere de infirmitate ipsa donaret, quod me illi in servum traderem

2. Ex. C. tul. ca. S. Tri. Vindoc. (in Ga. n. 139)

traderem apud prefati Vendocini monasterium, sancto ipsius nomini consecratum. Quod ego molestia corporis urgente distulisti promiseram, hoc factus sospes & incolumis libenter exsolvo. Neque enim bonitati illius esse ingratus debui, qui me de mortis confusio benignitate misericordissima liberavit. Dono etiam mecum eidem venerabili loco universa qua possessionis mea sunt hodie, vel esse in tota vita mea jussu poterunt, qua dare legaliter & possum & debeo. In cuius facti memoriam etiam quatuor denarios de caputagio meo, sicut mos secularis est talibus facere, super Altare dominicum predicti loci gravanter imponens, funem quoque signi collo meo devotè circumplicans. Carissimam istam scribi in testimonium postulavi, manuq; mea firmavi, addita insuper congerie testium juxta humana opinionis estimationem idoneorum, quorum ista sunt nomina.

Hilgodus de Crisnot, Hugo Planus, frater Arnulphi; Rogerius de Cnis, Wsfo Favellus, &c. Adum Vendocini in Capitulo S. Trin. An. Dom. incarn. Mlxxx. 10 Cal. Oct. die nat. S. Mauricii.

The next thing that in order of time I find observable in relation to this place, is, that in the year 1266. 51 H. 3. all the chief men in **Thurlaston** joyned together, and would have had Common of pasture by force on **Caulton**-heath. At which time Gerard de Lega was Abbot of **Pipwell**, and advising with good Council (as the Register of that House saith) stood against the whole Town of **Thurlaston** like a wall; and by a chargeable suit in an *Affize of Novel-disseisin* before the Judges at **Warwick**, obtained the upper hand, on the Feast-day of S. **Malachie** the B. the year abovesaid. In those dayes there was at **Caulton** 2 large Ovens, wherein were baked weekly xvi quarters of Corn, for coarser bread; and vi quarters of the better sort, for the Monks and Converts, with their servants, in their several Granges of **Dunchurch**, **Thurlaston**, **Rokeby**, **Lalleford**, **Peubold**, and **Whitminster**, in this County; as also of **Asby**, **Wintwisk**, and **Eltingdon** in **Northampton**.

In 11 E. 1. the Monks of **Pipwell** had **Free-warren** granted to them in their demesne-lands here. in which Ks. time it hapning that the Prior of **Birby** impleading them for the Grange of **Caulton** (for so it was called) the Attorney for the Monks of **Birby** so subtilly managed the suit, that they of **Pipwell** were foyled therein; which occasioned much sadness amongst them: But at that time Reg. de Seytone being chief Justice of the Common Pleas, after Judgement given, discerning the fraud of the adverse part, went to the K. taking with him the Abbot of **Pipwell** and Prior of **Birby**. and manifested the whole business unto him: whereupon the K. made a final determination therein; ordering, that the Monks of **Pipwell** should enjoy the said Grange, paying to them of **Birby** CC marks. For which good service they concluded to keep his Anniversary for ever in their Monastery on the xi Cal. of May. But after this, viz. in 3 E. 2. the Grange here at **Caulton** (by an unhappy accident of a Candle carelessly stuck upon a wall) was almost totally consumed with fire.

This Village hath been long decayed, as it seems: for our Countryman **Rous**, making mention thereof, sayes, that there being nothing but a Grange remaining, the place was become a den of thieves and manslaughterers, by whom the road from **Cobentre**

towards **Dunchurch** growing much infested, exposed all Travellers over **Dunsmore**-heath to much peril; for which he doth not a little blame the Monks, as minding more their own particular benefit, by depopulation, than the publick. But by the dissolution of the Monasteries, it came to the Crown; and being granted, 15 Julii, 37 H. 8. to **Tho. Boughton** Gent. and his heirs (a younger son to **Will. Boughton** of **Lawford**) descended to **Edw.** his son and heir; who, through the countenance of **Robert** Earl of **Lece.** (a potent man in Q. Eliz. time) bore a great sway in this County; and having gotten materials, by pulling down the **White-Friers Church** in **Cobentre**, raised here the most beautifull Fabrick that then was in all these parts, **William** his great grandchild being the present owner thereof.

Thurlaston.

IN the Conq. time, the E. of **Wellest** held two hydes and a half in this Village, valued at xxxv s. and posselt by one **Wlgar** in **Edw.** the Conf. dayes. Other two hydes and a half **Hubertus** held of **Hugh de Grentmaise** II, then rated at lx s. having been the Free-hold of one **Balwin** before the Conquest. In the general Survey it is written **Wolabeston**; whence I conclude, that the name originally proceeded from some antient owner thereof in the Saxons time. But these two hydes and a half, last mentioned, continued not to the posterity of the said **Hugh**: for thereof did K. H. 1. enfeof one **Wigan**, surnamed **Marecall** (of whom in **Willoughby** I have spoke) who held it together with the rest in **Willoughby**, **Dunchurch** and **Hulle**, by Sergeanty, as I have elsewhere shewed. All which descended to **Raph** his son and heir; and from **Raph** to **Will.** his son and heir: which **Will.** granted it to **Will. de Cantilupe**; who, about the 13 of H. 3. past it away to **Stephen de Segrave** and his heirs, the extent whereof, being x yard land, and reputed for half the town, was held by one Kts. fee; the said **Stephen**, then *Justiciarius Anglia*, having changed the Tenure from Sergeanty to Kts. service.

Here was in this Village a great quantity of land besides, given by many particular persons to the Monks of **Pipwell**; amongst which one mess. with 3 yard land, **Will.** the son of **Rob. de Thurlaveston**, gave cum corpore suo & anima Deo & S. Maria de **Pipwell**, & in manu Roberti Abbatis obivit, as are the words of his grant; **Ric.** son to the same **Will.** with **Tho. de Verdun**, and **John de Verdun** (Lords of **W Brandon**) confirming the same. Which **Richard** was reputed Lord of the Mannour here, because he dwelt in the capital messuage that sometime belonged to **Wigan le Marechal** above mentioned.

Upon that land, so given to the Monks of **Pipwell**, was there a Grange, called the **Bigging**, (id est, edificium domorum) and situated on that part of the field named **Stokewell-furlong**. It seems that the family of **Verdun** (Lords of **W Brandon** in this County) had antiently a Kts. fee here, held of the Earls of **Warwick**; which I suppose might be part of what **Lescelina**, daughter to **Geffrey de Clinton**, brought in marriage to **Norman de Verdun**, as by my discourse in **W Brandon** may be gathered: but in 20 H. 3. **Will. le Francis** held

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q Testa de
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it; and in 36 H. 3. *John de Thurlairston* of *Roes de Verdon*. And afterwards *Sim. fil. Margerie*, and *John Darset*. From which *John* descended *Will. Dorset*, alias *Dasset*, as 'tis like; who in 25 H. 8. pass'd it to *Edm. Cave Esq*; by which means it devolved to *Edm. Boughton*, late of *Canston Esq*; son of *Thomas*, by *Margaret* daughter and heir to the said *Edward*.

Touching this interest of the *Verdons* here, the Register of *Pipwell* sayes, that they had it by means of some that dwelt in the Capital Messuage, or Mannour-House, that belonged to *Wigan Marrescall* above mentioned; but by no good right, as is thereby insinuated. Which expression of the Monks I conceive to have been partial; for I find them complain of their being summoned to do service at the Court of *Brandon* for their lands in this place; to be freed whereof, they obtained several Charters from the successive Lords of that Mannour. In 11 E. 1. the Monks of *Pipwell* had a Charter of *Free-warren* in all their demesne lands here. Which lands, after the dissolution of that Monastery, being by *Q. M.* granted to Sir *Rouland Hill* and Sir *Tho. Leigh*, were in like sort as the Mannour of *Dunchurch* (whereof I have already spoke) by partition allotted to the said Sir *Thomas*, and settled upon Sir *Will.* his youngest son; whose grandchild, *Fr. Lord Dunsmore*, now, *scil. ann. 1640.* enjoys them.

Touching the Mannour which *Segrave* had here, it continued in that family as long as the male line lasted; and at last by *Eliz.* the daughter and heir to *John Lord Segrave*, came to *Tho. Moubray D. of Norfolk* as by the descent in *Caludon* may be discerned. Whole son, *John Moubray D. of Norfolk* in 10 H. 6. was certified to hold 9 mess. and 9 yard land in this Village, by the service of half a Kes. fee; but without mention that he was Lord of the Mannour. Yet by the Inquisition taken the year following after his death, it is so called; and likewise in all Inq. afterwards; and so devolved to the family of *Berkley*, through *Isibell*, one of the daughters and co-heirs to *John D. of Norfolk* in such sort as *Caludon* did; *Thom. Lord Berkley* dying seized thereof in 26 H. 8. leaving *Henry* his son and heir then within age.

Here hath anciently been a Chapel dedicated to *S. Edmund*, in which *Rob. de Stretton B. of Cob. and Wich.* at the request of *Will. de Petton* gave licence to the Inhabitants, bearing date *Kal. Dec. ann. 1360. 34 E. 3.* that they should have divine service for the space of two years therein: But about the beginning of *Q. Eliz.* time it was pulled down by the Lord *Berkley's* Officers.

Tofte.

This is a member of *Dunchurch*, and had its name originally from some decayed dwelling house: for the word *Toft* signifieth a place where a Messuage hath stood, as our Lawyers well know: and came to *Montfort* by descent from *Peche*, as did *Dunchurch*; but after *Montfort's* attainder was afo granted to the E. of *Gloucester* therewith. Since which time, for ought I have seen to the contrary, it hath attended the possession of that Mannour.

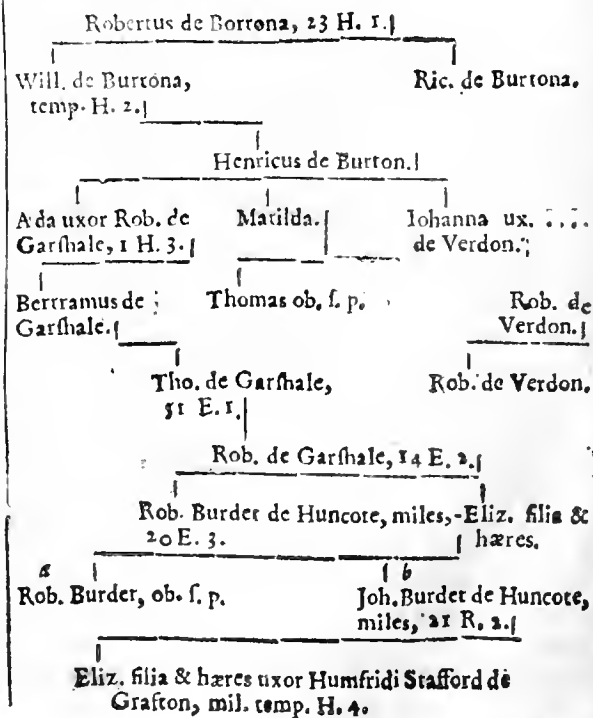
But there is also another Mannour (at least in reputation) within the compass of this small Village, whereof *John Burghon* of *Burghon* in

Com. Staff. Gent. was posselt in E. 4. time; by whom, 14 Oct. 4 E. 4. it became convey'd to *Humfrey Swinnarton Gent.* and *John Horeway Priest*: which *Humfrey* and *John*, 8 Apr. 12 E. 4. settled it upon *Humfrey Hill* of *Blaze*, in the same County of *Staff.* and *Joan* his wife, daughter of the said *H. Swinnarton*, and the heirs of their two bodies: From whom descended (as it seems) *Humfrey Hill* of *Buntingdale* in *Com. Salop.* who by his Deed dated 8 Febr. 18 H. 8. granted it to *John Lettely* of *Dunchurch*, Yeoman. To which *John* succeeded *John Lytle* of *Thurlaston*, Gent. who, 28 Junii, 5 Eliz. sold it to *John Fawkes* of this place, whose grandchild, *John*, still enjoys it.

Bourton super Dunsmore.

Following the Northern bank of *Leame*, I next come to *Bourton super Dunsmore*, which one *Ingenulfus* held of the E. of *Wessex* in the Conq. time, it being then certified to contain 5 hydes, valued at 1xx s. But before the Norman invasion *Leuninus* posselt it.

Within this parish is also *Dracote*, anciently a member of *Bourton*, and in Record so intermix'd therewith, that for a long time the particular owners of each are not easily to be distinguish'd. But till H. 3. time I have not seen any thing more directly relating to this place: howbeit, by what I discern of the then possessors thereof, viz. *Garshale* and *Verdon*, who descended from the daughters and heirs of *Henry de Burton*, I shall conclude, that the Ancestors of the same *Henry*, being Lords of this Mannour, and having their chief residence here, assumed their surname from hence: And the rather do I incline to this opinion, in regard I find by very good authority, that the same family of *Burton* were also Lords of *Abbestoke* in *Leicestersh.* which, with this, descended to *Garshale* and *Verdon* by the said co-heirs; and therefore I have here inserted so much of the line of *Burton*, whereunto those of *Garshale* and *Verdon* are knit; as also that of *Burder*, who married *Garshale's* heir; all which Families were undoubtedly owners of this and *Dracote*.



This Mannour, being held of the *Verdons*, Lords of *Bandon* (as I shall shew anon) was part of that which *Lescelina*, daughter to *Geffrey de Clinton*, brought to her husband *Norman de Verdon*, as I guess; and granted by them to *Rob. de Bortone* and his heirs by the service of one Kts. fee: for from the posterity of the said *Norman* and *Lescelina* did the descendants of *Burton* hold it. Of which family all that I find memorable, is, first, that *Rob. de Bortone* was witness to the Charter of foundation of the Collegiat-Church in *Warwick*, made by *Rog. E. of Warwick*, 23 H. 1. As also, that he gave 5 xx acres of land lying in this town to the Nuns of *Worshale*. Next, that *Ric. de Burton* (who I conceive was son to that *Robert*) gave the Village of *Hodenhall* to the Monastery of *Sun-Caton*. And lastly, that *Will. de Borthun* bestowed *Blakedown*-mill upon the Monks of *Combe*, by the allowance of *Bertram de Verdon*, of whom he held it.

But having done with the line of *Burton*, I come now to that of *Garshale*; whereof *Rob.* husband to *Ada*, one of the co-heirs to *Henry de Burton*, was the first that had to do here; who taking part with the rebellious Barons against *K. John*, had his lands seized; but returning to obedience in 1 H. 3. enjoyed them again. Of which *Rob. de Garshale* it was certified in 20 H. 3. that he, with *Philip de Esseby*, held *Burton super Duns-moys* of the E. of *Warwick* by a Kts. fee. Howbeit in 36 H. 3. it appears, that they held it immediately of *Roes de Verdon* (of whom I have made mention in *Bandon*) and that she held it over of the E. of *Warwick* by the said Kts. fee: But how *Philip de Esseby* his title grew, I am not yet satisfied, and therefore will leave it to be further enquired after; for he was a man of much note in this County, as appears by his being so often in Commission for taking "Affizes of Novel-disseisin, and" Goal-delivery at *Warwick*.

To which *Rob. de Garshale* succeeded *Bertram de Garshale*, of whom I meet with nothing memorable: but *Thomas* the son of *Bertram* had divers eminent employments. In 15 E. 1. I find, that he was one of the Kts. which were assigned in this Shire for taking care that the Articles, contained in the Statute of *Winchester* for conservation of the peace, should be observed. And in 22 E. 1. one of the Commissioners appointed for levying and gathering a Tenth in this County, granted to the K. in Parl. for support of his Wars. In 34 E. 1. for levying and collecting a xxxth and xxth part. In 1 E. 2. for a xxth and xvth. and in 3 E. 2. for a xxvth. granted also to the K. in those several Parliaments. And bore for his Arms quarterly Argent and Azure, upon a bend gules, 3 flower de lices Or, as by his Seal and other authorities appeareth.

To him succeeded *Rob. de Garshale*, who entailed this Mannour, with the advowion of the Church, upon the heirs of his body by *Amicia* his wife; and dyed, leaving *Eliz.* his daughter and heir, married to Sir *Rob. Burdet* of *Huncote* in *Leicestersh.* (a younger son to *Rob. Burdet* of *Seckinton* and *Arrolo* in this County) whose posterity, descended from her, continued Lords thereof in the male line, till H. 4. time, that the heir general, *Eliz.* marrying to Sir *Humfry Stafford* of *Staff-ton* Kt. brought it to that family; in which it rested till the attainder of *Humfry Stafford* Esq; 1 H. 7. whereof, with what else I have found me-

morable, I purpose to speak in *Leamington-Ha-stang*. And being thus come to the Crown, it was given by the K. inter alia, to Sir *Edw. Poynings* Kt. and to the heirs male of his body. But whether the same Sir *Edw.* dyed without issue, or was compounded with, I cannot directly affirm: for I find, that after the restoration of *Humfry Stafford*, son and heir to the said *Humfry*, in 6 H. 8. that family of *Stafford* were again posselt thereof; and so continued till *John Shukburgh* of *Birdingbury* (one of the six Clerks in Chancery) purchased it from Sir *Humfry Stafford* of *Blatherwik*, about the latter end of *Q. Eliz.* reign, whose great grandchild, *Thomas Shukburgh*, still enjoys it.

In an. 1291. 19 E. 1. the Rectory was valued a, xii marks; but in 26 H. 8. at xix l. xvii s. ii d. over and above ix s. vi d. allowed for Procurations and Synodals.

Patroni Ecclesie.	Incumbentes, &c.
<i>Rob. de Garshale.</i>	<i>Thom. de Ravensthorp</i> , Pbr. Northbb. f. 27 a.
<i>D. Rob. Burdet de Honecote</i> , miles.	<i>Rob. Burdet</i> , Cap. 4 Id. 16 f. 45 a. Apr. 1347.
<i>D. Eliz. de Burgo</i> , domina de <i>Clare</i> , ratione minoris et. <i>Rob. fil. & her.</i>	<i>Will. de Dyn-ton</i> , Cap. 12. 16 f. 61 b. Cal. Apr. 1357.
<i>Rob. Burdet</i> , mil. Execut. Testam. D.	<i>Nich. de Brunne</i> , Pbr. 10. Strete. f. 8 a. Kal. Julii, 1361.
<i>Eliz. de Burgo</i> , ratione ut supra.	<i>Joh. Chateriz</i> , Cler. 9 Cal. 16 f. 10 a. Oct. 1361.
<i>Rob. Burdet de Honecote.</i>	<i>Rog. de Shepeshed</i> , Cler. 16 f. 16 b. 3 Id. Dec. 1367.
<i>Humfr. Stafford</i> , ar.	<i>Nich. Mayne</i> , Cler. penult. Burgh. f. 34 a. Sept. 1413.
<i>Humfr. Stafford de Gratton</i> , miles.	<i>Joh. Laykan</i> , 14 Decemb. Henr. f. 29 a. 1432.
<i>Edw. Poynis</i> , miles.	<i>Will. Skinner</i> , ark. Magr. 9 Junii, 1501. Bowel. f. 105 a.
<i>Humfr. Stafford</i> , miles.	<i>D. Tho. Wyrley</i> , in art. Bas. 28 Martii, 1533. Str. & P. f. 2 a.
<i>D. Maria Regina.</i>	<i>Ric. Hutton</i> , Cler. 8 Julii, 1554. Sampf. & B. f. 1 b.
<i>Anth. Skynner</i> , ar. rat. concess. <i>Humfr. Stafford</i> , mil.	<i>Henr. Skynner</i> , Cler. 23. 16 f. 9 a. Julii, 1555.
<i>D. Humfr. Stafford de Blatherwik</i> , miles.	<i>Jac. Tanseild</i> , Cler. 16 Oct. 1557. Sampf. & B. f. 10 b.
<i>Joh. Shukburgh</i> , ar.	<i>Will. Goddard</i> , Cler. 16 Feb. 1558. 16 f. 12 a.
<i>Will. Gilbert</i> , S. Theol. bacc. ratione advoc. sibi concess. per <i>Henr. Shukburgh</i> , ar.	<i>Ric. Proude</i> , Cler. 20 Jan. 1561. 16 f. 30 b.
	<i>Will. Gilbert</i> , Cler. 28 Sept. 1596. Overton bund. C.
	<i>Joh. Gilbert</i> , Cler. 13 Apr. 1629. Morton bund. insert.

Draycote.

OF this place I have not seen any mention at all in Record, till 5 Joh. that *John de Draicote* levied a Fine of a yard land lying therein, unto *Ric. Corbicum*; and touching the denomination thereof, shall onely deliver my conjecture; which is, that it had its original from one

Drogo, heretofore a name in use, but commonly called *Dru*; and that thence, by corrupt pronunciation, it came to be written *Dznicote*.

It should seem, that upon partition of that inheritance betwixt *Garshale* and *Verdon* (whereof in *Bourton* I have spoke) *Verdon* had this Lordship, and resided here: I shall therefore proceed with what I have found historical, relating to that family, beginning with *Robert*, grandchild to *Joan*, one of the daughters and co-heirs to *Henry de Burton*. This *Rob. de Verdon* was in Commission for the Goal-delivery at *Warwick* in 1, 2, 3, and 6 E. 1. In 7. Sheriff of *Warwicksh.* and *Leicestersh.* and in 8, 9, 11, 12, and 14 E. 1. again in Commission for the like Goal-delivery. So also in 25 E. 1. for assailing the Nones of all moveable goods then given to the K. in Parl. upon his confirmation of the great Charter, and Charter of the Forrest.

In 29. summoned, & with divers other persons of great quality, to attend the K. at *Warwick* upon *Twede* on the Feast-day of the *Nativ.* of *S. John Bapt.* furnish'd with Horse and Arms, to march against the Scots. In 1 E. 2. he was one of the two, that were joyn'd in Commission with the Sheriff of this County, for conservation of the peace; and bore for his Arms *Azure a plain cross Or, frettè gules.* To him succeeded *John de Verdon* his son, who, with *Rob. Burdet*, in 20 E. 3. answered for half a Kts. fee in *Bourton* and this place, held of the heirs of *Theob. de Verdon*. Which *John* was one of the Kts. for this Shire in Parl. in 29. and 37^m E. 3. And in 45 E. 3. in Commission with others, for assailing the Subsidy of 1061 l. 7 s. within this County. In 43 E. 3. upon the purchase of *Bandon* by *Sir John Dines*, he made attournment to him for this and *Dznicote*, as held thereof; and left issue *Nicholas*, who had his residence here, and sold this Lordship (as I believe) to *Sir Will. Bagot* of *Baginton*: For amongst other the lands of the said *Sir W. Bagot*, which were in the hands of the Bishop of *S. Davids*, and the rest of his Feoffees; and wherof they the said Feoffees released their interest to the said *Sir W.* in 5 H. 4. this is mentioned.

After the death of which *Sir Will. Isbell* his daughter and heir, with her husband *Tho. Stafford Esq;* aliened it to *John* of *Gant*, D. of *Lanc.* whereby it descended to *Henry* of *Bullenbroke* his son and heir, afterwards K. of *England* by the name of *Henry 4.* who by his Letters P. bearing date 23. *Julii*, 13 of his reign, gave it to the Dean and Chapter of the Collegiat Church in *Leic.* called *Newwoke*, and their successors for ever, reserving the rent of x marks to be yearly paid by them out of the same to the Chantry-Priests in that Church, to celebrate divine service for the good estate of him the said K. and for the health of the souls of his father *John D. of Lanc.* before mentioned, and *Constance*

his mother, whose body lay interred there. Unto which Col. Church it continued till its dissolution; but then d'd K. E. 6. by his Letters P. dated 24. *Apr.* 3 of his reign, pass it (*inter alia*) unto *Tho. Hunskins*, alias *Fisher*, of *Warw.* and his heirs; who by his Deed of bargain and sale, dated 27 *Julii*, 3 E. 6. granted it to one *John Smyth*, then Fermour thereof. Which *John* dyed seized of it, 20. *Martii*, 7 E. 6. leaving *Alice*, *Agnes*, and *Margerie* his daughters and heirs. Of these, *Agnes* was married to *Ric. Mathew*, but dyed without issue; *Margerie* to *Tho. Worcester*, and *Alice* to *Tho. Flamell*; which *T. Worcester* and *Margerie* had issue *Will.* who purchased the other half from

Flamell; so that *T. Worcester*, son and heir to the said *Will.* is now posselt of the whole.

Frankton.

THE next parish is *Frankton*; wherein I find, that *Rog. E. of Shrewsbury* (of whom I have spoke in *Wolston*) held in the Conq. time four hydes, excepting one virgat, valued at 1x s. which was the Free-hold of one *Uluinus* in *Edw.* the Conf. time; and the E. of *Spellent* one hyde, rated at xx s. which *Chentwin* posselt before the Norman invasion: But in *Domesday-book* it is written *Franchetone*, the k being not then used by the Norman Clerks. How to reconcile this with what I find by other Records, viz. that it was, *inter alia*, given by E. *Loefrike* to the Priory of *Cobentre* at his foundation thereof (1 *Edw.* Conf.) and that it continued to that Monastery even till its dissolution, being reputed *de Baronis Prioris de Cob.* as the Record in 9 E. 2. manifesteth, I do not well know.

That the advouson of the Church, and some lands in *Frankton*, were in other hands, is apparent: but these were of so small a proportion, that I cannot conceive they extended to more than what the E. of *Spellent* had; and therefore taking the liberty to conjecture, I shall by the help of strong circumstances conclude, that what *Rog. E. of Shrewsbury* had here at that time, he enjoyed by intrusion upon the right of the Monks (which was no strange act amongst those bold persons, who had such large shares in this Kingdom upon the Conquest thereof) and that the Church was founded and endowed out of the E. of *Spellent*'s part: of the probability wherof, I shall make some further observation anon.

Touching the Priors Mannour, I find, that K. *H. 3.* granted to the Monks of *Cob. Free-warren* in all their demesn lands here, 30 *Julii*, 41 H. 3. and that *Rog. Meyland*, B. of *Cob.* and *Lich.* in an. 1260. (44 H. 3.) gave them immunity from payment of any tythes out of all their demesn lands lying therein. Other priviledges the said Monastery had here, as appeareth by the *Quo Varr.* Roll of 13 E. 1. whereunto I refer my Reader for satisfaction; as I also do to the *Leiger-book* of that House, f. 217. a. and 220 a. for the extent, with the metes and bounds thereof. After the dissolution of the Monasteries, it continued in the Crown till 32 *Eliz.* and then was granted to *Tho. Thornton* and *Tho. Woodcock*, and their heirs, who sold it to *John Temple*: which *John* gave it unto *John Temple*, one of his younger sons, whose son and heir *Thomas*, now enjoys it.

I now come to the other part, which the E. of *Spellent* held, with the advouson of the Church. This, as most of that Earls lands did, came to *Hen. de Neuburgh*, the first E. of *Warw.* after the Conquest, or to *Rog.* his son. For in 12 H. 2. *Will. E. of Warw.* certifies, that *Rob. de Frankton* held one Kts. fee of him *de veteri feoffamento*: whereby 'tis clear, that the ancestor of the said *Rob.* was enfeofft thereof, temp. H. 1. which Kts. fee was held of the succeeding Earls by *Will. de Frankton* in 20 H. 3. From whom descended *Raph de Frankton*, who past this Mannour to *Rog. de Elinhale*, and he to *Raph de Okeover*, and *Alice* his wife, sister to the said *Rog.* Which *Raph*, in 4 E. 2. alien'd to *John le Palmers* of *Frankton* and his heirs the said advouson of the Church, with one mess. 2 yard land, 3 acres of meadow, and 3 s. 1 d. rent. To whom succeeded

succeeded *Will. le Palmer*; which *Will.* in 20 E. 3. with *Henry de Hinton*, was certified to hold half a Kts. fee here of the heirs of *Rob. Champayn*, and he of *Raph Bassett*, and he of *Will. le Boteler* of *Oberstep*, and he of the said E. of *Warw.* So that it appears, that *Boteler* was originally enfeoffed thereof by the E. of *Spellent*, or the E. of *Warw.* (who posselt so much of *Spellent's* lands) and granted it to *Bassett*, and he to *Champayne*, of whom *Palmer* had it. In whose male line it continued till the beginning of H. 6. time and then came to *John Hereward* by *Kath.* the daughter and heir of *Tho. Palmer*, as the Institutions to the Rectory manifest.

But the next possessor thereof, that I find, was *Ric. Duke of Beulenton-Purcell*, in Com. Gent. who lived in the beginning of H. 8. time; whose grandchild, *John Duke*, dyed seized of it in 7 Eliz. leaving *Ric.* his son and heir 2 years old. Since which, one *Tho. Leeson*, and after him *Edw. Yorke*, and *George* his son, have been owners of it; and so also *John Shugborough Esq.*; by the marriage of Mr *Yorke's* daughter, as I have heard.

In an. 1291. 19 E. 1. the Church was valued at 4 marks and a half: but in 26 H. 8. at Cxii s. over and above viii s. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*, and iii l. yearly paid to the Priory of *Cobentre* for the use of the Sacrist.

Patroni Ecclesiz. Incumbentes & temp. Inf.

angt. f. 7.	<i>Rob. de Hokovere, & Alicia ux. ejus.</i>	<i>Joh. de Clungunford, Diac.</i> 9 Cal. Oct. 1304.
ortbb. f. 3. a.	<i>Joh. le Palmer.</i>	<i>Joh. de Chaddeuden, Cler.</i> 9 Cal. Martii, 1338.
f. 38 b.		<i>Joh. Palmer, Cler.</i> 4 Id. Apr. 1342.
f. 44 a.	<i>Will. le Palmer.</i>	<i>Joh. fil. Will. le Palmer, Cler.</i> 4 Non. Julii, 1346.
f. 54 a.	<i>Joh. le Palmer.</i>	<i>Ric. Boule, Cler.</i> 16 Cal. Jan. 1350.
id.		<i>Tho. le Palmer, Id. Jan.</i> 1350.
ret. f. 21.	<i>D. Episcopus.</i>	<i>Tho. Birme, Cler.</i> 8 Feb. 1372.
ugh. f. a.	<i>Henricus de Wentebriiggs.</i>	<i>Magr. Walt. London,</i> 5 Julii, 1404.
f. 22 a.		<i>Will. Couper, Cap.</i> 13 Febr. 1408.
f. 26 a.	<i>Tho. Palmer.</i>	<i>Joh. Everard, Cap.</i> 1 Oct. 1410.
f. 28 b.		<i>Ric. Wodyngtone, Cap.</i> 13. Maii, 1411.
rw. f. 20.	<i>Joh. Hereward, & ux. ejus, filia & haeres Tho. Palmer de Frankton.</i>	<i>Ric. Pracy, Pbr. ult. Jan.</i> 1427.
f. 13 a.		<i>Henn. Coventre, Cap.</i> 15. Febr. 1451.
f. 14 b.	<i>Reynburn Balguy, & alii, hac vice ratione concess. Ric. Duke de Newenton-Purcell, gen.</i>	<i>Edw. Stretchey, art. Magr.</i> 19 Apr. 1529.
up. f. a.	<i>Will. Hancock, hac vice, ex concess. Ric. Duke.</i>	<i>Bernardus Messy, Cler.</i> 1547.
tham d. d. H.	<i>Anthon. Leeson de Abthorpe in Com. Northampt. Gen.</i>	<i>Joh. Newton, Cler.</i> 27 Jan. 1560.
1.	<i>Anthon. Leeson, in leg. bacc.</i>	<i>Tho. Dagly, Cler.</i> 7 Jan. 1563.
up. f. & d. 42 b.	<i>Wilfridus Leutia, hac vice.</i>	<i>Will. Cover. 3 Dec.</i> 1566.

Henn. Clever de Herdwicke.

Georgius Yorke, ar.

Cath. Densley, ex concess. Ric. Shugborough, & G. Yorke.

Job. Smyth, 11 Aug. 1569. *Beatham bund. F.*

Ric. Shugborough Cler. art. bacc. 16 Junii, 1619. *Morton bund. m. cont.*

Job. Biker, art. Magr. 20. Julii, 1626.

Wapenbury.

Next below, on the same side of *Leame*, stands *Wapenbury*, one of the Lordships in this Shire, given by *K. Will.* the Conq. unto *Geffrey Wires* (of whom I have spoke in *Donkshthby*.) Which *Geffrey*, being a good Benefactor to the Monks of *S. Nicholas* at *Angiers* in *France*, bestowed on them, *inter alia*, the greatest part of the tythes in this Village. By the Conq. Survey 'tis certified, that this place contained 5 hydes; and that there was then a Mill rated at vi s. viii d. with woods of half a mile in length, and 2 furlongs broad, all being then valued at Cx s. and in the possession of the said *Geffrey*: but there it is written *Wapeberie*, the *n* omitted; and doubtless originally so called from the situation thereof, *berie* coming from beoþg the Saxon word, which signifieth a little Hill, or rising ground.

That *Wires* his lands came to *Nigel d'Albanie*, (progenitor to the family of *Mubray*) I have elsewhere shewed; and that the same *Nigellus* did enfeoff him that first assumed this place for his surname, is not to be doubted: For it appears, that *Tho. de Wapenbury*, in 12 H. 2. held 5 Kts. fees of *Rog. de Moubray*, son to the said *Nigell*, *de veteri feoffamento*. To which *Tho.* succeeded *Ric. de Wapenbury*, who married *Julian*, one of the 3 sisters and co-heirs to *Raph Strange* of *Knockin* in *Shropsh.* In 10 Job. there was a Fine levied betwixt *Geffr. Fitz-piers* E. of *Essex*, and this *Richard*, whereby the said *Ric.* did covenant, that he would make no alienation of his lands or woods to any Jew or other person whatsoever, to the disheriting or prejudice of *Thomas* his son and heir; provided, that he might have liberty to take reasonable estovers for himself, or to give his friends out of his woods in this place. And in 11 Job. the Shiriff accounted xxx l. due from the said *Ric.* to discharge part of the Fine which *W. de Molbray*, his superiour Lord, made to the K. concerning his inheritance, whereof *Will. de Scusevill* had impleaded him.

This last mentioned *Thomas* was certified to hold 2 Kts. fees and a half, of *Nigel de Moubray*, whereof one here at *Wapenbury*: But taking part with the Barons against *K. John*, had his lands seized, which, upon his return to obedience in 1. H. 3. were again restored to him. And afterwards, viz. in 9 H. 3. was with the Shiriff, the Lord *Basset* of *Drayton*, and some other eminent persons appointed to conduct the xv. gathered for the Ks. use in this County and *Leicestersh.* As also all that the Bishops of *Linc.* *Worcester*, and *Cob.* had collected of that kind within their several Dioceses; and to pay in the same moneys at *Donkshampton* in the *quinzime* of the holy *Trinity*. He had issue *John*, and 3 daughters: which *John* dying childless, left his sisters his heirs. But the line of this family and their descendants I have plac'd in *Peulbold-Rovell*, antiently a member of this Lordship, to the end my Reader may the better understand the succession of those, who were Lords of that, as well as this Mannour.

heirs, this Mannour came to *Wassinglegh*: For by
 h xv. Hill. a Fine leyed ^b 7 E. 2. between *Tho. de Wassinglegh*, and *Guy* the son of *Will. le Bretoun*, the said *Thomas* entailed it upon *Reg. de Wassinglegh* and his heirs by *Maud* then his wife, and for want of such issue, to his own right heirs. Which *Thomas* bore for his Arms ⁱ a Cheveron betwixt 3 pellets. But of *Wassinglegh's* line I have not seen any more after this *Thomas*; so that 'tis very like he dyed without issue, and that his interest here came to *Beynvill*; For by the Inquis. ^k taken after the death of *Lora* the widow of *Ric. Beynvill*, 24 E. 3. it was certified, that she held joyntly with the said *Ric.* her husband, *inter alia*, the capital messuage of *Wapenbury*, with divers lands and houses there, some whereof lay common, by reason that the tenants were dead of the plague: And that *Richard*, (who by most other ^l Records is called *Robert*) son and heir of *Ric.* and *Lora*) was her coſin and next heir, and then 5 years old.

To which last mentioned *Ric.* succeeded *Rob.* his son, who in 49 E. 3. entailed ^m the third part of this Mannour upon one *Rob. Fitz-Robert*, and *Alice* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies; and for default of such issue, to revert to the said *Rob. Beynvill* and his heirs. But after that time I have seen nothing further of the *Beynvill's* interest here, nor of any others, till 7 H. 5. that *Tho. Stafford* wrote ⁿ himself of this place: which *Tho.* married *Isabell* the onely daughter and heir to *Sir Will. Bagot* (as in *Baginton* I have shewed) and perhaps had it in her right: But in ^o 10 H. 6. I find, that *Raph Bellers* of . . . in *Com. Heic.* with *Ric. Stafford*, son and heir to the said *Thomas*, were joynt Lords thereof: howbeit, after this I cannot discern that the descendants of the said *Ric.* had more to do here; and therefore do conceive that the said *Raph Bellers* obtain'd his whole interest. Which *Raph*, in 16 H. 6. past ^p his title therein unto *Nich. Metley* Esq; and others, but to the use of the same *Nich.* and his heirs, as may seem by his the said *Nich.* his Testament.

To whom succeeded in the possession thereof, *John Hagford* of *Emscote* Esq; in right of *Margaret* his wife (daughter to the said *Nich.* as I guess.) Which *John* leaving 3 daughters and heirs, as in *Wolston* and *Emscote* is shewed, this Mannour came by partition, as 'tis like, unto *Joh. Cotes* of *Honingham* Esq; in right of *Alice* his mother, one of the said 3 daughters; and so with *Wolston* (by exchange for other lands to *Edw. Belknap* Esq; afterwards Kt.) For plain fit is, that *Sir Anth. Cooke* of *Stodghall* in *Essex* Kt. *Tho. Wotton*, and *Leonard Dannes* Esq; in 6 Eliz. enjoy'd it, as his coſins and heirs: And that the said *Sir Anthony*, obtaining ^q from those coparceners their total right therein, dyed seized thereof: As also, that *Anth. Cooke* Esq; son of *Richard*, son to the said *Sir Anth.* by his Deed dated 26 Martii, 26 Eliz. alien'd ^r it to *Ric. Fyns* of *Broughton* in *Com. Dron.* Esq; which *Ric.* about 2 years after, sold ^s it to *Tho. Morgan* Esq; from whom it is devolved to *Thom. Morgan* Esq; now (scil. ann. 1640.) of *Wolston* subr. *Wethele*, in such part as that Lp. of *Wolston* is.

That the greatest part of the tythes here were given to the Monks of *S. Nich.* at *Anglers* by *G. Wirce* in the Conq. time, I have already shewed: as also in *Wonskirtby*, that the Monks of that place had all that belonged to the said Monastery of *Anglers*, anciently transmitted to them, theirs being a Cell to that forreign House. This Church therefore (dedicated to *S. Iohn Bapt.*) being thus

in the power of those Monks, they obtained a confirmation ^x thereof from *G. Muschamp* B. of *Cob.* in *K. Iohn's* time; who thenceforth allowed ^y them xx s. yearly Pension out of it, and a Stone of Wax.

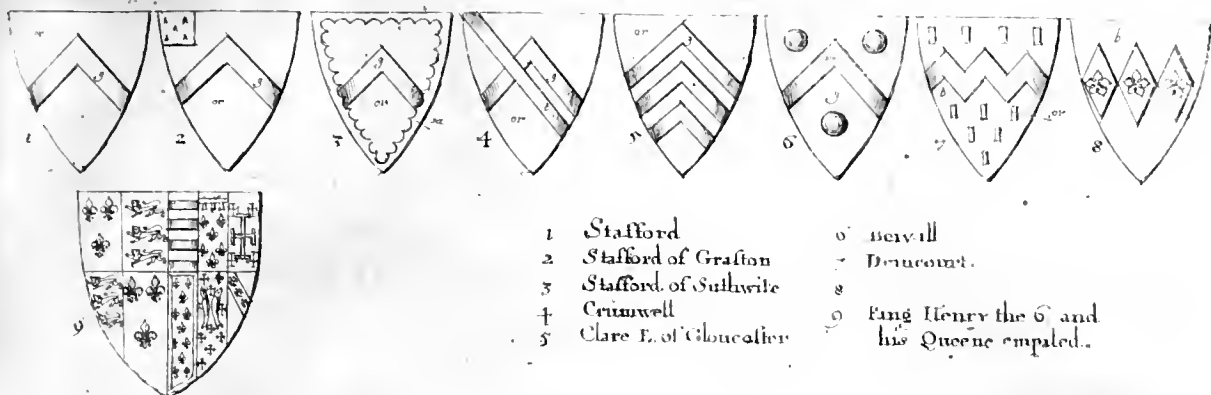
In an. 1291. 19 E. 1. being valued at xv marks, it was, upon the foundation of that Monastery of *Carthusians* in the Isle of *Arholme* (concerning which I have spoke in *Wonskirtby*) *inter alia*, granted ^a thereto: but the Prior and Covent of that House, intending to part with it, within two years after obtained license ^b to pass it to the Canons of *Sulby* in *Northamptonsh.* Yet I perceive that they did not absolutely grant it away till ^c 32 H. 6. and then (sc. 13 Oct.) they assured to the Pr. and Covent of *Sulby* aforesaid, the Pension of xx s. issuing out of it, with 8 pound of Wax yearly due to the said *Carthusians*, and the perpetual patronage of the Rectory, which was appropriated ^d to those Canons by *Regin. Bowlers*, B. of *Cob.* and *Lich.* 30 Aug. an. 1454. 32 H. 6. there being thereupon reserved ^e vi s. viii d. Pension to the B. and his successors, and ii s. to the Arch-Deacon of *Cob.* to be yearly paid at the Feast of *All Saints*; as also iii s. iii d. per an. to the poor of this parish for ever. In 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was valued at viii l. per ann. being a stipend as it seems in money onely, paid to the Incumbent by the Canons of *Sulby*.

Patroni Ecclesie. Incumb. & temp. Inst.
 Prior & Conv. de *Hugo Tankard*, Cap. 1283.
 Kirby-monach. *Magr. Henr. de Kirby*, Id. Dec. 1315.
 D. Rex, ratione temporalium Priorat. *Tho. Breton*, Pbr. 6 Cal. Northb. Dec. 1325.
 de Kirby in manu *Will. del Peck*, Pbr. 9 Cal. 16 f. 51.
 sua exist. Nov. 1349.
 Pr. & C. de Kirby-monach. *Joh. de Hermesthorp*, Cler. 11 Cal. Sept. 1361.
 Rad. Co. Staff. procurator generalis Pr. *Will. Mountaine*, accol. 9. 16 f. 15.
 & C. de Kirby. Cal. Martii, 1365.

Ric. de Staynton. 14 Cal. 16 f. 18.
 Feb. 1369.
 D. Rex, ratione ut supra. *Tho. de Schifford*, 24 Martii, 1371.
Joh. de Hopwas, Pbr. 2 Cal. 16 f. 21.
 Nov. 1373.
 Pr. & C. de Kirby-monach. *Joh. Newenham*, Cap. 8. Burgh. Julii, 1402.
Jo. Bernard, 14 Junii, 1411. 16 f. 28.
Henr. Scharyngton, Cler. Bull. f. 7. 24 Dec. 1418.
W. Wreo, Cap. 25 Nov. 1419 16 f. 8 b.
Ric. Swarland, 22 Julii, Heyw. 1422. 10. a.
Jo. Stoke, Pbr. 8 Martii, 1424 16 f. 12.
Wilt. Wodeward, 14 Martii, 1427. 16 f. 19.
Tho. Cranes, Cap. 21 Julii, 1453. Bowl. f. a.

Patroni Vic.
 Abb. & Conv. de *Humfr. Fownes*, Cap. 20. Str. & f. 13 b.
 Sulby. Martii, 1535.
 Edw. Sanders, serviens ad legem, ratione concess. Abb. & C. de Sulby. *Franc. Kymberley*, Cap. 9. Sampf. 42. a.
 D. Regina. Martii, 1547.
Joh. Hadfeild, Cler. 16 Aug. 1582. Sampf. B. f. 29.
Tho. Wace, sen. & Th. *Nich. Mare*, 3 Sept. 1586. Burgh. f. 13 b.
Wace, jun. de *Wapenbury*, jomen.

Wapenbury
Armes in the Church windows



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|---|------------------------|---|--|
| 1 | Stafford | 6 | Bevill |
| 2 | Stafford of Grafton | 7 | Deucomant. |
| 3 | Stafford of Suthwile | 8 | |
| 4 | Crimwell | 9 | King Henry the 6 and his Queene empaled. |
| 5 | Clare E. of Gloucester | | |

Eathorpe.

This is a little Village lying within the parish of **Wapenbury**, and hath had its name from the situation thereof near the River; **Ea** in our old English signifying water, and **thorpe** a village or hamlet. As it is in that parish, so hath it been ever a member thereof, and posselt by the Lords of that Mannour; howbeit till H. 6. time I have not seen any mention of it in Record: but then (as in **Wapenbury** I have shewed) *Ric. Stafford* Esq; and *Raph Bellers* were certified to be owners thereof. Since which, it hath attended the possession of that Lordship.

Weston subtus Wethele.

Further yet on the North side of **Leame** stands **Weston**, which having the name from its situation, is distinguished from the other towns in this County by the addition of *subt. Wethele*, the woods lying Northwards of it bearing the name of **Wethele**-woods. In 8 the Conq. time the E. of **Wellest** was posselt of 3 hydes here, excepting the third part of one virgate, the woods belonging thereto containing 3 furlongs in length, and one in bredth; all which one *Robert* did at that time hold of the said Earl, being valued at 50 s. But before the Norman invasion it was the Free-hold of *Wlf*. Which *Robert* held here also one yard land and a half of *Turchil de Warwick*, whereof in *Edw.* the Conf. time *Uluni* (whom I suppose to be the same *Wlf* above mentioned) was posselt.

Here likewise had *Will. fl. Corbucion* 2 yard land and a half, then valued at 2 s. and held by one *Johais*. But besides what he had, did this *Rob.* also hold **Wapton** of the said Earl; and having his residence there, assumed it for his surname, his posterity for a long time after continuing owners thereof. In 10 H. 2. this Mannour, with **Wapton**, then posselt by *Adam de Napton*, answered 22 l. to the K. imposed upon him, as it seems, for adhering to the Rebels. Which two Mannours being originally in the Earl of **Wellest**, as aforesaid, were in 10 H. 3. certified to be held by the service of 2 Kts. fees of the Earl of **Winchester** (in respect that that part of the Honour of **Leicester**

came by marriage of one of the heirs female unto *Quincy*.)

Of these *Naptons* divers bore the name of *Adam*; whereof, in H. 3. time, was Sir *Adam de Napton* Kt. who entailed this Mannour upon his grand-child *Adam*, and the heirs of his body. Which *Adam*, in 7 E. 1. was certified to hold it of the Earl of **Wogham** (one of the heirs to the said E. of **Winchester**) by the service of one Kts. fee; having at the same time a Water-mill, and 3 yard land and a half in demesne, with as much in the hands of tenants, who held by servile tenure: As also 2 Free-holders holding 2 Cottages; and eight more, occupying 3 yard land and 3 quarters: All which did suit twice a year to the Court for the Honour of **Winchester**. At that time it was also certified, that one *Sylvester de Honygham* held another Mannour here in **Weston** of *Henry de Beresford*; and that the said *Henry* held the same of *John de Hastings*, that being it which *Corbucion* had in the Conq. time. Which *Sylvester* had here 3 servants holding one yard land and a quarter, and 2 Free-holders occupying the like proportion.

Touching that part which *Turchil de Warwick* had in the Conq. time, it was likewise in 7 E. 1. held by *John de Wileweby* of *Rob. de Cumpston*, and by him of *Sim. Bassett*, and by him of the E. of **Warwick** (unto whose ancestors the greatest part of *Turchil*'s lands were given) but this was no more than 1 yard land and a half, then in the possession of two Free-holders.

Of *Napton*'s Mannour here, was that family posselt till the beginning of H. 4. time, though how long after, I am not sure: for in 1 H. 4. did *John de Napton* and *Eliz.* his wife, settle it, with **Wapton**, on certain Feoffees: But long it was not after, ere that *Edward Metley* enjoy'd it, or a great part of it: for it appears, that in 4 H. 4. the said *Edward* and *Margaret* his wife, in right of her the said *Margaret*, recovered seisin of 7 messuages, 3 tofts, ten yard land, and 74 s. 9 d. rent, lying here and in **Wapton**: yet whether it divolved from the said *Edw.* to *Nich. Metley* (of whom I have spoke in **Wapenbury**) and so to Sir *Edw. Belknap*, as that Lordship did, I make a question: For I find, that in 10 H. 6. *John de Weston*, Sergeant at Law, had it: And that in 33 H. 6. *Richard Knightley* recovered it against *John Wode*: As also, that in 5 H. 7. Sir *Edw. Cornwall* Kt. dyed seized thereof, leaving *Thomas* his son and heir 16 years of age. Howbeit, about the beginning of H. 8. time, if not before, did the said

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n Ib. f. 52. a

• Ib.

p F. levat. craft. Aff. cons. 1 H. 4. q Rot. Aff. in Com. Warr. 4 H. 4. Rot. 42.

r Rot. in Scac. p. n. 2 s. Rm. R. f Recup. de T. Trin. 33 H. 6. Rot. 42. 4. t Est. 5. H. 7.

Sir

Sir *Edw. Belknap* posses it. Which Sir *Edw.* (of whom in *Dasset* I have historically spoke) being a man of great note, had his residence here, and new built the Mannour-house, one of the fairest structures of Timber that I have seen, on several parts whereof his Arms are cut in wood, quartering the Coats of *Sudley*, *Mountfort*, and *Botel*. And by his last Will, and Testament, dated 12 H. 8. bequeathed it to Dame *Alice* his wife for term of her life: After which it came to *John Shelley* Esq; cousin and heir to the said Sir *Edw.* by *Alice* his sister. Which *John* dyed seized thereof, 4 E. 6.

But the next owner thereof, that I meet withall, was Sir *Thomas Newnham* Kt. from whom it came to the Crown, though how, I yet know not; And in 4 & 5 Ph. & M. was by the Q. granted to Sir *Edw. Sanders* Kt. (chief Baron of the Exchequer) and to *Thomas Morgan* and their heirs; which *Tho.* married *Mary*, sole daughter and heir to the said Sir *Edw.* but having no issue that survived, and being desirous to preserve the memory of his name, entailed it upon *Bridget Morgan*, the onely child of his brother *Anthony*, and the heirs male of her body, begotten by any bearing the surname of *Morgan*. Whereupon the said *Bridget* took to husband *Anthony Morgan* of *Spytchell-town* in *Spennorthshire*, by whom she had issue *Thomas Morgan* Esq; the present owner thereof, Ann. 1640.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Michael*) hath anciently belonged to the Canons of *Erdbury*, and been many ages since appropriated thereto, as by the presentations to the Vicaridge appears: And in 19 E. 1. was valued at viii marks and a half; and the Vicaridge at two marks: But in 26 H. 8. the said Vicaridge was rated at Cix s. (53 s. 4 d. yearly Pension being paid thereto by the Prior and Convent of *Erdbury*) over and above viii s. per ann. allowed for Procurations and Synodals.

Patroni Vicariæ. Incumbentes & temp. Inst.

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penes D. &
Cap. Lich.
Langt. f. 40.
a.
Northb. f.
36. b.

1b. f. 59. a.

Strett. f.
19. b.

1b. f. 22. a.

Sk. f. 5. b.

1b. f. 8. a.

Burgb. f. 3.
b.

1b. f. 16. a.

1b. f. 32. a.

Arund. f.
141. a.

Heyw. f.
12. b.

Prior & Conv. de
Erdbury.

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Thom. de Sudham, Cap.
1301.

Walt. de Coventre, C p. 5.
Cal. Janii, 1316.

Will. de Hull, Cap. 2 Id.
Febr. 1340.

Joh. Gibbons, Pbr. 2 Cal.
Dec. 1354.

Walt. Dyk, Pbr. 4 Cal.
Dec. 1370.

Rob. de Hoghton, Pbr. 8.
Cal. Martii, 1373.

Will. Chapman, Pbr. 8 Ju-
lii, 1390.

Joh. Fanne, Pbr. 22 Nov.
1392.

Joh. Hinkley, Canon. 22.
Aug. 1398.

Joh. de Segrave, Cap. 20.
Oct. 1405.

Will. Hopwode, Cap. 8.
Martii, 1412.

Joh. Radford, Cap. 6 Sept.
1414.

Will. Sheynton, Pbr. . . .
Junii, 1424.

Patroni Vicariæ.

Incumbentes & temp. Inst.

Will. Watton, Cap. 26 Sept. 1b. f. 18
1426.

Joh. Parker, Pbr. 9 Mar. 1b. f. 22.
iii, 1428.

Joh. Huswife, Pbr. 28. 1b. f. 25
Nov. 1430.

Joh. Parker, Pbr. 21 Mar. 1b. f. 33.
iii, 1434.

Joh. Hewes, Pbr. 10 Aug. 1b. f. 37.
1439.

Will. Waynflete, Pbr. 3. 1b. f. 38.
Martii, 1439.

Ric. Gloucester, Canon. de 1b. f. 39.
Erdbury, 15 Aug. 1440.

Will. Parker, Pbr. 26 Aug. 1b. f. 13
1452.

David Vagham, Cap. 18. Bowl. f.
Dec. 1500. 205. a.

Rob. Pendilbury, 25 Nov. Bl. f. 11.
1525.

D. Thom. Holme, 1 Maii, 1b. f. 17.
1530.

D. Will. Squyer, Cap. 8. Str. &
Maii, 1541. f. 18. a.

D. Ric. Symonds, Cler. 12. Sampf. f.
Maii, 1551. b.

Hugo Jones, 20 Jan. Sampf.
1576. B. f. 47.

Nich. Daniel, Cler. 10. 1b. f. 48.
Nov. 1581.

Thom. Morgan de } *Thom. Hunte*, Cler. 29 Mar. Overton
Heyford in Com. } tit, 1598. bund. C

Northampt. ar. } *Henr. Wilke*, Cler. 6 Maii, Ibid.
1600.

On the East wall of the North Ile, is there a Monument for Sir *Edward Sanders*, sometimes chief Baron of the Exchequer: His portraiture, kneeling in a Scarlet Robe, is placed on the one side thereof, and the like of his Lady on the other side; but no writing thereon, other than sentences of Scripture relating to the Resurrection and Ascension of our Saviour Christ, which are represented in the carved work.

The Coats of Arms thereon are these, *Sanders* alone (viz. party per cheveron sable and argent, 3 Elephants heads erased and counterchang'd of the field.)

2 *Sanders* empaling *Makeins*. 3 *Cave* empaling *Marvin*. 4 *Sanders* empaling *Cave*. 5 *Sanders* empaling *Englefield*. 6 *Sanders* empaling *Hussey*.

On the same wall is a fair Tablet of Brass fixed on Marble, with this Inscription.

*Margeritæ Saunders artus sunt morte soluti,
Perpetua felix mens requiete jacet.
Donec enim vixit celestia semper amabat,
Assidua venerans religione Deum.
Conjugis Edwardi casto flagravat amore,
Præfuit & magna cum ratione domi.
Morbus & exhaustum corpus cum frangere cepit,
Ad dominum junctas sustulit illa manus.
Inde crucis Christi simulachrum lata poposcit,
Hoc oculis, animo, sensibus, agra notat.*

Hinc

*Hinc nequit evelli mens in meditando triumphans,
Atq; suum coluit non faciat Deum.
Egregiam vitam mors est praeclara secuta,
Margerix salix vita, quae morsq; fuit.*

Here Margerie Saunders lyeth whose mortal lymms
are dide,

But to enjoy immortalrest her soul to Heaven is
fled.

Whyles lyf did last she was a paterne of good lyfe,
Devout to God, good to the poore, a chaste and per-
fit wyfe.

A housewysse of great skill, setting her whole de-
light

In her just love and weddid make Sir Edward
Saunders Knight.

For Christ his crosse she calid amiddis the pangis of
death,

Whiche she with minde je beheld untill her later
breath.

And so gave up her gost to God which lyf did
lend,

Who for her good, and worthily, gave her a happy
end.

The corps of dame Margerie Saunders daughter of
Sir Thomas Englefeld Knight; and of dame
Elizabeth his wife, on of the daughters of Sir
Robert Throgmorton Knight, lyeth in this
Torne; whos soule God pardon. She dyed the
xi. of October, Anno Domini, 1563.

In a large Tablet of Alabaster fixed on the
North wall, is this Inscription.

Here lyeth Margaret and Mary the onely daughters
and heirs apparent of Thomas Morgan of Hey-
ford in the County of Northampton Esquier,
sonne and heire of Francis Morgan of Heyford
aforesaid, sometimes one of the Justices of the
Kings Bench, and Marye, wife of the said Tho-
mas, daughter and sole heir of Sir Edward Saun-
ders Knight, sometime chief Justice of England,
and after chief Baron of the Exchequer, and ly-
eth buried in this parish Church of Weston.
Which Margaret and Mary the daughters dyed;
that is to say, Mary the 22 day of May 1568.
before she was one yeare oulde; and Margaret the
30 day of September, 1568. being of the age of
seven years and 21 days. On whose soules God
have mercy. Anno Domini, 1584.

Upon a Plate of Brasse fixed in Marble on the
South wall of the Chancel.

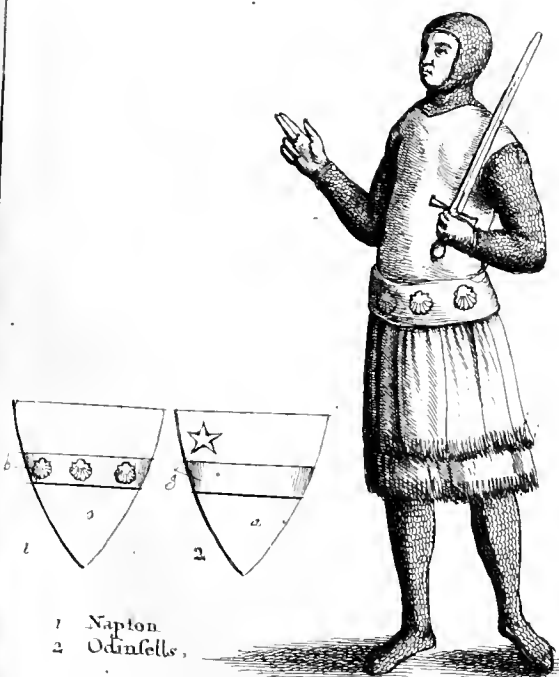
*Artis Apolline fueras qui Mistra Jodoce,
Hen mortis jaculo victa Tomere jaces:
Cuius in interitum tulit hac solatia tristitem
Saunders vera pignora amicitia.*

Anno Domini 1566. Decembris 22.

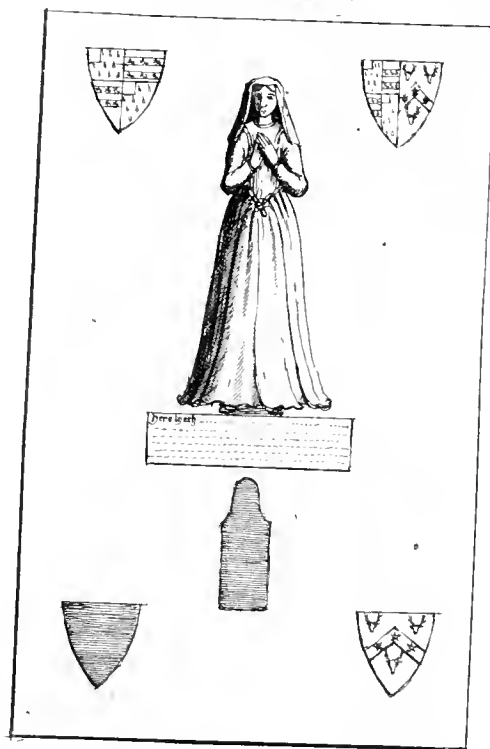
Deare lyeth Joyce Corner Mayne by death
That had of Ihesus skill,
Whose losse these comforts Saunders kept
As tokens of good will.

Weston subus Wetheley

In a South Window of the Church,



In the Chancell



Here lyeth Anne Danet Wyf of Gerard Danet Gentilman
daughter & on of the heires of John Huggesford lorde of
Edmondeston, Wolfrichston, & Meriton, Wapenburn, Wolstorp
and Eythorp, in the Countie of Warr, and leyed, whiche Anne
deceased the XVIII day of August the yere of our lord 1555
1555. on whose soule Ihu have mercy, Amen.

Cubington.

I Come next to **Cubington**, wherein by the Conq. Survey the Prior of **Cobentre** was certified to have 2 hydes, valued at xxx s. the E. of **Mellent** 3. rated at as much, which one **Boscher** then held of him; and **Roger de Iuri** 5. esteemed at xl s. In one place it is written **Cubitone**, and in the other two **Cobintone**; but afterwards, **Cumbington**; which shews, that it had its name originally from the situation of it in a low or deep hollow; for the word **Cambe** doth signifie as much.

That which the Prior of **Cobentre** had here was 2 half a Kts. fee, which in 20 H. 3. **Simon de Cubinton**, and in 36 H. 3. **Henry de Cubinton** held of that Monastery. But the substance of what the said E. of **Mellent** had, and which the same **Boscher** held of him, came to the Monks of **Stoneley**, either given by the heirs of the before specified **Boscher**, or by those whom he or they enfeoffed thereof, though the particular grants do not appear: For **Henry Boscher** (grandchild to the first **Boscher**) made a general confirmation of them in H. 3. time; the quantity being 5 carucates of land, and xxiii s. iii d. yearly Rent of Assize, as was certified in 19 E. 1.

But of that which **Rog. de Iveri** had, **Hastings** of **Allesley** was, as it seems, antiently enfeoffed. By one of which line, it was given to **Semely**, (Lord of **Radford-Semely**) and to **S. Maure**, though when, I find not: for in 7 E. 1. **Will. de Semely** held what he had here, by the service of half a Kts. fee, of **John de Hastings**, viz. 2 yard land in demesne, and 3 held by 6 servants, at the will of the Lord, paying certain yearly rent, and doing suit twice a year at the Court of the said **John de Hastings** at **Allesley**. Which **W. de Semely** had also six Cottagers, holding as many Cottages; and 4 Free-holders occupying 2 yard land and 3 quarters, and doing suit to his 3 weeks Court here at **Cobington**; as also making two appearances every year at the Court of **Allesley** above-said. But from **Semely** I cannot deduce the succession of his part in this place. That which **John Hugford** and **Thom. Waldryve** granted to the Monks of **Stoneley** in 13 E. 4. was certainly it; for the quantity, viz. 5 mess. 80 acres of land, 3 acres of meadow, and 4 acres of pasture, doth not only argue the same; but the tenure thereof from **Sir Edw. Nevill** in right of his Mannour of **Allesley**, antiently belonging to **Hastings**, doth put it out of doubt.

Of **Henry de S. Maure**, who had the rest of **Cobington**, I find, that he committed a Murder, and fled for it, whereupon K. E. 1. seized his Mannour here, but allowed to **Ermengard** his wife liberty to hold it for her maintenance during his royal pleasure. It should seem that the K. taking advantage of this forfeiture, gave it soon after to the **Templars**; for in 7 E. 1. it was certified, that they had here 3 yard land in demesne, and a certain Grove inclosed like a Park: but being willing to strengthen their title from **S. Maure**, in 9 E. 1. grew to an Agreement with him, viz. to pay to them the said **Henry** and **Ermengard** 4 marks per ann. during the life of her the said **Ermengard**; in consideration whereof, they levied a Fine of it to the use of the said **Templars** and

their successors for ever. Which lands so possessed by them, were in 1 E. 2. seized by the K. and then yielded 25 s. rent of Assize: but were soon after transmitted to the Knights **Hospitallars**, and continued to them till the general dissolution, as did also that which the Monks of **Cobentre** and **Stoneley** had.

Being thus lodg'd in the Crown, the K. in 38. of his reign, granted to **Edw. Watson** and **Henry Herdson**, and their heirs, all that belong'd to the Abby of **Stoneley**, called then by the name of **Cobington-grange**. Which **Edw.** and **Henry** had licence the same year to alien it unto **Ric. Fawkenor** and his heirs, who sold it to one **Thomas Fawkenor**. Which **Thomas**, reserving an estate to himself for life, entailed it upon **Eliz.** his daughter, then the wife of **George Bodyngton**, and the heirs of her body, with remainder to **Agnes Fermour** widow, his other daughter, and the heirs of her body; but for lack of such issue, to the right heirs of the said **Ric. Fawkenor**; and departed this life, 10 Febr. 1 Eliz. his said daughters being then of full age.

Touching that which belong'd to the Priory of **Cobentre**, I find, that it was by K. E. 6. in 4 of his reign (inter alia) granted to **Sir Raph Sadler** Kt. then Master of the great Wardrobe, and to **Lawrence Wennington** Gent. and to the heirs of the said **Sir Raph**. As also, that the **Hospitallars** Mannour here was past out of the Crown by Q. Eliz. the same year to **John Fisher** and others.

The Church (dedicated to the **Nativity** of our Lady) being antiently but a Chapel, and belonging to **Wotton**, was therewith granted to the Canons of **Kenilworth** (as in **Wotton** I have already shewed) and in ann. 1291. 19 E. 1. valued at xii marks. Which Canons, in 5 E. 3. had Licence to appropriate the Fruits thereof to the use of that Monastery: Whereupon, scil. in 19 E. 3. ensued the endowment of the Vicaridge, which in 26 H. 8. was rated at vi l. vi s. viii d. over and above 2 s. allowed for **Synodals**.

Patroni Ecclesiz. Incumbentes & temp. Inst.

Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.	Thom. de Harewell, Pbr.	Langt. f. 3
	11 Cal. Apr. 1309.	b.
	Joh. de Shotreswell, accol.	1b. f. 38. a.
Patroni Vicariz.	3 Jan. 1313.	
	Rob. le Fitzwith, Pbr. 8.	Northb. 38. b.
	Cal. Maii, 1342.	1b. f. 44. b.
	Adam de Thorp-Mundevile, Pbr. 6 Cal. Oct. 1346.	1b. f. 47. a.
	Hugo Aleyne, Pbr. 7 Id. Dec. 1348.	
	Thom. Silvestre, Cap. 7 Id. Maii, 1349.	1b. b.
	Will. Haymoll, Cap. 17 Cal. Nov. 1349.	1b. f. 51. b.
	Joh. Blacfordby, Cap. 6. Febr. 1401.	Northb. f. 38. b.
	Thom. Halford, Cap. 7 Oct. 1402.	1b. f. 10. b.
	Tho. Hulle, 28 Jan. 1410.	1b. f. 27. a.
	Joh. Marchall, Cap. 4 Oct. 1421.	Heyw. f. 6. b.
	Walt. Lydom, 19 Dec. 1422.	1b. f. 11. a.
	Rog. Wyllins, 4 Oct. 1425.	1b. f. 16. a.
	Joh. Hull, Cap. 9 Jun. 1427.	1b. f. 19. b.
	Will. Lowles, Pbr. ult. Jan. 1428.	Heyw. f. 22. a.

Rob.

Patroni Vicariæ.

Incumbentes.

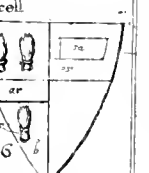
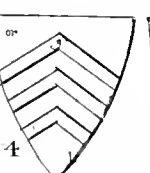
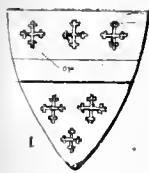
Patroni Vicariæ.

Incumbentes.

1b.f.36.a	Rob. Wells, Pbr. 15 Nov. 1437.	Edw. Rowne, gen. ratione concess. Joh. Hanby, ar.	D. Will. Ludmans, 19 Nov. 1554. Sampf. & E.f.28.b.
1b.f.37.b.	Steph. Percivall, Pbr. 20 Junii, 1439.	Anth. Shughburgh gen. & Joh. Dasset gen. ratione concess. Tho. Shughburgh.	Tho. Gardiner, art. Magr. 16 Oct. 1557.
1b.f.40.b.	Joh. Gymbys, 24 Jan. 1441.		
1b.f.42.b.	Joh. Huggeford, Cler. penult. Julii, 1444.		
1b.f.44.a.	Rog. More, Cap. 5 Febr. 1450.	Benedictus Shukeburgh, ar.	Joh. Lounde, in Leg. Bacc. 20 Febr. 1561.
Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.	Will. Sherdun, alias Jordan, Cap. 26 Sept. 1454.	Will. Catherall, bac vice, ex assign. Bened. Shukeburgh.	Will. Catherall, Cler. 27 Oct. 1564. Bentham bund. H.
	Ric. Marten, Cap. 4 Maii, 1457.		Rog. Barker, 4 Junii, 1569. Sampf. & B.f.43.a.
	Ric. Alryche, alias Lyllyngton, Pbr. 23 Febr. 1511.	Bened. Shukeburgh.	Georgius Purley, Cler. 28 Nov. 1572. 1b.f.44.b.
	Rob. Wylliamson, Cap. 1. Maii, 1533.		Ric. Marrell, 27 Nov. 1581. 1b.f.48.b.
1b.f.45.a.	Magr. Joh. Olde, 22 Martii, 1548.	Will. Lisley de Evenley in Com. North. ar.	Joh. Harper, Cler. art. Mr. Morton bund. incert.
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Cubington

In the east window of the North Ile



In a South window of the Chancel this Coat and versey



In a North Window of the Chancel



Benedictus Shukeburgh filius Thome Shukeburgh de Superiore Shukeburgh patronus huius templi hanc fenestram erexit. A 1594.

- 1 Beauchamp
- 2 Henry E of Lanc.
- 3 England

- 4 Clare E of Glouc.
- 5 Albany E of Arundell
- 6

Who lies here doth thou wonder
Loe my name is written under
What I was wouldst thou know
Flesh is frail and I was loe
who almighty is yet mar
Convey to heaven this lump of clay
Edmund Johnson Oct Febr 5 1678.

Lillington.

Lower yet on the same side of Leame stands Lillinton (perhaps so called from the old English word *Lytlan*, which signifies small or little) wherein the E. of *Spellent* held 24 hydes in the Conq. time, with a Mill valued at vi s. viii d. and woods of a mile in length, and half a mile in bredth: all which were valued at xl s. having been the Free-hold of one *Edric* in *Edm.* the Conf. dayes. Here was also half a hyde more, which *Rog. de Olgi* then held of *Turchil de Warwick*, valued at xx s.

There is no question but that the E. of *Spellent*'s part was by K. H. 1. or by the E. of *Warwick*, upon such terms as the K. directed, given to *Geffr. de Clinton*, Founder of the Castle and Priory of *Kenilworth*: For by the foundation Charter of that Monastery, he granted thereunto 2 hydes of land in this place. And as for the half hyde which belong'd to *Turchil de Warwick*, I presume, that *Hugo fil. Ricardi* (of whom I am to speak in *Warrohall* and *Watton*) was enfeofft thereof (in *ter alia*) by the said Earl, who had the most of *Turchil*'s lands: For I find, that immediatly upon the foundation of the before specified Monastery, the Canons of *Kenilworth* had the same by his grant; in consideration whereof, they rendred to him the said *Hugh*, the Churches of *Sintenseld* and *Claverdon*, which they held of him; and gave him over and above a Cloak, valued at vi marks

of silver, and to *Margaret* his wife 2 saddle Nag. After which, K. H. 1. added his Charter of confirmation, and so also did *Roger E. of Warwick*.

But the other two hydes, belonging to the E. of *Spellent* above mentioned, were, as I am induc'd to believe, given by the said *Geffr. de Clinton* with his daughter *Lescelina* in marriage to *Norman de Verdon*: for I find, that they were held of the heirs of the said *Norman* and her, by *Rob. de Verdon*; and of him by *Peter de Wolwardington*, by the service of half a Kts. fee. The extent whereof in 7 E. 1. was certified to be one carucat, which the said *Peter* had in demesn, and eleven yard land occupied by ten servants, who did manage that carucat for the benefit of the same *Pet.* This *P. de Wolwardington* granted to the Monks of *Cumbe*, that his tenants here in *Lillington* should grind their Corn at their Mill called *Blakedon*-mill. Of the successors to the said *Peter* in this Mannour I cannot give a perfect account; but of what I have found from Record relating thereto, I will here adde; which is, that in 20 E. 3. *Margaret de Wolvarton*, and *John de Waldgrave* answered for half a Kts. fee in this place, held of the heirs of *Theob. de Verdon*; and that in 10 H. 6. *John Waldgrave* of the County of *Buckingham*. Cent. and *Ric. Beauchamp E. of Warwick* held the same, by the name of a Mannour, by the service of half a Kts. fee. As also, that in 10 H. 7. *Will. Grey* Esq; dyed & seized thereof, leaving *Thomas* his son and heir 15 years of age; from whom it came to *Edm. Grey*, who in 28 H. 8. was owner of it.

I now return to that which the Canons of **Kenilworth** had in this place, which, in 7 E. 1. was certified to be one carucat of land then held by them in demesne, and 16. yard land managed by xx. servants, who performed divers servile works for the said Canons, and payd also certain yearly Rent for the same. Here the said Canons had a **Court-Leet** and other privileges, as appears by their claim in 13 E. 1. But this coming to the Crown at the dissolution of that House, was by Q. **Eliz.** in 2. of her reign granted unto **Gerard** and others; and in 6. to **Ambrose** Earl of **Warwick** and the heirs male of his body; but in 38 **Eliz.** being again in the Crown by reason of the death of the said Earl without issue, was, in consideration of the good & faithfull service which **Sir John Puckering** Knight, then Lord Keeper of the great Seal of **England** had performed, (as the words of the Patent do import) passed by the said Queen, together with the advowson of the Church unto **William Borne**, and **James Orenge** esquires, and their heirs. Which **William** and **James**, for a certain sum of money to them payd by **Thomas Puckering**, son and heir of the said **Sir John** then deceased; and in performance of a Decree in the Court of Wards made 23. Oct. 38. **Eliz.** sold and confirmed the said Mannour to the same **Thomas** (afterwards Knight and Baronet:) and his heirs, by their deed bearing date 27. Junii 39. **Eliz.**

The Church (dedicated to **S. Mary Magd.**) was originally belonging to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, from the very foundation of that Monastery, as a member and Chappell of **Wotton**; out of which upon the appropriation of **Wotton** to those Canons half a marke *per annum* was reserved for their use: but afterwards, it seems, they had it wholly; for so doth the Record of 7 E. 1. express; whereby it also appears, that it was endowed with a yard land and half, having been appropriated to them the very preceding year by **R. de Meulend** Bishop of **Coventre** and **Lichfield**, and confirmed by the King. In anno 1291. 19 E. 1. it was valued at viii. marks, and the Vicaridge at two marks: but the Vicaridge in 26 H. 8. was rated at *lxiii s. ivd. per annum* over and above 8 s. 4 d. yearly allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

That which now beareth the name of **Blakdon** is onely a hilly ground in **Willington-field**, having originally had its denomination from the dark colour thereof, **done** or **dunc** signifying a Hill. The Mill which yet also retains the name thereof lyeth upon **Avon**, at the skirt of the same field, and was given to the Monks of **Combe** by **William de Burton** as in **Bourton super Dunsmore** I have shewed. Whether there were ever any village at this **Blakdon** I know not: but do find, that it was part of that which the Canons of **Kenilworth** had in **Willington**, though not of the Mannour, it and **Wriden** being held of **Verdon's** heirs by 2 Knights fee and half.

Patroni Vicariæ.

Incumbentes & temp. Inst.

Ex autog. penes I. D. Cap. Lich.

Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.

Langt. f. 29. b.

Will. de Kykeni. an. 1252.
Magr. Wyiscard. an. 1255.
Joh. Camezane Auditor contradict. D. Papa an. 1256.
Rog. de Reygate an. 1284.
Joh. dictus Lek. Dias. 8. Id. Oct. 1308.

Will. de Henyngham. Cap. Northb. f. 42. a.
5. Cal. Apr. 1344.
Ric. de Rodburne 5. Id. Jan. Strete. f. 2 b.
1375.
Joh. Robolot Pbr. 13. Junii Sk. f. 13. a.
1397.
Ric. Stamford Pbr. 5. Feb. Burgh. f. 3 a.
1398.
D. Adam Felchyn 9. Maii 1b. f. 8. a.
1401.
Joh. Racheford Cap. penult. Heyw. f. 3 b.
Jan. 1421.
Rad. Wikeley 17. Jan. 1425. 1b. f. 15. b.
Joh. Blaby Pbr. 29. Oct. 1b. f. 26. b.
1431.
Joh. Cowper Pbr. 16. Febr. 1b. f. 34. a.
1435.
Joh. Normanton Pbr. 17. Bowl. f. 4 a.
Apr. 1493.
Will. Snelston Cap. 10. Febr. Bl. f. 4. b.
1506.
Joh. Shirburne art. Magr. Samp. f. 43. a.
7. Martii 1552.
Thom. Badnall 24. Julii Samp. f. B. f. 1. b.
1554.
Rob. Chewes Cler. 3. Apr. 1b. f. 42. a.
1566.
Joh. Brooke Cler. 8. Apr. Overton bund. C.
1594.
Thom. Mayoe Cleric. 16. Ibid.
Martii 1598.
Will. Cooper Cler. in art. Morton bund. ince.
Bacc. 20. Julii 1631.

Wolphamcote.

HAVING thus followed the Northern side of **Leame** till it meets with **Avon**, it now remains, that I ascend to the South-east part thereof, where it enters this Hundred, which is within the precincts of **Wolphamcote**.

This is now vulgarly called **Obencote**, (containing within its parish the villages of **Flekenbo**, **Pethercote**, and **Satebydige**, in all which there are decayed Chappells,) and in the Conq. time was possessed by **Turchill de Warwick**, the content thereof being certified at 4. hides and a half, valued at *lx s.* having also a Church situate therein: but in that Survey it is written **Witelmescote**, and was before the Norman invasion the freehold of one **Aschil**. As for the originall of the name 'tis evident enough that it sprung from some ancient planter or Inhabitant there in the Saxons time, **Witelmus** being a usuall appellation amongst them, and the Word **Cote** (as I have elsewhere observed) being the same with *domus* or *habitatio*.

To the before specified **Turchill** succeeded **Siward de Arden** his son and heir; who, being permitted to enjoy this as part of his rightfull inheritance, granted it to **Lecelina** daughter to **Geffrey de Clinton**, and her heirs, **Ailwin**, the then Bayliff of **Flekenbo**, and his sons being some of the witnesses thereto; *qui reddiderunt pecuniam*, as the Deed expresses; *id est*, making attournment by paying some money in token thereof. Which **Lecelina** married to **Norman de Verdon** (as in **Wandon** I have

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d Ex ipso autog. penes S. Arche. eq. aur.

have shewed,) and had issue by him, *Bertram de Verdon*, in whose line it continued till towards the end of H. 3. time, that *John de Verdon* past it away, by the name of a Mannour to *Walter de Langley* and *Alice* his wife, and their heirs for the service of half a Knights fee: provided, that they the said *Walter* and *Alice*, and their heirs should appear in their proper persons twice a year, with their tenants, at the Court-leet of him the said *John* and his heirs, at *Flekenbo*, in case they did reside here, at *Wolshamcote*, and if not, then their Bayliff to supply their room.

Which grant, though not dated, was made (as I guess) about 40 H. 3. For in 41. the said *Walter* and *Alice* had a Charter of *Free-warren* granted to them in all their demesne lands here. But the said *Alice*, surviving her husband did, in 23 E. 1. settle it upon *Robert de Langley*, her younger son, and his heirs. To whom succeeded *Margaret* his daughter and heir, wedded to *William de Peto*, whereby it devolved to that family, about the beginning of E. 3. reign. From which time, I shall not need to instance by particular proof from Records, that their descendants were successively Lords thereof: for they continued so, till within these few years, that *Sir Edward Peto* of *Chester-ton* Kt. in consideration of 2520 *li.* by his Deed, dated 2. Apr. 11. Jac. sold it to *Rob. Clerke* Yeoman, then his tenant thereof.

This Lordship being antiently held of *Verdon* (as I have shewed, upon partition of *Verdon's* inheritance, was held of *Will. de Ferrers*, son and heir of *Isabell*, one of the coheirs to the last *Theob. de Verdon*; *William de Peto*, grandchild to the before specified *Will.* doing his homage, accordingly, for the half Knights fee here, unto *William* Lord *Ferrers* of *Groby* in 2 H. 4. But further than what I have said, I do not find any thing memorable of this place, other than the complaint which our Countrey-man *Rous* long since did make of the Depopulation here, as well as in many other towns of this County.

In An. 1291. 19 E. 1. the Church (dedicated to *S. Peter*) was valued at xxv. marks; the advowson whereof, was, in 38 E. 3. granted by *Sir John de Peto* Kt. (Jan. 9.) unto *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick*, and to *Thom. B.* his son. Which *Thomas*, the younger, afterwards being E. of *Warwick* having obtained the Kings licence for the same, by his deed dated on Tuesday the feast of *S. George* 15 R. 2. inter alia, pass'd it unto the Dean and Canons of the Collegiat-Church in *Warwick*, and their successors, for the good estate of the said King *Ric.* and *Q. Anne*; as also of him the said Earl, and *Margaret* his wife, *Will. Beauchamp* his brother, and *Joan* his wife, with their Children, during this life; and for the health of their souls after their departure hence; and likewise of the souls of their Progenitors, Ancestors, and all the faithfull deceased. Whereupon it was appropriated to the use of the said Colledge, by the consent of *Richard Scroope* then Bishop of *Cob.* and *Elch.* ann. scil. 1395. 19 R. 2. xiii s. iv d. yearly *Pension* being reserved out of the fruits thereof to the said Bishop and his successors for the indemnity of their Churches of *Cobentre* and *Elchfield*, and ii s. to the Archdeacon of *Cobentre*.

In 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was valued at xii li. xviii s. ii d. over and above 8 s. - 6 d. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

Patroni Ecclesiz.

Incumb. & temp. Instit.

Galf. de Langele miles.

Rob. de Langele.

Will. de Carewell miles.

Thom. Comes Warwici.

Patroni Vicariz.

Decan. & Cap. Eccl.

Coll. B. Maria de Warwico.

Ric. Bidle, hac vice, ratione concess. D. & Cap. Warw.

Eliz. Regina.

Thom. Spenser ar.

Rob. Raynsford de Sta-
verton in Com.
North. arm.

Henr. Capellan. An. 1248.

D. Petrus de Leycestria
1299.Job. de Nayleston. Cler. 3.
Cal. Maii 1334.Sim. de Catesby Cler. 12.
Julii 1375.Rob. Plumbe Pbr. 26. Junii
1399.

Regin. Carix 6. Nov. 1404.

Ric. Hayward Cap. 20. Jan.
1416.Hugo Ruhale Cap. 15. Mart.
1416.Thom. Walsham 25. Aug. Hyw. 6. a.
1421.Nich. Segrave 27. Dec. 1b. f. 29. b.
1432.Rob. Everley Pbr. 21. Sept. Bowl. f.
1492.Job. Allestre Cap. 28. Apr. Bl. f. 3. a.
1504.D. Job. Watwood 12. Febr. 1b. f. 8. a.
1521.D. Job. Fisher Cap. 13. Dec. Str. & P. f.
1542.Laurentius Bonde Cler. 9. Bund. B.
Julii 1586.Thom. Fosset Cler. 10. Julii Overton.
bund. C.Job. Goode in art. Bacc. 8. 1b. bund. P.
Dec. 1604.Laur. Hill. Cler. 14. Junii Ibid.
1606.Edw. Nowell 8. Martii Morton
bund. in-
cert.Ric. Crosse art. Magr. 18. Ibid.
Aug. 1623.

Flekenbo.

THIS is the largest and chief of the Villages within the parish of *Wolshamcote*, and wherein one *Leuninus*, in the Conq. time held x i. hide and a half, of the K. then valued at xxx s. which he purchased of *Alunine* his brother: As also 2. hides and half a yard land of *Miltane* (commonly called *S. Wolstan*) Bishop of *Worcester*, then likewise rated at xx s. more. But the Bishop sayling to make good his title, *Leuninus* was at the Kings mercy for it. At the same time, one *Oslach* held here 2. hides and a half, of *Turchill de Warwick*, which were the freehold of *Eduinnus* before the Conquest: And *Aitricus* one hide and half a yard land, all which were valued at lx s. being part of that which *Turchill's* posterity enjoyed; for *Siward de Arden*, his son, gave some of it to the Monks of *Thorney* in *Cambridgeshire*. But how long the family of *Arden* kept it, I cannot directly say, in regard I find that the *Verdons* (who had also *Wolshamcote*) were possess hereof very antiently, *Roes de Verdon*, in 20 H. 3. answering for three parts of a Knights fee lying here and in *Wolshamcote*.

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b.Burgh. f. 5.
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1b. f. 14. b.

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1b. f. 2. a.

1b. f. 29. b.

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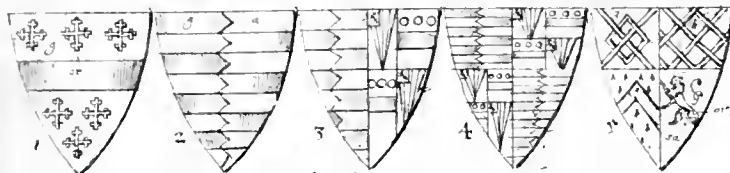
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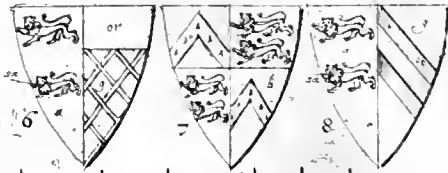
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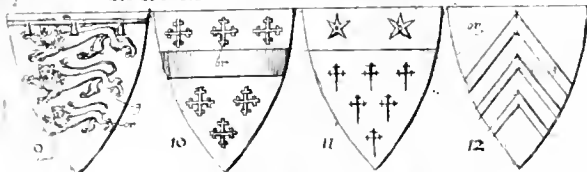
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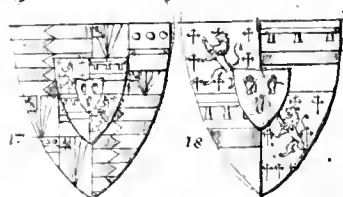
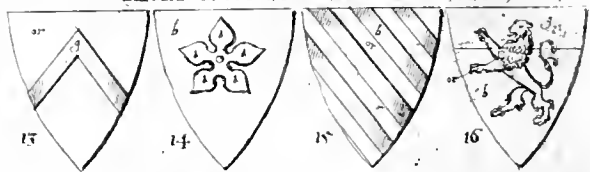
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In the north Ile of the Chancell.



In the north windows of the Church.



1. Beauchamp
2. Peto
3. Peto empaling loges and Langley quartered.
4. Peto quartering Loges and Langley.
5. Audley with quarterings.
6. Catelby empaling Crauford

7. Catelby quartering Lodbroke.
8. Catelby empaling Fitzwith.
9. The Earle of Lancaster
10. Beauchamp
11. Clinton E. of Huntington
12. Clare E. of Glouc.

13. Stafford
14. Affley
15. Monfort
16. Hastings
17. Peto w quarterings
- 18.

Of the rest, which *Leunius* held in the Conq^uest, it seems that *Musard* was shortly after enfeoffed; and that the family of *Hastang* had it from them, as well as the other lands that they held in this County: And likewise that *Verdon*, having the most of this village, to make it all intirely his own, obtained that which *Hastang* had here. This is my conjecture, but grounded upon great probabilities: for I find, that in 6 H. 3. *Rob. Hastang*, clayming the service for half a Knights fee here, from *Nich. de Verdon*, they came to an Agreement, whereupon there was a Fine ⁶ levied; which expressing as much, further sheweth, that the said *Nicholas* and his heirs shoul'd perform those services to the above specified *Robert* and his heirs for ever. Which half Knights fee in ⁶ 20. H. 3. was answered for, amongst the rest that *Hastang* held in this Shire, under the title of *Feod. Roberti Musard*.

But to *Nicholas de Verdon* succeeded *Roes* his daughter and heir (as in *Wandon* is shewed) which *Roes* gave ⁶ unto *John Fitz-Alan* with *Maud* her daughter in Frank-mariage 23. mess. and 20. yard land in this place; all which, the said *Maud* & *John Fitz-Alan* her son, did entail upon *Rich. de Munde vill* and *Isabell* his wife, sister to the said *John*, and the heirs of their two bodyes, but for lack of such issue to return the said *John* and his heirs, which *Richard* had no issue by her, as it seems, so that the land reverted to the family of *Fitz-Alan*: For I find, that *Edmund Fitz-Alan* Earl of *Arundell*, grandchild to the before mentioned *John*, enfeoffed *John de Segrave* the elder, and *Christian* his wife (inter alia) of these lands, to hold for life; and after their decease *Stephen de Segrave* and *Alice* his wife, and the heires of their two bodies lawfully begotten. By which means they descended with *Calndon* (already spoke of) to *Moubray*, and so to *Berkley*; and were by *Henry*

Lord Berkley, temp. *Eliz. Reg.* sold to *Edw. Pough-ton* of *Causton* esq. as I have been informed; Of whom the particular tenants purchased their severall Fermes; so that now the reputation that it had of a Mannour is utterly lost: And whether ever really it was so I make a question; for the owners thereof never held any Court-Baron there, but had a kind of yearly meeting for the Tenants, which they called a Court, whereat they usually demised their land, and entered the Agreement in a Roll, instead of making any formall Lease thereof, as was usual in ancient time. Out of which lands a yearly Rent of 3 s. 4 d. being due to the Mannour of *Flekenho*, that was *Verdon's*, is now paid by the Purchasers according to the proportion of the land they bought.

I now return to the rest that *Verdon* had here in *Flekenho*, which was, indeed, the Mannour it self, with lands of good value thereto belonging: wherein I find that *John de Verdon*, son and heir of *Roes* before mentioned, had *Free-warren* granted to him in 42 H. 3. And that the said *John* held the same, being half a Knights fee, of *Thomas de Arden* (lineall heir to the before specified *Sirard*) by the service of a Hawke. As also, that in 13 E. 1. *Theobald de Verdon*, son and heir of the said *John*, claymed a Court-leet, Assise of bread and beer, *Free-warren*, and weys, with other priviledges here in *Flekenho*, and the members thereof (viz. *Pethercote*, *Wolhamcote*, & *Salisbury*); for these do appear to be by the ancient stile of the Court there kept; all which were allowed. Which *Theobald* had issue *Theobald*, and he severall daughters and heirs, as in *Wandon* is shewed; whereupon it came by partition to be assigned unto *Isabell* the wife of *Henry de Ferrers* of *Joby*. To whose posterity in the direct line it continued, untill it was put into the hands of *John Stafford* Bishop of *Bath* and *Wells*, *John Visc. Beaumont*, and other feoffees

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fees, by *William* the last Lord *Ferrers* of *Osby*:
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claus. 37. Which *Thomas*, being so seized thereof, gave * it
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 the life of the said *Henry*; but afterward to remain
 to *Thomas Ferrers*, son and heir of him the said
Thomas by *Eliz.* one of the sisters and heirs to Sir
Baldwin Frevill Knight (by whom he had the Ca-
 stle of *Camworth* in this County.) From which
Thomas and *Eliz.* did lineally descend Sir *John*
Ferrers Knight, who by his deed * bearing date 20.
 Sept. 12. Jac. gave it, with *Anne* his daughter in
 Marriage unto Sir *Symon Archer Knight*, and his
 heirs; of whom and his family, which hath been of
 great continuance in this Shire I have spoke in
Camworth, where their seat is.

Nethercote.

THIS having been antiently called *Parva-*
Fleckenho, and originally a member of the
 other, was, in 10 E. 2. held * by *John de Coigne* of
Theobald de Verdon, for half a Knights fee: And
 after him, viz. in 2 E. 2. by *Will. Coyne*, who * wrote
 himself *Dominus de Nethercote*. To whose poste-
 rity it continued till 31 H. 8. that *Robert Cury*
 esquire, past it away to *Roger Wigston* esquire and
 his heirs; whose son and heir, *William Wigston* esq.
 but afterwards Knight, levied a Fine * thereof to
Eliz. Onely widow in 3 E. 6. But I have heard,
 that *Roger Wigston*, son and heir to the said Sir
William sold it to one *Thomas Lee*: which *Thomas*
 in 14. Eliz. by the name of *Tho. Lee* of *Clatercote*
 in Com. Oxon. esquire was certified * to dye seized
 thereof, leaving *William Watson* son of *Anne Watson*
 (one of his sisters) his next heir. Which *William* sold
 * it to *Tho. Wilcox*, who passed it to *Robert Clerke*
 late owner thereof.

Sawbridge.

THIS, being written *Salebrugge* in antient
 Records, makes me imagine, that the name was
 at first occasioned from the Bridge, here, over
Heame; and that the syllable *Sal*, which by
 corrupt pronuntiation is now called *Saw*, proceed
 from the old Brittain word *Sal* or *Salto*, id
 est *vilis, five parva estimationis*. But it was origi-
 nally a member of *Wolhamcote*, and continued
 in the family of *Ardern* till King *John's* time, that
Thomas de Arderne granted * it to the Monks of
Thorney in Cambridge-shire, who in 19 E. 1. were
 certified * to hold in this place one carucate of
 land rated at xxx s. and iv li. xii s. rent of Assise; at
 which time the value of those customary works due
 to the Monks from hence were rated at 26 s. 8 d.
 and the pleas and perquisites 6 s. 8 d. They had
 then also a Mill of 4 li. per annum and a stock upon
 the ground, worth xx s. by the year. The totall viii
 li. xix s. iv d.

This continued in the Crown, after the dissolu-
 tion of the Monasteries, til 2 Eliz. that the Q past
 it * away to *Gerard* and others, by the
 name of the Mannour of *Salwysage*. How it came
 again to her hands I know not; but in 4. of her

reign, by her Letters Pat. dated 28. Oct. she gran-
 ted * it to *Ranulph Crew* esq. and *Richard Cart-*
wright gent. and their heirs, together with a wa-
 ter-mill in *Ryeton*, to be held in Feeferme, paying
 xx li. yearly into the Exchequer. Which *Ranulph*
 and *Richard* by their * deed dated the 10. of Nov.
 following past it to *Edward Brook* of *Fleckenbo*
 gent. *Roger Tibbotts* of *Southam* gent. *Robert Clerk*
 of *Wolhamcote* Yeoman, *Thomas Chiles* of *Salu-*
ysage Yeoman, and *Richard Roberts* of *Nether-*
cote Yeoman, and their heirs.

a Pat. 40.
 Eliz. p. 16.

b Ex autog.
 penes Rob.
 Clarke.

Shuckborough-superior.

Southwest from *Wolhamcote* stands *Shuck-*
borough superior, part whereof lyes within
Winton-hundred. In the Conq. time, the Earl of
Wellest held four hides here, as appears by the ge-
 nerall Survey * then made; and *Turchill de Warwick*,
 half a yard land: All which being valued at 14 s.
 were posselt by the same *Leuvinus* before the Nor-
 man-invasion, of whom I have made mention in
Spenskirby and *Fleckenbo*: But in that * Record
 it is written *Socheberge*; whence I conjecture,
 that the originall name was at first composed of a
 Brittain as well as a Saxon word, *Swich* in that
 language signifying a Plow, and *berge* in the o-
 ther, a Hill, which is not unfutable to the nature of
 the ground (viz. arable) and the situation thereof.

That the greatest part of the Earl of *Wellest's*
 lands, and likewise of the before specified *Turchill's*
 came soon after to the antient Earls of *Warwick*,
 I have often observed; yet it when it was, or
 whom, that those Earles first enfeof of this place
 doth not directly appear: but plain it is, that Earl
Roger (who dyed in King *Stephen's* time) * gave
 the Church to the Nunns of *Worshals*; and con-
 firmed * the grant which *Robert* then Lord of this
 Mannour, had made of 4. yard land, and xx. acres
 of Inclosure to the same Religious house. But after
 this *Robert* the next that I find to have been Lord
 of it, was *Osbert de Lemington*, who granted * an
 Oxe-gang of land, lying within the precincts there-
 of to the Abby of *Leicester*. Which Oxe-gang, be-
 ing * half a yard land, and confirmed * by King H.
 2. was within a short space given * by the Canons
 of that House to *Thomas* the son of *Oliver de Shuck-*
borow and his heirs, for ix s. yearly rent to be
 paid to the said Monastery.

From this *Thomas* did descend, as 'tis like, that
 family, which, long continuing here, bore the fir-
 name of *Oliver*, whereof was *Thomas Oliver*, who
 in 7 E. 1. held * 7. yard land in this place; viz.
 3. yard land and a half of *Henry de Berchesdone*,
 by the 4. part of a Knights fee, which the said *Hen-*
ry held over, of the Prior of *Cobentre*; and the rest
 of *Jordan de Say* by the like service. This *Thomas*
Oliver had at that time 2. yard land in demesne, and
 2. servants holding the residue under particular
 Rents, and performance of servile labour. It was
 then also certified, that *William Chater* held 8.
 yard land here, of the Prior of *Cobentre*, whereof
 three parts of a yard land he had in demesne. Which
 interest so belonging to the Monks of *Cobentre*,
 here, was in right of their Mannour of *Priors-*
perston that extended into it, for no less doth the
 Record * of 9 E. 2. import.

But as the Earls of *Warwick* were superior lords
 of a part thereof, so were the *Cantilopes* (lords of
Atton-

c Do-
 d mcd. l.

f Cart. 1.
 E. 3. n.
 1. per
 Inspe.

g Cart. 11.
 E. 2. n. 10.
 per Inspe.

h Reg. Abb.
 Leic. in bibl.
 Cotton. f.
 18. b.

i Pat. 1. H.
 4. p. 4. m. 20.
 per Inspe.

k Reg. Abb.
 de Leic. ut
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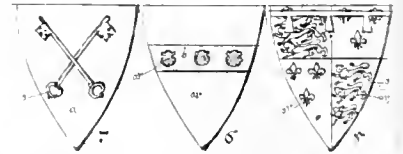
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m Nom.
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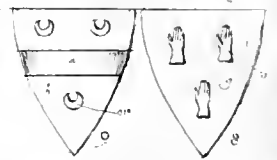
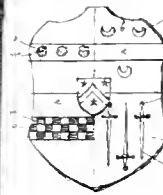


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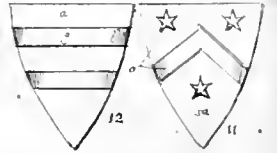


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| 1 Beauchamp | 8 Dylert |
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| 3 Montfort | 10 Shukburgh |
| 4 Beville | 11 Shukburgh |
| 5 Earle of Lancaster | 12 Foxley |
| 6 Napton | 13 Shukburgh |

Here lyeth interred the body of John Shukburgh Lord of this manour sonne of Anthony Shukburgh Esquier who departed this life the 20 day of March Anno Domini 1521 being about the age of 68 years: and Margerie his wife daughter of Richard Middlemore of Edgbaston Esquire, by whome he had 10 Children, which Lady Margerie departed this life the 25 day of March Anno domini 1520.



hic iacet Margareta Cotes dr. Johis Cotes fili et heredis
Thome Cotes de honingham armigeri quondam filie Thome Shukburgh
lenioris de Shukburgh armigeri cui alic pphitur deus amen



hic iacent Thomas Shukburgh armiger et Elizabeth vxor eius quondam
oro citatoris de luperiori Shukburgh qui obiit anno domini
quingentesimo 15 primo die mensis
Decembris Quorum animabus propitietur deus amen



here is buried the bodies of Anthony Shukburgh Esquier
and Jane his Wife the said Anthony departed this life the
first of April in the reare of our lord god 1524

MORS moriem vivit et per mortem post mortem vivimus.

Aston-Cantilupe of the rest, as appears by that claim in 13. E. 1. made by *John de Hastings*, for a Court-Leet and weyfs in this village by prescription. Which title, as I gueſs, accrued to them from the poſterity of *Oſbernus filius Ricardi* (of whom I have ſpoke in *Aſton-Cantilupe*;) and is the more probable, forasmuch as we ſee, that *Jordan de Stry* (a branch of that family, as in *Farnborough* is manifested) held the 4. part of a Knights fee here: and that, upon the extent of *Aſton-Cantilupe* in 39 H. 3. there is a Rent of viii s. ix d. per annum certified to have been due from the Freeholders here.

The substance of which lands so held by *Hastings* came in tract of time to one *Simon de Shuckborow*, and *Raph Chateres*: for in 6 E. 2. It was found, that they two held no less than a Knights fee here, of the same *John de Hastings*. From which *Simon* descended *John de Shuckborow*, who in 20 E. 3. held of *Hastings*'s heir the third part of a Kts fee in this place; And from him *John Shuckborough* esq. who in 10 H. 6. was certified to hold a Mannour here, by the 4. part of a Knights fee.

But another Mannour there was also, and that very ancient, which belonged to the family of *Dive*, the inheritance whereof in 27 E. 3. *Margaret* the widow of *Richard Hastings*, daughter and heir to *Raph Dive*, and coſin and heir to *John Dive* of *Ducklington in Com. Dron*, granted to *Will. Catesby* and *John* his son; wherein *Emme* the Widow of the said *John* in 13 H. 4. obtained a Charter of Free-warren, in the behalf of herself and *John* her son. Which Mannour, afterwards coming to the hands of *Richard Collyng of Wavers-perſton* gent. was in 32 H. 8. paſt from him unto *Thomas Shuckborough* esq. and his heirs (Lord of the other Mannour by descent from *Thomas* his ancestor before specified) whole great-grandchild *Sir Richard Shuckborough* Knight now enjoys it.

That these *Shuckboroughs* were very antiently poſſeſſors of lands here, there is no doubt: for I find one *William de Suckeberge* in 3. Joh. which might be the first assumer of this denomination (there being many good and great families whose ancestors fixt not their surnames till afterwards.) But little have I ſeen memorable of them in those elder times, other than the bare mention of their names: neither am I able of a long time after by the advantage of Records to deduce their descent in a lineall ſucceſſion; I ſhall therefore briefly mention what I have met with, as remarkable, touching any of them, and so paſs on to the next.

In 1 E. 3. I find, that *John de Shuckburgh*, having been one of the Coroners in this County (an office in those days of great account) had his *Quintus eſt*, the Shiriff being commanded to cause another to be chosen in his room: But it seems the Kings command was not thereupon pursued, because the next year after, he directed another Precept, dated from *Pontfract* 19 Aug. to the same purpose. In 6 H. 4. *John Shuckburgh* and *Thomas Shuckburgh* were, with the Shiriff and other Commissioners, assigned to collect a Subsidy in this County then granted to the King in Parliament: And in 7 H. 5. *William Shuckburgh* of *Shuckburgh*, being rank'd amongst those Knights and other Esquiers of this County, who bore ancient Armes from their Ancestors, had warning by the Shiriff to appear before the Councell, there to receive order for serving the King in his proper person for the defence of the Realm, In 6 H. 6. he

was one of the Commissioners appointed for the Collecting a subsidy of vi s. viii d. from certain Inhabitants residing within the Cities and Boroughs of this County. And departed this life in 11 H. 6. being at that time one of the Coroners for this Shire.

From whom descended *Thomas*, who was in Commission for conservation of the peace from 18 H. 7. to the end of that Kings reign; and for many years in H. 8. time.

This family do bear for their Armes Sable a Chevron betwixt three Mulletts argent; relating, as tis observable, to those little stones called *Aſtroues*, which are very like a Mullet, and frequently found in the plowed fields hereabouts.

The Church (dedicated to *S. John Baptist*) being given to the Nuns of *Worral*, as I have already shewed, was antiently appropriated to their use, and in 26 H. 8. valued at viii li. vi s. viii d. the Procurations and Synodalls yearly payable to the Archdeacon of *Cobentre* for the same, being x s. vi d. But here was never any Vicar endowed, the Cure having been served by a stipendary. Which Rectory, after the dissolution of the Monasteries, was granted to *Sir John Williams* Knight in 32 H. 8. who had license the year following to alien it unto *Thomas Shuckborough* esq. from whom it descended to *Sir Richard Shuckborough* before mentioned.

Granborough.

I Now return somewhat neerer to the bank of *Leame*, where I behold *Granborough*, within which parish is *Wolſcote*, *Walcote*, and *Calcote*. This is one of those 24. townes that *Leofrik* Earl of *Merſia* gave to the Priory of *Cobentre* at his foundation thereof in 1 Edw. Conf. And wherein, by the Conq. Survey, that Monastery was certified to hold 8. hides and 1. virgate of land, there being then a Mill, rated at xvi d. and the value of all recorded at viii li. At the same time it was also found that *Richard Foreſtarius* held of the King 2. hides in this place, then valued at fifty shillings, which, before the Conquest, were the freehold of one *Ramdi*: But in *Domesday-book* it is written in one place *Graneberge*, and in the other *Graneberge*, whereby it appears, that the name did originally proceed from its situation on a rising ground.

A great part hereof was in K. H. 1. time given by *Laurence* then Prior of *Cobentre* & the Monks of that House unto *Robert* the son of *Noel*; which grant K. H. 2. confirmed to *Thomas Noel* (his son) who wedded *Margaret* one of the sisters and coheirs to *Raph Strange* of *Knockin* in *Shropſhire*; which *Margaret* held the same land in dower: After whose death *Alice* and *Joan* the daughters and heirs of the said *Thomas* had livery thereof, *Alice* being then the wife of *William de Harecurt*, and *Joan* of *Thomas Fitz-Eustace*. It should seem by what hereafter appears, that the issue of *Alice* by *William de Harecurt* carried away the whole inheritance here; but whether by any grant from *Joan* the other sister, or that she had no issue, I am ignorant: For in 36 H. 3. *Ric. de Harecurt* was certified to hold the same of the Prior of *Cobentre*; which *Richard* dyed in 42 H. 3. leaving *William* his son and heir, who doing his

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b Ex cod.
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c clau.
d 11. H.
6. m. 2.
e Pat. deſid.
an. in dorſo.

f M S. penes
S. A. eq.
aur. f. 13. a.
g Ibid. b.

h Pat. 52
H. 8. p. 4.
i Pat. 33 H.
8. p. 5.

k Cart. 51
H. 3. m. 8.
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Nevill.

homage had livery of all his fathers lands.
 In 47 H. 3. this *William* had summons, amongst
 divers other great men, to be at *Worcester* suffi-
 ciently furnished with Horse and Arms on the Feast-
 day of *S. Peter ad vincula* (commonly called *Lammas*)
 to resist the power of *Lewelin* Prince of
Wales, then in Rebellion: And the next year fol-
 lowing received command to attend the King at
Oxford, in Mid-lent, with Horse and Armes, there
 to give him Counsell, and to march along with
 him against the said *Lewelin*. Which *Will.* or *Wil-*
liam his son past away this Lordship unto *Hugh*
de Brandeston; for in 21 E. 1. the said *Hugh* had
Free-warren granted to him in all his demesne
 lands here. Unto whom succeeded *Henry de Brande-*
ston, who in 6 E. 2. aliened it to *Will. de Bere-*
ford, and *Edmund de Bereford* his son, and to the
 heirs of the said *Edmund*; entayling it, for want
 of issue by *Edmund* on *John de Bereford* his brother,
 and the heirs of his body: for better confirmation
 of whose title *William de Harecourt*, son and heir
 of *Sir John de Harecourt* of *Bosworth* in *Leicester-*
shire, in 3 E. 3. released unto the said *Edmund* all
 his right therein.

Which *Edmund* in 3 E. 3. granted it to the Mo-
 nastery of *Chaucumbe* in *Northamptonshire* but
 without licence; for it appears, that in 39 E. 3.
 it was charged with xx s. annuity to the Monks of
Cobentre and their successors, as being held of
 that Monastery, and so purchased: yet it seems that
 the Canons of *Chaucumbe* did not long possess it,
 but that the heirs of *Brandeston* had it again: for
 by a Fine levied 46 E. 3. between *Philip de Ay-*
lesbury and *Agnes* his wife, and *Richard Mon-*
fort and *Rose* his wife, it was concluded, that the
 said *Richard* and *Rose* should hold the moytie
 thereof during their naturall lives, but that after-
 wards it should revert to the same *Philip* and *Ag-*
nes, and the heirs of *Agnes*. Which *Rose* and *Agnes*
 were daughters and heirs of *Hugh de Brandeston*,
 grandson to the before mentioned *Hugh*, (as in
Lapworth I shall shew) and held that part of
 this town, called *Harecourts-fee* of the Monks of
Cobentre, by the service of half a Knights fee, and
 ii s. per annum, as also two appearances at the
 Court held at *Southam* every year by themselves
 and their tenants; with Ward, Marriage, Relief,
 and Scutage when it happeneth.

After which, scil. in 14 R. 2. *Roger Aylesbury*
 of *Lapworth* (son to the abovesaid *Philip* and
Agnes) granted to *Will. Montfort* of *Thoneworth*
 and *Agnes* his wife, and their heirs, the reversion of
 all his part therein, after the decease of *Agnes* his
 mother. Which *William* upon the marriage of *Mar-*
garet, one of his daughters to *John Catesby* of *Ab-*
by-Leggers in *Northamptonshire* (as in *Lapworth*
 appeareth) by his deed dated the Munday after the
 Feast of *S. Faith the Virgin* 6 H. 5. granted his
 reversion expectant, after the death of *Royse* his
 mother, unto the said *John Catesby* and his heirs;
 to which grant the said *Royse* returned.

In the line of *Catesby* it continued till 23 H. 3.
 but then was it conveyed to *Sir Valentine Knight-*
ley Knight, who by his last Will and Testament
 bearing date 26 Dec. 7. Eliz. gave it to *Edm.* his
 second son, and the heirs male of his body, and
 for want of such issue to the heirs male of the body
 of the said *Sir Valentine*, the remainder to his right
 heirs. Which *Edmund* leaving *Richard* his son and
 heir, who dyed without issue male, it reverted to
Sir Richard Knightley of *Roxtan* in *Com. North-*

hampton Knight, as son and heir male to the said
Sir Valentine. Which *Sir Richard* by his deed dated
 7. Oct. 9. Jac. sold the same to *Lawrence Bol-*
ton; from whom *Hugh Audley* esquire, one of the
 Clerks in the Court of Wards, purchased it in 6 Car.
 anno scil. 1629.

As for that part of *Granbozough* which *Richard*
Forestarius held in the Conq. time, it descended
 to *Walter Crok* as *Chesterton* did. Which *Walter*
 enfeoffed *Gilbert Crok* therewith, by the service of xs.
 and the Sergeanty belonging thereto, whose sister
 and heir, *Alice*, held it in 20 H. 3. But from
 this *Alice* it came, ere long, unto *Henry de Bray*,
 who in 17 E. 1. settled it upon *Thomas de Faren-*
done and *Emme* his wife, and the issue of the said
Thomas and *Emme*; and in case of their departure
 without issue, that then the said *Henry*, (who was
 a Priest it seems) should hold it during his life; but
 after his decease to remain unto *Thomas de Bray*
 and *Sarrah* his wife, and the heirs of their two bo-
 dyes, by the service of a Clove Gillofer, to be year-
 ly paid at Easter for ever.

From which family of *Bray*, it came to *Hastang*,
 though how I have not seen; For it appears that
 in 20 E. 3. *John de Hastang* held it of the heirs of
Loges, by half a Knights fee. Which *John* left two
 daughters his heirs, whereof the younger was mar-
 ried to *Sir John Salisbury*, who in her right dyed
 seized of the moytie of this Mannour in 12 R. 2.
 being attainted in the Parliament then held: and
Maud the other married to *Raph Stafford*, against
 whom *Thomas Bray* commenced suit, for this Man-
 nour, called *Bray's*, and in 1 H. 4. recovered it:
 But it should seem, that by some composition *Bray*
 quitted his title therein to the said *Raph Stafford*;
 for I find that the said *Raph* dyed seized thereof
 in 11 H. 4. leaving *Humfrey* his son and heir 26.
 years of age. From whom descended *Sir Humfrey*
Stafford of *Blatherwick*, who dying seized there-
 of 17 Eliz. as the Record expresseth, left issue
John his son and heir, then of full age. But I have
 heard, that the same *Sir Humfrey* sold it to one
Richard Rowley, and he to *Mr. Thomas Bradgate*,
 who had issue *William*, and he a daughter called
Alice, married to *Mr. John Hill*, the present
 owner thereof.

I now returne to that Mannour which belong'd
 to the Priory of *Cobentre*. This continued with
 the Monks till the dissolution of that House in 30
 H. 8. and issued not out of the Crown till that *Ed-*
ward Aglionby of *Balthall* and *Henry Hugford* of
Solthull Gent. had a grant thereof by Patent, da-
 ted 26. Maii 7 E. 6. Who forthwith past it, (viz.
 12. Junii the same year) to *Valentine Knightley* es-
 quire, and his heirs. Which *Val.* (afterwards Kt.)
 settled it, as it seems, on *Edmund* his younger son:
 for in 38 Eliz. the said *Edmund* was found to dye
 seized of it, leaving *Richard* his son and heir 28.
 years of age: who dying without issue, (as in *Ca-*
resbye's Mannour I have observed,) it came to *Sir*
Richard Knightley of *Roxtan*, and so to *Hugh*
Audley the now Lord thereof, as that did.

The Church (dedicated to *S. Paul*) hath been
 very antiently appropriated to the Priory of *Ron-*
ton in *Staffordshire*. Which makes me believe,
 that *Robert Noel*, the founder of that Monaste-
 ry, first builded and endowed it: but whether it
 were given thereto before the *Harecourts* became
 Lords of this Mannour by Marriage of *Noels* heir
 before specified, I am yet to learn. Besides the
 Church, there are lands of good value here in
Granbozough

Granbozow heretofore belonging to that Religious house; which long since, if not as antiently, were given thereto: For in Anno 1291. 19 E. 1. it was certified, that the Prior of **Ronton** had here three yard land and a half, then valued at 24 s. xxv s. ivd. yearly Rent of Assise, and of the profit of their store, yearly, x s. At which time the Church, appropriated to that Monastery, was valued at xxx. marks, and the Vicaridge at vi. But the Vicaridge was again endowed by *Walter Langton* Bishop of **Cobentre** and **Wichfield**, xvi. Kal. Maii An. 1321. 14 E. 2. Which it seemes was more enlarged than the Canons of **Ronton** well lik't; for in 2 H. 4. they obtained Licenſe to appropriat the same, wholly, to the use of their Monastery: by which Appropriation it was provided, that the Bishop should appoint a competent sum out of the fruits thereof to be distributed yearly to the poor of this Parish, according to the Statute of xv. R. 2. Cap. 6. But what was done therein I know not. Which Vicaridge in 26 H. 8. was valued at C s.

Patroni Vicariz. Incumb. & temp. Instit.

Rob. de Calk Pbr. 7. Apr. 1305.
Galfr. de Caldecote Prid. Id. Aug. 1305.
Henr. Hamond Pbr. 4. Id. Jan. 1328.
Joh. de Plumpton Pbr. 1. Maii 1375.
Ric. atte Brugg Pbr. 18. Apr. 1383.
Rob. de Pollesworth Pbr. penult. Jan. 1384.
D. Will. Perbyn Pbr. 13. Oct. 1388.
D. Will. Pyrbin Cap. 7. Apr. 1402.
Joh. Hyldes Cap. 2. Oct. 1407.
Will. Screyfeld Cap. 8. Oct. 1417.
Henr. Coventre Pbr. 8. Oct. 1445.
Joh. Parkyns Cap. ult. Feb. 1451.
Nich. Rushall Cap. 15. Oct. 1458.
D. Edw. Jurdeyn Cler. 19. Julii 1558.
Jac. Fundernell 20. Nov. 1571.
Thom. Davies Cler. 12. Aug. 1581.
Petrus Gibson 2. Sept. 1611.
Joh. Reason Cler. 4. Dec. 1611.
Georgius Beala Cler. 20. Julii 1615.

In a North window of the Church these Armes.

Argent semé of Crosses Crostlets fiché,
 with three Libers heads jessant
 flower de Lucis, sable.

Bereford.

Woscote.

THIS is a small Village, and hath had its name from one *Wulf*, an antient Inhabitant or possessor thereof in the Saxons time; for in old Records it is written **Wulbescote**, but accounted a member of **Granbozough**, for as much as the Prior of **Cobentre**'s, and **Catesby**'s Lordship there; as also certain lands belonging heretofore to the Canons of **Raunton** in **Staffordshire**, extended into it: The greatest part of which lands, having come by purchase, as it seemes, to the *Fardons*, were by *Margaret* daughter and heir to the last of that name (who took for husband one *John Bishop* of **Exeter** in this County) in her widowhood settled upon *Thomas* her son and heir 27. Oct. 3. & 4. Ph. & M. by the name of **Fardons-place**, &c. which *Thomas* had issue *John*, who together with *James* his son and heir, by their Deed bearing date x. Febr. 39 Eliz. aliened it to *Thomas Burman*, whose son and heir, scil. *John Burman*, now enjoys it.

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Walcote.

OF this place (now consisting of no more than 3. Houses, and called **Walcote-end**) I find mention in the Conq. time, one *Ordric* being certified to hold certain lands here, of *Turchill de Warwick*. From which *Turchill* it came to the Earls of **Warwick** as it seemes; for in 20 H. 3. it was held of them by the 5. part of a Knights fee. Which in 36 H. 3. one *Warine de Walcote* held of *Thomas de Arden*, and he of the Earl of **Warwick**: and afterwards; viz. in 29 E. 2. *Will. Reymund*. But in 20 E. 3. this 5. part was shrunk to a sixth, at which time *Thomas de Flamvill* held it of the then Earl.

Out of this village there was a yard land and quarter, antiently given to the Hospitall of *S. John* situate without the East-gate at **Driford** by one *Gricia de Wellescote*. And further, I have not met with any thing memorable of this place, other than the mention of particular lands, which are reputed part of those other Lordships in **Granbozow** before specified.

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Caldecote.

THIS is now a depopulated place, and hath been so a long time. In the Conquerors days *Turchill de Warwick* posselt it, and had severall tenants that held it of him, the extent thereof being somewhat more than one hide. But with the rest of *Turchill*'s lands it came to the E. of **Warwick**; for Earl *Roger* in 23 H. 1. gave to his Collegiat-Church at **Warwick**, then newly founded, half a hide in this village. Of the rest I find not who was enfeoffed; but it seemes that the heir female, to whom it descended, became the wife of *Will. Pludio*; which *Will.* gave half a yard land of this her inheritance to the Monks of **Cumbe**.

Part of that which *Richard Forestarius*, in the Conq. time, held in **Oreneberge** extended into this village: For *Gilb. de Crok* (of whom I have there made mention) enfeoffed *Adam de Crok* therein. But it seems that the family of *Verdon* had also some interest here: for in 36 H. 3. *Geffrey de Simely* was certified to hold half a Knights fee lying in **Alfos** and this place, of *Roes de Verdon*, which

k. Hist. MS.
 J. Rous p.
 144.

l. Regist.
 Coll. de
 Warw. f. 12.
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Reg. de
 m. Cumbe
 n. f. 121.
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o. Testa de
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which she held over of the Earl of **Warwick**, whereof there is frequent mention in Records, the heirs of the same **Geffrey** answering for it.

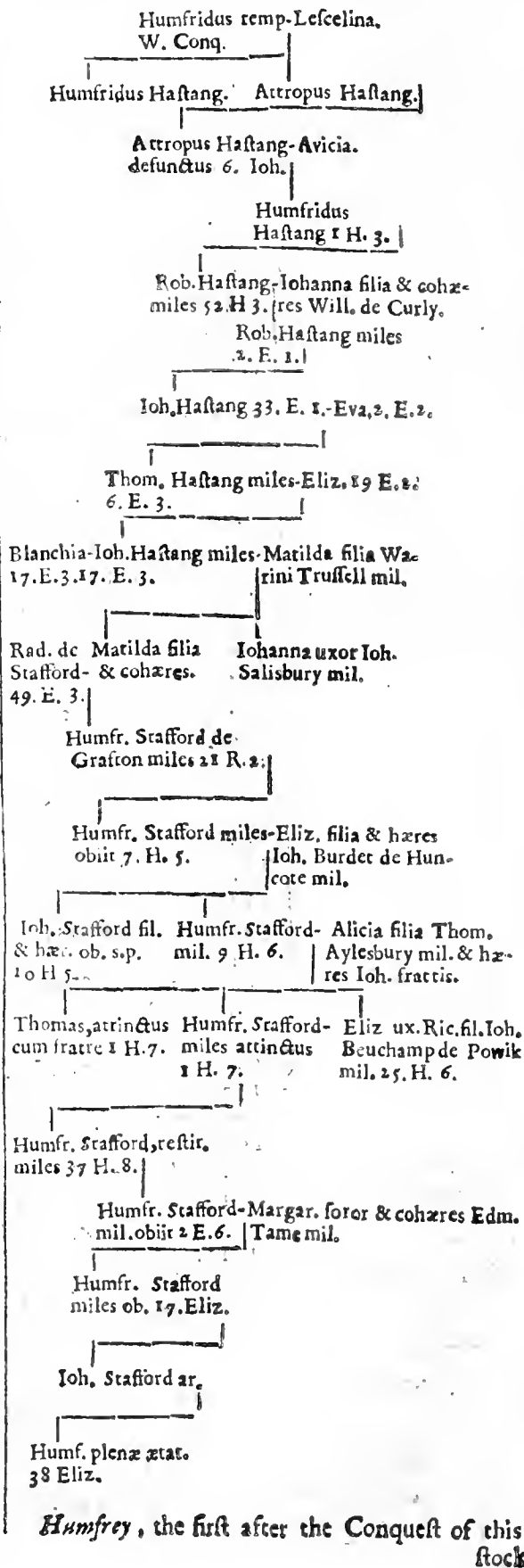
Other matters memorable I have not found thereof till 6 E. 6. that Sir **Thomas Newnham** Kt. sold it to **Will. Marquis** of **Winchester**, then Lord Treasurer of **England**, who settled it upon the Lord **Giles Poulet** one of his younger sons. Which Lord **Giles** by severall conveyances, dated about the 15. and 20. of **Queen Eliz.** raign, past it to **Thomas Stapleton** Gent. and his heirs; from whom or his son, the Lord **Stanhop** of **Harington** hath since purchased it.

Lemington-Hastang.

THIS, containing the villages of **Hill**, **Herbertwick**, and **Wadwell** was in the Conquerors time posselt by **Hasculf Musard**; the extent thereof being then certified at xii. hides and a half, with half a virgat, whereunto belonged a Mill rated at ii s. and a Church. All which were valued at xii li. having been the freehold of **Azor** in **Edward** the Confessors time. In that Survey it is written **Lanintone**, not without some mistake by the transcriber (as I think) for there is no question but that it had its name originaly from the River **Leame** on whose Southern bank it stands.

This **Hasculf Musard** was a great man in those days, and besides this Lordship had **Whitnash**, **Pembold-Cumin**, and **Haseley**, in this Connty, with vast possessions in **Gloucester-shire**, **Berk-shire**, **Oxford-sh.** and **Derby-shire**: but his principall seat being at **Musardere**, in **Gloucester-shire**, they were, in that respect, all comprehended under the title of **Baronia de Musardere** as appears by severall Records of after times. Neither was he less eminent for his vertue and piety than so opulent an estate; for the Register of **Ely** calls him *bonus decurio*, & apud Dominum suum Regem valde honoratus, alleading his devotion to be such unto **S. Ethelred**, as he became at length a Monk in that Monastery, giving thereto the Mannor of **Ctune** in **Gloucestershire**, whereunto King **William** added his confirmation: But this Lordship and his other lands in **Warwick-shire** being by him enfeofft upon one **Unfridus**, progenitor to the **Hastangs**, I shall onely observe, that his heirs female were in E. 1. time linkt by Marriage to the families of **Frescheville**, **Ireland**, and **Chelardeston**. And that of **Richard** in H. 2. time, descended **William**, a younger son, surnamed de **Rubra Spata**, and **Rougespe**; from whom, through contraction of the name, the **Ropers** of **Wiltneley**, **Turnitch**, and other places of **Pottingh**, and **Derby-shires**; which continued till H. 6. time did deduce their originall. As also, that **Richard Fitzheaux**, then of **Welgh-ton** in **Com. Derby**, esq. marrying his eldest son **Richard** to the onely daughter of **John Roper** of **Turnitch** (by Indent. dated 7 H. 6.) covenanted, that his said son and all his issue by the same **Isold**, should thenceforth forsake their paternall name, and assume that of **Roper**, which they have for the most part ever since done, as by those of **Deanonre** in **Derby-shire** appeareth; from whence the **Vicounts Baskinglasse**, **Barons of Wautre** in **Ireland**, and the **Ropers** of **Hill** in **Yorkshire** are lately descended; And, about E. 1. time, as by some antient evidence may seem, they of **Kent**.

But I return to the before specified **Unfridus**, who besides this Lordship held of the said **Hasculf** those Mannors of **Whitnash**, **Pembold** and **Haseley** with other lands elsiwhere, of his grant by the service of 5. Knights fees, as was certified by **Hascuil Musard**, grandchild to the said **Hasculf** in 12 H. 2. The posterity of which **Unfridus**, surnamed **Hastang**, continued Lords of this place till 39 E. 3. that by an heir female it devolved to the **Staffords** of **Grafton** and **Blatherwick**, as the descent here inserted doth manifest. Touching both which families in respect of an eminent seat they had here, and many employments of note in this County I shall say something historically.



Stock, was a benefactor to the Monastery of S. Oswald at **Postell**, founded^d by **Robert de Lacy** (son to **Hildebert**, who came into **England** with the Conqueror, and built the Castle of **Pontfract** in **Yorkshire**) whereunto he gave^d his Mill of **Saldeford**: But his son and heir, *sc.* **Atrop Hastang**, exceeded his father in bounty to the Canons of that House, bestowing^s on them the Churches of this **Lemington** and **Petebold** before specified; as also of **Cheblese** in **Staffordshire**. Which **Atrop**, his son, confirmed, giving^s likewise to the Canons of **Kenilworth** the Church of **Whitnash** in this County, and to^b the Canons of **Olney** (near **Orford**) half a hide of land lying also in the same **Whitnash**; which half hide contained two virgates: And to^b the Nuns of **Wrookhall** certain lands in **Haseley** (in this shire) for the health of the soul of **Cecilie** his wife.

To: **Atrop** succeeded **Humfrey** his son and heir, who was in^t that rebellion against King **John**, towards the end of his reign, for which his lands were seized; but in 1 H. 3. returning to obedience had them again restored^d. This **Humfrey** had issue **Robert**, who in confirmation of his Ancestours grants to the Canons of **Postell** above mentioned, levied^m a Fine thereupon in 6 H. 3. in consideration whereof, they released^m to him all their interest in the patronage of the Church at **Cheblese** before specified; and wedded^o **Joan** the daughter and coheir to **William de Curly**, by which means a fair addition of lands came to this family. In 41 H. 3. he gave^p the King half a mark in gold to respect his Knighthood; but being of a turbulent Spirit, like his father, took^q part with the Barons against King H. 3. and was one of those that held out **Kenilworth** Castle so long against the King, though the name of that **Hastang** (as in my story concerning that seige appeareth) be called **John**; which might very well be mistaken by the Monk of **Stoneley**, who made that observation: for this **Robert's** lands, being then seized^r for his activeness in that war, were given^s away to Sir **James de Audithelge**, and Sir **Hugh de Turbervill**: But taking advantage of the Decree called *Dictum de Kenilworth* (whereof I have formerly spoke) he came to Agreement^t with them, laying this Lordship to pawn for the payment of 300. marks sterling unto the said Sir **Hugh de Turbervill** upon the feast day of the Nativity of S. John Baptist 52. H. 3.

The last mention I have met with of him, is^u in 53 H. 3. at which time, it seemes, he was a Knight and left issue **Robert**, who in 2 E. 1. was constituted^x one of the Justices for Gaol-delivery at **Warwick**: but of this **Robert** do I find little more that is memorable, other than a confirmation^y of the Fine so levied by his father to the Canons of **Postell**, touching the advowson of this Church, he being then a Knight. The next of this line, was **John**, to whom King E. 1. by his Charter^z dated 7. Martii 33. of his reign, granted **Free-warren** in all his demesin lands here. Which **John**, having in² E. 2. entayled^z this Mannour then called **Cheblese**, upon his descendants by **Eva** his wife, left^a issue **Thomas**, who had the custody^b of **Whitnash** Castle in **Shropshire** committed to his charge in 15 E. 2. and in 18 E. 2. was constituted^c one of the Commissioners appointed for choosing out **Cccc.** footmen in this County, excepting **Warwick** and **Cobentre**; as also to arme them for defence of the Kingdom.

In^d 6 E. 3. he was a Knight, and in 12. in^e Co-

miss. both for conservation of the Peace in this Shire, and arraying of men according to the Stat. of **Winchester**. In the time of this Sir **Thomas** I meet with a **Richard Hastang**, whom being often and eminently employed in this County (and his brother, as by some circumstances may be deemed) I may not pass by. In^f 15 E. 2. he was one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held; and in 17 E. 3. in^g Comiss. with other persons of quality, to find out and arrest such Proctors as were employed by the two Cardinals, then sent into **England** for disposing of Ecclesiasticall benefices, that were or might become void, and to bring them before the King and his Councell. Concerning which business the King then wrote an excellent Epistle^h to Pope **Clement** the vi. Wherein he complaineth of the great injury done to the Church and Kingdom by those Cardinals, and such as they employed by authority from his Holiness; which, with the Popes answer thereunto is well worth the reading. Inⁱ 19. 4 and 20 E. 3. he was in Comiss. for arraying of Archers in this County; and in 21. for^j levying the Subsidy imposed upon Wools, and granted to the King in Parliament, for the maintenance of his Warrs in **France**.

But I return to Sir **Thomas**, who had issue Sir **John Hastang**, a Knight^m in his fathers life time: which Sir **John**, whilst his father lived, bore for his Armes **A Lion rampant with a Labell of five points**, as appeareth by his Sealⁿ; but afterwards^o a Chief with a **Lion rampant over all**. And having 2. wives, viz. **Blanch** daughter of and **Maud** of^q Sir **Waryn Trussell** Knight, dyed^r in 39 E. 3. leaving **Maud** and **Joan** his daughters and heirs, both within age; the Custody of whose lands were by Pat. bearing date 7. Maii 44 E. 3. granted^s by the King to **John de Beauchamp** and **John Rous**; who, by their Deed^t dated 20. Oct. 45 E. 3. past the same over to **Raph Earl Stafford**, which perhaps might be the reason that **Maud** the elder of them was afterwards wedded to **Raph de Stafford**, descended^u by the **Staffords** of **Sandon** and **Wem-hall** in **Staffordshire** from the ancient Barons of **Stafford**.

Which **Maud** in 49 E. 3. had livery^v of her lands, at that time proving her age, her said husband then doing fealty for them; and had for^x her part, *inter alia*, this Mannour of **Lempnton**, with the Mannour of **Grafton** in **Worcestershire**. Her sister **Joan**, wife^y to Sir **John Salisbury**, having^z the Mannours of **Upton-warren** in **Com. Wigorn** and **Cheblese** in **Com. Staff.** for her part.

To this **Raph** and **Maud** succeeded^a Sir **Humfrey Stafford** of **Grafton** Knight, their son and heir, who being^b one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parl. begun at **Westminster**, the munday before the Feast of **All-Saints** 7 R. 2. was in **Dec.** following constituted^c Shiriff of **Staffordshire**, which office he also bore in^d 12 R. 2. This Sir **Humfrey** married^e **Eliz.** the daughter to Sir **John Burdet** of **Huncote** in **Com. Leic.** by whom he had a fair inheritance; and dyed^f seized of this Mannour in 7 H. 5. leaving **John** his son and heir xx. years of age, afterwards a Knight. Which **John** dyed^g 10 H. 5. without issue, whereupon his brother Sir **Humfrey** became his heir, who underwent^h the Shiriffalty of **Staffordshire** in 5 H. 4. as alsoⁱ for this County and **Leicestershire** in^j 2. 9. and 17 H. 6.

In 18 H. 6. he was^k one of the Knights for this County in the Parliament then held. In^l 21, 22. and 23. in Comiss. for conservation of the peace

l Rot. F. 7. in this shire. And having^l wedded *Alianore* one
H. 6. m. 1. of the sisters and heirs to *John* the son of Sir *Thomas Aylesbury* Knight (by whom the Mannour of *Blatheriotke* in *Northamptonshire* came to this family) was slain^m by the Commons of *Kent* in that insurrection of *Jack Cade* 28 H. 6. (with his brother *William*) the Lady *Alianore* his wife surviving him, who at length became one of the coheirs alsoⁿ to *John Cressy*; and in 16 E. 4. founded^o a Chantry for one Priest to sing Mass daily at the Altar of our blessed Lady in the Church of *Bromesgrove* in *Com. Wigorn.* for the good estate of King E. 4. *Eliz.* his Queen, her self, *Thomas* her son; and for the health of the soul of Sir *Humphrey Stafford* of *Grafton* her late husband, and all the faithful departed.

To the last mentioned Sir *Humphrey* succeeded Sir *Humphrey* his son and heir; who together with *Thomas* his brother joyned with the Lord *Lovell* and others in that Insurrection of 1 H. 7. begun in *Worcestershire*, as our Historians doe observe. But the Lord *Lovell* hearing that the King had let out a Proclamation of Pardon mistrusted his men, and fled^p privately into *Lancashire*; which so disheartned these two brothers, that despairing of success they took Sanctuary at^q *Colnham* near *Abbingdon*; out of which place, their priviledge being viewed in the Kings Bench, and judged not sufficient, they were taken, whereupon *Humphrey* suffered death at *Wiltun*, and was buried^r in the Chapell of our Lady within the *Gray-fryers* Church near *Newgate*; but *Thomas*, as being seduced by him had pardon: Shortly after which, ensued the attainders in Parliament of the said *Humphrey*, whose lands being so forfeited were given away by *Rot. Parl.* the K. *Grafton* in *Com. Wigorn.* one of their chief seats, with the Mannour of *Upton-Waryn* in that County to^s Sir *Gilbert Talbot* Knight and the heirs male of his body; (from whom the present Earl of *Shrewsbury*, who now enjoys them is descended) And this of *Leminton* to^t Sir *Edward Poyning*s Knight, and to the heirs male of his body.

But, Sir *Humphrey Stafford* Kt. son and heir of this *Humphrey*, being afterwards restored^u repofsest this Lordship; and departing^v this life 37 H. 8. lyeth buried at *Blatheriotke* before specified. From whom descended, (as the Pedegree before inserted sheweth,) *Will. Stafford* of *Blatheriotke* esquire, who in 5 Car. sold^w this Lordship to Sir *Thomas Trevor* Knight, then one of the Barons of the Exchequer, descended of a very ancient family of that name in the County of *Denbigh* (in *North-wales*) where it hath flourished for many ages, and still continueth inrich with ample possessions.

The Church (dedicated to *All-Saints*) having been given to the Canons of *Postell* by *Atrop Hastang* in H. 1. time (as I have already shewed) was appropriated to that Monastery by *Alexander de Savensby* Bishop of *Cobentre* and *Wichfield*, temp. H. 3. the Vicaridge being then endowed^x with all the fruits, and charged with a Pension of xv. marks per annum to those Canons, and as much to the Dean and Chapter of *Wichfield* and their successors. In Anno 1291. 19 E. 1. it was valued^y at x. marks, over and above the said Pensions, and in^z 26 H. 8. at xx li. besides 9 s. 6 d. yearly allowed for Procurations and Synodalls.

Patroni Vicariz.

Incumbentes & temp. Inst.

Prior & Conv. S.
Oswaldi de Nostell.

Will. Hygden gen. ratione concess. Pr. & C. de Nostell.

D. Regina.

Jana Lock-smysb Vidua.

In a Window of the Church these Armes,
 Arg. upon a Chief Azure 2 Clinton of
 two Mulletts Or.

Azure, a chief gules, with
 a Lyon rampant Or.

Hill.

THIS place, antiently written *Hulle*, hath its name from the high situation thereof, and belonged to the Monks of *Abbingdon* in the Conq. time, being given^a to them by *Turchil de Ardene* (who is commonly called in *Domesday-book* *Turchil de Warwic*) and confirmed by King *William*. The extent thereof in the said confirmation is said to be two hides; and so much doth the general Survey then made record it to be, valuing it at xl s. Nevertheless by another Authority^d I find, that the Conquerour granted four yard land lying in this place to the Abby of *Abbingdon* for service of Castleward to be done at his Castle of *Windsor*; which^e expresseth, that one of the Abbots did enfeof Henry his servant of all the said four virgats, to perform the above mentioned service of Castleward; and that from the said Henry it descended to *Hugh* his son and heir, who sold it to *Robert de Hastang*. But in 2. Joh. the Abbot of *Abbingdon* recovered^f the hide of land against *Raph* the son of *Wigan* (of whom I have spoke in *Wiltoughby*.) Which *Raph* alledged, that King H. 1. gave it to *Wigan* his Marshall, with other lands eschaeted to the Crown, by reason that *Roger de Causton*, the owner of it had committed Felony.

After which, viz. in 6. Joh. the said Abbot levied a Fine thereof to the before mentioned *Henry*, who is therein stiled *Henricus filius Pagani*. To this

Nich. de Duneschurch Cap. Lange. f. 7. Id. Jan. 1298. a.
Nich. de Hastang Diac. 10. Northb. Cal. Julii 1328. 22. a.
Ric. de Dewesbur Pbr. 5. Id. 1b. f. 27. Oct. 1333.
Will. de Emleye Pbr. Non. 1b. f. 31. Julii 1337.
Adam de Haselbech Pbr. 1b. f. 51. 2. Id. Sept. 1349.
Ric. fil. Albini, de Naylor 1b. f. 56. ston Pbr. 3. Non. Oct. 1352.
Adam de Penserich Pbr. 13. Strett. f. Cal. Martii 1377. b.
Will. Shirwood Pbr. 2. Mar. 1b. f. 28. iii 1380.
Joh. Dalton Pbr. 18. Febr. Sk. f. 6. b. 1391.
Henr. Morton Cler. 17. Bl. f. 4. Dec. 1505.
Rob. Holme art. Magr. ult. Samp. & Aug. 1558. B. f. 11. b.
Math. Holme Cler. 18. Ju. 1b. f. 43. b. niii 1570.
Thom. Lever art. Bacc. 3. Morton bund. ins. Julii 1619. sert.

c Ex Regi. de Abben. in bibl. Cotton. f. 122. b.

d Testa. de N. & Will.

e Plac. de an. 2. Joh. Rot. 26. in dorso.

w Hill. R. 6 H. 8. Rot. 53.
 x Alen. 2. 14.

y Ex autog. penes eundem T. Trevor.

z Ex Regi. D. & Cap. Nich.

a M. S. in Seace.

b M. S. per S. A. eq. sur. f. 40. b.

this *Henry* succeeded *Hugh*, surnamed *de Abendon*, who in 36 H. 3. was certified to hold the sixt part of a Knights fee here, of the said Abbot (which was, doubtless, the same hide before specified;) and *Will. de Curly* another 6. part; which argueth that the rest of those lands in this place belonging to the said Abby were granted to the Ancestor of the said *William de Curly* by the like service of Cattleward at *Windsore*; for in 18 H. 3. *Robert* then Abbot of *Abendon* came to an Agreement with the said *William* for those services, it being then concluded, that the same *William* should pay xl d. ob. to the Abbot in lieu thereof.

This *Hugh de Abendon* sold all that he had here, to *Robert de Hasting*, Lord of *Leminton-Hasting*, as I have there shewed. Which *Robert* wedded one of the daughters and coheirs of the before recited *William de Curly*, whereby he and his posterity enjoyed a great part of *Curly's* lands, and so consequently this, (I presume:) for upon the partition made betwixt *Maud* and *Jan*, the daughters and coheirs of Sir *John de Hasting* in 49 E. 3. this Mannour of *Dall*, (for so it is there called) was with *Leminton* assigned to *Maud*, who married to *Ralph de Stafford* (as in *Leminton* I have declared,) and hath since continued in the family of those *Staffords*, (Sir *Humfrey Stafford* Knight dying seized thereof 17 Eliz., leaving *John* his son and heir then of full age) till with *Leminton* it came by purchase to Baron *Trevor*.

Herdwick.

THIS was originally a member of *Leminton*, and involved therewith in the Conquerors time, as will appear by what I shall say anon: But I cannot ascend so high as to shew which of the *Hastings* it was that enfeoffed him thereof who first assumed his surname from hence; yet I believe it was very antient: for in 20 H. 3. I find that *Robert de Hasting* had suits with *William de Herdewic* for certain Customes and services which he claymed from him for the lands he held here. And in 21 E. 3. *John de Herdewic* of *Lynlepe* in *Com. Leic.* was sued by the Vicar of *Leminton* for certain lands in this place; Howbeit, in 12 R. 2. Sir *John Salisbury* was found to dye seized (*inter alia*) in right of *Joan* his wife one of the daughters and coheirs of *John de Hasting*, of certain Rents due from the Freeholders and tenants at will in this place, which was then, as the Record expresseth, a Hamlet of *Leminton* before mentioned.

But the family of *Herdwick*, who had their principall seat at *Lynlepe* aforesaid, continued Lords of this village as long as their male-line lasted, as by sundry instances I could manifest; and some of them resided here, as I guess: For *John de Herdwick* before specified was in 23. 26. and 31 E. 3. in Commission with certain other persons of worth, for the assessing & collecting a xth. & xv. in this shire; and in 33 E. 3. had the custody of the Mannour of *Warmington* in this County committed to his charge, which belonging to the Priory of *Wottes* was seized into the Kings hands by reason of the wars with *France*. The same year he was one of the Commissioners for arraying of all men in this County suitable to their estates and degrees, according to the Stat. of *Winchester*, in the Kings ab-

sence. And in 1 R. 2. one of the Justices of Peace for the town of *Cobentre*. But of his descendants, because they resided in *Leicester-shire* I have no more to say, than that *John de Herdwick* dying without issue male in H. 8. time, and partition being made of his lands 20 H. 8. it appears thereby, that this Mannour (there called by the name of *Herdwick-Grimbald*) was before the said partition assigned to *William Dingley* esquire, and *Alice* his wife, one of the daughters and heirs to the said *John*, and to the heirs of the said *Alice*: from which *William* and *Alice* descended *Francis Dingley* of *Hykelesden* in *Com. Wigorn.* who in Dec. 32 Eliz. past it to *Richard Clever*, whose grandson *William* now enjoys it.

r Claus. 5
R. 2. m. 35.
in dorso.

f Ex autog.
penes W.
Burton de
Lindley ar.

t Ex autog.
penes W.
Clever.

Bradwell.

THIS village stands at a larger distance from *Leminton* than the other Hamlets within the Parish, and taketh its name from the breadth of the Spring which riseth there: But of it I have not seen any mention in Record till 49 E. 3. that upon the assignation of what *Maud* the daughter and coheir of *John Hasting* had of her fathers inheritance, it was reserved in the Kings hands, in respect of the minority of *Joan* the other sister and coheir; which *Joan* became the wife of Sir *John Salisbury* Knight, attainted in the Parliament of 12 R. 2. But afterwards of Sir *Rustine Villenoef* Knight, and dyed seized thereof 7 H. 5. leaving *Joan* the wife of *Henry Delves* esquire her daughter and heir.

u Claus. 49
E. 3. m. 42.

w Claus 12
R 2. m. 44.

x Esc. 12
R. 2. m. 92.

y Esc. 7
H. 5.
L. 6.

Birdingbury.

Lower yet on the same side of *Leame* lyes *Birdingbury*, being one of those towns that *E. Leofrik* gave to the Monks of *Cobentre* upon his foundation of that Monastery; and, probably, was so called at first, from its situation so neer the brink of the River, *Bord* in the French signifying a shore. Which Monks had here in the Conquerors time two hides valued at xxv s. as appeareth by the generall Survey then made: But through mistake of the transcriber, the *B.* is put in the place of the first *B.* and a *G.* for the later; so that in stead of *Birdingberie* as it should have been recorded, it is written *Derbingerie*. At the same time it was certified, that *Turchill de Warwick* held one hide and half a yard land in this place, by *Goslinus* his under-tenant, then valued at xl s.

How long those Monks of *Cobentre* held their interest here, I have not seen; but by what I shall say by and by, it will appear, that it was granted by them to one of the *Hastings* of *Allestey* in this County, and to hold by the service of one Knights fee. And for that which *Turchill de Warwick* had, it seems it came to *Henry de Armentiers* (of whom I have spoke in *Wotton*;) For in 7. Joh. *Henry Travers* being impleaded by the said *Henry de Armentiers* for the service of a Knights fee, which he held of him in this place, confessed the action, and gave him a Fine in consideration of the arrearages then due. Which part so belonging to *Armentiers*, amounting to half a Knights fee was in 36 H. 3. certified to be held by *Thom. de Clinton* Nevill.

a Regist. de
Cobentre f.
75. a.

b Dome f.
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of the Earl of **Warwick**. But the Mannour belonging to **Hastings** was about that time committed to the custody of **Stephen de Waurham**, after the death of **Henry de Hastings**, in respect of the minority of **Henry** his heir. Which last mentioned **Henry** being an active man in that great rebellion against King H. 3. (as in **Allestey**, and **Benilwozth** I have shewed) forfeited all his lands: yet such was the favour that the King shew'd unto **Joan** his wife, as that he assigned divers Lordships of her said husbands, amongst which this was one for her maintenance, even at that time when he most obstinately held the Castle of **Benilwozth** against him; which also by vertue of the *Dictum de Benilwozth* came to his posterity: For **John de Hastings**, son to the said **Henry**, possessed it, and in 13 E. 1. claymed a Court-leet and other priviledges therein, which were allowed.

And afterwards granted it to Sir **John Paynel** Knight, who in 28 E. 1. stiling himself *Dominus de Bardingbury* presented to the Church; and in 6 E. 2. obtained a Charter of **Free-warren** in all his demesne lands here, and at **Althelepe** in **Posff**. But it seems the estate he had therein was only for terme of life; for so was it certified upon the Inquisition taken 6 E. 2. after the death of **John de Hastings**.

This **John Paynel**, was no lesse than a Baron, having been summoned to the severall Parliaments from 27 E. 1. to 12 E. 2. But **John de Bardingbury** being his principall seat, I shall say no more of him than that he bore for his Armes two bars with an Isle of Martlets, and dyed before the 19. of E. 2. Whereupon this Mannour was assigned to **Julian** then the wife of **Thomas le Blount** as part of her dowrie from **John de Hastings** her former husband: but the inheritance thereof belonging to **Laurence de Hastings** E. of **Pembroke**, son and heir of the before specified **John**, came at length by force of an entayle, together with **Fillongley**, (as I have there at large discovered) unto **William Beorchamp**, second son to **T. Beorchamp** Earl of **Warwick**; who in 16 R. 2. granted it unto **John Olney** Receiver generall of all his lands, in consideration of his good and faithful service, to hold during life, paying to the said **William** x s. per annum. Which **John** (then Lord of **Weston-Underwood** in **Com. Buck.**) was, in 2 H. 4. created to hold half a Knights fee in this place of the E. of **Warwick**.

It seems that the inheritance of it was afterwards granted to the same **John**: For **Margaret** the daughter and heir of **Robert Olney**, son to the said **John** being wedded to **Thomas Throgmorton** (of **Coughton** in this County) brought it to that family: whose grandson, Sir **George Throgmorton** Knight, together with **Robert** his son and heir, by their deed dated 27. Martii 32 H. 8. past it to **John Hytmer** Citizen of **London** and his heirs. But the next possessor thereof, that I find, was **Jasper Leek** of **Grays-Inne** in **Com. Midd.** Gent. which **Jasper**, 16. Dec. 10 Eliz. granted it to **Henry Goodeere** of **Baginton** esquire, who in June next following sold it to **John Shukburgh**, then of **Payton** Gent. (one of the 6. Clerks in Chancery) whose great grandchild, **Thomas**, now enjoys it.

There was certain land lying in this place, very anciently given to the Nuns of **Polestwozth** by **Edelina** the sister to **Robert Boteler** of **Cnglebs**, for the health of the soul of **Walter de Sumervile**, and

of **Roger de Sumervile**; as also of her own soul, and the souls of all her Ancestors and Successors, to perform the Anniversary for the said **Walter** on the feast day of **S. Mary Magdalen**. In consideration of which grant the said Nuns promised, that whensoever she should happen to depart this life they would cause her body to be carried to **Polestwozth**, and bury it honourably in their Cloyster with due Exequies.

The Church (dedicated to **S. Leonard**) was in Anno 1291. 19 E. 1. valued at vi. marks, and in 26 H. 8. at vii li. x s. over and above viii s. allowed for Procurations and Synodals.

Patroni Ecclesie. Incumb. & temp. Instit.

D. Joh. Paynell miles.	Ingeramus de Terdle Cap. Langt. prid. Cal. Sept. 1301. a.
Thom. le Blount mil.	Thom. de Herdwik Pbr. 3. Ibid. Id. Febr. 1301.
D. Will. de Clinton mil.	Thom. le Blount subdiac. 5. Northb Id. Martii 1327. 21. a.
D. Will. de Clinton Comes Huxindon.	Rad. de Melbourn Cler. 14. Ib.f. 28 Cal. Nov. 1334.
D. Juliana de Hastings Comitissa Huntind.	Thom. de Wyleby Pbr. 13. Ib.f. 39 Cal. Junii 1342.
D. Rex, ratione custod. terr. Joh. nuper Com. Pembr.	Adam de Whyntington Pbr. Ib.f. 57 Non. Dec. 1353.
Joh. Hervy. Joh. Styvecle, & Will. Wenlok.	Will. Sacry Cap. 4. Cal. Apr. 1361. a.
Joh. Prat, Joh. Grant Cler. & alii, hac vice.	Will. Whiteheved Pbr. 23. Ib.f. 10 Aug. 1361.
Margeria Olney de Weston. Underwood.	Ric. de Saldeford Pbr. Non. Ib.f. 19 Nov. 1366.
Rob. Olney D. de Bardingbury.	Thom. Chapman Cap. 12. Sk.f. 6 Novemb. 1391.
Rob. Throgmorton ar.	Benedictus Nichole. 20. Ib.f. 3 Maii 1393.
Will. Middilmore & alii, ratione concess. strenui viri Rob. Throgmorton mil.	Will. Baron Pbr. 1. Junii Ib.f. 13 1397.
Immina Ogyll, vidua.	Thom. Beale Pbr. 7. Oct. Heyw. 1434. 33. a.
Jasper Leek gen.	Joh. Reynald Pb. 27. Jan. Ib.f. 40 1441.
Ric. Cotton, hac vice, ex concess. Jasp. Leek.	Joh. Lyke Pbr. 12. Febr. Ib.f. 42 1443.
Joh. Shukborow.	Roulandus Addyson Pbr. Bowl. f. 15 Apr. 1497. 142. a.
D. Eliz. Regina.	Christoph. Masse Pbr. 1. Ib.f. 20 Aug. 1497.
... Shukborow ar.	D. Joh. Becheton Cap. 24. Stret. f. 17. a. Oct. 1532.
	D. Jac. Persyval Cler. 12. Sampf. Aug. 1549. 42. b.
	Will. Clever. Cler. 8. Aug. Sampf. 1566. B.f. 42.
	Mauritius Roulands 18. Ib.f. 43. Aug. 1570.
	Hugo Conwaie Cleric. 12. Ib.f. 45 Sept. 1573.
	Culbert Terye Cler. 11. Nov. Bund. in cert. 1581.
	Ric. Crispe Cleric. 1. Maii Overton bund. F. 1604.

Marton.

About a mile below **Birdingbury** stands **Marton**, which I conceive had its name originally from the Moore, or Marsh-ground adjoining, (the **M** by antient use in pronuntiation being changed into **A**, as in the North parts of this Kingdom, where the *Vestigia* of our old English are yet most plain to be found, is yet v. y. usual;) and whereof there is frequent mention in the Conquerours Survey, one of the Hundreds then in being (as I have already shewed) bearing the title thereof: yet do not I find any particular mention of it, unless it be that which is there certified to be held by *Richard Forestarius*, and written **Mortone**, whereof the value is certified at xx s. having been the freehold of one *Wiching* before the Norman invasion.

It should seem that *Robert de Craft* was owner of it in H. 2. time, and that he held it, partly of *Hugo filius Ricardi* (of whom I have spoke in **Worshale**), and partly of *William* Earl of **Warwick**: For upon the Kings confirmation of the Church to the Nuns of **Caton** in this County, it is expressed to be of the gift of the said *Robert de Craft*, and of the fee of the same *Hugo fil. Ricardi*, and *William* Earl of **Warwick**. Whereby I may conclude, that the said *Robert de Craft* was Lord of the Mannour. But for want of further light from Record I shall not be able to discover, who were owners of it in a perfect Series; and therefore, by that little glimpse I have, will adventure to guess.

In 12 *Joh. Walter* *Walerand* held a half a Knights fee here: but it should seem that the Canons of **Chauncie** in **Northamptonshire** had all or the greatest part of the Mannour before the Rebellion in King *John's* time: for in 1 H. 3. the Shiriff had command to give them the like possession thereof as they had before that war, and of which they alleaged, that they were unjustly disfeised by *William Bassett*. In 20. H. 3. it was certified, that *Raph de Marchaineleg* held a Knights fee here of the Earl of **Warwick**; and in 1 36 H. 3. that *Thomas de Clinton* held the same of those Earls.

Shortly after which, viz. in 50 H. 3. I find, that *Raph Bassett* of **Sapcote** (one of the vanquishd Rebels in the battail of **Evesham**) had xl s. Rent here: But what that was to the Mannour, or part thereof I am not able to say; yet this subsequent particular which I have noted may perhaps, by the help of other authorities, when they shall be found, give some light therein; viz. that in 18 E. 1. *William de Hamelton* had one mess: and one carucat of land in this village, which mess: was held of *John Engayne* and *Joan* his wife, who held it over of *Nicholas Charnells*, and he of *Simon Bassett*, and he of the Earl of **Warwick**. Now that *Charnells* had some relation to *Craft* by descent, I have in **Bilton** shewed some probability; but to draw any absolute conclusion from these premisses I shall not adventure.

One thing I meet withall, which inclines me to think, that whereas it is recorded in the Conquerours Survey, that the Earl of **Wentworth** held half a hide in **Mortone**, unto which one *Wallef*, whose freehold it was before the Conquest, was then his

tenant, it is meant this **Marton**: for upon the extent of the lands of *Edmund* Earl of **Lanc.** in 25 E. 1. it appears, that *John de Bishopdon* held in **Merton** (which I take to be no other than this place) the fourth part of a Knights fee; as also that his tenants came to the Court-leet held for the Honour of **Leicester**. And that which makes it more probable, that this place or the greater part of it was antiently of the old Earls of **Leicesters** fee, is not onely the grant of the Church to the Monastery of **Sun-Caton**, as I have already observed (which was of their foundation) but that those Nuns (at length) were reputed to have the Seignory here, as appears by the certificat in 9 E. 2. At which time I also find, that *Raph Bassett* of **Sapcote** held half a Knights fee therein, of the Earl of **Warwick**. Which half Knights fee was in 20 E. 3. certified to be held of the same Earls by *Guy Bretton*, *Will. de Zouch*, and *John de Tewe*: which *Will.* gave a part of what he so had to the Canons of **Studley**.

But further than what I have said, can I find little relating to this place, till *John Gold* of **Wetton** in **Com. Northampton.** gent. by his deed dated 2 Nov. 38 H. 8. past a certain Mannour here unto *Thomas Oldfield* and his heirs: from whom descended (as tis like) *Roul. Oldfield* of **Wylford** in **Com. Sufft.** gent. which *Roul.* 1. Maii 4. Jac. sold it to *John Davies* of **Watford** in **Com. Northampton.** Clerke, who 30. Sept. 14 Jac. aliened it to *Ric. Walter*, father of *John Walter* the present owner thereof. As for that Mannour and lands, which the Nuns of **Caton** had, they were 26. Julii in 4. & 5. Ph. & M. past out of the Crown to *Peter Temple* and *Mich. Camefwell*: which *Peter* and *Mich.* 15. Sept. the same year, conveyd the greatest part of the lands (but excepted the site of the Mannour) unto *John Whood* and others; whose son *Tho. Whood*, together with one *T. Wilcox*, 3. Nov. 44 Eliz. granted them to *Ric. Walter*, and he to *Thomas Walter*, his second son, that now enjoys them.

There was very antiently (as yet is) a Bridge here at **Marton**, over **Leame**; at which, it seems, passengers used to pay Toll: for in 7 H. 3. the K. committed the charge of receiving it, to the Abbot of **Sulby**, who gave security for payment of a certain Rent to him for the same. After which the Prioreis of **Catesby** had the custody thereof: For in 4 E. 1. she was presented for withholding 2. of the 5 s. due from her for the same. But in K. H. 5. time *John Middilton*, a wealthy Mercer of **London**, born in this town, conceiving it to be a good and charitable worke to disburthen the people from further payment of that Toll for the repair and support thereof, built a fair Bridge here of lime and stone, and obtained thereupon the Kings Precept to the Shiriff, requiring him to forbear any more to demand those customary payments from such passengers as should have occasion to go that way.

The Church (dedicated to *S. Esperit*) hath been very antiently appropriated to the Monastery of **Sun-Caton**; but the certain time when, appeareth not. In Anno 1291. 19 E. 1. it was valued at 7. marks; and in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge at vii li. xiv s. viii d. over and above xviii d. yearly allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

Patroni Vicariæ.

Incumb. & temp. Instit.

Langt. f. 5.

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Northb. f.

27. b.

Strectt. f. 11.

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Sk. f. 10. b.

Burgb. f. 7.

b.

Ib. f. 15. a.

Ib. f. 21. a.

Heyw. f.

14. a.

Ib. f. 25. a.

Ib. f. 33. b.

Ib. f. 35. b.

Bo. f. 12. b.

Bowl. f.

203. a.

Bl. f. 6. b.

Ib. f. 17. b.

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VWill. Prud. Cler. 3. Cal.

Maii 1296.

Job. de Honygham Cap. 17.

Cal. Junii 1316.

Will. de Wapenbury Pbr. Id.

Oct. 1333.

Hugo de Grendon Pbr. Cal.

Dec. 1362.

Job. Newcumbe Pbr. a. Dec.

1395.

VWill. Trendale Pbr. 19.

Julii 1400.

Job. Denes Cap. 23. Dec.

1404.

VWill. att Tryn Cap. 30.

Aug. 1408.

Job. VVestley Cap. 24. Oct.

1424.

Job. Gerrard Pbr. 2. Jan.

1430.

Job. Herford Pbr. 2. Junii

1435.

Syn. Byllyngey Pbr. penult.

Jan. 1436.

Rad. Wone. Cap. 29. Oct.

1451.

Job. Baker art. Magr. 23.

Sept. 1499.

Ric. Jackson Cap. 24. Maii

1513.

D. Rob. Mylner . . . 1530.

Thom. Sybley Cler. in art.

Magr. 17. Oct. 1623.

Hodnell.

I Came being here augmented with **Ichene**, which riseth at the skirt of those Hills neer **Hodnell**, I shall ascend to the head of that Brook, and must take notice of all those places that lye on the North-East part of it. But before I begin so to do, it will not be amiss to observe the cause of its name; which, without all doubt, was occasioned by the subterranean passage thereof. For at **Oversington**, upon a Common, within little more than two miles of the head thereof, is there a pool upon the Heath, from which passeth a petty stream that enters the ground, and running through certain intricate passages, or Clefts in the earth, for the space of about half a mile, at last findeth an issue, and taketh its course into the brook before specified; for which reason the name thereof, *scil.* **Ichene**, being derived from the Greek word *ichthys* (which language was doubtless the mother of our old English-Saxon) that signifyeth to try or search out diligently, was not unfitly applied thereto.

Neer to the head of this little stream stood **Hodnell**; which, as it is of a large extent, so was it anciently well inhabited, and had a Church, whereof, now, the ruines are scarce to be seen. In the Conquerors time the Earle of **Bellent** held 4 hides in this place by **Gislebertus** his tenant, then valued at 1x s. and possessed by one **Ordric** before the Norman invasion. At the same time also **Turchill de Warwick** held 5. hides here, then rated at 1x s. and which were the freehold of the same **Ordric**, and

one **Ulnod** before the Conquest. And *Will. fil. Corbucion* 1. hide, then likewise rated at xx s. In the generall Survey it is written, in 2. places **Hodenelle**, and in the third **Hodenhelle**, the originall, of the name being; as is most probable, from some ancient possessor thereof in the Saxons time, perhaps **Odo**, which then was an usuall appellation; for the **H** is indifferently received or omitted, as we experimentally find in many cases; the later part, viz. **Hulle**, **Hille**, or **Helle** all signifying the same, which is the high situation thereof.

But though it was thus in severall hands at that time, as hath been said, yet came it soon after to be united, and possessed by the first Earle of **Warwick** of the Norman line, who enfeoffed **Hugo fil. Ricardi**, as it seems, thereof; and he **Ric. de Burton** (of whom in **Buxton super Dunsmoze** I have spoke;) for it appears^d that the said **Hugo fil. Ricardi**, and *VWill.* Earle of **Warwick** confirmed to the Nuns of **Caton** all that which was then called **Great-Hodenhull**; being given to them by the said **Ric. de Burton** soon after the foundation of that Monastery.

Howbeit, of some other part of this place, was one *VWill.* **Angevin** anciently enfeoffed by **Robert de Tayden**: which *VWill.* in H. 2. time gave^e the totall of what he had here, to the Monks of **Combe**, excepting two yard land reserved for his own use, afterward bestowed on them by **Nigell Angevin**, son of the same *VWill.* All which was confirmed by the said **Rob. de Tayden**, and **Henry** his son. Divers other grants of land in this place, to those Monks were made by severall persons of mean rank; but because they were small quantities I have past them by.

After the Nuns of **Caton** and Monks of **Combe** were thus possessed of the greatest part of **Hodenhull**, there grew some question betwixt them touching the payment of Tithes: for the Nuns, having the Church to which they were due, required them accordingly: But the Monks insisted upon their privilege, being of the *Cistercian* Order; howbeit this difference lasted not long; for the Monks were contented to wayve their privilege, and by an Agreement concluded, that those Tithes should be assigned unto them for the enlargement of their Dyet yearly, upon Tuesday in the third week of Advent. For which favour it was then determined, that *VWill.* the then second Abbot of **Combe**, should have the day of his death recorded in their Martyrologe at **Caton**, yearly to be recited in their Chapter; and that after such his decease, the said enlargement of Dyet for the Nuns should be changed from the before mentioned Tuesday, to the day of his *Obit*.

But these **Hodenhulls** came in process of time to be distinguished otherwis^e than they were at first; the one being called **Hodenhull-Gurmund**, by reason that one **Gurmundus** held^b the 5. part of a Knights fee here of the Earle of **Warwick**; and the other **Hodenhull-Osbert**, from one **Osbert** who held^c the fourth part of a Knights fee of those Earles: which family of **Gurmund** continued here for some descents; for it appears^k, that in 36 H. 3. **Thomas Gurmund** held the said 5. part of a Knights fee of the Earle of **Warwick**, at which time one **Simon de Hodenhull** answered^l for half a Knights fee in the other, then called **Schiten-Hodenhull**.

Touching that which the Monks of **Combe** possessed here, I find, that it had anciently the reputation of a Mannour; for by that name in 13 E. 1. they claymed^m a Court-Leet, and

Consonant to this hath **Ichham** neer **Wind-** for its appellation, being situated neer a brook which hath the like passage.

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g Ib. f. a.

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and other privileges therein, and had allowance of them, as I have seen by the testimony of an ancient Roll, being vi mess. with vi yard land and a half, 48 acres going to a yard land: which part was also called "Schiten-**Hodenhull**. But the Monks of **Combe** continued not owners thereof till the general dissolution of the Religious Houses: For in 16 E. 4. *Will. Catesby* Esq; son of Sir *Will. Catesby* Kt. obtained "the same, together with the Mannour of **Robbarne**, and what they had in **Ascote**, to himself and the heirs male of his body, from the Abbot and Covent of that House.

Other persons there were also that held lands in this place, viz. in 20 E. 3. *John Burnell* the 8 part of a Kts. fee; *Simon Gurmund* the 4 part. And about the 44 E. 3. *Rob. Burnell*, by marriage of the heir, the 4 part of a Kts. fee in **Hodenhull-Bruiz**, and *Ric. Gurmund* a 5 part in **Hodenhull-Gurmund**; which 5 part *John Harryes* was found to hold in 2 H. 4.

But the Mannour which belong'd to **Pan-Caton**, continued to that Monastery till 30 H. 8. that all the great Houses went to wrack. After which it was purchased from the Crown, as I have heard, by *John Spenser* (whose ancestors had their residence "here, in H. 7. time) and one *Tho. Brauncefeild*. Which *John* and *Thomas* sold "it to *Thomas Wilkes*, a Merchant of the Staple, who dying without issue, it devolved to *Will. Wilkes*, his brother; and so, by reason that *Robert* his onely son dyed "without issue, to his daughters and heirs; whereof *Anne*, the eldest, was married to Sir *Will. Kingmill* Kt. *Frances*, the second, to *Erasmus Dreyden* Bar. and *Margaret*, the third, first to *Francis Dimock*, and afterwards to *Thomas Gibbs*: whereupon partition "being made, **Old-Hodenell** (being that part thereof where the Mannour-house sometime stood) fell to the said *Erasmus Dreyden*, whose son and heir, Sir *John Dreyden*, now of **Canons-Ashby** in **Com. Northampt.** enjoys it: **Ascote**, another part of it, to Sir *Will. Kingmill*, who had issue Sir *Henry Kingmill* of **Sydmoncton** in **Com. Suolt.** Kt. and he Sir *Will.* the present owner thereof: And **Watergall** (likewise parcel thereof) to *Thomas Gibbs*, whose son *Edward* still hath it.

Touching the depopulation here, I find 2, that in 18 H. 6. there were but 4 Householders, yet the Church was standing in 23 H. 8. for *Tho. Spenser* before specified, by his last Will "and Testament made at that time, bequeathed his body to be interred before the Image of our blessed Lady in the Chancel thereof, near to the place where his father was buried: and over and above 1 marks that he gave by his said Testam. to this Church (dedicated to *S. Helene*) appointed, that his Executors should cause the Church-yard to be paled round, and to be so kept. Which *Thomas* gave also C marks to a C poor mens daughters, such as dwelt nearest to **Hodenhull**, to buy them Kyne at their marriages, and entailed his lands upon *Thomas*, son and heir to *Will. Spenser* of **Wadby**.

The Church (in old time but "a Chapel) had a mark per ann. and a Stone of Wax granted "out of it to the Canons of **Kenilworth** by *G. Muschamp* B. of **Cob.** in *K. John's* time; and being appropriated "to the Monastery of **Pan-Caton** very antiently, was in ann. 1291. 19 E. 1. valued "at v marks, but never any Vicar endowed. Neither in 26 H. 8. upon the valuation "of the Church-livings doth it appear, that here was so much as a

Curat, the Tythes being then let by the Nuns of **Caton** to *John Audley* Esq; for xi l. xiii s. 10 d. per ann.

Ascote.

This was originally a member of **Hodenhull**, but antiently written **Astanscote**, and **Estanscote**; which shews, that the name at first sprung from some possessor thereof in the Saxons time; perhaps *Estantas*, for that was an appellation then in use.

I find that the Monks of **Combe** had divers petty parcels of land granted "to them by sundry persons of mean rank; all which *Will. de Ludinton* confirmed. But there is little further memorable of this place in particular, considering that the several Mannours in **Hodenhull** extended into it, other than that it hath been long since a "Village of many Inhabitants, though since depopulated, with **Hodenhull**; and that there was a large quantity of land lying within it, granted "by K. H. 7. to Sir *John Risley* Kt. with the Mannours of **Lodbroke** and **Robburne**, 3 H. 7.

Rodburne.

This also, from a Village of divers Inhabitants, and having a Church, is now by depopulation shrunk into one dwelling; and had its original name from the little Brook near which the town was seated, and the road from **Southam** towards **Dabentre**, over it; **burne** in our old English signifying a petty rivulet, and **Rode** a passage where people ride and travel, as is commonly known.

All the mention that I find of it in the Conq. time, is "that *Turchill de Warwick* held something here; but it being in the Survey (then made) joyned with **Lodbroc**, I cannot distinguish the exact proportion thereof. Whatever it was, more or less, his posterity possess it; yet, with the rest of his lands that the Conq. was pleased that they should enjoy, to be held "of the Earls of **Warw.** by the x part of a Kts. fee. Of which line *Will. de Arden*, great grandchild to *Turchill* (viz. son of *Henry*, son of *Siward*, as in **Curdworth** I have manifested) was the first that made it their seat. This *Will.* being a good Benefactor to the Nuns of **Hentwood**, besides the grant "of one yard land lying here, which *Wal. Durdent* B. of **Cob.** in H. 2. time confirmed, gave "them the Church of this **Rodburne**, which *G. Muschamp*, his successor, in *K. John's* time, ratified, with allowance that they should receive the fruits thereof to their proper use. Neither was he less liberal to the Monks of **Combe**, as appears "by what they had of his gift in this place.

To him succeeded *Will.* his son and heir, who exceeded his father in bounty to those Monks; for he bestowed "on them above CC acres, and half a yard land, with pasture for 600 Sheep, five Sows with their Pigs, one Boar, 2 teams of Oxen, 5 Kyne with their Calves, and one Bull, 2 young Heifers with their Calves, and his Sheep-cotes on the Hills for their Sheep, all in this his Lordship of **Rodburne**. Neither was *Michael* "his son b.

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r Ib. f. 122.

f Ib. f. 123.

streight-handed to them, nor almost any other that had Free-hold in this place, as may appear by their particular grants of several parcels of land; some of them therewith bequeathing their bodies to sepulture in that Monastery. Which Monks obtained divers privileges here, viz. **Court-leet**, **Assize of Bread and Beer**, **Gallows**, &c. as appeareth by their claim in 13 E. 1. whereunto K. E. 1. added his Charter of **Free-warren**, dated at **Westm.** 18 Febr. 18 of his reign. But the posterity of **Arden** who were Lords of this Mannour, having their seat here, sometimes called themselves **de Rodburne**, as by divers Records, besides these which I have in the margin pointed at, might be instanced; yet the last of them, scil. **William**, assumed the name of **Arden** again, and in 43 E. 3. sold all the interest he had here, to **John** the son of **Will. Catesby**: at which time **Hugh de Prestwode**, and **Agnes** his wife, past their whole right therein to the said **John**, by a Fine then levied, with warranty against the heirs of the said **Agnes**: So that it seems she was an heir, and probably of the same **Will. de Arden**.

Which **Catesbys** were of **Abby Legers in Cam.** **Northampt.** and afterwards had the Mannour of **Lapworth** in this Shire, where I purpose to speak historically of them.

In 13 H. 4. after the death of **John de Catesby** the purchaser, I find, that **Emme** his widow, and **John** his son, had a Charter of **Free-warren** granted to them (*inter alia*) in all their demesne lands here. And that in 21 E. 4. the Monks of **Combe** quitted all their interest here, by the name of the Mannour of **Rodburne grange**, to **Will. Catesby Esq;** son and heir of **Sir Will. Catesby Kt.** for which alienation K. H. 7. granted his pardon to the said Monks in 13 of his reign. But this **Will. Catesby** having been a great Favourite to K. Ric. 3. was attainted in the Parl. of 1 H. 7. whereupon his lands escheating to the Crown, this was by the K. given away to **Sir John Risley Kt.** and the heirs male of his body. Whether it came again to the Crown for want of issue male by the said **Sir John Risley**, I cannot say: but in 2 & 3 Ph. & M. the Q. granted it to **Thom. Wilkes**, Merchant of the Staple, and his heirs; whose brother and heir, viz. **Will. Wilkes**, dyed seized thereof, 27 Sept. 15 Eliz. leaving **Robert** his son and heir, then aged 12 years. Which **Rob.** dyed 26 Julii, 19 Eliz. without issue; whereupon his 3 sisters became his heirs, as in **Woodnell** I have shewed.

But that part of this place, which is called **Little-Rodburne**, did heretofore belong to the Priory of **Coventre**, and coming to the Crown at the general dissolution of the Religious Houses, was in 6 Eliz. granted by the Q. to **Henry Goodere** of **Wolethworth Esq;** and **Clem. Throgmorton Esq;** and their heirs. Which **Henry** by his Deed bearing date 26 Nov. 8 Eliz. released all his right therein to the said **Clement**, and his heirs: who in 15 Eliz. sold the same to **Will. Catesby** of **Abby-Legers in Cam.** **Northampt.** Esq; and his heirs. After which, viz. in 43 Eliz. **Rob. Catesby**, **Thomas Leigh**, and others (all Feoffees in trust of **Catesby's** lands, as it seems) by their Deed of bargain and sale past it to **Ranulph Crew Esq;** (afterwards Kt. and chief Justice of the K. Bench) whose grandchild **John Crew** (son and heir to **Sir Clipsby Crew** his eldest son) in Easter Term, ann. 1650. sold the same to **Sir John Dreyden** of **Canons-Abby** before mentioned.

That the Church was very anciently appropriated to the Nuns of **Hentwood**, I have already shewed; but how long they took benefit thereof, I know not: for it appears, that the **Catesbys** presented thereto as a Rectory; and that in 26 H. 8. the Parson received onely **iiii l. xvi s. ii d.** yearly, besides **ix s. vi d.** for **Procurations** and **Synodals**, from **Ric. Catesby Esq;** then his Patron; whereby it seems, that there was no Church then standing; but how long it had been down, I am not yet certain; for our Countryman **Ross** complains of the depopulation here amongst the rest of the Villages in this County, which in his time were ruined by inclosure.

Patroni Ecclesiar. Incumbentes & temp. Inst.

Joh. Catesby, ar. { **D. Joh. Steward, Cap.** 27. **Bull. f. Apr. 1417.**
Joh. Watson, Pbr. 22 Nov. **Heym. 1431.** 26. b.
Will. Spenser, mil. **D. Thom. Palmer, Cap.** **Bl. f. 12. 24 Maii, 1527.**
ratione custodia & gard. Ric. Catesby, fil. & her. Georgii Catesby.
Venerab. vir Ric. Catesby, ar. **D. Rob. Holme, Cap.** 20. **Ser. f. 17. b. Jan. 1540.**
Henr. Philips, ar. & D. Eliz. Catesby, ux. ejus. **Tho. Thackam, art. Magr.** 20 Julii, 1573. **Bund. cert.**
Edw. Onley, ar. **Gryffin Lhoyde, Cler.** 16. **Samp. B. f. 48. Dec. 1573.**
Ran. Crew, miles, capit. Justic. ad Plac. & Tho. Wilbraham jure Eliz. ux. ejus. **Sym. Venables, Cler.** 6 Mar. tii, 1625. **Morton bound. in cert.**

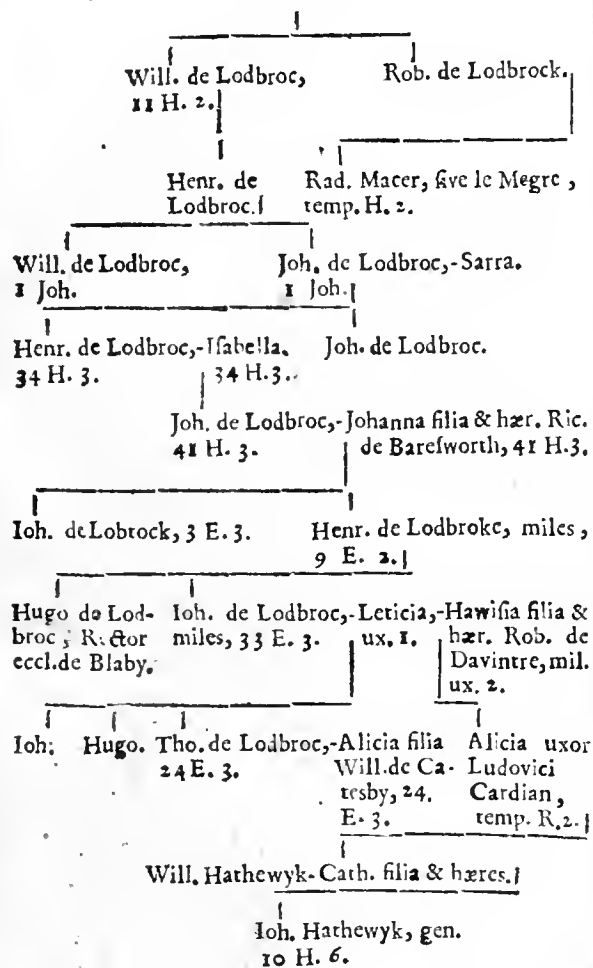
Ladbroke.

About 2 miles lower, on the Northern bank of the same Torrent, stands **Ladbroke**, which (I suppose) had its name originally from the dirty soyl and clay where the stream runneth, **Laid** in the old British signifying the same with **lutum** and **limus**: but it is frequently written in all ancient authorities **Lodebroc**, the **a** being changed into **o**.

In the Conq. time the E. of **Wentworth** had two hydes here, then valued at 50 s. **Turchill de Warwick** 3 hydes, with 4 yard land and better, whereof one the Priest held, and the other two one **William**, whom I suppose to be progenitor of the family which afterwards assumed this place for their surname: And **Hugh de Grentmairwill** three yard land, with a Mill of **iii s.** That **Turchill's** lands, for the most part, came to **Henry E.** of **Warwick** before the end of the Conq. reign, I have in **Warwick** sufficiently manifested: but of what family he was, whom the succeeding Earls enfeoffed of this place, I cannot certainly discover: but **Will. de Ladbroke**, the first that I find to have assumed his surname from hence, in 11 H. 2. was certified to hold a Kts. fee of **Will.** then Earl of **Warwick**, *de veteri feoffamento*; that is to say, whereof himself or his ancestor was enfeoffed in H. 1. time; so that I am induced to believe, that the brother of this **Will.** became so enfeoffed: For in the Confirmation, which the said **Will.** made to the Canons

Canons of **Kenilworth** of the Church of **Herbert**, given originally unto them by **G. de Cumberton**, Founder of that Monastery, he there makes mention that his brother (whose name is not expressed) was his predecessor.

That which the E. of **Spellent** had here, was also granted by some of the old Earls of **Leicester** to one of those **Lodbrokes**, to hold by the fourth part of a Kts. fee; for the same was held by their posterity of the Lord **Ferrers of Goby**, who by **Quincy** deduceth his descent from a co-heir of those Earls.



In 5 Joh. **John de Lodbroc** (grandchild of **Will.**) being distrained by the E. of **Leic.** for the service of a Kts. fee held of the said Earl, impleaded **Tho. de Arden** for not discharging him thereof. Which Kts. fee lay in **Leicester**, as I guess; for this Mannour was held of the E. of **Warwick** by the service of a Kts. fee. This **John de Lodbroc** in H. 3. time, was often in Commis. for taking Assizes of *Novel disseisin* and Goal-delivery, and for other affairs of great importance in this County, as I shall here instance, viz. in 16 H. 3. he, with **Will. de Bessopdon** had the custody of the Kings Eschaers and Wards committed to them; and the same year was appointed one of the Commissioners for assessing and collecting a xl. part of each mans movable goods for the Ks. use. In 19 H. 3. he was constituted one of the Commissioners for gathering of **Tallage** upon the K. demesne lands; and in 21 H. 3. for the collecting of a xxx. part of all mens personal estates then granted to the K. In 25. he was one of those, who with the Sheriff had appointment to view all the Castles in this County, and to certify under their Seals what defects they found in the strength of them.

To him succeeded **Henry**, his son and heir, who

in 26 H. 3. was certified to hold 3 Kts. fees of the E. of **Warwick**; and the next year following was one of the Justices for Goal-delivery at **Warwick**. That this **Henry** and **John** his father were Benefactors to the Monks of **Combe**, the particular parcels of land in this Village, given to that Monastery by them, do sufficiently declare; which were received with such grateful respect, as that **Will. de Chelre** the then Abbot, with the Convent of that House, by their publick Instrument, dated on the Octaves of the holy Trinity, an. 1250. (34 H. 3.) granted to the said **Henry**, and his heirs, the choyce of a fit Clerk to be presented in that Monastery, and there shorn a Monk successively for ever, for the health of the souls of **John de Lodbroc** his father, **Sarra** his mother, and of his the said **Henry** and **Isbell** his wife.

In 39 H. 3. he underwent the Office of Eschaetor in this County, and had issue **John**, who wedded **Joan**, the daughter and heir of **Ric. de Paresworth**, widow of **Ric. de Bray**. This **John**, in 56 H. 3. received pardon from the King for payment of xl. s. at which he was amerced by the Justices Itinerant for not being then a K. and in 28 E. 1. being constituted one of the Justices of peace in this County, had the next year following Summons, with divers other great men, to attend the K. at **Warwick** upon **Twede** on the Feast-day of the Nativity of **S. John Bapt.** well and sufficiently provided with Horses and Arms to march against the Scots. I am of opinion, that he was Knighted in that expedition; for in 32 E. 1. I find him so styled. In 1 E. 2. he was again in Commission for the Goal delivery at **Warwick**; and left issue **Henry de Lodbroke**, who in 19 E. 2. was a Kt. and in 17. in the List of those Kts. and men at Arms, whose names were then returned into the Chancery.

Which **Henry** had issue **John**, who in 10 E. 3. had his Knighthood respited for 2 years. Against this **John**, and his brother **Hugh**, did the Earl of **Warwick** commence suit in 17 E. 3. alledging, that they went about fraudulently to avoid him of the services due for the Mannor of **Cuntasthorpe** in **Com. Leic.** held of his fee. Which **John** took to wife **Hawisa**, the daughter and heir of **Sir Rob. de Davintre** Kt. and of **Hawise** his wife, daughter of **Will. de Keynes**; and by his Deed bearing date the Tuesday next before the Feast of **S. Barnabe** the Apostle, 21 E. 3. past this Mannour unto certain Feoffees, for the use of himself during life, & after to **Thomas** his eldest son and his heirs; (who had wedded the daughter of **Will. de Catesby**) the remainder to **Hugh**, brother to the said **Thomas**, and his heirs; and so to **John**, brother of the said **Hugh**, and to his heirs; and for default of issue by **John**, to the said **Will. de Catesby** and his heirs.

Which first mentioned **John**, being a Kt. in 23 E. 3. by his Deed dated at **Doneworth** the same year, released to the said **Will. de Catesby**, and **Nich. Woodward** of **Itchington**, and their heirs, all the right he had in this Mannour, granting to them and their heirs the advowson of the Church, and bore for his Arms *Azure a Cheveron ermine*, as by his Seal appeareth. After which, viz. in 46 E. 3. **Tho. de Lodbroke**, son to the said **Sir John**, quitted all his interest in this Mannour to the before specified **Will. de Catesby**: which **Will.** had issue **John**, who in 7 R. 2. (his father being then dead) did his homages to **Henry** Lord **Ferrers** of **Goby**

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for those lands that he held in **Lodbroke** of him, viz. the fifth part of a Kts. fee (which were of the Fee of **Leicester**.) In K. Ric. 2. time, there were great suits betwixt **Alice**, the wife of **Lewes Cardian**, and him the said **John**, for this Mannour, as appeareth by several Bills of complaint exhibited in the K. Court by her against him: she pretending an Entail made by Sir **Henry Lodbroke** Kt. her grandfather, by force whereof she claimed: But **Catesby** alledged, that his father purchased it from Sir **John Lodbroke** Kt. (father to **Alice**) and that the said Deed of Entail was counterfeited by one **Thomas Bromle** of **Cobentre**, whom he indicted for so doing. In short, after much time and money spent therein, I find, that the said **John de Catesby**, and **Lewes Cardian** (together with **Will. Hathewyk**, husband to **Catherine**, daughter and heir to the same **Lewes** and **Alice**, as the Descent sheweth) entered into C. l. bonds apiece to each other, to stand to the Award of the Dukes of **Surry** and **Exeter**, for a final end of the business; which Dukes referred the examination of the evidence on both sides to **Will. Gascoyn**, **Rob. Tirwhit**, **John Rede**, and **Will. Skyrne** (great Lawyers of that age) who taking to their assistance Sir **Walt. Clopton**, Sir **Will. Thirnyng**, Sir **John Cassy**, Sir **John Hulle**, Sir **Will. Rikfull**, **Will. Hankford**, and **Will. Brenchesle**, at that time Justices of both Benches, and fully weighing the same, made Report on the behalf of the before specified **John de Catesby**, as by their Instrument * under their Seal, bearing date 20 Junii, 22 R. 2. appeareth. So that there is no doubt, but that those Dukes determined thereof accordingly: for certain it is, that the said **John de Catesby** continued the possession. From whom it descended to his son **Will.** who in 6 H. 4. did his homage to Ric. Beauchamp E. of **Warwick** for the Kts. fee which he held here.

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Will.
Palmer

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H. 4. m. 4.

m Rot. parl.
1 H. 7. m. 6.

2 Pat. 3 H.
7 p. 1. m. 5.

o Pat. R.
11 H. 7.

Rot. 13.

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But this **Will.** departing the world without issue, his brother **John** became his heir, who dyed before the 13 of H. 4. for in that year did the K. grant **Free-warren** to **Emma** his widow, and **John** his son, in all their demesne lands here, and divers other places. To which last mentioned **John** succeeded Sir **Will. Catesby** Kt. and to him another **Will.** who being attainted in 1 H. 7. (as in **Lapworth** I have shewed) this Mannour escheated to the Crown, and in 3 H. 7. was granted by the K. to Sir **John Rysley** Kt. and the heirs male of his body: but by a special Act of Parl. in 11 H. 7. being restored unto **George Catesby**, son and heir of the said **Will.** together with the rest of his fathers forfeited lands, continued in this family till 38 Eliz. that **John Throgmorton** and others, by an Indenture tripartite betwixt Sir **Will. Catesby** and Sir **Thom. Leigh** Kts. of the first part, **Robert Catesby** son and heir of the said Sir **Will.** on the second, and **John Throgmorton** and **Thom. Thornton** on the third part, were enfeoffed thereof.

Which **John** and the rest did by their Deed of bargain and sale, dated 8 Febr. 40 Eliz. pass the same to Sir **Rob. Dudley** Kt. and Dame **Alice** his wife (daughter of the above mentioned Sir **Thom. Leigh**) and to the heirs of the said Sir **Robert**. Which Sir **Robert** having issue onely 4 daughters, viz. **Katherine** wife of Sir **Ric. Leveson** Kt. of the

Bath, **Douglasse**, **Anne**, and **Frances**, they, together with **Will. Wife**, conveyed the same to **Will. Palmer** Esq; and his heirs, by their Deed bearing date 16 Maii, 9 Car. Which **Will.** settled it upon **Will. Palmer** his second son, 1 Junii, 12 Car. who afterwards, scil. 1 Apr. 18 Car. passed the same to Sir **Will. Palmer**, now of **Clerkenwell** in Com. Midd. Kt. a branch of those **Palmer**s of **Portsh.** (by a younger son that settled at **Sperston** in **Staffordshire**) who bear for their Arms *Argent upon 2 bars gules, 3 crescents of the first, with a Greyhound in chief sable.*

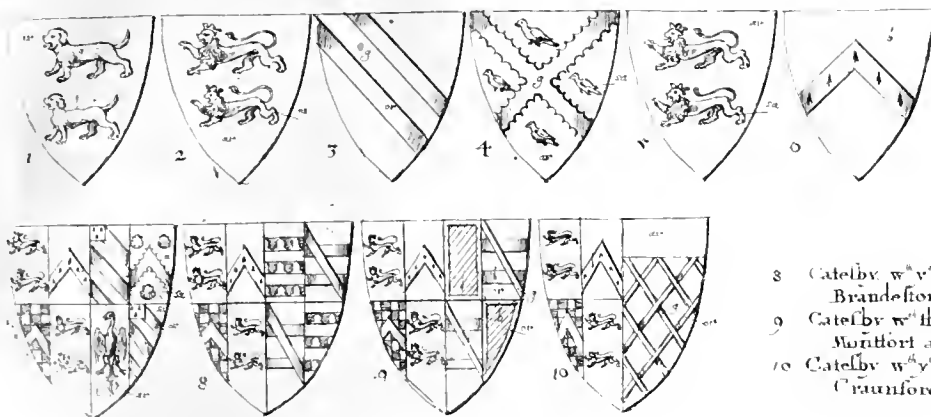
There was antiently a Bridge over the river betwixt this town and **Herberburg**, which in 21 R. 2. being out of repair, was presented to be in the default of those two Villages; but upon proof made, that the same had been first built by one of the Lords of this Mannour, upon his own soyl, and for the benefit of himself and his own servants, the said towns were discharged.

The Church (dedicated to *All Saints*) was in an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) valued at xv marks, and in 26 H. 8. at xiii l. x s. over and above ix s. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

Patroni Ecclesiz. Incumbentes & temp. Inst.

Joh. de Pavely , 13 Cal.	Langsf.
Apr. 1298.	b.
Will. de Daleby Pbr. 4 Cal.	1b. f. 6b.
Nov. 1303.	
Hugo fil. D. Joh. de Lodbrok.	Rog. de Lodbrok, 4 Id. Junii, 1319.
Hugo de Lodbrok Cler.	Rog. de Clifton Cap. 4 Cal. Junii, 1340.
	Northb. 36. b.
	Will. de Shulton Cler. 2 Id. Junii, 1349.
D. Hugo de Lodbroc. Rell. eccl. de Blaby.	Rad. de Beresford Cler. 9. Id. Martii, 1358.
	Cal. Oct. 1349.
Thomas de Lodbrok.	D. Petrus Bertholmew, 7. Id. Martii, 1358.
	Will. de Southam Pbr. Cal. Sept. 1362.
Joh. de Catesby.	Joh. Parker, 6 Febr. 1388.
	Nich. Derby, 1 Julii, 1409.
	Ric. Norton Cap. 2 Julii, 1413.
Joh. Catesby ar. & Margar. ux. ejus.	Ioh. Grantham Pbr. 4. Maii, 1433.
Will. Catesby ar.	Ioh. Verney Pbr. 20 Dec. 1440.
Joh. Rysley miles.	Will. Darley, in art. Bacc. 1 Maii, 1506.
Ric. Catesby gen.	D. Thomas Barret, 26. Maii, 1529.
Anth. Throgmorton de Com. Oxon. ar. & Cath. ux. ejus.	Rob. Lancashire Cler. 20. Febr. 1553.
	Thom. Williams Cler. 23. Apr. 1564.
Edm. Tomkins gen.	Rog. Inkforbie, S. Theol. bac. 5 Junii, 1582.
	Ric. Par, S. Theol. bac. 25. Aug. 1626.
D. Alicia Dudley.	Edw. Brounker S. Theol. professor, 5 Feb. 1628.

Lodbroke
Armes in the windows of the Church.



- 1 Breton.
- 2 Catelby.
- 3 Fitzwith.
- 4 Catelby.
- 5 Lodbroke.
- 6 Catelby quartering Lodbroke and Arden, empaling Bishopdon, quartering Willow and Williamscote.
- 7 Catelby wth fine quarterings, empaling Brandeston quartered wth Keynes.
- 8 Catelby wth the like quarterings, empaling Montfort and Brandeston quartered.
- 9 Catelby wth fine quarterings, empaling Craunford.

Napton.

Beneath Lodbroke more than a mile, there falls another current into **Achene**, which hath its head within the precincts of **Napton**, whereof I am next, in pursuance of my method, to speak. This town stands upon a very eminent ascent, of which originally its name was taken, **enap** in the British language signifying the same with *g. bhus* or *ruber*, for such we know all Hills are in reference to the plains and flats whereon they stand: Neither is the word in that sense yet worn out of use amongst us; for we commonly call the top or highest part of a notable ascent, the **knap** of a hill; the **c** and **k** being omitted in the name of this place for facility of pronunciation.

In the Conquerors time the E. of **Mellent** held 3 hydes and 3 virgats here, valued at iii l. one Robert being his Tenant thereto; and whereof **Levenot** and **Bundi** were possessors before the Norman invasion; but in the Survey then made, it is written both **Neptone** and **Cyptone**. At the same time one **Ulcherel** (whose inheritance it had been in **Edw.** the Conf. time) held of the said **Turchil** half a hyde, valued at xxx s. And the same Robert 3 virgats, valued also at xxx s. which before the Conquest belonged to the said **Edvinnus**, of whom I have made mention in **Flekenbo**. Which Robert being enfeoffed of certain lands here by the said E. of **Mellent** (as he was also of **Wetton** *subt. Wetthele*) made this the place of his residence, his posterity continuing it for their habitation, and hence assuming their surname.

There are some of opinion, that he was a branch of the **Vernons**, Barons of **Shipbroke** in **Cheshire**; which may very well be, for the Arms of this family do differ no otherwise in the ordinary from that, than by the *Escalops* upon the fesse, taken, as 'tis like, in respect that in some parts of this Lordship there are stones of that kind (I mean like unto *Escalops*) found, as in the next (*viz.* **Shukbozough**) be those called *Astroites*. Which usage in assuming such particulars for their bearing in Arms, as the place where the person hath resided was famous for, hath been very antient; witness the *Ermines* by the Dukes of **Britanny**, being a furr wherewith that Country much aboun-

deth, by reason of those little Beasts so called, which are in those parts: As also the *Masles* by the Dukes of **Rohan**, in regard the Carps in that Duchy have such marks upon their scales, as that learned Gentleman, my singular friend, and furtherer of this present work, **Edw. Bisse** Esq; in his judicious observations upon **Upton** hath manifested.

But I return to the before specified **Robert**. That which he had here, with **Wetton**, was held of the same Earls posterity, by the service of two Kts. fees, they having the **Leet** and divers other privileges in both these places, as appertaining to the Honour of **Leicester**. But besides what the family of **Napton** had in this place, there was much that other persons held, though a perfect succession of their several interests I cannot set forth. I shall therefore next take notice of what I have met with relating to the line of **Napton** which is historical.

Adam de Napton, 20 H. 2 |

Adam de Napton, Agnes una filiarum & hær. Rob. de 3 Ioh. | Salceto, 20 H. 3.

Adam de Napton, Ifolda, 40 H. 3. 40 H. 3.

Adam de Napton |

Adam de Napton, miles, 13 E. 1 |

Rob. de Napton, Lucia filia Guid. de Bellocampo Com. Warr. | Joh. de Napt. duxit Alic. filiam Ric. de M. sterton. j

Adam de Napton, def. Agnes ux. Galf. Filding, † 44 E. 3. |

Thomafina ux. Iana ux. Ioh de Napton, fil. & Will. White. Ioh. de hær. Shukburgh.

Ioh. White, confangu. Will. de Napton, & hær. Ioh. Napton.

Thom. de Napton, obiit sine prole.

In 16 H. 2. the second **Adam de Napton** was one of the Commissioners in this County for assessing and collecting the xl. part of all movables imposed upon the people for the K. use; and married **Agnes**, one of the daughters and heirs to **Rob. de Salceto**.

2 Edit. Lond. An. 1654. (p. 61.)

Testa de Nevill. Esc. 20 R. 2. n. 14. Rot. de 2. Warr.

Ex vet. membr. penes Will. Com. Denb. Plac. de an. no 21. H. 6. Rot. 408.

c Claus. 16. H. 3. in d. d Rot. F. 20 H. 3. m. 8. Of

Of his son *Adam* I find, that in 36 H. 3. he was a Commissioner for the Goal-delivery at *Warwick*, being then one of the Coroners in this Shire; from which Office he had leave to be free, the same year, by reason of his imployment in the service of *Raph Fitz Nicholas* (a great man in those dayes, and Steward to the K. as in *Streton-Baskerville* I have intimated) yet the next ensuing year was he again made Coroner; but, in regard of his disability to undergo it, had shortly after a discharge from that Office. This *Adam* was a Kt. in 13 E. 1. and left issue *Robert*: who amongst many other great men, in 29 E. 1. had Summons to be at *Warwick* upon *Twede* on the Feast-day of the Nativity of *S. I. ha Bapt.* sufficiently accoutred with Horse and Arms to march against the Scots; and the same year was constituted one of the Commissioners for assessing and collecting a xv. in this County. In 4 E. 2. he was a Kt. In 13. he was, with *John de Langley*, assigned to levy and collect the Scutage in this County, for the expedition into *Scotland*; and in 15. he had a Charter for a *Mercate* to be kept here at *Napton* weekly upon the Thursday, and a yearly Fair to last for 3 dayes, viz. the Even, day and morrow after the Assumption of the blessed Virgin.

This Sir *Robert* married *Lucia* the daughter to *Guy de Beauchamp* E. of *Warwick*, and had issue *Adam* his son and heir: which *Adam* being dead before the 44 E. 3. left issue *John* his son and heir, and two daughters, viz. *Thomasine*, married to *Will. White*, and *Jane* to *John de Shukburgh*, as the descent sheweth: But that this Mannour of *Napton* devolved to the *Shukburghs* by reason of that marriage, though the said *Jane* or her descendants at length became heirs, or co-heirs to the family of *Napton*, I make a question: For in 1 H. 4. *John Napton* and *Eliz.* his wife past it to *Ric. Cosford* and *Ric. Geydon* Priests; and in 12 H. 4. *Will.* the son of *Alice Betons* of *Napton*, and *Agnes* his wife, levied a Fine thereof to *Will. Shukburgh* and others, and to the heirs of the said *W. Shukburgh*, with warranty against himself and his heirs. Which *Will. Shukburgh*, of *Shukburgh* (for so he is termed) was certified to be Lord thereof in 10 H. 6. from whom it is by inheritance come to Sir *Ric. Shukburgh*, now of *Shukburgh* Kt. the present owner thereof.

And from an heir female to a younger branch of these *Naptons*, are the *Feildings* of *Peltenham* likewise descended, as not onely by certain old quarterings in their Arms, but by the Pedegree on the last page, appeareth; through whose right they heretofore posselt the Mannour of *Spisterton* in *Com. Wilt.* out of which a Rent is still paid to them.

It should seem that those lands which *Turchill de Warwick* held here in the Conq. reign, continued for some time to his posterity; for in 52 H. 3. *Thom. de Arden*, lineal heir to *Turchill*, was certified to hold the x. part of a Kts. fee in this place of the E. of *Warwick*. In 20 H. 3. I find, that *Rob. de Albemarle* held half a Kts. fee here of the Prior of *Cobentre*; and in 9 E. 2. *Raph Bile* of *Sapcote* the v. part, lying on that side of *Napton* anciently called *Napton-Boscher*; for which in 44 E. 3. *Ric. de Compton* and his tenants did answer: but in whom these are now, or to shew any thing more of them, is past my skill. Besides this Mannour, whereof I have already spoke, there are two other within the precincts of

Napton; the one commonly called *Vaux* his Mannour, and the other *Browns*; of which I have here added what I have found in Record, or otherwise. The first of these was by a Fine, levied 9 E. 2. between *Rob. de Harwedon* Pl. and *John de Wileby* Deforciant, settled upon the said *Rob.* for life, the remainder to *Rob.* the son of the said *John de Wileby*, and *Emme* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies; and for default of such issue, to the right heirs of *John de Wileby*. Of this in 5 H. 6. did *Thom. Chaumbre* and *Elianore* his wife levy a Fine, together with other Mannours in *Com. Wilt.* and *Berk.* to *Ric. Buckland* and his heirs, with warranty against the heirs of the said *Elianore*, which argues that she was an Inheritrix: but it seems the uses were to the said *Tho. Chaumbre*; for in 10 H. 6. the said *Thomas*, by the name of *Thom. Chaumbre* of *Spetton* in *Com. North-hamp.* Esq; was certified to hold the same by the 4 part of a Kts. fee.

How it came from *Chaumbre* to *Vaux*, I have not yet seen; but in 1 E. 4. it eschaeted to the Crown by the attainder of Sir *Will. Vaux* Kt. and the same year was given away by the K. to *Raph Hastings* Esq; and his heirs; which grant *K. Ric.* 3. by his Letters Pat. dated 10 Aug. 1 of his reign, confirmed. Neither can I say any more thereof, than that 3 parts in 4 of it were sold to *Thom. Deacons* of *Napton* Gent. 15 Nov. 36 Eliz. by *Laurence Eyton* of in *Com. North-hamp.* Gent. and *Edw. Eyton* his son: which *Thomas*, upon the marriage of *Will.* his son with *Grace*, one of the daughters of *Hugh Beresford*, late of *Slateley* in this County, by his Deed dated 20 Junii, 12 Jac. entailed it on the said *Will.* with divers remainders.

And of *Browns* I find, that the family of *Brown* being posselt of several parcels of land here, that came in time to have the reputation of a Mannour, at length by *Joane* the daughter of *Henry Browne*, wife to *John Cranow*, they descended to *Christopher Cranow* their son and heir: which *Christopher*, by his Deed dated 10 Martii, 24 H. 7. past all his right therein unto *Ric. Willys* and his heirs; from whom descended *George Willys* late of *Fenni-Compton* Gent. who in 16 Car. aliened the greatest part, if not all of them, to *Ric. Shukburgh* Esq; (but now Kt.) the present owner thereof.

The Church (dedicated to *S. Laurence*) was in an. 1291. 19 E. 1. valued at xxv marks, the perpetual patronage whereof Sir *John de Pulteny* Kt. obtained; procuring *Ric. de Napton*, Rector of the Church of *Whelton* in *Com. North-hamp.* 23 E. 3. to release unto him all his title therein: and thereupon the same year had license of the K. to bestow it on the Church of *S. Laurence* in *Candletoph-street London*, by him the said Sir *John* then newly founded. But before it was appropriated thereto as he intended, *John Stratford* Archb. of *Cant.* got it, with intent to annex it to the Chapel of *S. Thomas* the Martyr, then also newly by him founded at *Stratford super Avon* in this County: Howbeit this purpose of the Archb. was not effected; for it appears, that *Rob. de Streetford*, Bishop of *Chichester* (brother and heir to the Archbishop of *Canterbury*) granted it to *Will. de Sharethull* and others, in 35 E. 3. who by the K. Letters Pat. dated 4 Dec. the same year, had license to bestow it on the Monks of *Combe*; which they did not accordingly do: but in 37 E. 3. passed

passed it to Ric. Earl of **Arundell**, and his heirs, whereby at length it came to the said Coll. Church of **S. Laurence-Pultney**, and was incorporate thereto by Pope **Urban** the vi. the Vicaridge being endowed in 11 R. 2. by Ric. **Scroope** Bishop of **Cob.** and **Wich.** which Vicaridge in 26 H. 8. was valued "at ix l. xliii s. per ann. over and above viii s. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

Within the precincts of this parish was there a Chapel of **S. Laurence**, as appears by a License "in 16 R. 2. granted by the B. unto one **John Odams** of **Wapton**, that he might have divine service celebrated therein.

Patroni Ecclesiæ. Incumbentes & temp. Inst.

Will. de Peyto, hac vice.	Tho. de Morhall, 5 Cal. Junii, 1358.
D. Will. de Shareshull mil. Tho. de Ludlow, & Will. Bannaster, hac vice.	John. Reynald Cap. 7 Id. Sept. 1361.
Ric. Comes Arundell & Surr.	Ric. de Tysho, 15 Cal. Junii, 1367.
Patroni Vicariæ.	John. atte-Well Pbr. 8 Maii, 1388.
	John. Almonbury Cap. ult. Junii, 1428.
Magr. & Cap. Collegii S. Laur. Pultney.	Henr. Villers Pbr. 2 Sept. 1430.
	Will. Wattus Pbr. 18 Sept. 1436.
	Rog. Crispe Cap. 10 Jan. 1452.
	John. Scoley Cap. 17 Junii, 1541.
Edw. Napper gen.	John. Walks Pbr. 28 Apr. 1556.
	John. Bell Cler. 24 Nov. 1569.
D. Eliz. Regina.	Tho. Hancock Cler. 22 Jan. 1572.
	Tho. Foffet Cler. 3 Oct. 1604.
Jacobus Rex.	Henr. Tayler Cler. 22 Jun. 1608.
	John. Bowyer Cler. 3 Maii, 1619.

Arms in the Church windows.

Sable a Cheveron betwixt 3 mullets }
 Arg. (quartering Napton and Lushburgh.)
 Or, upon a fesse azure 3 Escalops Arg. Napton.
 Gules 3 hands couped Argent. Dyffart.

Southam.

Following this little stream, I come next to **Southam**, situate on the North side thereof. This, with a great part of **Loddyoke** and **Rodburne**, was given by K. **Ethelred** (about 80 years before the Norman Conquest) unto Earl **Leofwyne**, as by his Deed, where the metes and bounds in the Saxon language are set forth, may appear; and by Earl **Leofrik**, son to the said **Leofwyne**, bestowed on the Monks of **Cobentre** upon his foundation of that Monastery in an. 1047.

(1 Edw. Conf.) By the Conq. Survey I find, that it contained 4 hydes, having 2 Mills rated at liii s. and woods of one mile in length, and half a mile in breadth, which were in the K. hands at that time; but where those woods stood, is hard to find out, for now there is scarce a tree left. In that Record it is written **Sucham**, the t being mistaken, as is usual, for c. which name (doubtless) it had, by reason of its Southern site from some former plantation, the word **ham**, with our ancestors signifying the same with *habitatio*.

To the Monks of **Cobentre** it continued even till the dissolution of that Monastery, and had a weekly **Perccate** on the Wednesday, first granted thereto in 11 H. 3. with a **Faire** yearly to last for 8 dayes, beginning on the day of **S. Leodegarius** the Martyr, (which falls out 2 Oct.) But these dayes for the **Perccate** and **Faire** being not found to fit for this place, in 23 H. 3. they were by a new Charter altered, viz. the **Perccate** to the Monday, and the **Faire** to **S. George** his day, and 7 dayes after.

Divers privileges had the said Monks here, as well as in other their lands, which I shall forbear now to mention, in regard that I have in **Cob.** taken notice of them at large. But upon the dissolution of that Religious House, this Mannour was in 34 H. 8. granted to Sir **Edm. Knightley** Kt. and his heirs, 25 Apr. 34 H. 8. whereof he dyed seized 12 Sep. following, leaving **Joan**, the wife of **John Knottford** Sergeant at Armes, **Susanna** Knightly, **Anne** the wife of **George Throgmorton** Esq; **Mary** the wife of **Bartholomew Hussy**, and **Frances** Knightly, his Cosins and next heirs, viz. daughters and heires to **Richard Knightly** late of **Upton in Com. Northamp.** Esq; brother and heir to the said Sir **Edmund**: By which means it came to be divided into 5 parts, whereof one was sold by **James Duffield** and **Frances** his wife (one of the said coheirs) in 3 E. 6. to **Will. Est** and others.

To trace down the succession of the rest, would be a work both intricate and troublesome; therefore all that I will here further observe touching these parcels, is, that **Anne** the wife to **George Throgmorton** before mentioned, afterwards of **Tho. Porter** of **Ctyndon** in this County, and lastly of **Will. Cecill** Esq; dyed 12 Junii, 7 Eliz. seized of the 4 part of this Mannour, leaving **Fulke Porter**, her son and heir, 15 years of age. And that **Clem. Throgmorton** of **Haleley** Esq; was found to dye seized of a 5 part in 16 Eliz. **Job** his son and heir being then 28 years of age.

In 21 R. 2. the Prior of **Cobentre** was presented for not repairing a Bridge upon the River **Ichene**, lying in this parish, and on the road-way betwixt **Southam** and **Warwick**; but it being proved that the said Bridge was originally made out of the devotion of some well minded people for the benefit of passengers; and that one **John Bayliff** of **Southam**, and divers other charitable persons, had repaired the same, of their voluntary dispositions, the Prior was discharged.

The Monks of **Cobentre** being Lords of this Mannour, were also Patrons of the Church, out of which by an Agreement betwixt the B. of this Diocess, and the said Monks, in 32 H. 3. there was assigned xxx marks yearly to be paid to the Cathedral of **Wichfeld** for ever, at the Feasts of **S. Mich.** and **Easter** by even portions, in lieu of the like sum of xxx marks, which the said Monks had

Dom
2 day

b Cart. 11.
H 3. m. 32.

c Cart. 33.
H. 3. m. 5.
in cedula.

d Pat. 34.
H. 8. p. 1.

e Esc. 34
H. 8.

f F. levat.
T. Trin. 3.
E. 6.

g Esc. 7.
Eliz.

b Esc. 17.
Eliz.

i Plac. coram R. T. Mich. 21.
R. 2.

k Regist. de Cumba. f. 48. a. b.

had used to pay out of the Church of S. Mich. in **Cobentre** yearly, as in my discourse touching the same I have more fully shewed.

MS in Scac.
In an. 1291. 19 E. 1. this Church (dedicated to S. James,) was valued at x marks, over and above the said Pension of xxx marks, then paid yearly out of it to the Dean and Chapter of **Lich.** which annuity of xxx marks in 11 R. 2. was seized into the K. hands, in regard it appeared, that the said Dean and Chapter had purchased the same from the Monks of **Cobentre** without license from the Crown. But in 30 H. 6. the Prior and Covent of **Cobentre** had license from the K. to appropriate it to the use of their Monastery; whereupon it was accordingly effected by Will. Bothe, then B. of **Cob.** and **Lich.** his Instrument for that purpose bearing date 15 Julii the same year, reserving an yearly Pension of ii s. to himself and his successors, and xx d. to the Arch-deacon of **Cobentre**, to be paid on the Feast-day of S. Mich. the Arch-Angel for ever: at which time there was a Vicar endowed with xii marks per ann. and a convenient habitation. Howbeit this Appropriation did not long hold good, as it seems; for in 26 H. 8. there was no Vicaridge here, but the then Rector certified, that the Parsonage was worth xx i l. xvii s. iii d. per ann. over and above the annual Pension of x l. paid to the Cathedral of **Lichfeld**, and viii s. for Procurations and Synodals.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.

Incumb. & temp. Inf.

Langt. f. 5. a.

Ib. f. 7. b.

Ib. f. 38. a.

Ib. f. 78. b.

Northb. f. 24. b.

Ib. f. 30. b.

Ib. f. 60. a.

Strett. f. 25. b.

Ib. f. 29. b.

Brygh. f. 3. b.

Prior & Conv. de Coventre.

Mr. Will. Clyme vicar. eccl. S. Mich. Coven. hac vice.

Hew. f. 11. a.

Ib. f. 25. a.

Prior & Conv. de Coventre.

Bowl. f. 205. b.

Strett. & P. f. 15. b.

Joh. Oliver legum Dr. hac vice, ratione concess. Pr. & C. de Cov.

Sampf. f. 42. b.

Edw. 6. Rex Angl.

Gilb. de Hamelhamste Subdiac. Non. Apr. 1296.

Rob. de Loggovere prid. Cal. Nov. 1305.

Thom. de Langton Pbr. 5. Cal. Dec. 1313.

Joh. de Schalken Pbr. 19. Cal. Feb. 1319.

Thom. de Merston Pbr. 4. Id. Apr. 1331.

Joh. de Wentebrygg 4 Nov. 1337.

Will. de Charwelton Pbr. 11 Cal. Jan. 1355.

Joh. de Beresford, 2 Id. Dec. 1378.

Thom. de Baddeby Pbr. 5. Julii, 1382.

Will. Minworth Pbr. 4. Sept. 1398.

Rob. Sturdy 10 Sept. 1417.

Will. Sugge Pbr. 24 Junii, 1423.

D. Joh. Hall Pbr. 12 Nov. 1430.

Rob. Rowrhall legum Dr. 12 Nov. 1540.

Mr. Henr. Tarbott legum Dr. 5 Apr. 1538.

Mr. Will. Leson legum Dr. 20 Julii, 1541.

Joh. Boole Cler. 1 Febr. 1549.]

Clem. Throkmorton, & Roul. Litton, hac vice, ratione concess. Pr. & C. de Coventre.

Clem. Throkmorton ar. & Will. Gent, ratione ut supra.

Will. Gent gen. hac vice, ratione ut supra.

Edw. Littleton de Pillaton-hall jun. in Com. Staff. miles, ex concess. Dorothea Throgmorton vid. & Clem. Throgmorton mil.

D. Joh. Boole Cler. 24 Nov. 1b. f. 4. 1551.

Oliverus Clerke, 7 Nov. Sampf. B. f. 8. 1554.

Nick. Tomson Cler. 22 Apr. 1b. f. 1. 1559.

Barthol. Greene art. Mr. 1b. f. 4. 19 Apr. 1566.

Franc. Holliok Cler. 22 Feb. Ovent. bund. 1604.

In the West window of the North Ile are these Arms, viz.

Quarterly Or a manche gules. Hastings E. of Pemb. Barry of 6. Arg. and azure, with an erle of martlets gules. } Valence.

Stockton.

Northeast from Southam lyes Stockton, taking its name from the word **Stoke**, which significth a place of habitation: but thereof do I find no mention in the Conq. Survey. That it was therefore a member of **Long-Ichinton**, and then involved therewith, if we consider these circumstances, there can be no doubt; first, that **Long-Ichinton**, whereunto it adjoyneth, is certified in **Domesday-book** to contain to large a number of hydes, as there I shall shew; and next, that it was held of the Lords of **Ichinton**; by which consequently may be inferred, that some one of them past it away, reserving such services to himself and his heirs as were usual in those elder times to be performed. And though I have not seen any exprets Record plainly to discover the like grant thereof; yet when I consider, that the family of **Limesy** were owners of **Ichinton** soon after the Conquest and that **Walter de Sumerville**, who lived in H. 2. time, took to wife **Cecelia de Limesy**, it will be no great rashness to conclude, that the same **Walter** had it with her in Frank-marriage, she being a daughter of that House. To whose posterity it continued till E. 3. time; and then, by a daughter and co-heir, came to **Griffith**, as the descent here drawn will shew.

The principal feat of these **Somerviles**, was at **Whithnoure** in Com. Staff. which, with **Barton** (adjoyning thereto) **K. Will.** the Conq. gave unto **Sir Gualtier de Somerville**, a Norman: from whom descended the before specified **Walter**, that wedded **Cecelie de Limesy**; and from him (the fifth in descent) **John** (as the Pedegree sheweth) who questioned the Prior of **Bertford** for the advouion of the Church here at **Stockton** in 27 H. 3. deducing his right thereto from **Roger** his great grandfather: Unto whom the Prior pleaded, that he was at the disposal of the Abbot of **S. Albans**, and could not without him give answer thereto: But

f Ex Rot. p. Ioh. rers Tamr. castro t Place Westm. Hill. 3.

But *John* replied, that the said Prior, upon a former suit for this advowson, impleaded him by a Writ of *Quare impedit*, as Prior of *Hertford*, without naming the Abbot of *S. Albans* therein, and recovered it: And further alledged, that the Priors of *Binham*, *Tunmouth*, and other Cels belonging, as this of *Hertford* did, to *S. Albans*, alwaies used to plead in their own names, yet so as the said Abbot should have Summons to joyn with them if he pleased. What the success of this suit was, I have not seen; but it seems the Prior thought fit to strengthen his title; for I find, that in 56. H. 3. he procured the said *John* to levy a Fine thereof to the use of him and his successors; for which, besides a C. l. in money given him for so doing, he was made partaker of all their prayers, and other devout exercises.

wife in 11 E. 3.) enjoyed the estate; and in 12 Edw. 3. entailed this Mannour upon the heirs male of his body by *Margaret* then his wife; but for lack of such issue, on *Rese ap Griffith*, and *Ioan* his wife, for the life of the said *Ioan*; and after her decease, on *Thomas* the son of the said *Rese*, with divers remainders.

Which Sir *Philip* dyed 23 Jan. 28 E. 3. leaving issue *Ioan* his eldest daughter, wife of Sir *Rese ap Griffith* Kt. above mentioned, and *Eliz.* of *John Stafford*. Betwixt whom partition being made, the inheritance of this Lordship went with *Ioan*, and so came by descent to Sir *George Griffith* Kt. who in 35 H. 8. aliened it to Sir *Walt. Smyth* Kt. which Sir *Walter* sold it to *Nich. Puresey* in 1 E. 6. From whom descended *George Puresey* of *Drapton in Com. Leic.* Esq; who in our memory past it to *John Clapham*, one of the six Clerks in Chancery: which *John*, dying without issue, left *John Clapham* late of *Winnall juxta Coventre* his heir.

The Church (dedicated to *S. Michael*) belonged to the Priory of *Hertford* (as I have already shew'd) and in ann. 1291. 19 E. 1. was valued at ix marks; but in 26 H. 8. at x l. vii s. over and above xxx s. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*. But what the said Priory of *Hertford* had here in *Stokton*, was after the dissolution of that Religious House, together with the site thereof, granted in 29 H. 8. to *Anthony Denny* and his heirs.

Patroni Ecclesiæ. Incumb. & temp. Instit.

Isabella de Sumervill Magr. Ric. de Lynton.
Domina de Stokton. Anno 1249.

Prior & Monachi de *Hertford.* Ric. de Kilkenny. s. date.
Elias de S. Albano Cleric. Anno 1315.

Jo. de Odingsells miles. Joh. de Wapingbury Anno 1315.

D. Will. de Brymmeysgrave Pbr. Anno 1315.

Petrus de Hercle 14. Cal. Junii 1316.

Will. Sars accolitus 5. Nov. 1320.

Ric. de Meere Pbr. 4. Id. Nov. 1358.

Joh. Plumbe Pbr. 18. Mar. 1396.

Philippus Polton 6. Sept. 1414.

Joh. Bore Cap. 16. Nov. 1417.

D. Ric. Bredrod Cap. 16. Aug. 1424.

Joh. Byrtley 1. Apr. 1435.

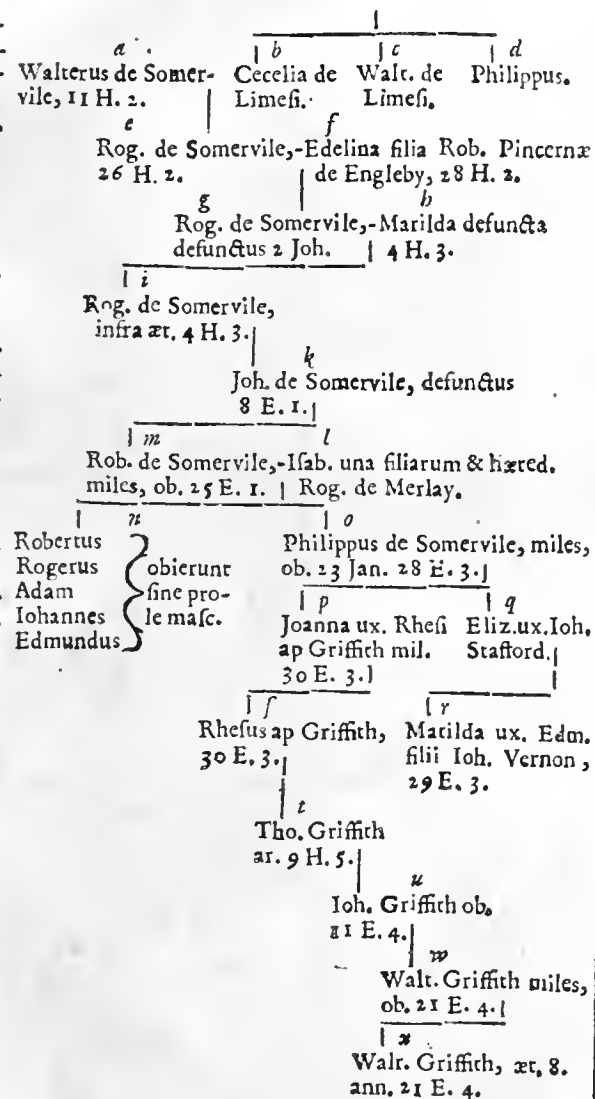
Ric. Ricards Pbr. 21. Apr. 1436.

Thom. Hayward Cap. 20. Apr. 1458.

Will. Crooke Cap. 3. Maii 1545.

Nath. Baxter Cler. 14. Aug. 1590.

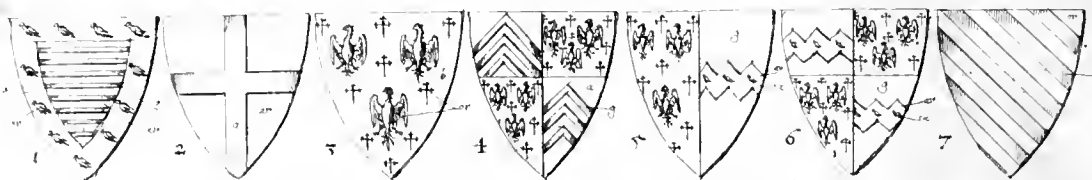
Thom. Davies gen. Thom. Lever Cler. 26. Mar. 1628.



Whether this Church was originally granted to the Monks at *Hertford* before mentioned, by *Rob. de Limefi*, Founder of that Cell in H. 1. time; or whether by *Cecelia de Limefi*, and *Walter de Somerville* her husband (he having a more than ordinary respect to those Monks for her ancestors sake) I cannot positively affirm; but that it was so given by one of them, is not to be doubted. To this *John* succeeded Sir *Rob. de Somerville* Kt. who in 18 E. 1. had a Charter of *Free-warren* (inter alia) in this his Mannour of *Stokton*. Which Sir *Rob.* left issue divers sons, whereof *Adam* was one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parl. of 1 E. 3. But all dying issueless, *Philip*, the youngest (a Kt. & like-

Stockton.

Armes in the Windows of the Church.



1. Merley 2. George his Crosse 3. Somerville of Whichnoure 4. Somerville quartering Langton 5. Somerville empaling Grefith. 6. Griffith quartering Somerville. 7. Mountfort.

Long-Ichington.

THis, containing the Hamlets of **Waskote** and **Stonthorpe**, had its name originally from the River **Ichene** on the banks whereof 'tis situat. In the Conquerors time, being posselt by one **Cristina**, who had it of the same Kings gift, it was by the Survey, then made, certified to contain 24. hides, and is there written **Icentone**. At that time it had a Church; for there were then two Priests; as also two Mills rated at vi s. viii d. with woods of two furlongs in length and one in breadth, all being valued at xx li. But when the King gave it to the said **Cristina**, it yielded xxxvi li.

This, with the other lands belonging to the said **Cristina** came to the family of **Limesie**, antiently men of great note, having their principall seat at **Mulverle**, whereof they were called Barons, as when I come to **Solihull** shall be manifested: but whether this **Cristina** married to **Raph de Limesie**, an eminent man in the Conquerours time, having fair possessions in the Counties of **Posse. Suff. Hertford, Northampt. Pott. Somerset, Devon: and Warwick**, I cannot affirm: howbeit, that his posterity enjoyed her lands, is sure enough, flourishing in great honour till King **John's** time, that the male line extinguished, and the Barony of **Lymse** (for so it is called) was divided betwixt **Hugh de Odingfells** a Fleming, and **David de Lindsey** a Scot, husbands to the coheirs of **John de Limesy**, as the descent here inserted will shew.

But before I begin to speak of the family of **Odingfells**, who had their seat here, I have a word or two to say of the **Limesies**, their ancestors; which is, that from the before specified **Raph** descended **Raph**, founder of the Priory at **Hertford** in H. 1. time; which **Raph** gave thereunto certain lands lying in this Lordship. To whom succeeded **Alan** his son and heir, who gave to that Monastery the Church of this **Ichington**; which grant **Gerard** his son, and **John** the son and heir of the same **Gerard** confirmed.

But descending to **Odingfells**, I observe, that from the said **Hugh**, by **Basilia**, sprung two very eminent and worthy families; of which the chief resided here at **Ichington**, even till our fathers memory; and that the other, which had **Solihull** and **Marstoke**, continuing not many descents, was by heirs female transplanted into other stocks. In 15. **John**. partition being made betwixt those coheirs, the said **Hugh** and **Basilia** paid a Fine of 500. marks to the King for livery of the moytie of those lands, by inheritance pertaining to her upon the death of her brother **John de Limesie** without issue, lying in the Countreys of **Hertford, Orford, Worcester, Suff. and Warwick**: For securing the

Rad. de Limesia, fundator Hadewisa, Priorat. de Hertford

Alanus de Limesi.

Triamus de Limesi.

Gerardus de Limesi-Amicia. 8. H. 2.

Alianora ux. Davidis de Lindsei.

Ioh. de Alanus, Limesi & Gerardus ob. f. prole. fil. Rob. de prole. Harecourt.

Basilia ux. Hug. de Odingfells.

David de Lindsey.

Hugo de Limesi ob. f. p.

Hugo de Odingfells ob. f. p.

Gerardus de Odingfells miles 23. Will. de Odingfells de Solihull & Maxstoke. H. 3.

David Gerard. Walk. Will.

Alicia soror & haeres, ux. Henr. de Pinkney 34. H. 3.

Rad. cognom. Ric. de Limesy.

Henr. de Pinkney.

Ioh. de Odingfells mil. defunctus 10 E. 3.

Petrus de Limesi ob. 18. E. 2.

Rob. de Pinkney 13 E. 1.

Ioh. de Oding-Amicia filia fells ob. 27 E. 3. Rog. Corbet. 18 E. 2.

Thom de Pinkney ob. f. p.

Ioh. de Pinkney miles fust. penfus 22 E. 1.

Ioh. de Odingfells miles ob. 4 R. 2.

Rob. de Pinkney D. manerii de Stene in Com. Northampt. 22 E. 1.

Ioh. de Odingfells miles, ob. 5 H. 4.

Edw. de Odingfells-Margar. filia Ioh. Cokain de miles ob. 6 E. 4. Bury-Hatley in Com. Bedf.

Gerardus de Odingfells 8 H. 7.

Edw. Odingfells-Anna filia Ric. Verney 9 H. 7. de Compton ar.

Edm. Odingfells obiit 2 Sept. 5 & 6 Ph. & M.

Ioh. Odingfells ob. f. prole.

Will. Odingfells.

Thom. Odingfells ob. f. p.

Thom. Odingfells, servus Will. D. Burleigh. temp. R. Eliz. obiit, celebs.

payment whereof, *Hugh* and *Will.* two of his sons became bound. Which *John de Limesi* dyed 9 R. 4. 1. Whereupon *Alice* his widow (daughter of *Rob. de Harecourt*) married to *Walleran E. of Warwick.*

This *Hugh de Odingfells* was a Knight, and a man of great note in his time: for I find, that in 5 H. 3. he attended the King in person to the siege of *Wittham-Castle in Com. Linc.* with considerable forces, for which he had warrant to levy Ecuage upon all his tenants that held of him by military service; and dyed in 23 H. 3. whereupon *Gerard* his son had livery of all the lands in *Ichington*, and elsewhere, that were of the inheritance of *Raffia* his mother, and held of the King in Capite, then doing his homage, and giving security to the Sheriff of this County for the payment of his Relief; viz. 50 li. whereby it appears that his estate was great, the Relief for a Knights fee being anciently 2 but C. s. which *Gerard* being a Knight in 26 H. 3. gave a Fine of 50. marks to be freed from attendance upon the King into *Gascoign*, towards the payment whereof he had power to levy Ecuage upon all the Knights fees held of him: And in 48 H. 3. had summons with many other great men, to be at *Wrotham* in Midlent, sufficiently furnished with Horse and Armes, there to give the King advice, and assist him against *Lewelin P. of Wales* and his adherents, then in Rebellion; but departed this life in 50 H. 3. whereupon the custody of his heir, (then not of full age) with his lands held of the King in Capite, were granted to *Edmund* (surnamed *Cronchback*) the K. son.

It seemes that the year next following, his said son and heir, viz. *Hugh de Odingfells* accomplish'd his full age; for he then did his homage and had livery of his lands. which *Hugh* in 16 E. 1. was a Knight, and in 21. purchased the other moiety of this Mannour from *John de Pinkney*, to whom it descended by inheritance from his great grandmother, as the Pedegree sheweth. This *John de Pinkney*, being a Knight was the next year following hang'd for felony, whereupon there grew suits betwixt the same *Hugh de Odingfells* and *Rob. de Pinkney*, son and heir of the said *John*, concerning the title to that Mannour here in *Ichington*, which belonged to him the said *John*; but the King minding to afford his grace and favour in an especiall manner to the above mentioned *Hugh*, who at that time was to be employed into *Gascoign*, commanded the Sheriff to permit the said *Hugh* to have the present possession thereof (for it was seized into the Kings hands, by reason of that forfeiture) till the business was determined, giving security to prosecute his suit touching the same. By the Inq. taken after the death of this *Hugh*, who dyed 33 E. 1. it was certified, that he held this Mannour of the King in Capite, with the rest of his lands in other places by the service of half a Barony, to find one souldier in the Kings Army for xl. days at his own proper costs.

To him succeeded *John* his son and heir, then 28. years of age. Which *John*, being one of those that assisted the Earls of *Lancaster* and *Warwick* in the murder of *Piers de Gaveston*, had the Kings pardon for that fact in 7 E. 2. In 9 E. 2. he was a Knight, and dyed 10 E. 3. leaving issue *John* his son and heir then 24. years of age; who in 25 E. 3. being also a Knight, was for divers felonies and seditions then outlawed, whereupon this Mannour became seized into the Kings hands, and extended. This *John* wedded *Amicia* the daughter of *Roger*

Corbet, with whom he had in marriage the Mannour of *Warlaston in Com. Staff.* and dyed in 27 E. 3. leaving *John* his son and heir 16. years of age; who in 31 E. 3. gave a Fine to the King of CC. marks for licence to marry whom he pleased, so that he continued in his due allegiance; at which time he did his homage, and had livery of his lands. This last mentioned *John* was a Knight in 32 E. 3. at which time he had the Kings pardon for breaking the house of *William de Sherehall* at *Barton-Cote*, and robbing him of plate and Jewells to the value of C. li. with certain gold in Florens, and other ready money. But after this he became of good credit; for in 51 E. 3. as also in 1. and 3 R. 2. was he joynd in Commis. with *Thom. de Beauchamp* then Earl of *Warwick*, and other persons of the best rank, for arraying of men in this County; and in 4 R. 2. dyed leaving *John* his son and heir xv. years of age, who in 9 R. 2. did his homage and had livery of his lands.

Which *John* was likewise a Kt. and dyed in 5 H. 4. *Edw.* his son and heir being then in minority; who in 3 H. 5. accomplish'd his full age, and being a Knight in 6 H. 5. was much honoured by that renowned King with severall employments of note; as also by King H. 6. in the beginning of his reign. For in the same sixth year of King H. 5. I find him a Commissioner in this Shire for arraying of men; and the next year following, one of those select men in this County, that bearing antient Armes was summoned to attend the King in person for defence of the Realm. In 9 H. 5. 2. and 5 H. 6. he was in Commission for the Peace in this County; and departing this life in 6 E. 4. left issue by *Margaret* daughter to *John Cokyn* of *Burgh-lep in Com. Bedf.* *Gerard* his son and heir 35. years of age; Of whom I find no other thing memorable than that by his Testament bearing date Anno 1493. (8 H. 7.) he bequeathed his body to be buried before the high Altar in the Chancell of the holy Trinity here at *Ichington*, and willed, that *Margaret* his wife should for the health of his soul give iv li. to a Frier, or Priest to sing a *Trentall* of *S. George*, there, for the space of one year next ensuing his decease.

Whose son and heir, *Edward*, accomplishing his full age in 9 H. 7. had then livery of his lands; and being a Justice of Peace in this County from 17 H. 7. till his death; as also in 8 H. 8. Escheator for the Countyes of *Warwick* and *Leicester*, married *Anne* the daughter of *Richard Verney* of *Compton* esquire, by whom he had issue *Edmund* his son and heir; which *Edmund* dyed seized of this Mannour 2 Sept. 5. & 6. Ph. & M. leaving *John* his son and heir 30 years of age: who, about the beginning of Q. Eliz. time, betaking himself to extravagant courses, put a period to this antient and long flourishing family, and dyed in a miserable condition: For, having first mortgaged this Lordship to Sir *John Throgmorton*, (as I have credibly heard,) who past his title therein to *Robert* Earl of *Leicester*, he became so poor, that had not one *Harewood*, formerly his Tenant, taken him into his house out of pity, he had dyed in the street. Which Earl, by his last Will and Testament gave the inheritance thereof, after the decease of his Lady, unto Sir *Robert Dudley* Knight his base son (as he there calls him) of whom in *Kenilworth* I have further spoke.

Having thus traced down the succession of the Mannour, I must not pass by some other things, which

Esc. 27 E. 3. n. 60.

Rot. F. 31 E. 3. m. 3.

Clas. 31 E. 3. m. 4.

Pat. 32 E. 3. p. 2. m. 7.

Pat. de iisd. ann. in d. 18.

Esc. 4. R. 2. n. 18.

Clas. 9 R. 2. m. 1.

Esc. 5 H. 4. n. 19.

Clas. 3 H. 5. m. 17.

Pat. 6 H. 5. p. 2. in d. m. 30.

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Lusnam Q. 11. m. Vox. 6.

Pat. 9 H. 7. m. 27.

Pat. de iisd. ann. in d. p Esc. de eodem anno. q Porth Q. 27.

Esc. Eliz. 27.

Pat. 14 Eliz. p. 8.

f Hist. MS.
J. Rouss. p.
122.

which are observable concerning this town; where-
of the first and most antient is, that it was the birth-
place of S. *Wolstan*, the reverend Bishop of *Worcester*; whose father *Eustannus* and his mother *Ulge-
va*, being much devoted to the service of God, to-
wards the later end of their days took upon them
the habit of Religion, voluntarily severing each
from other; which example incited the said *Wolstan*
to the like course of life: whereupon, having his
education in the Abby of *Peterburgh*, he was thorn
a Monk, at length, in the Monastery at *Worcester*
(in which his father had spent his later days in
Gods service) by *Brithagus* the venerable Bishop
of that place, and afterwards became Bishop * upon
the translation of *Aldredus* to the see of *York*, viz.
Anno 1060. (18 *Edw.* Conf.) where he continued
till his death, sc. 10, *Will. Ruf.*

* M. Paris.
p. 19. l. 48.

This *Eustannus* (or rather *Ælfstanus*) had
the grant of his habitation, here, from *Oswald* Arch-
bishop of *York* (who was also Bishop of *Worce-
ster*, and afterward canonized for a Saint;) the
substance of whose Charter, I shall here recite,
whereby it will appear, that at length it was to re-
turn again to the Church of *Worcester*.

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+ *Regnante imperpetuum Domino nostro Iesu
Christo, cuius incarnationis humane anni laterculo
DCCCXCIV. ego Oswaldus Archiep. cum licen-
tia illius familiae qua sita in Weozepnaceastre,
nam viz. mansam ubi ruricola Icenanun di-
cunt si Ælfstano fideli meo homini tradendo conce-
do, sibi dies suos perfrundum, & post se duobus ha-
redibus tradendum concessi; quibus defunctis Ec-
clesia Dei in Weozepnaceastre restituatur,
&c.*

My next observation is, that it was anciently one
of the chief towns in this Shire; first, in regard
of the large number of hides it contained, as appears
by the Conquerours Survey; and next for that
it was ranked * amongst those few, which in 15 H.
2. were put under the title *De auxilio Villarum &
Burgorum ad maritandam filiam Regis*, wherunto
the Inhabitants hereof payd C s. And lastly * that
on Satt. ix. *Julii Anno 1575. 17 Eliz.* the before
specified Earl of *Leicester* gave the Queen a glo-
rious entertainment here, in her passage towards
Kenilworth-Castle, erecting a Tent of extraordi-
nary largeness for that purpose, the Pins belong-
ing whereto amounted to seven Cart-load, by
which the magnificence thereof may be gueſt at.

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H. 2.

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cui tit. The
Princely
pleasures
of Kenilw.
Castle.
x Tista. de
Nevill.

But besides the family of *Odingsells*, there were
others that had good estates in this town: for in
20 H. 3. *Robert de Colingham* held x here half a
Knights fee; *William le Saiz*, the 4th. part, and
Nicholas le Breton a fourth; of which last I shall
say something in *Walscote* where they resided; but
of the other two I am not yet able to discover any
more.

y F. le-
vat. 5.
sept.
Pasc.
26 H. 3.

Of the Church (dedicated to the holy Trinity)
the moitie, antiently belonging to the Monks of
Berthford, was given * unto them by *David* de
Lyndesai, and confirmed x by *Gerard* his brother
and heir; The benefit which they received there-
by being * two parts of the Tyth-corn throughout
all the demesne-lands of this town; But the other
moitie was granted * by the said *David* to *Will. de
Odingsell*; which *Will.* past * it unto *Gerard* his bro-
ther. In *An. 1291. 19 E. 1.* it was * valued at xxxiii.
marks; yet how or when the said moitie was gran-
ted from the Monks of *Berthford* to *Odingsells* I
know not, but do find, that in 13 E. 2. *Hugh de
Meryngton* of *Cobentre* purchased * the perpetuall

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42 H. 3.

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patronage of the whole from *John de Odingsells*
Which *Hugh* in 1 E. 3. dyed * seized thereof, lea-
ving *John* his son and heir 28. years of age; who,
the next year following past * it to Sir *William de
Clinton* Knight. Which *William* in 6 E. 3. * gave
it with 8. mels. six yard land, and xx s. Rent, in
this town, to *John Lyxte* Warden of the Chantry
at *Marstoke*, and his successors, for the health of
his soul, and the souls of his ancestors and succes-
sors. But it was not long after, that the said Sir
William having begun the foundation of a Priory
for *Canons-Regular* of St. *Augustines* order at the
same place, annexed that Chantry, with the ap-
purtenances thereunto: whereupon the advowson of
this Church, with the rest of those lands in *Aching-
ton* were appropriated * to the use of the said Ca-
nons by R. *Northburgh* Bishop of *Cobentre* and
Litchfield 12. Cal. *Martii Anno 1386.* (10. E.
3.) and a Vicaridge soon after endowed, which in
26 H. 8. was valued * at vii li. xviii d. over and a-
bove 18 d. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.
But the said Rectory, after the dissolution of that
Religious house, with the lands before specified
coming to the Crown, was, with the site of that
Monastery, &c. past † unto the D. of *Suff.* as al-
so from him to *Traps*, and from the coheirs of *Traps*
to *Anthony Ludford* and *Thomas Fisher*: which
Anthony and *Thomas* in 25 *Eliz.* aliened * the
said lands by the name of a Mannour, with two
parts of the Tithes of Corn and Hay &c. to *Robert
Dudley* then Earl of *Leicester*: since which time
they have attended the possession of that Lordship
so sold by *Odingsells* as hath been said.

f Esc. 1. E.
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g Pat. 2.
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† Pat. 30
H. 8. p. 4.

* F. levat.
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25 Eliz.

Patroni Ecclesie.

Incumb. & temp. Instit.

Hugo de Odingsells
miles.
D. Will. de Clinton
miles.
Prior & Conv. de
Maxstoke.
Patroni Vicariz.

D. Job. de Odingsells Cler.
An. 1288.
Rob. de Wyke Pbr. 4. Cal.
Nov. 1329.
Rob. de Maxstoke Cap. 11.
Cal. Nov. 1336.

Ex autog.
pendes D. &
Cap. Lieb.
Northb. f.
23. a.
ib. f. 30. a.

Prior & Conv. de
Maxstoke.

Adam de Wythibroke Pbr. 1b. f. 31.
Cal. Maii 1337.
Ric. de Bradwell Cap. 8. 1b. f. 48. b.
Cal. Aug. 1349.
Adam de Coleshull Pbr. Street. f. 6.
.... 1359.

Prior & Conv. de
Maxstoke.

Ric. de Caldecote 5. Ia. 1b. f. 22.
Dec. 1375.
Thom. Nassyngton Cap. 22. Burgh. f.
Sept. 1407. 20. a.
Ric. Inderay Cap. 28. Feb. Heyw. f. 11.
1422. a.
Joh. D. get 17. Aug. 1b. f. 11. b.
1423.

D. Episc. per lapsum.

Will. Sylk decret. Dr. Pbr. 1b. f. 19. b.
2. Aug. 1427.
D. Ric. Whitelombe 8. 1b. 21. a.
Martii 1428.
Joh. Nobull Pbr. 8. Junii 1b. f. 37. a.
1439.

Prior & Conv. de
Maxstoke.

Thom. Smyth Cap. 16. Dec. Bl. f. 16.
1529.
D. Thom. Hopkyns Pbr. 9. 1b. f. 18. a.
Maii 1531.

Rich. Bartue ar. ac
Cath. Ducissa Suff.
ux. ejus.

Thom. Odingsells, 29. Mar. Samp. &
iii 1569. B. f. 43. b.

Patroni Vicariæ.

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Georgius Soden 17. Jan. 1569.

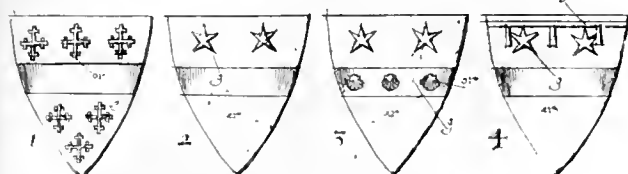
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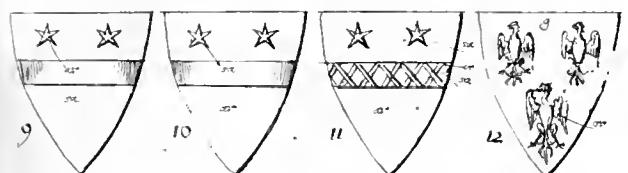
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Long-Ichington

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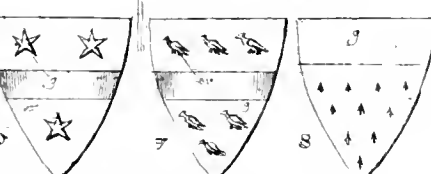
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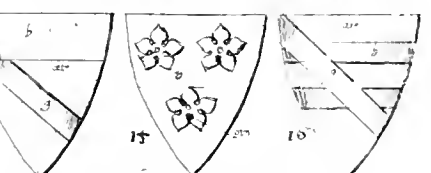
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In a North window of the Chancell



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| 3 Odingtons of Fothaw | 17 Bardolf |
| 4 Odingtons | 18 Grey of Rotherfield |
| 5 Odingtons | 19 Clinton of Maxtroke |
| 6 Beauchamp of Powick | 20 Lucy of Cherboke |
| 7 Mortimer | 21 Ogborne |
| 8 Odingtons | 22 Odingtons of Ichington |
| 9 Odingtons | quartermaster Lumley |
| 10 Lumley | |

Upon a Marble Gravestone this Inscription
in a plate of brass.

Of your charite pray for the soule of Edward
Odington late of Long-Ichington in the County
of Warwick Esquire, Gentleman-Usher to King
Henry the seventh who died
in the year of our Lord 1500. D. xxii.

Bascote.

THIS Hamlet was originally a member of Long-Ichington; yet I have not met with any mention of it till 7 R. 1. and then do I find, that Robert Briton had lands here: but afterwards, in King John's time, that David the son of David de Lindelei, (whose right here came by Elianore his mother one of the coheirs to John de Limefi as in Ichington I have shewed) did confirm to Nicholas Briton and his heirs eight yard land lying here and in Ichington, to hold by the 4. part of a Knights fee; when lands Roger Briton father of the said Nicholas formerly held. After this, viz. in 21 E. 1. Sir John Pinkney Knight, having granted unto Sir Hugh de Odingtons all his interest in Long Ichington, give notice to William le Breton, that for the future he should perform those services to the said Sir Hugh and his heirs, as were due by the same William to the above named Sir John Pinkney. Which William was son to the before recited Nicholas, as I guess, but what I have seen worth note in relation to him or his descendants, I have already mentioned in Wolston: for in 7 E. 2. Guy le Breton, son to the said Will. sold all his lands here, to Peter de Lyme and Alice his wife, and the heirs of the said Peter:

which lands in 18 E. 2. eschaeted to the Crown by reason that he was in the rebellion of Thomas Earl of Lancaster (as in Arley I have fully manifested.)

The next possessor thereof (of whom I have found any mention) was Sir John Rochford Kt. who by his deed dated 8 Oct. 4 H. 4. past it unto Thomas Seyvill, which Thomas enjoy'd it in 2 H. 5. But in 9 H. 5. John Morton a Priest conveyed it to John Lee of Warwick, Thomas Wyrth, and Richard Smyth, who were but Trustees, it should seem: For 6. Sept. 8 H. 6. the same John Lee did pass it to Thomas Molesey and his heirs his whole right therein; unto whom also T. Wyrth released his interest; so that in 10 H. 6. the said T. Molesey, who then wrote himself of Bokkeshull in this County, was certified to be Lord thereof. Which Thomas by his deed of feoffment, bearing date on the day of S. Nicholas 30 H. 6. granted it to William Lyle and Thomas Migos, in trust for the use of the town of Walshall: but it so fell out, that the Inhabitants, being kept from the profits thereof, in the beginning of H. 8. time, by John Lyle son of Will. Lyle the surviving feoffee, who denyed any such trust, pretending it to be his own inheritance, came to Bokkeshull and drove away Mr. Lyle's Cattell; of which unjustifiable act he halted not to take advantage, by reason he was lyable to their action; and so upon cool debate betwixt them, they grew to this conclusion; viz. that Mr. Lyle should suffer a Recovery thereof, which was accordingly done in 6 H. 8. Richard Hurst and John Forde of Walshall being the persons to whom it was adjudged. Which Richard and John soon after made a New feoffment thereof to some other of the Inhabitants to the use of the town; and by the like renewing

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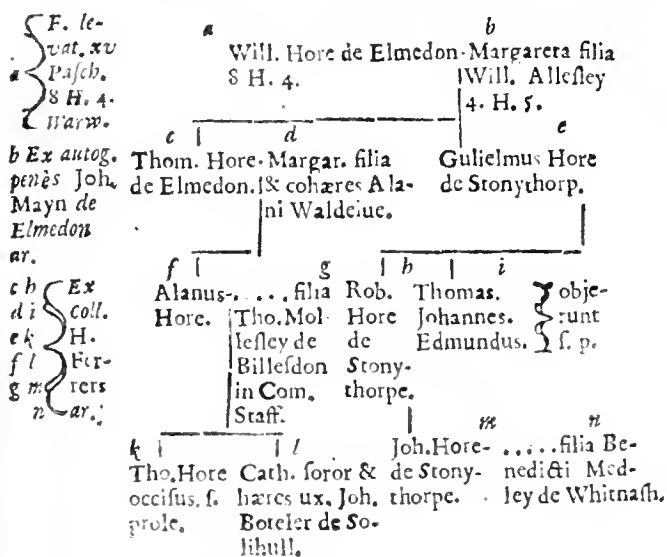
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renewing of Feoffments it hath continued to the said uses untill this day.

Stonythorpe.

THIS, of a small Hamlet, is now reduc'd to one House, and hath its name from the rocky condition of the ground where it stands, the word *Thorpe* in our old English signifying a petty village: But it was originally a member of *Long-Ichington*, and held thereof; though when first granted away by the Lords of that Mannour I have not seen: For before 2 E. 2. I find no mention of it, and then one *Robert Sampson* posselt it. Which *Robert* in 4 E. 2. sold it to Sir *William de Bereford* Knight (chief Justice of the Common pleas) reserving an estate for life to himself and *Margery* his wife. From whom it descended to *Edmund de Bereford*, his son, who was seized of it in 3 E. 3. and in 20 E. 3. by Fine^t entailed it upon the heirs of his body. By vertue of which entail it came to *John de Bereford*, son of the said *Edmund* who dyed seized thereof in 30 E. 3. leaving *Baldwin* his brother and heir 24. years of age, *Eva* his widow, having it assigned to her in part of her dower.

After which it devolved to *Joan*, grandchild and heir to *Joan* the wife of *Gilbert de Ellesfield* one of the sisters and heirs to the before-specified *Edmund de Bereford*, then wife to *John Hore* of *Chilberley* in *Com. Cantab.* as the descent in *Langley* sheweth, which *John* and *Joan* past it away to *William Hore* of *Elmedon* in this County in 8 H. 4. whose posterity in the male line enjoy'd it till about the beginning of H. 8. time, that *Nicholas Hanflap* of *Aynho* in *Com. Northampt.* had it by marriage with *Joan* the daughter and heir to *Robert Hore*. From which *Nicholas* is lineally descended *Hanflap*, now owner thereof, Anno scil. 1640.



Bishops-Ichington.

HAVING now done with the Parish of *Long-Ichington*, below which *Ichene* falls into *Leame*, I must ascend to the Southwest side of that torrent, where the first town I find, taking also its appellation from the same brook, is divided into two parts, *Ichington-superior*, and *Ichington-inferior*, in the later whereof the mother Church an-

tiently stood; but was pulled down at its depopulation (as I shall further shew anon), so that the Chapell of ease in *Ichington-superior* is since become the Parish-Church; that village being not depopulated, though the fields were converted to pasture.

The reason why this is called *Bishops-Ichington* is, in regard it was for a long time the possession of the Bishops of *Cobentre* and *Lichfield* as I shall shew by and by: but the direct time when they first had it I have not seen, though that the Monks of *Cobentre* granted it to them be clear enough, being one of those xxiv. towns which *Earl Leofric* upon his foundation of that Monastery in 1. *Edward*: Conf. gave thereunto.

In the *Conq. Survey* it was certified to be in the hands of those Monks, and to contain 5. hides which were then valued at xii li. and so was it in *King Stephen's* and H. 3. time; for I find it particularly mentioned in their Charters of Confirmation made to that Monastery, wherein is intimated, that the Monks had newly recovered it by the Precept of Pope *Eugenius*, though who it was that disleiled them thereof be not exprest. But the first Bishop of *Cobentre* and *Lichfield* that had it, for ought appeareth to me, was *Roger Molend*, Nephew to *King H. 3.* and elected to that See, by the Monks of *Cobentre*, at the earnest desire of *Richard E. of Cornwall*, the Kings brother, in 42 H. 3. which makes me guesse, that to him the said Monks first past it; because I find, that the next year following, the same King granted him *Free-warren* here, and a *Mercate* every week upon the wednesday, with a *Fair* yearly to endure 3 days, beginning on the Even of *S. Peter and Paul* (commonly called *Lammast.*)

The extent of what these Bishops had here, was in 7 E. 1. certified at 5. carucats of land, and a Windmill which they held in demesne, having xvi. servants who occupied 25. yard land and a half, performing certain servile work in Harvest, and x. servants more, holding 8. yard land and a half, for which they were to Plow, Mow, and do other service there for the said Bishop. They had also xvi. Cottagers here, holding 17. Cottages, each of them paying a certain Rent, mowing at sometimes, and doing suit of Court twice a year: And likewise 8. Freeholders holding 8. yard land and a 4. part, who did suit to their 3. weeks Court, payd a certain Rent, plowed at some times, and mowed likewise for the Lord. And besides this, had *Ichingthef* with divers other privileges, which in 13 E. 3. were, upon their claym, allowed: and afterwards enjoyed till 1 E. 6. that *Richard Sampson*, the then Bishop, past it, with the Mannours of *Tachebroke*, *Cepdon*, and *Chadshunt* to one *Thomas Fisher* esquier for an C li. in ready money, and an Annuity of 50 li. per annum reserved to himself and his successors. Which grant was confirmed by the Dean and Chapter, under their publique Seal 15. Apr. following.

But this Annuity of 50 li. per annum continued not long: For the same Bishop by his Deed of Release bearing date 14 Dec. 2 E. 6. acquitted the said *Tho. Fisher* and his heirs thereof. Which grant of these Mannours and Release so made by the Bishop, K. E. 6. by his Letters Pat. dated 20. Apr. 3. of his reign confirmed. And moreover granted to the said *T. Fisher* and his heirs within the precinct of the said Mannours Return of Writs, so as the Kings Officers were not to meddle there; and that for

for the future this privilege should be called *The Liberty of Thomas Fisher in the County of Warwick*. What the reason was that the said Bishop past away this and those other Mannours to the great prejudice of his successors, I cannot certainly tell; but finding by the story of him, that he had a good affection to the Romish Religion, notwithstanding he had formerly asserted the K. Supremacy in H. 8. time, 'tis not unlike but there were those that had a mind in the beginning of Edw. 6. reign, when Popery was abolisht, to heave him out of his Bishoprick; and that he, to gain a friend in Court, parted with these Lordships to that end: For this *Tho. Fisher* (as I have heard) was no less than Secretary to the D. of *Somerset* (at that time Lord Protector to the K.) and being as greedy of Churchlands as other Courtiers in those days were, swallowed divers large morsells, whereof this was one, and indeed so fair a bit, as that he was loath any should share with him therein; and therefore making an absolute depopulation of that part called *Nether-Itchington* where the Church stood (which he also pulled down for the building of a large Mannour-house in its room,) to perpetuat his memory changed the name of it, from *Bishops-Itchington*, to *Fisher's-Itchington*.

And after all this, the better to strengthen his title procured *Raph Bane*, the succeeding Bishop to levy a Fine thereof in 4. & 5. Ph. & M. But how such sacrilegious acquisitions do thrive, though fenc't about with all worldly security imaginable, we have manifold examples, whereof this is one and not the least observable: for after the death of the said *Thomas*, which hapned in 20 Eliz. Edward his son and heir making a shift to consume all those great possessions, which his father left him, excepting only this Lordship, and dying in prison (as in *Warwick* I shall more particularly observe) left it to *John* his son and heir, who by his deed bearing date 8 Jac. sold it unto *Thom. Cox* of *Honyngbam* in this County, and after that went into *Ireland*. Which *Thomas Cox* had issue *Thomas*, who convey'd it to Sir *James Eryan* of *Flore* in Com. Northampt. Baronet, about the xii. year of our late sovereign King *Charles*. Which Sir *James* by *Jane* daughter to Sir *Adam Newton* of *Charlton*, in Com. Cantii Baronet, having issue onely daughters, (whereof *Dorothe*, the eldest, married to *Thomas Stanley*, son and heir of Sir *Thomas Stanley* of *Camberlow* in Com. Hertf. Knight, one of the chief ornaments of our time for his exquisite learning, and other vertues) within five years after his said purchase past it away to Sir *David Conyngham* Knight, so that the third generation never enjoyd it since it was thus aliened from the Bishoprick.

The Church (dedicated to *All-Saints*) very antiently belonging to the Chief Chanter of *Lichfield*-Cathedrall, and given (I presume) by *Roger Molend* the first Bishop that had the whole Lordship, was in 7 E. 1. held appropriat by the said Chanter, who then had there a carucat of land in demesn, with 8. Freeholders occupying 4. yard land. In 19 E. 1. it, with the Chapells belonging thereto; viz *Ober-Itchington*, *Chadshunt*, and *Geydon* were valued at lx. marks, and the vicaridge at 5. marks: but in 26 H. 8. the said Vicaridge with the Chapells were rated at xiii li. vi s. viii. d.

Patroni Vicariæ.

Incumb. & temp. Inttit.

Magr. A. pracentor Eccl. Cath. Lich.	Warinus de Walton Pbr. die Sab. prox. post fest. S. M. Magd. An. 1300.	Langt. f. 5. b.
D. Petr. de Columpna Pracentor &c.	Will. de Neufsum Pbr. 15. Cal. Nov. 1319.	1b. f. 78. b.
Mr. Franc. de Lucco Canon. Ebor. Procur. prad. Petri.	Henr. Savage Pbr. 2. Non. Julii 1322.	Northb. f. 17. a.
Mr. Mich. de Northburgh pracentor, &c.	Adam de Hale Pbr. 4. Non. Junii. 1329.	1b. f. 34. b.
Thom. de Badby pracentor, &c.	Adam de Hale Pbr. 8. Id. Maii 1342.	1b. f. 39. b.
D. Rob. Wolvendon Pracentor, &c.	Hugo Addim Pbr. 16. Cal. Oct. 1361.	Stret. f. 10. a.
Precentor Eccl. Cath. Lich.	Joh. Carefwall 24. Dec. 1407.	Burgh. f. 20. a.
D. Episc. per lapsum.	Rob. Paresshall 4. Aug. 1410.	1b. f. 25. b.
	Joh. Raulins 27. Maii 1412.	1b. f. 30. b.
	Thom. Fleisher Cap. 1. Sept. 1416.	Bull. f. 5. a.
	Joh. Probus Pbr. 22. Iulii 1426.	Heyw. f. 18. b.
	Joh. Ralsham. Pbr. 26. Oct. 1442.	1b. f. 41. a.
Praceptor Eccl. Cath. Lichf.	Will. Mylde Pbr. 5. Nov. 1444.	1b. f. 42. b.
	Joh. Ingelmels 15. Martii 1446.	1b. f. 44. b.
	Joh. Probus Pbr. 10. Dec. 1446.	1b. f. 45. a.
	Will. Bustarde Diac. 15. Martii. 1492.	Bowl. f. 140. a.
Mr. Thom. Fitzherbert Pracentor, &c.	D. Will. Berham penult. Martii 1530.	Bl. f. 17. b.
Mr. Hugo Palmer. S. Theol. Bacc. Pracentor, &c.	D. Ric. Indson Cap. 12. Iulii 1546.	Samp. f. 41. b.
Henr. Comberford Pracentor, &c.	Edw. Keble Cler. 9. Maii 1558.	Samp. B. f. 11. a.
Edw. Leedes Pracentor, &c. 1568.	Benthambund. F.
D. Eliz. Regina.	Will. Wigan Cler. 4. Nov. 1586.	Bund. B.
Thom. Cox gener.	Ric. Hunte. Cler. in art. Magr. 8. Iulii 1621.	Mortonbund. insert.

Geydon.

OF this place, originally a member of *Chadshunt*, and involved therewith in the Conq. Survey, I have not seen any mention in Record till 7 R. 1. where there is no more said than that *Will. le Butler* gave ^b 1. mark to have seisin of his freehold therein. After which; viz. in 7 E. 1. it was certified, that the B. of *Cob.* and *Lich.* (antiently called B. of *Chester*) had xxiii. tenants here, who performed divers servile labours, as Plowing, Sowing, Mowing, Reaping, &c. And ten Freeholders, whereof one, *sc. Will. le Boteler* had 4. yard land. To whose successors it continued with the like privileges as they had in *Chadshunt* till 1 E. 6. but was then granted to *Thom. Fisher* together with *Itchington*, and confirmed by the K. in 3 E. 6. As also in 4. & 5. Ph. & M. by *Raph Bane* the succeeding Bishop; and descended to *Edward Fisher* son and heir of the said *Thomas*; (for proof of all which

I have cited authorities in **Ichington**:) which *Edward* by his deed¹ bearing date 6. Nov. 27 Eliz. sold the greatest part of what he had here, being nineteen yard land to one *John Askell* and his heirs, whose posterity enjoy it till this day; and the rest, being 5. yard land to others. Which xxiv. yard land was all that the Bishop had here, for the other xviii. partly belonged to the antient Freeholders and partly to the Vicars of *Bishops-Ichington*, being of the Glebe to that Church.

The Chappell here, was dedicated to *S. Giles*, but hath no Armes in it.

Chadshunt.

m Cart. 51
H. 3. m. 8.
per Inspex.

THIS is one of those 24. towns given^m by *E. Leofrike* to the Monastery of **Cobentre** at the foundation thereof, above xx. years before the Norman Conquest, and is in that Charter called **Chaddeleshunt**, but in *Domesday*-book written **Cedeleshunte**, and there valued at vii li. As for the name there is no question but that it proceeded originally from one *Cedde* or *Ceadde* (which we now call *Chadde*,) for in the Saxons time that appellation was usuall.

n Cart. 22
E. 3. n. 6.
per Inspex.

Upon the confirmation^m made by *K. Stephen* to the Priory of **Cobentre** of the lands which were the antient possession of those Monks, it is mentioned to be one of those places that they had then newly recovered, and recorded by the name of **Chaddelesfont**: but with *Bishops-Ichington* it past from the Monks of **Cobentre** to the Bishop of **Cobentre** and **Lichfield** and in 7 E. 1. was certified^m to be in the possession of the Bishop of **Chesster** (for so was the Bishop of **Cobentre** and **Lichfield** then called) who at that time held 6. carucats of land here in demesne, and had xvii. servants occupying severall proportions: as also two Cottiers and three Freeholders: which Freeholders held other tenements by a certain Rent and performance of some services.

o Inq. per
H. Nott.
Co. f. 67. b.

In 13 E. 1. *Roger Molend*, then Bishop of **Cobentre** and **Lichfield**, claymed^m the like priviledges here as he did in **Ichington-Episc.** which were allowed. Whose successors enjoyed it till 1 E. 6. that *Richard Sampson*, the then Bishop, aliened it, with **Ichington** to *Thomas Hawkins*, at *As Fisher*, as I have there shewed. From which *Fisher* it past^m in exchange 6 E. 6. to *Thomas Newsum* gentleman for xiii. yard land lying in *Over* and *Nether-Ichington* and the sum of Cxl. li. in money; whose great-grandchild, scil. *Thomas Newsum* now enjoys it.

p Rot. de
2. Warr.

q Ex autog.
pe es Tho.
N. uiam
gen.

Within this Mannour so belonging to the Bishop, the chief Chanter of **Lichfield**, it seems, had antiently also certain possessions: for I find that in 16 H. 3. *Richard de Hanton* (then chief Chanter) recovered against one *Thomas Mathew* 41. acres of land, and three messuages, whereupon a Fine^m was then levied, and the said mess. and land acknowledged to be the right of the same chief Chanter as belonging to the Cathedrall of **Lich.** And besides these mess. and lands had he also a title to eight yard land in **Radway**, as an Agreement^m made in An. 1275. (3. E. 1. betwixt *Thomas de Wymundham*,) then chief Chanter, and the Monks of **Stoneley** manifesteth; by which it was concluded, that the said chief Chanter and his successors should thenceforth accept of xiii s. iv. d. per annum

y Crast. Joh.
Bapt.

f Ex vet.
cod. MS.
pends Tho.
D. Leigh.

payable on the morrow after Easter, and the feast day of *S. Matthew* the Apostle by even portions, in lieu thereof.

The Chapell here, was dedicated to *All-Saints*, in the windows whereof are no Armes; neither are there any Monuments in it but of a late erection, as the Epitaphs I have here added doe manifest.

On the South Wall.

Here lyeth buried the Predecessors of *Walter Newsum*, Lord of **Chadshunt** in the County of *Warwick*. He wedded the daughter of *Anthony Aylworth* of *Aylworth Com. Glouc. Esquier*, who lived the severall ages of 76. years, and had issue *Thomas*, *John*, *George*, *Edward* and *Anne*. 1621.

Upon the said Monument are these Armes; viz. Arg. upon a fesse sable 3. Crosses Croflets of the first, and a Mullet in chief of the second.

On a plate of brasse in the said South-wall is the picture of a man with this Inscription.

Here lyeth the body of *William Askell gent.* who deceased the 6. of Febr. Anno Dom. 1613. ætat. sue 48.

On a flat stone, in a plate of brasse, towards the East end of the Chappell.

Here lyeth buried the body of *Theophilus Wilkyns* late of **Chadshunt**. who dyed on the first of August. 1613.

And in the Chapell yard there hath been an antient Oratory, as the Inhabitants report, in which was the Image of *S. Chadde*, whereunto Pilgrimages had wont to be made; for by an Inquisition taken in 4 Eliz. it appears, that the Offerings brought thither upon that occasion did amount to xvi. li. per annum one year with another.

Herberbury.

FOLLOWING the course of **Ichene** I come next to **Herberbury**, wherein I find that divers persons had shares in the Conq^t time; viz. the Monks of **Cobentre** 1. hide and 1. virgat, which being wasted by the Kings Army were then^m certified to be worth but ii s. The Earl of **Spellent** 4. hides and a half, valued at C s. and held by *Lenninus* and *Atricus* in *Edward* the Confessors time. *Turchill de Warwick* 4. hides, valued at lx s. whereof *Wilhelmus* (Progenitor to the family of *Lodbroke*, as I conceive) was then his tenant, one *Ordric* having been owner of them before the Conquest; in which part of the town the Church stood. *Henry de Ferrers* 2. hides valued at iv li. and then held by *Wazelinus*, but were the Freehold of *Seward Barn* (of whom I have spoke in **Burton-Hastings**) before the Norman invasion. And *William Buenvaseth* 3. virgats, rated at v. sol. But this place is in *Domesday*-book variously written; viz. **Edburberie**, **Erburberie**, and **Erburgeberie**: which

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which considered makes me suppose, that one *Erneburga*, or *Erburga* (the name of a woman anciently) was possessor thereof in the Saxons time.

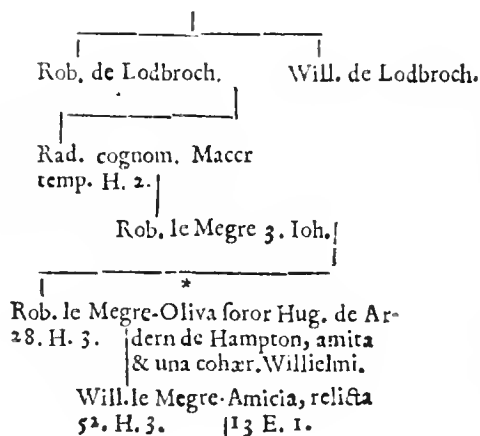
Touching that which the Monks of *Cobentre* had here, I find, that it came afterwards to the Canons of *Kenilworth*, though how or when I cannot declare, the quantity thereof being five yard land, as in 7 E. 1. was certified, whereof four the said Canons then held in demesne, and the fifth was occupied by three servants, who performed certain servile labours for the same. But the Earl of *Wellest*'s share descended to his son, viz. *Robert* Earl of *Leicester*, which *Robert* enfeoffed the same *G. de Clinton* thereof, who was founder of the Castle and Priory of *Kenilworth* temp. H. 1. Whose grandchild, *Henry*, part a great part of it to *Reginald Basset* (of whom in *Woltey* I have made mention) and *Henry Mallore* (son to *Ankitell Mallore*) *Robert Fitz-Parnell*, Earl of *Leic.* in King *John*'s time, confirming the grants. Which *Henry* kept his part not long, but aliened some of it away to the said *Reginald*, who disposed thereof, with all he had here besides, to the Monks of *Combe*, levying a Fine thereupon in 3. *Joh.* and gave the residue to the Canons of *Kenilworth*.

But the greater proportion thereof the Monks of *Combe* had, viz. two carucats, excepting one virgat, in demesne, and two Windmills, with 12. servants holding yard land and half at the will of the Lord, performing divers servile labours; two Cottagers holding two Cottages; and two Freeholders, who occupied half a yard land and two acres; all which were held by them of the heirs to the said *Reginald Basset* by the eight part of a Knights fee: That which the Canons of *Kenilworth* held being 2. Windmills and 2. yard land in demesne, three servants occupying one yard land and a half, and seven Freeholders holding one mess. two yard land a 4. part and two acres. Another part of what the same Earl of *Wellest* had here was granted by some of his descendants to the Monastery of *Pun-Caton* whereof they were Patrons. But that which *Turchill de Warwick* had was given, it seems, to *Henry de Neuburgh*, the first Earl of *Warwick* of the Norman line; and by the said *Henry* unto *Geffrey de Clinton* before specified: which *Geffrey* bestowed the Church on the Canons of *Kenilworth* immediately after his foundation of that Monastery, *Henry* his grandchild confirming the gift.

It should seem, that one of the ancestors to the family of *Lodbroke* had some grant from the Earl of *Warwick* of all that the said Earl had here, so that the above specified *G. de Clinton* and he, were at odds about the same: which of them had the better title I will not here stand to argue; but that *Geffrey* was a mighty man in H. 1. time, in *Kenilworth* I have shewed; so that the said *de Lodbroke*, though he recovered it (as the Charter expresth) yet, was he contented to hold it of the same *Geffrey*; and by the advice of *Walter Durdent* then Bishop of *Cobentre* did confirm the grant of this Church to the said Monastery in the presence of that Bishop, and a great part of his Clergy; which also was ratified by *William de Lodbroke* his brother and heir, who likewise acquitted those Canons of v. s. yearly Rent that had been paid to his predecessors out of a yard land that belonged to the said Church.

Of those possessions here, in *Herberbury*, that were

of *Clinton*'s fee, in 31 H. 2. it was certified, that the *Templars* held 5. yard land; part of which were given by *Geffrey de Clinton*, and part by *Henry* his son, against whom in 2. *Joh.* the said *Templars* required warranty. Which land in 7 E. 1. was certified to be 1. carucat, 2. yard land and 8. Acres; all then held by 6. Freeholders, who paid certain Rents for the same; besides 2. cottages. It was then also certified, that the said *Templars* held 5. yard land here in demesne of *Rob. fil. Odonis*; which implies, that they had it of his grant. But that part of *Herberbury* so possessed by *Lodbroke*, was given, it seems, to *Raph* the son of *Rob. de Lodbroke* surnamed *Macer* or *Megre*, an appellation that he had by reason of his leanness.



Amicia filia & cohæres, Margeria ux. Phi. ux. Joh. Lupi (sive Lou) lippi le Lovet. 13 E. 1.

For from the said *Raph Macer* had the Canons of *Kenilworth* also a confirmation of this Church, with 2. yard land thereto belonging, in the presence of *Will. de Lodbroke* his uncle, in whose Fee it was situate. To whom succeeded *Robert le Megre* his son, who ratified his fathers grant, and bestowed on the said Canons 2. yard land lying also in this place. Which *Rob.* in 3. *Joh.* gave 2. yard land, lying here likewise, to the Nuns of *Caton*, whereon the said Nuns in 7 E. 1. had x. tenants who held 1. yard land and half thereof at will, performing divers servile employments, and 2. Freeholders that possessed the other half yard land.

To this *Robert* succeeded another *Robert*, who in 20 H. 3. answered for half a Kts fee in this place, then held of the E. of *Warwick*, and in 28 H. 3. was one of the Justices for the Gaol-delivery at *Warwick*. This last mentioned *Robert* was a man of very great eminency in this Shire for his knowledge, as appears by the trust then reposed in him: For whereas in 30 H. 3. the K. had constituted *Henry de Wyngham*, with one Kt. in every County from *Trent* Southwards, to have custody of his *Escheats* in the said severall Shires; as also to enquire of all *Sergeanties*, so as to certify in whose tenure they then were, and in case any of them were alienated without the Ks. consent, to discover by whom and to whom such alienations were made, and of their values: By virtue of which Commission they had also power to call before them xxiv. or xii. of the most antient, lawfull and discreet Kts. in each particular County, who being sworn were to enquire upon such Articles as should be exhibited to them touching the said *Escheats* & *Sergeanties*, the certificates whereof are recorded in the Exchequer in that known volume called *Testa de Nevill*, under the title

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r Ibid.

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H. Nott.
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y Pat. 30. H. 3. m. 3. De *sergeantiis arenatis*, this *Rob. le Megre* being the onely man made choyce of and appointed by the K. in this County, performed that service; and left issue *Will. le Megre*, who on the Eve of *S. Martin*, an. 1254. 38 H. 3. by his Testam. bequeathed his body to sepulture in the Monastery of *Combe*, at which time he was received by those Monks to be partaker of all the benefits of their Order. Which *Will.* departed this life before 13 E. 1. for then do I find^a, that *Amicia* and *Margerie* were his daughters and heirs, one whereof became the wife^b of *John Low*, and the other of *Philip Lover*.

a Plac. de B. term. b Pasch. c 13 E. 1. Rot. 19. Whether these daughters had no issue, and that thereby this Mannour eschaeted to *John de Lodbroke*, of whom it was immediatly holden; or whether the said *John de Lodbroke* obtained it by purchase, or any other Agreement with them, I know not; but certain it is, that his posterity enjoy'd it: For in 9 E. 2. *Henry de Lodbroke*, his son, was certified^d to be owner thereof, and that he held^e it by a Kts. fee of the E. of *Warwick*. Which Sir *H. de Lodbroke* (for he was a Kt.) in 17 E. 2. settled^f it upon *John* his son, and *Hawise* then the wife of the said *John*, and the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten, rendring to him the said Sir *Henry* x marks sterling during his life. After which, viz. in 24 E. 3. by a Fine^g then levied betwixt the said *Hawise* Pl. and *Will.* the son of *Nich. le Woodward* of *Wchinton* Deforc. it was settled upon the said *Hawise* for life; and from her decease, upon *Will. de Catesby* for life; the remainder to *Thomas* the son of the said Sir *John de Lodbroke*, and *Alice* the daughter of the same *Will. de Catesby*, and the heirs of their two bodies; but for default of such issue, to the right heirs of the said *Thomas*.

Which *Thomas* and all his brothers dyed without issue; so that *Alice* the wife of *Lewes Cardian* became heir at law to them (as by the descent in *Lodbroke* may be seen) From whom descended *John Hathewyk*, son of *Will. Hathewyk* and *Catherine* daughter and heir of her the said *Alice*, who in 10 H. 6. was certified^h to hold this Mannour by the 8 part of a Kts. fee; at which time he resided here, and had the addition of *generosus*.

But after this do I find no more mention in Record of this Mannour till 21 H. 8. that there was a Fineⁱ levied thereof betwixt *Rob. Dormer* Esq; and others Pl. and *Rob. Corbet* Deforc. though to what uses, I know not: Howbeit, the next year following, it was passed by *Joan* the widow of the said *Rob. Corbet*, unto *Thomas Englefeld*, one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas, Sir *George Throgmorton* Kt. and *Edward Underhill* Gent. as by her Deed^k bearing date 17 Junii appeareth. Which *Joan* then levied a Fine thereof to them, by the name of *Joan Hall* widow (lately called *Joan Corbet*) in Hill. Term, 23 H. 8. But it seems that the said Conveyance and Fine was to the use of the said *Edw.* and his heirs: for by the Inquis. taken after his death he is certified to dye seized thereof 7 Martii, 1 E. 6. leaving *Thomas* his son and heir 26 years of age. To whom succeeded *John Underhill*, which *John* in 1 Mar. past^m it to *Thomas Freeman* and others.

I come now to that which *Henry de Ferrers* had here in *Herberbury* by the Conq. gift, though when his posterity granted it away, I cannot positively averr: but finding that *Rob. fil. Odonis* was posselt of a great part thereof in the beginning of

K. *John's* time; and that in 12 H. 2. *Odo fil. Johannis*, father of the said *Robert*, was certifiedⁿ to hold one Kts. fee of *Will. de Boskervill* (which *Will.* held 3 Kts. fees of the Earl *Ferrers*, de veteri feoffamento) I doubt not but that I may safely enough conclude, that *Rob.* first Earl *Ferrers*, son of the said *Henry*, granted it to the father or grandfather of the said *Will. de Boskervill*: for which Kts. fee, lying^o here and in *Chesferton*, *Isabell* the widow of *Raph de Boskervill* impleaded^p the said *Rob. fil. Odonis* in 4 Joh. alledging that she was endowed by her said husband: Whereunto *Robert*, answered, that *Odo* his father dyed seized thereof; and that it thereupon descended to *Will.* his son and heir, who likewise dying seized of it, left a certain daughter his heir, and within age; by reason whereof, the E. *Ferrers*, as superior Lord of the Fee, had the custody of it with the said daughter; and that she dying in her minority, he went to the Earl, and gave him such satisfaction, that he had livery thereof as right heir. But the next year following they came to an Agreement^q, whereupon there was a Fine levied thereof betwixt the said *Isabell*, by the name of *Isabell de Say*, and him the said *Robert*; by which Fine it appears, that *Burga*, then the wife of *Hugh de Pichford* was daughter and heir to the before mentioned *Raph de Boskervill*, and that the said *Rob.* acknowledged the same to be her right; the meaning whereof I conceive to be, that he held it immediatly of her, and not of the Earle *Ferrers* (the said Earle being the cheif from whom her ancestors held it:) for in 36. H. 3. it appears^r, that *Odo de Herberbury* (who was doubtless the son of the said *Robert*) held the same Kts. fee, expresse to lye here in *Herberbury* of *Raph de Pichford*, and that the said *Raph* held it over of the E. *Ferrers*.

This *Rob. fil. Odonis* was a benefactor to the Canons of *Kenilworth* by giving^s them part of his possessions lying in this place, whereof two Acres were for the celebration of a Masse every Saturday; the whole in 7. E. 1. being certified^t at 2. yard land and ix acres, of which all but the ix acres was then held by 4. servants, who performed several kinds of servile labour for them, and the ix acres by 3 Freeholders that paid particular Rents for the same. But the last of the before-specified family, of whom I finde any mention, was another *Rob. fil. Odonis*, whom I take to be the son of that *Odo de Herberbury* above mentioned, and grandchild to the before recited *Robert*; for he is called^u *Robertus fil. Odonis de Herberbury*. Which *Rob.* by his deed^v recorded in the Rolls of the Chancery 20. Apr. 7. E. 1. bestowed upon the monks of *Combe* his Mannour house and all else that he had here; as also in *Chesferton*, extending to 95. Acres and a half, for the health of his soule, and of the souls of *Eliz.* his wife, and of all his Ancestors and Successors, wherein the said Monks had^x Court-leet with other Priviledges.

Odo fil. Iohannis, 12 H. 2.

Rob. fil. Odonis. 4 Joh. | Will. fil. Odonis;

Odo de Herberbury, 36 H. 3. | ... filia obiit f. prole.

Rob. fil. Odonis, 7 E. 1.

All which they held till the dissolution of the Monasteries; after which this Mannour was by *Q. Eliz.* granted^y out of the Crown to *Edw. Frost* and *John Walker* and their heirs 19. Jan. 24. of her

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her reign. From whom it became aliened to *Thom. Wagstaff*, and from him to *Wm. Cooke* of *Smiffeld*, whose posterity do now enjoy it.

But that which the Canons of *Kenilworth* had here, except the advowson of the Church, was granted out of the Crown by *Q. Eliz.* in 4. of her reign to *John Fisher* and *Thomas Dabridgecourt* by the name of a Mannour; in which Pat. also past whatsoever belong'd to the Monastery of *Bun-Caton* lying in this town; And from them the same year unto *Thomas Fisher* then of *Bishops-Achington* and his heirs. which *Thomas* dyed seized thereof 12. Jan. 20. *Eliz.* leaving *Edward* his son and heir then 30. years of age; and he *John*, who past it away to *Thomas Cox* of *Bps.-Achington*. From whom, 16. Junii, 19. Jac. it was purchased by *Ric. Wagstaff*, whose heirs to this day enjoy it.

Besides these severall Mannours already mentioned, I find^d that in 10. H. 6. *John Mallory* of the County of *Leic.* Gent. held another by the 4. part of a Kcs. Fee, though what became thereof I know not.

Having thus done with all the distinct Mannours I may not omit to mention, that in 7. E. 1. *Eustace de Hatch* (of whom I shall speak in *Porton-Sporrell*) held^c 3. carucats of land here, excepting x. acres, of *John de Lodbrok*, having tenants that occupied the same, who performed divers servile labours for it, as the usuall custome of those times was, paying but a small Rent. Somthing more he held^f here of the Honour of *Leicester*, but it was not of much moment.

That the Church (dedicated to *All Saints*) was given to the Monastery of *Kenilworth* by *G. de Clinton*, the founder thereof. temp. H. 1. I have already shewed: which grant of his I find confirmed^e by *Ric. Peche* Bp. of *Coventre* in H. 2. days. To whom, ere long, succeeded *G. Muschamp*, who in K. *John's* time appropriated^h it to those Canons, assigning half a mark yearly to them out of the Vicaridge. In An. 1291. 19. E. 1. it was valuedⁱ at xviii marks iii s. viii d. over and above a Pension of x s. per ann. payd out of it to the Prior of *Warminster*, and another of xii s. per ann. to the Prior of *Wutbury*; at which time the Vicaridge was rated^k at two marks: but in 1. 26. H. 8. at C. sol. over and above ii s. yearly for *Synodalls*.

Patroni Vicariæ. Incumb. & temp. Inst.

Rob. de Gouteby Cap. An. 1251.
Ric. de Northampton Cap. An. 1283.
Sym. de Salford An. 1285.
Ioh. Lipener Cap. Cal. Junii 1308.
Henr. de Barewe Pbr. 4. Cal. Aug. 1320.
Ioh. de Westbury Cap. 11. Cal. Dec. 1331.
Will. de Lcycester Cap. 17. Cal. Julii 1332.
Thomas Crowe Pbr. 2. Jd. Oct. 1361.
Rad. Boy Pbr. 10. Apr. 1379.
Walt. Maltelby Cap. penult. Off. 1410.

Prior et Conv. de Kenilworth.

Nich. Cooke, & alii, hac vice ex concess. Pr. & C. de Kenill.

D. Regina Eliz. Math. Pickering Cler. 8. Dec. 1572.

Ric. Wagstaff de Herberbury gen. 1612.

Idem Ric.

Thomas Boteler Cap. 21. Bull. f. 4. b. Aug. 1416.

Ric. Clare 5. Junii 1421. Hcym. f. 6. a. Will. Warde Cap. ult. Martii 1425. 1b. f. 14. b.

Will. Warde Cap. 28. Sept. 1429. 1b. f. 23. a.

Will. Watson Pbr. 7. Maii 1430. 1b. f. 24. b.

Thomas Prate Pbr. 16. Feb. 1431. 1b. f. 27. a.

Thom. Wylmot 22. Dec. 1436. 1b. f. 35. a.

Will. Parker 8. Junii 1456. Bowl. f. 22. b.

D. Jac. Hynches penult. Maii 1521. 1b. f. 7. b.

D. Alex. Acotte penult. Maii 1536. Str. et. P. f. 14. a.

D. Ric. Badger Cler. 18 Sept. 1550. Samp. f. 42. b.

D. Ric. Badger Cler. 8. Dec. 1572. Samp. et B. f. 45. a.

Will. Spycer Cler. 15. Sept. 1612. Neal bund. A.

Walt. Jackman art. Magr. 13. Sept. 1622. Morton bund. in cent.
Ric. Watts Cler. 2. Martii 1622.

Vfton.

THIS is one of those towns that *E. Leofrike* gave^m to the Monastery of *Coventre* at his foundation thereof. *Edw. Conf.* in whose Charter it is written *Ulchetune*, and in the Cong. time certified to contain 4. hides then valued at C s. but in that Survey recorded by the name of *Ulchetune*. However it be thus written, as also afterwards, I am of opinion that its denomination was originally occasioned from on *Ulse*, whose seat and possession in the Saxons time it had been. But it seems the Monks were disturbed of their enjoyment thereof shortly after, though by whom or upon what pretence appears not: for I find that in K. *Steph.* confirmation^o made to them of this and other Mannours, whereof they were posselt in the time of K. *Edw.* the Conf. and K. *William* his (grandfather) he mentions this for one, and that they had then newly recovered it.

After which, viz. in 41. H. 3. they had *Free-warren* granted^p to them in all their demesne lands here, which in 7. E. 1. extended^q to two carucats of land, then held in demesne; at which time they had xxx servants holding xv. yard land, who performed divers kindes of servile employments for those Religious persons. And likewise 4 Cottiers that did the like: as also six Free-holders who held 4. yard land and a fourth part; and moreover a certain wood containing x acres, with Court-leet: Affize of bread and beer, and other priviledges, But in that Record it is written *Ulneweton, Dulf-ton, Dluston, and Dlughton*.

The next observable passage relating thereto is, that in 13. E. 1. *Rob. de Pinkney* commenced suit^r against the Prior of *Coventre* for it, and layd

his claim from *Gerard de Limesy* his ancestor, al-
leading that the said *Gerard* was seized thereof in
K. *John's* time, whose descent I have made plain in
Long-Ashington. But hereunto the Prior answered,
that E. *Leofrik* (before mentioned) by the li-
cense of K. *Edw*: the Conf: gave it to the Mo-
nastery of *Cobentre*, and that the said K. *Edw*:
confirmed the donation; as also K. *Will*: the Conq:
K. H. 2. and K. H. 3. And yet notwithstanding all
this the said Prior was content to make an agree-
ment with him the said *Robert*, who thereupon ac-
knowledge the right of the Monks by a Fine le-
vied *Oftab. Joh. Bapt.* 14. E. 1. and for so do-
ing was made partaker of all their prayers and de-
vout exercises. From which time the Monks
peaceably enjoy'd it till the dissolution of their
House in 30 H. 8. that it came to the Crown, where-
in it continued till 37 of that Ks. Reign, but then
was granted (inter alia) to *Thomas* lord *Wrio-*
thesley, at that time L. Chancelour of *England*,
and his Heires, who the very same year past it to
Will. Stanford Esq; and his Heires; which *Will*.
the next year following, conveyed the Inheri-
tance thereof to Sr. *Andrew Flammock* Kt. and
Eliz. his Wife, whose son and heir *Francis*
Flammock Esq; in 1 *Eliz.* sold it to Sr. *John*
Spenser of *Althorpe* in *Com. Northamp.* Kt: by
which means it came to *Tho. Spenser* late of *Clar-*
don in this County Esq; a younger son to the said
Sr. *John*.

The Church (dedicated to St. *Michael*) was
appropriated to the Priory of *Cobentre* by *Rog.*
de Molend Bpp. of *Cot.* and *Lich.* 5. Non. Nov.
An. 1260. (44 H. 3.) having anciently been en-
dowed with 1 yard land; and in *An.* 1291. 19.
E. 1. was valued at xiii Marks: but by the certifi-
cate made in 26 H. 8. I find that it belonged to
two Prebendaries in the Cath. Church of *Lichfield*,
who provided a stipendiary to serve the Cure, unto
whom they then allowed certain small Tithes to
the value of iiii li. xiii s. iiii d. per an.

Honingham.

Below *Wiston* there is no other Village situate
on the western bank of *Leam*; so that now I
come to observe the next that comes in my way,
after the conjunction of it with *Leam*; viz. *Hon-*
ingham. In the Conq. time *Will. fil. Corbucio-*
nis (of whom in *Studley* I have spoke further)
held it, *Osmond* and *Chetel* being his tenants
thereto. It then contained 3. hides and a half,
which were valued at iii l. and in *Edw.* the Conf.
time was the freehold of *Ennuis* and *Saulf*. In
Domesday-book it is written *Huningham*, which
name I conceive was first occasioned from some
possessor thereof in the Saxons time, *ham* signify-
ing in our old English an habitation or dwelling.

In the family of *Corbucun* it did continue till
about the beginning of H. 3. reign, as I guess; for
Sir *Geffrey Corbucun* Kt: in K. *John's* time, gave
unto *Edm.* Rector of the Church of *Wapenbury*,
and his successors (with the allowance and con-
sent of Sir *Ric. de Wapenbury* the Patron thereof)
one mess. with half a yard land, and a floud-gate
lying in this *Honingham* (but adjoining to the
Miln-holme of *Wapenbury*) with all the Tithes
of his Fee there, for the maintenance of a Priest to
celebrate divine service 3. days in the week in his
Chappel here; viz. Sunday, Wednesday, and Fry-

day; and upon all the double Feltivalls, with
Mattens, *Maß*, and *Vespers*. Which grant so made
by the said Sir *Geffrey*, was, in respect of the dan-
gerous passage to the mother Church of *Wapen-*
bury at such times as the River *Leame* exceeded
its bounds. And besides all this, he conferred upon
the said Sir *Richard* and his heirs all his right in
that Chappell.

But the next mention that I find thereof, is in
20. H. 3. where *Walter de Darvill* (owner also of
Walton-Darville) answered for the 4. part of a
Kts. fee in this place; which said 4. part in 36. H.
3. was certified to be held by *Rob: de Dayvill* of
Will: de Cantilupe, and that the said *Will*: held it
over of the heirs of *Geffrey Corbicon*; whereby it
may seem that *Peter Corbicon*, son to that *Peter*
which founded the Priory of *Studley*, at such time
as he passed the advouson of that Religious house
with other lands and Fees unto *Will. de Cantilupe*
(as I shall shew when I come to *Studley*) gran-
ted likewise this 4. part of a Kts Fee here to the said
Will: for I suppose that the same *Geffrey*, here men-
tioned was a son to the said *Peter*. After this; viz.
in the same 36. year of H. 3. had *Walt: D'eyvill*
(whom I account son of the before mentioned *Ro-*
bert) a Charter of *Free-warren* in all his de-
mesn lands here, and other lordships of this Coun-
ty. Howbeit in 13. E. 1. *John de Hastings*, as su-
perior Lord of the Fee, claymed a Court-leet,
Weyfs, and other priviledges therein (*Joan* his mo-
ther being one of the sisters and heirs to *George de*
Cantilupe.)

But when or how *D'eyvill* parted with his inter-
est, I have not yet seen, nor any more thereof till
E. 1. time, that *Rog: de Clifford* senior, past
what he had here, which then extended to xx l.
lands per ann. unto Sir *Urian S. Pere* Kt. in ex-
change for certain lands in *Dreyton* in *Com.*
Suff. which Sir *Urian* (for I take it to be he)
was in 23. E. 1. found to dye seized of a certain
Mannour-house, with divers lands and tenements
situat in this place, which he held ioyntly with
Margaret his wife, of the before recited *John de*
Hastings by the third part of a Kts. Fee, leaving
Urian his son and heir then xvj. years of age; but
the Record expresseth, that the said Mannour-
house and lands were purchased by him and the
said *Margaret* of one *Ralph de Bure*. Which last
mentioned Sir *Urian* (for he was a Kt.) had
issue *John*, who in 8. E. 3. levied a Fine of
this Mannour, unto *Will.* the Son of Sir *VWilliam*
Trussell of *Cublesdon* Kt. but to what uses ap-
pears not. VWhich *Will.* in 20 E. 3. was certi-
fied to hold the 4. part of a Kts Fee here, of the
heirs of *Hastings*: notwithstanding all which, it
should seem, that it came by *Isabell* the daughter of
Sir *Urian* (who perhaps was heir to her brother
John) vnto Sir *Walt: Cokesey* Kt. son and heir of
Hugh Cokesey, who in 30. E. 3 dyed seized of
another Mannour lying in this place; both which
being thus vnited continued to the heirs of *Cokesey*
for divers generations, as I shall shew anon.

But in the mean time, taking a view of such o-
ther persons as had to do here, I find, that in 4. E.
4. *Will: Cotes* dyed seized of a capitall mess: and
certain lands, leaving *John* his son and heir xv.
years of age. (which *Will*: was son and heir vnto
Roger, who stiles himself *Rog: fil: Silvestri de*
Honingham, by his deed bearing date in 30. E.
1. and in 9. E. 2. Steward unto *John de Warren*
E. of *Sussex* and *Surrey* for all his Courts in these
Countyes.)

f Pat. 37.
H. 8. p. 1.

t Pat. 37.
H. 8 p. 8.

u Pat. 38.
H. 8. p. 12.

w Pat. 1.
Eliz. p. 10.

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l Esc. 5. E
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Counties.) And that in 20 E. 3. *John Cotes, Will.* *Blundell, and Rog. de Tiringham* held here likewise the 4. part of a Knights fee of the Earl of *Lancaster*, and the heirs of *Hastings*. Which 4. part in 44 E. 3. was certified to be held of the E. of *Warwick* by *John de Cotes* and *Will. Corbizon de Benilworth*.

In 2 H. 4. it also appears, that *Edw. Metley* held the 4. part of a Knights fee, here, of the Earl of *Warwick*. And in 10 H. 6. all the principall persons that then had interest in *Honynggham* are expressed; viz. *Sir Hugh Cokesey* of *Worcestershire* Knight, *John Cotes* of *Honynggham* esq. *Margaret Metley*, and *Will. Warmyngton* of *Honynggham* husbandman; where it is recorded, that they held the Mannour of *Honynggham*, with certain lands and tenements there, by the 4. part of a Knights fee. Of which family of *Cotes* I find, that some wrote themselves of this place, whereby it is manifest that they had their residence here. Wherefore, having reduced hither all that I have found of them in order of time, and with as much certainty in the descent as I have any authority to warrant it withall, I shall take notice of what is memorable of them.

Will. de Cotes, obiit 4 E. 3.

Ioh. de Cotes fil. & hæres
æd. 15. 4 E. 4.

Will. Cotes, 3. R. 2. - *Margaret*, postea
nupta *Edw. Metley*.

Ioh. Cotes de Hon- Iohanna
ningham 12 H. 6. 10 H. 6.

Thomas Cotes ar.
temp. E. 4.

Ric. Cotes ar. obiit - *Alicia una filiarum & cohær.*
15. Dec. 20. H. 7. Ioh. Hugford de Emcore.

Ioh. Cotes æt 18.
20 H. 7.

Antho. Cotes ar. 1. M.

In 3 R. 2. *Will. Cotes* was a Commissioner for levying and assessing a xv. then granted to the K. in Parliament. And *John* his son one of those men of note in this County, who, bearing ancient Armes from his Ancestors, had command in 7 H. 5. to attend the King in person for defence of the Realm. Which *John* in 12 H. 6. was one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held, and that, by Indenture, certified to the then Lord Chancellor, the names of all such persons in the County as were thought fit to make oath, that they would perform certain Articles established in the same Parliament. And lastly in 20 H. 6. Echeator for *Warwick* and *Leicester* Wires. But how long this family continued posselt of what they had here I am not sure; therefore upon their

incertainties I shall leave them, resolving next to take notice of the *Cokesey*s, who had likewise an interest in this place, as I have already intimated, though their principall residence was in *Worcestershire*. The first of which family was *Hugh de Cokesey*, a younger son (as I guess) to *Sir Walter Cokesey* of *Worcestershire* Kt. for so it may seem by the Testament of the said *Sir Walter* bearing date 24 E. 1.

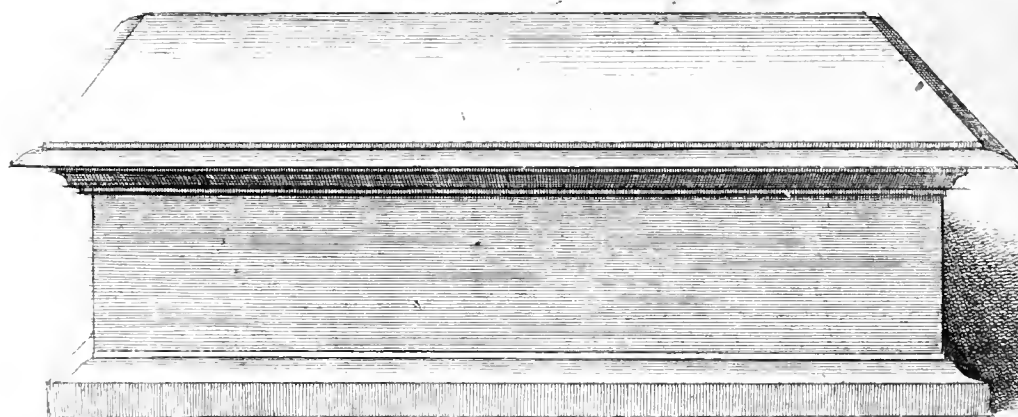
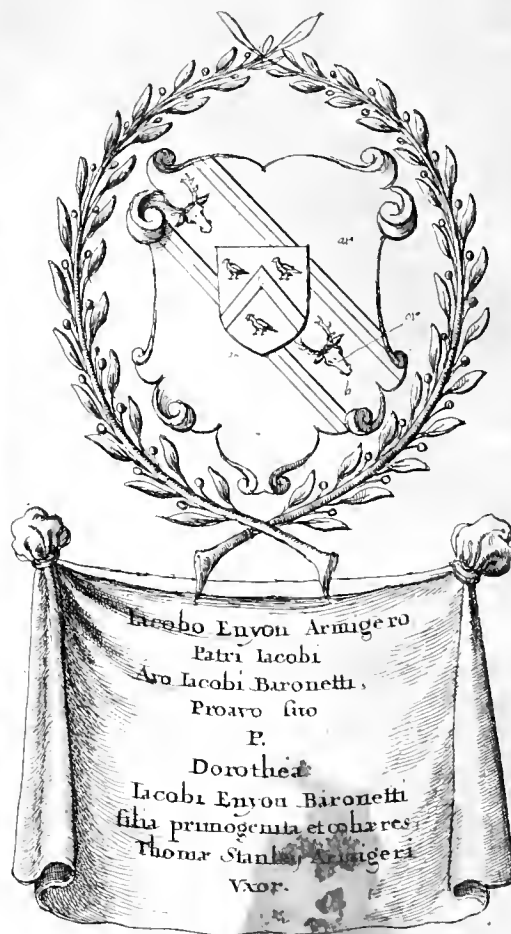
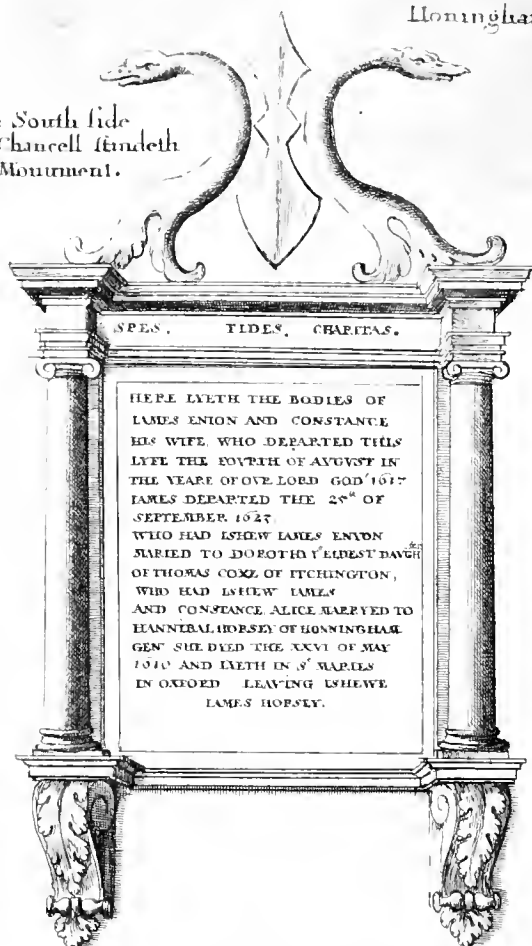
The same year that the said *Hugh de Cokesey* departed this life (which was 30 E. 3. as I have already shewed) *Dionysia* his widow (one of the daughters and heirs of *Will. le Botiller* vowed chastity in the presence of *Reginald Bryan* Bishop of *Worcester*; touching the manner and form of which vows I shall speak in *Warwick* when I come to history the family of those Earls and their posterity. In 39 E. 3. *Walter Cokesey* son and heir of the said *Hugh*, making proof of his age had livery of his inheritance; and being a Knight in 49 E. 3. married *Isabell* the daughter and heir of *Herian S. Pere*. Which *Walter* dyed 6 H. 4. seized of the Mannour of *Honynggham* as tenant by the curtesy of *England*, after the death of *Isabell* his wife, leaving *Walter* his son and heir of full age, whose descent I have placed in *Wylle*; whereby may be discerned, that *Joyce* one of the sisters and coheirs to *Sir Hugh Cokesey* Knight, son to the last *Walter*, married to *John Grevill*, and had issue a *Sir John Grevill* Kt. that dyed seized of this Mannour 20 E. 4. leaving *Thomas* his son and heir 26. years of age. Which *Thomas*, assuming the name of *Cokesey*, resided at *Spilcote* in this County, where I purpose to speak historically of him, and dyed in 14 H. 7. Whereupon *Rob. Russell* and *Rob. Winter* had livery of all his lands as his cosyns and heirs (whose alliance to him that descent in *Wylle* doth plainly shew.)

Which *Rob. Winter*, upon partition of that inheritance, had (it seemes) this Mannour in *Honynggham*; but conveyed the same to *John Underhill* of *Bether-Ctyndon* within a short space: for I find, that the said *John*, by his scoffment, bearing date x. Junii 5 H. 8. Wherein he recited the said grant from *Rob. Winter*, past it into the hands of *John Acard* gent. and others to the use of himself and *Susan* his wife during their lives; the remainder to *Thomas Underhill* his son, and *Anne* his wife (daughter of the said *Robert*) and the heirs of the said *Thomas*. Which *Thomas* had issue *Edward* his son and heir, who sold it to *Ric. Newport* gent. in 36 H. 8. From whom it descended to *John Newport* that dyed seized thereof 28. Apr. 8 Eliz. leaving *Will.* his son and heir then 6. years of age.

That which is now the Church, being antiently but a Chapell (dedicated to *S. Margaret*) and belonging to *Wapenbury*, was therewith appropriated to the Priory of *Monks-Lirby* (in this County) by *G. Muschamp* Bishop of *Exeter* in King *John*'s time; and afterwards, with *Wapenbury*, came to the Monastery of *Sulby* in *Portsmouth* Wre, as I have already manifested. In 26 H. 8. the Glebe and Tithes thereof were valued at Cs. over and above xl s. yearly allowed by way of stipend to a Priest that served the Cure, who had neither Institution, nor Induction.

Hunningham.

On the South side
of the Chancell standeth
this Monument.



Offchurch.

This hath been a town of no small note in the Saxons time, if we may believe Tradition; for in one part of the Lordship is a place called the *Berpe*, which signifies no less than *burgum*, or *curia*; and accordingly 'tis said, that *Offa* K. of *Merca*, in the Saxon Heptarchy, had here a Palace: as also, that by reason of his (sometime) residence here, the Church first, and so consequently the Village, had this name. Whether it were so, or not, I will not stand to argue: but that it was part of the possessions belonging to Earl *Leofrike*, and by him given to the Priory of *Cobentre* at the foundation thereof in 1 *Edw.* Conf. I am fully satisfied, though it be not particularly named in that Charter of his, nor in the Conquerours

Survey amongst the lands belonging to that Monastery: For K. H. 3. by his confirmation made to the Monks of *Cobentre* in 51 of his reign, of all the lands they then possessed, and that were *de dono pradieto* (as the words are) which do relate to Earl *Leofrike* the Founder, mentioneth *Ofschirch* amongst the rest.

Having therefore thus manifested that these Monks were so antiently owners of it, I will now descend to what I find afterwards observable thereof; which is, that in 20 H. 3. *Geffrey de Wilnhale* held the x part of a Kts. fee in this place of the Prior of *Cobentre*; and that in 41. H. 3. the said Prior with his Covent had *Free-warren* granted to them in all their demesns lands here. Which Prior in 7 E. 1. was certified to hold this Lordship of the K. *in Capite*, as a member of his Barony, wherein he then had 3 carucats of lands in demesns, 3 watermills, 28 servants holding 14 yard land and a half at the will of

of the Lord, performing divers servile labours, as Plowing Harrowing, Mowing, Reaping, &c. for the Monks. As also that he had a **Court-Leet**, Gallows, Assize of bread, and beer with some other privileges.

After the dissolution of which Monastery, the Capitall messuage here, with a'l the demefn-lands belonging thereto, were (*inter alia*) by the Ks. Letters * Pat. dated 25. Apr. 34 H. 8. granted to Sir Edm. Knightley Kt. and dame Ursula his wife, and to the heirs male of his body, and for default of such issue to Valentine Knightley his brother & the heirs male of his body; but for lack of such issue to remain to the right heirs of Sir Ric. Knightley Kt. father of the said Sir Edmund, &c. Which Sir Edm. dying without issue male 12. Sept. the same year, the said Capitall mess. and lands, by virtue of the entail before mentioned, came to Valentine Knightley his brother, who in 4 Eliz. obtained another grant & from the Crown of the said Mannour with the Mills, &c. being at that time a Kt. Of all which he dyed seized 8 Eliz. leaving Ric. his son and heir then of full age: but did settle this Lordship, as it seemes, upon Edw. his younger son; for the said Edw. had it, and lived here; and since his death Robert his son and heir, who now enjoys it.

The Church (dedicated to S. Gregory) appropriated to the before specified Monastery of **Coventre** by R. Molend. B. of **Cob.** and **Rich.** 5. Non. Martii An. 1260. 44 H. 3. having a yard land and a half belonging thereto, was in An. 1291. 19 E. 1. valued at x marks and a half, and the Vicaridge at 12s. which Vicaridge being antiently endowed with 2. yard land and a half; as also a competent house andcroft, had a piece of medow- ing called the **Halemedo**, in recompence of the Tithes due from the Water-mill, and the 3. holmes of medow-ground belonging to the said Mill; and in 26 H. 8. was rated at vii li. vii s. vi d. over and above viii s. yearly allowed for Procurations and Synodalls.

Patroni Vicariz. Incumb. & temp. Inffit.

Magr. Ric. de Fillingley 14. Cal. Martii. 1298.
Rog. de Lodbroke Diac. 8. Cal. Apr. 1317.
D. Nich. de Bramham Pbr. 5. Cal. Julii 1319.
Thom. de Poleye Diac. 2. Cal. Apr. 1328.
D. Hugo de Ryby Cap. Id. Apr. 1359.
Rob. Bilney 18. Cal. Oct. 1361.
Ric. Gibben Pbr. 11. Cal. Apr. 1367.
Joh. White 11. Martii 1393.
Joh. de Ody Cap. 18. Julii 1408.
Will. Rogers Cap. 17. Nov. 1410.
Hugo Ruhale 5. Apr. 1411.
Regin. Carix Cap. 15. Martii 1416.
Magr. Will. Heyne Pbr. 21. Dec. 1421.
Rog. Crosby Pbr. 11. Martii 1421.
Will. Fuller 7. Julii 1423.

Joh. Waide Cap. 28. Sept. 1b. f. 23. a. 1429.
Joh. Radforde Pbr. 8. Nov. 1b. f. 42. b. 1441.
D. Joh. Crosse 6. Maii 1515. Bl. f. 7. a. Degorius Stapullz 12. Oct. Sampf. & E. f. 10. b. 1557.
D. Joh. Bercerton in art. 1b. f. 30. a. Bacc. 28. Apr. 1559.
Thom. Baddenall Cler. 12. 1b. f. 30. a. Junii 1561.
David Inland Cler. 16. Oct. 1b. f. 48. a. 1579.
Amanus Bedford Cler. 2. Overton bund. E. Aug. 1591.
Nich. More Cler. 27. Sept. 1b. bund. C. 1597.
Will. Wiggan Cler. 3. Dec. 1b. bund. F. 1604.
Rad. Flexney Cler. 21. Nov. Overall bund. A. 1617.

In a North window of the Church these Armes.

Gules a fesse betwixt 2 Beauchamp Earl 6. Crosses Croflets Or: 5 of **Warwick**. quartering
Chequi Or, and Azure 2 Newburgh Earl a Cheveron Ermine. 5 of **Warwick**.

Radford-Simely.

A Little below lyes **Radford**, which had its name originally from the road or passage towards **Warwick** over the ford here; and for distinction from another **Radford**, now included within the libertyes of **Coventre**, is called **Radford-Simely**, by reason that the **Simelyes** were antiently owners of it. In the Conquerors time it was part of the possessions which belonged to **Turchill de Warwick**, and of him one **Ermenfridus** then held it, the number of hides which it then contained being five, besides a Mill rated at vi s. viii d. all which made up the value of vi li. as in the generall Survey at that time taken appeareth, wherein it is written **Redeford**; but in Edw. the Conf. dayes it was the freehold of **Edvinus**, whom I take to be Earl **Edwine** the son of **Algarus**, for he had much land in these parts.

It should seem that this was given to **Henry de Novo Burgo**, the first E. of **Warwick** of the Norman race, as the greatest part of **Turchill's** lands were; and that by some Agreement with him **G. de Clinton**, founder of the Castle and Priory of **Henstworth**, had it, who enfeoffed **Henry de Simely** thereof: for I find, that the said **H. de Simely** was owner of it in K. H. 1. time, and at the request of **Emme** his wife gave his consent, that **Rog. de Clinton**, then Bishop of **Chester**, should confer the Church of this village on the Canons of **Henstworth**, being situated within the fee of the said **Henry**, which accordingly

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Regist. de Re- nil. p. 1 22. 69.

was performed, the said *Geffrey* ratifying the grant *tanquam testis & dominus*, as the words of his Charter are.

To this *Henry de Simely* succeeded *William*, who joyned with *Will. de Pludien* and *Emme* his wife in the grant ^b of certain lands lying here, to *Walter Briton* and his heirs, to be held of the Knights *Templars* in pure almes, which in ³¹ H. 2. were so held by *Will. de Warrimmon* and rated at 1. yard land and a half. From which *Henry* descended ^k *Geffrey de Simely*, who was certified ^l to hold half a Knights fee in this place of the Earl of *Warwick* in 36 H. 3. This *Geffrey* gave an yearly Rent of ⁱⁱ s. to the Hospitall of *S. John* in *Warwick*, which annuity was due from *Reg. de Cherlecate* for the leave that he had to raise his Mill-dam of *Whitnath* upon the lands of the said *Geffrey* here at *Radford*. He was also a benefactor to the Monks of *Stoneley* by granting ⁿ unto them 72. Acres of land in *Cobbiton*. To *Geffrey* succeeded *William*, who in 42 H. 3. for a mark of gold, that he gave to the King, was freed from his Knighthood, in regard he had the palsy. Which *William* in 52 H. 3. answered ^p for half a Knights fee, here, held of the Earl of *Warwick* and had issue *Geffrey*, who in 7 E. 1. was certified ^q to hold one Water-mill and 2. carucats of land here in demesne, having at that time 2. servants holding 2. yard land at will, and performing divers kindes of servile employments, with 8. Freeholders, who held 3. yard land and a half, doing suit to his three-weeks Court. This *Geffrey* was living in 9 E. 2. and then ^r also found to be Lord hereof; but after that I have seen no more mention of him, nor of his posterity, except once, which is in 41 E. 3. where, by an Inquit. ^s then taken it appears, that the Canons of *Kenilworth* had obtained this Mannour with 4. carucats of land and certain Rent from *John de Simely* without the Kings license.

Certain it is, that those Canons had a good share in this village, which they had got before by purchase from severall freeholders: For in ^t 7 E. 1. they had 2. yard land in demesne, one tenant holding half a yard land, and 8. servants xxvii. acres, who performed divers servile works for them. And in 11 E. 2. had they a grant ^u of 1. meish. with 62. acres of land and meadow from *Will. de Beresford*; and 1. meish. 1. carucat and 2. yard land. 6. acres of meadow and x s. vi d. rent from *Raph de Salford* at the same time. In ^w 15 E. 2. from *John Lok*, *Rob. Leges*, and *Nich. Balle* 2. meish. 2. yard land, and 21. acres. In ^x 18 E. 2. from the said *John Lok* and *Reg. de Boytill* one meish. 1. Mill, 15. acres of land, meadow and pasture, and xvi s. yearly Rent. And in ^y 3 E. 3. 6. meish. 4. yard land, 6. acres of meadow and x s. Rent lying also here and in *Leamington*. In ^z 10 E. 3. 2. meish. and one yard land by *T. Beauchamp* E. of *Warwick*; and in ^{aa} 19 E. 3. 5. meish. with 120. acres of land by one *Thomas de Hampton*. So that in 20 E. 3. there was none that answered for any thing here but the Canons of *Kenilworth*, who at that time were certified ^b to hold the fourth part of a Knights fee of the Earl of *Warwick* in this place.

That which the *Templars* had here was in 7 E. 1. certified ^c to be three yard land and a half six freeholders then occupying it. Something the Nuns of *Worral* then had, but it was no more than a yard land and half given ^d to them by *Roger* Earl of *Warwick*, who lived in K. *Stephen*'s time.

In 11 R. 2. the said Canons of *Kenilworth* had

Free-warren granted ^e to them in all their demesne lands here, which they enjoyed till the generall dissolution of the Religious houses by K. H. 8. But after that fatall blow, whereby the Monastery lands became disperied, *Sir Thomas Darcy* Kt. obtained this Mannour of *Radford* to himself and his heirs by Pat. ^f bearing date 27. Aug. 37 H. 8. And being afterwards created ^g Lord *Darcy* of *Chich* in *Essex*, past ^h away this Lordship to *Ric. Knevit* and *Elene* his wife, entayling ⁱ it on the heirs male of the said *Richard* by her the said *Elene*, and for default of such issue on *Luce* the wife of *Sir Henry Gate* Kt. *Anne* the wife of *Nich. Robertson*, and *Alice* the wife of *Edm. Verney* esq. which *Ric. Knevit* departed this life 1 Nov. 1 Eliz. leaving by her the said *Elene*, *Henry* his son and heir, aged 7. months and 15. days; who, about the 36. year of Q. *Eliz.* sold it to *John Brown* of *Barnam* in *Com. Suff.* (lineal heir to *John Brown* esq. who being Standardbearer to *John D. Bedford* at such time as he was Regent of *France*, bore for his Armes *sable* 2. *bends* *verry* *Or* and *gules*, and lost his life in those wars, as the Pedegree of this family doth manifest.) Which *John* had issue *Sir Will. Brown* late of this place deceased; who for the better fortifying his title obtained a new Pat. ^k from the Crown, dated 12. Martii 15. Jac. to himself and *John Warde*, and the heirs of him the said *Sir Will.* in Fee-ferm; viz. paying to the said K. his heirs and successors the yearly Rent of iii li. xviii s. v d. ob. Which said *Sir Will.* dying seized thereof, not long since, left *George Brown* esquier his son and heir, the present owner thereof.

In 10 H. 4. the Hundred presented ^l, that this village ought to repair the Bridge called *Quenesbrygge* lying, within the precincts thereof, over the river *Leame*; but what was determined thereon, I find not.

The Church (dedicated to *S. Nicholas*) being given to the Monastery of *Kenilworth* by *Henry de Simely* in H. 1. time, as I have already shewed, was appropriated ^m thereto by *G. Muschamp* B. of *Coventre* in K. *John*'s time, and in *An.* 1291. 19 E. 1. valued ⁿ at vi. marks, but the Vicaridge at ii. marks. Which Vicaridge, in 26 H. 8. was rated ^o at over and above ii s. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

Patroni Vicariæ.

Incumb. & temp. Inst.

<i>D. Joh. de Chadlespant</i> Cap.	<i>Langt. f.</i>
2. Id. Apr. 1320.	79. a.
<i>Joh. de Whithnash</i> Cap. 6.	<i>Northb. f.</i>
<i>Cal. Julii</i> 1349.	48. b.
<i>Barthol. de Wapenbury</i> Pbr.	<i>ib. f. 55. b.</i>
15. Cal. Aug. 1352.	
<i>Joh. de Bedford</i> Pbr. 14. Cal.	<i>Street. f. 1.</i>
Oct. 1361.	a.
<i>Henr. Bryth</i> Pbr. 3. Nov.	<i>ib. f. 25.</i>
1378.	
<i>Ric. Starter</i> Pbr. 8. Junii	<i>Sk. f. 13.</i>
1397.	
<i>Joh. Cowper</i> Cap. 10. Julii	<i>Hyw. f. 9.</i>
1422.	b.
<i>Thomas Yonge</i> Pbr. 12. Ju-	<i>ib. f. 34. b.</i>
nis 1436.	
<i>Henr. Wele</i> Cap. 5. Febr.	<i>Bo. f. 11.</i>
1450.	
<i>D. Edw. Lysterley</i> Cler. 15.	<i>Sampl. f. 4.</i>
<i>Martin</i> 1552.	b.
<i>Joh. Cruce</i> Cler. 12. Maii	<i>Sampl. f. 9.</i>
1557.	B. f. 9.

Elena

^b Ex Autog. penes Edw. Peto eq. aur.

ⁱ Ex Cod. MS. penes Rem. R. in Scacc.

^k Testa de l. Nevill.

^m Ex autog. penes S. A. eq. aur.

ⁿ Regist. de Stuhley f. 38. b.

^o Pat. 41. H. 3. m. 6.

^p Esc. 52 H. 3.

^q Inq. per H. Nott. & c. f. 27. a.

^r Nom. Vill.

^s Esc. 41 E. 3.

^t Inq. per H. Nott. & c. ut supra.

^u Esc. 11 E. 2. n. 98.

^w Esc. 15. E. 2. n. 99.

^x Esc. 18. E. 2. n. 203.

^y Esc. 3 E. 3. n. 130.

^z Pat. 10. E. 3. p. 1. m. 11.

^{aa} Esc. 19. E. 3. n. 6.

^b Rot. penes S. Clarke B.

^c Inq. per H. Nott. & c. f. 28. a.

^d Cart. 1 E. 3. n. 1. per Inspect.

^e Cart. 11 R. 2. n. 26

^f Pat. 37 H. 8. p. 1

^g Pat. 5. 6. p. 4. m. 3

^h F. lewai T. Trim.

ⁱ 3. Ph. M.

^j Esc. 2 El.

^k Pat. 1 Jac.

^l Plac. et ram R. T. Mich. 10 H. 4. Rot.

^m Reg. d. Kenilw. p. 65. & 7

ⁿ M. S. Scac.

^o M. S. penes S. A. eq. aur. f. 49

^{Langt. f.} 79. a.

^{Northb. f.} 48. b.

^{ib. f. 55. b.}

^{Street. f. 1.} a.

^{ib. f. 25.}

^{Sk. f. 13.}

^{Hyw. f. 9.} b.

^{ib. f. 34. b.}

^{Bo. f. 11.}

^{Sampl. f. 4.} b.

^{Sampl. f. 9.} B. f. 9.

Elena Knevet vidua. Ric. Gardiner Diac. 29. Martii 1564.
Thomas Brown. Ric. Gardiner Cler. 13. Maii 1575.
Will. Brown de Radford miles. Nath. Potter Cler. in art. Migr. 21. Julii. 1631.

In the West window of the Church these Arms.

Arg. a plain Crosse gules. S. George, the tutelary Saint for England.
Or. 2. bends gules. Sudley.

Whitnash.

Following the course of **Leame** I come next to **Whitnash**, wherein the same **Hunfridus** of whom I made mention in **Leminton**. **Hastang** was certified to hold 2. hides of **Hasculf Musard** in the Conquerors time, then valued at C s. and which were the Freehold of one **Alured** before the Norman invasion. In that Survey it is written **Waltenas**, but afterwards in most Records **Waltenes**. As to the originall occasion of the name I cannot speak positively, but do suppose that it was Brittiſh, and by time much corrupted, as most others are: For I have observed that **Coff**, which with them signifieth a wood, is sometimes found to be written **quff**, and **Whiff** by our English and Norman Ancestors so that then the syllable **nes**, with the Brittons importing the same as *propè* doth in Latine, sheweth that this place (in probability) had it's first denomination by being situat nigh some wood then growing there.

From the before specified **Hunfridus** descended the family of **Hastang** (whereof in **Leminton** I have spoke) who enjoyed this Lordship for some descents; during which time, one of them, *viz.* **Atrop Hastang** confirmed the grant made to the Canons of **Dseney** by **Ric. Kentensis** of half a hide of land lying in this Village. But to **Hastang**, in the possession of this Lordship succeeded **Roger de Cherlecoate**, who lived in **K. John's** time; From whom descended **Sir Thomas de Haseley Kt.** who assumed his surname from that place, in regard it was his principall seat (as when I come to **Haseley** shall be manifested.) Of which **Sir Thomas** in 7 E. 1. it was certified s, that he held this Mannour of **Rob. de Hastang** by the service of half a Knights fee, excepting iv s. and that he then had here a Watermill and 3. carucats of land in demesne: as also a great pool; with xix. servants holding 7. yard land, six acres and a fourth part at the Will of the Lord, performing divers servile imployments; and six Freeholders occupying 3. yard land and a hallf. It was then also certified that the Kts **Hospitalars** had 4. messuages lying in this Village, held by 4. Freeholders, and given unto them by **Atrop Hastang**.

Which **Sir Thomas de Haseley** had issue **Robert**, who granted this Mannour unto **John** his son; from whom descended **Thomas Haseley** of **Whitnash**, who by his Deed dated on the day of **S. Lucie** the virgin 20 E. 3. past it awy to **Tho. Savage** of **Lachebyoke**. **Malory** in this County; which **T. Savage** had a fair estate in lands here before, purchased by **John** his father from **John Malory** of **Walton** in **Leicesterſhire**, descended to him the said **John**

from **Will. Malory** his grandfather. All which lands together with the said Mannour did the same **T. Savage** by his deed bearing date on the featt-day of the translation of **S. Edward** the K. 1 R. 3. grant unto **Benedict Medley** of **Whitnash** and his heirs.

Besides this there was another Mannour here in **Whitnash**, but of its antiquity I can say little; for the first mention I meet with of it is, that **Sir Baldwin Frevill Kt.** was seized thereof; and that by partition betwixt his sisters and coheirs in 31 H. 6. it fell to **Margaret**; then the wife of **Sir Ric. Bingham** one of the Justices of the Common Pleas, but formerly of **Sir Hugh Willoughby Kt.** whose grandchild, *viz.* **Sir Henry Willoughby Kt.** sold it to the abovenamed **Benedict Medley** 12. Maii 14 H. 7. which **Benedict** was Cleke of the Signet to **K. H. 7.** at the same time, and bore for his Armes sable 2. bars gemells Arg. upon a chief of the second three Mulletts of the first; and dyed 13. Oct. 19 H. 7. leaving **Will.** his son and heir 23. years of age, who married **Margaret** the daughter of **Sir Robert Wotton Kt.** and had issue **George Medley** esq. that wedded **Mary** the daughter of **Gerard Danet**: which **George** left issue **Henry Medley** esquire, who by **Frances** the daughter of **Clem. Throgmorton** of **Haseley** esq. had issue **Henry** 14. years of age in 21 Eliz. To whom succeeded **Clem. Medley**, who in 2 Jac. past away this Mannour to **Robert Wale** gent.

The Church (dedicated to **S. Margaret**) was given to the Canons of **Kenilworth** in H. 1. time (or thereabouts) by **Atrop Hastang**; concerning which I am to observe one thing further, which is, that the said **Atrop** then confirmed 18. Acres of land, that his Tenants (*viz.* Freeholders) here in **Whitnash** gave thereunto at its Dedication. Whereby may be discerned, that so fervent was the zeal of those elder times to Gods service and honour, that they freely endowed the Church with some part of their possessions, and that in those good works, even the meaner sort of men, as well as the pious founders, were not backwards. Amongst divers other concessions made by **G. Muschamp** Bishop of **Cobentre** to the Canons of **Kenilworth** in **K. John's** time, I find that one was of two shillings yearly **Pension** granted to them out of this Church, which had been endowed of one yard land and a half, as the Record expresses.

In **An. 1291.** 19 E. 1. it was valued at vi. marks, and in 26 H. 8. at Cix s. viii d. over and above the yearly **Pension** of ii s. payable to the Monastery of **Kenilworth**, and viii s. for **Procurations** and **Synodalls**.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.

Incumb. & temp. Instit.

Sim. de Redeswell subdiac. prid. Non. Junii 1300.
Henr. de Compton Pbr. 3. Non. Apr. 1302.
Osb. de Banneburi Cler. 5. Id. Dec. 1326.
Thomas de Brayles Cap. 2. Cal. Maii 1332.
Will. de Wigorn. Cap. 7. Id. Julii 1336.
Will. Comyn de Neubold Cler. 5. Cal. Jan. 1352.
Will. de Feryby Pbr. 26. Junii 1372.
Joh. Briksok Pbr. 15. Cal. Aug. 1378.

Prior & Conv. de
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d Ex au-
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 pred. W. B.

e Esc. 21
 Eliz.

f F. levat.
 craft. Trin.
 2 Jac.

g Reg. de
 b. Kenill.
 p. 57.

i Ib. p. 73.

k Inq. per
 H. Not.
 c. f. 23. a.

l M s. in Scacc.

m M S. pe-
 nes S. A.
 eq. aur. f. 48. a.

Langt. f. 5. b.

1b. f. 6. b.

Northb. f. 20. a.

1b. f. 26. a.

1b. f. 29. b.

1b. f. 56. a.

Street. f. 21. a.

1b. f. 24. b.

Sk. f. 8. b.

Burgh. f.

2. a.

Ib. f. 17. b.

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Heyw. f. 43.

a.

Bowl. f.

20. a.

Ib. f. 135. a.

Str. & P. f. Mr. Edw. Littleton
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hac vice ex concess.
Pr. & C. de K.Samp. & Humfr. Riddel gen.
B. f. 8. 2. ex concess. Pr. &
C. de K.

Ib. 45. a. D. Regina Eliz.

Thomas Durich 25. Julii

1393.

Joh. de magna Cotes Pbr.

10. Junii 1398.

Joh. Normanby ult. Martii

1406.

D. Wali. Smyth 1. Julii.

1445.

Ric. Geydon Cap. 5. Oct.

1453.

D. Ric. Benet Pbr. 8. Oct.

1492.

D. Edw. Bolyfant Cap. 12.

Jan. 1354.

Humfr. Weyring Cler. 10.

Oct. 1554.

Rad. Kent Cler. 16. Febr.

1572.

In the Chancell is a Marble Grave-stone
with this EpitaphHoc loco sepelitur Dominus Ricardus Benet,
Artis sacre Magister, & huius, quondam Ecclesie
diligens Pastor, qui satis concessit octavo die
mensis Februarii Anno D. M. D. XXXI. cuius
anime propitiatur Deus: Amen.

Leminton-Priors.

THIS, for distinction from the former, called **Leminton-Priors**, hath its name (as the other had) from its situation upon the same river. Inⁿ the Conquerors time Earl Roger, (scil. de Montgomeri, of whom I have spoke in **Wolston**) held it, the extent thereof being then certified at 2. hides, which were valued at 4 *li*. having two Mills rated at xxiv *s*. But before the Norman invasion **Olwinus** was owner thereof, whom I suppose to be the same man, which is elsewhere written **Alwinus**, father unto **Turchill de Warwick**.

It seemes, that one of the Bishops of **Cobentre** and **Lichfield** (in those days called Bishop of **Chesster** by reason of his residence in that City) posselt this place in H. 1. time; but which of them it was, is not exprest: for in the grant^e made thereof by **Geffrey de Clinton**, Founder of the Castle and Priory of **Kenilworth**, to **Gilbert Nutricius** of **Warwick** and his heirs, to hold by the service of half a Knights fee, (in consideration whereof, the said **Gilbert** gave to the above mentioned **Geffrey** ten marks, with a silver cup, and to **Agnes** his wife a Befantine of gold,) is said to be *de feodo Episcopi Cestrie*. And if I may have liberty to guess how the said Bishop had it, I shall not doubt but that it was given to him by the King upon the forfeiture of **Rob. de Felismo** E. of **Shrewsbury** son to the before recited Earl Roger.

Whether the before named **G. Nutricius** dyed without issue, and that thereupon this Mannour returned to **Geffrey de Clinton**, son to the donour; or whether he made any agreement by Exchange, or otherwise, appears not; but certain it is that the same **Geffrey** gave it to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, together with the Church and Mill of this village. It seems, that the service of half a Knights fee, by which the said Canons held it (though in the grant

there be no mention thereof) was by the Bishop past over to the Monks of **Cobentre**, for in 20 H. 3. the Prior of **Cobentre**, certifying⁹ what Kts. fees were held of that Monastery, makes instance of half a Knights fee in **Leminton** *juxta* **Warwick** held by the before specified Canons. The like was signified in 36 H. 3. Which Canons in 7 E. 1. had 2 a watermill, 3. yard land and a 4. part, and the half of another Mill here in demein: as also ix servants holding 3. yard land and 3. quarters, performing divers servile labours; 8. Cottiers, holding 8. Cottages, and 8. acres of land; and xi. Freeholders which held 13. yard land and a 4. part, with the other half of the Water-mill. And besides all this a Court-Leet, Gallows, Assise of bread and beer, by the grant of K. H. 3. together with the Church appropriat, endowed with two yard land. All which was enjoyed by them till the dissolution of the Monasteries by K. H. 8. but then came to the Crown, wherein it continued till 6 Eliz. that the Q. granted it to **Ambrose** E. of **Warwick** and the heirs male of his body.

All that is further observable touching this place is, that nigh to the East end of the Church, there is a Spring of Salt-water, (not above a stones-throw from the river **Leame**,) whereof the Inhabitants make much use for seasoning of meat.

The Church (dedicated to *All Saints*) was originally but a Chapell, and belonging to **Wotton** (on the other side the River,) being therewith confirmed to the Canons of **Kenilworth** by **Ric. Peche** Bishop of **Cobentre** in H. 2. days, and x approprated to them by **G. Muschamp**, his successor, in K. John's time. In Anno 1291. 19 E. 1. it was valued at vi. marks over and above a Pension of xx *s*, then issuing out of it to the Abby of **Malmsbury**; and the Vicaridge at xxx *s*. But in 26 H. 8. the same Vicaridge was valued at vi li. x *s*. the Pension of xxxiii. *s*. iv d. added by the Canons of **Kenilworth**, computed.

Patroni Vicariæ.

Incumb. & temp. Inf.

D. Henr. de Keton Cap. N.

Novemb. 1315.

Tho. de Leminton Cap. 19.

Cal. Feb. 1338.

Mr. Will. de Leycester 18.

Cal. Julii 1348.

Iweyn de Pershore Cap. 8. Id.

Maii 1349.

Joh. de Wytlauxford Cap. Cal.

Julii 1349.

Joh. de Geydon Cap. Non.

Oct. 1349.

Rob. de Morton Pbr. 2. Cal.

Sept. 1368.

Will. Cras Pbr. 4. Non. Oct.

1370.

Will. Port Cap. penult. Sept.

1402.

Joh. de Swetenham Pbr. 13.

Dec. 1408.

Thom. Seborowe Cap. 8. Jan.

nii 1410.

Joh. Radford Pbr. 29. Maii

1422.

Joh. Cocks Cap. 28. Martii

1426.

D. Ric. Benet Cap. penult.

Jan. 1429.

Joh. Graunge Pbr. 16. Aug.

1346.

Frater

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lib.o Reg. de
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137.r Reg. de Ke-
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H. Nott.
C. f. 30.

1 Ib. f. 31.

u Pat. 6.
Eliz. p. 4w Reg. d.
Kenilw. p.
70.x Ib. p. 65
C. 73.y 5 MS.
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S. A. eq.
447. f. 49Langt. f.
36. b.Northb. f.
32. b.

Ib. f. 46.

Ib. f. 47.

Ib. f. 48. b.

Ib. f. 51. a.

Sirell. f. 1.

Ib. f. 19. b.

Burg. f. 30.

Ib. f. 21. b.

Ib. f. 25. a.

Heyw. f. 9.

Ib. f. 19. a.

Ib. f. 24. a.

Ib. f. 34. b.

Patroni Vicariæ.

Incumb. & temp. Inſtit.

H. 42. b.

H. 44. b.

H. 45. f. 22.

H. 46. b.

H. 47. a.

H. 48. b.

H. 49. f.

H. 50. b.

H. 51. a.

Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.

Ambrosius Comes Warwici.

Frater Nich. Clement Ord.

Prædicat. 12. Dec. 1444.

Will. Pomsfret 10. Maii 1446.

Joh. Twysse in leg. Bacc. 27. Oct. 1455.

Thom. Albyn Cap. 4. Maii 1457.

D. Will. Wheywall ult. Julii 1505.

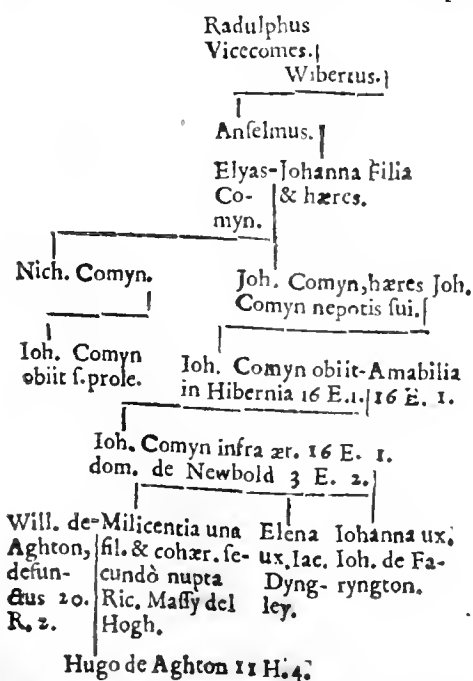
D. Joh. Corney 13. Sept. 1519.

Rich. Astlyn Cler. 20. Junii 1567.

Hen. Clarke Cler. 25. Sept. 1574.

Newbold-Comin.

THIS place (the originall occasion of whose name is discovered by the later syllable **bold**, which in the Saxon language signifieth a House) is one of those depopulated Villages whereof *J. Rouss* in H. 6. time complained, and lyeth on the North side of *Leame*, but in the Parish of *Lemington-Priors*. In *Edw.* the Conf. time, it was the inheritance of one *Vinsine*, who gave it to the Abby of *Malmesbury*, at such time as he was shorn a Monk in that Monastery; and by the Conq. Survey is certified to contain 3. hides, at which time there was a Mill yielding viii s. per ann. the value of the whole being L s. But it was not long after the Norman Conquest, that the Monks of *Malmesbury* enfeoffed one *Radulphus Vicecomes* in this their land at *Newbold*; which *Raph* had issue *Wibert*, and he a son called *Anselme*, who left one only daughter, sc. *Joan* within age at her fathers decease, and in Ward to the Abbot; by whom she was given in marriage to *Elias Comyn*: From which *Elias* and *Joan* descended these *Comyns* who had their seat here, and for distinction from other *Newbolds* gave the addition of their own name to this place.



In 31 H. 3. upon difference that grew betwixt

John Comyn, and *Geffrey de Simely* (Lord of *Radford*) touching liberty of fishing in the River of *Leame*, they came to an Agreement, that the said *John* should fish as far as his own land extended. This *John* holding *Newbold* of the Abbot of *Malmesbury* by the service of xl s. per annum in 7 E. 1. had at that time 1. carucat of land and a Water-mill in demesne, and xvi. Villains holding of him xii. yard land by base services: as also a Court-Leet, with Assize of bread and beer; and left issue *John*, whose name in 17 E. 2. was certified amongst the rest of those Esquiers and men at Armes of this County, which were then returned into the Chancery. After which; viz. in 1 E. 3. he served as one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament held at *Lincoln* the morrow after the exaltation of the holy Crosse, and in 12 E. 3. was in Commission for the gathering of a xv. and Tenth in this County granted to the King in Parliament 11. of his reign; So also in 22 E. 3. Which *John* being Lord of *Kinsale* in *Ireland*, and of *Porton-Underhill* in *Com. Wigorn.* departed this life, leaving no issue male. But it should seem that he had four daughters and heirs, betwixt whom this Mannour of *Newbold* was divided. Of *Milicent* and *Elene* I find direct mention; *Milicent* taking first to husband *Will. de Aghton*, but afterwards *Richard Massy* of *Hogh*; and *Elene* being the wife to *James Dingley* of *Coventryshire*.

The third, I suppose, was *Joan* the wife of *John de Farington*: for I find, that in 3 H. 4. there was a Fine levied of the 4. part of this Mannour, with the 4. part of the Mannour of *Porton-Underhill*, whereby they were entayled upon *Christopher Farington*, son of the said *John* and *Joan*, and the heirs male of his body, with remainder to *Raph* brother of *Christopher*, and for default of issue by *Raph*, to *John* the son of *Henry Banastre* of *Walton* in the Dale (*Com. Lanc.*) and the heirs male of his body, and for default of such issue to *Raph* the son of *Hugh Holcroft*, and the heirs male of his body; and for default of such issue to *Joan* the daughter of the above specified *John Farington*, and the heirs of her body, with remainder to the right heirs of the said *Joan*. Which *James Dingley* and *Elene* in 9 H. 4. settled the 4. part thereof, as also of *Porton-Underhill* (which it seems was the share allotted to the said *Elene*) upon *Rouland Dingley* and his heirs. And *Milicent*, after the death of *Richard Massy* her husband, gave possession of her part in this Mannour to *Hugh Aghton* her eldest son, by her deed dated at *Coventre* the Tuesday next after the feast of the Conception of the blessed Virgin 11 H. 4. Which part was soon after obtained by *Dingley*, as it seems; for it appears, that in 8 H. 5. the moytie of this Mannour, with the moytie also of *Porton-Underhill* were past away by *Robert Dingley*, cousin to the said *Elene*, and *Joan* his wife, to *Thomas Gower* of *Wood-hall* and his heirs. From whom descended *John Gower* of *Wood-hall*, who with *William* his son and heir, by their Deed dated 22. Junii 9. Jac. sold it to Sir *Clem. Fisher* of *Backington* Knight, whose grandson, *Francis*, now enjoys it.

But *Christopher Faryngdon*, before mentioned, and *Alice* his wife, in 14 H. 6. levied a Fine of their 4. part to *Thomas Hugford* (of *Embscote* esq.) and his heirs; which, by the Inquis. taken after the death of *John Hugford* 1 H. 7. was certified

to contain C. acres of arable land, xl. acres of pasture, and xxiv. acres of meadow : And coming, upon partition of Hugford's lands, to John Beauford (who married Alice the eldest daughter to the said J. Hugford,) is yet enjoyed by Henry Beauford of Emcote esq. his lineall heir. But the residue of this Petbold-Comyn having been anciently belonging to the Monks of Stoneley, was after the dissolution of the Monasteries granted, *inter alia*,

to James Cruce of Kenilworth gentleman, *scil.* 12. Apr. 29 H.8. and by the said James sold away to *Ex aut.* William Morcote of Lemington-Pr. and Richard penes Peter Willys of Alton gentleman, in consideration of 80 Willys *g.* li. 28. Mar. 30 H.8. which Ric. Willys dyed *h* *scil.* 6 *Eliz.* zed thereof in 6 *Eliz.* it being then accounted for C. acres of pasture, with three acres and a half of wood : All which Peter Willys, his great-grand-child, now enjoys.

KINETON



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The Mapp of KINETON Hundred.



*Amplius in hoc War-
wicensi notitiam
Chartam hanc appo-
sit Thomas Trevor Equ-
s auratus. Baro. Sac-
sub Rege imper. Carolo.*

*Thomas Trevor Miles
et Bar. filius suus vnu
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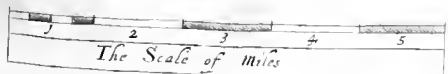
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For Vaughan July

KINETON HUNDRED.



Came having thus past Le-
minton parish, meets with A-
von, which by its conjun-
tion is made a very fair
stream, and entering Kine-
ton-Hundred glides on gen-
tly South westwards. But be-
fore I proceed to take notice
of the observable places situat on the banks of this
River, I must, in pursuance of my order, speak
of the Hundred it self, which takes its appellation
from a town of that name lying about the midst
thereof.

The first mention of this Hundred, that I meet
with, is in 16 H. 2. but then had it the name of
Sipesocha de Chinton and answered xl s. *pro placitis*
concelnis: (concerning the interpretation of which
word, (i. e. Sipesocha) I have in my discourse of
Knightlow and Hemlingford Hundreds delivered
my conjecture.) Yet before the end of that Ks.
reign it was called Hundred de Kinton: for I find,
that K. H. 2. granted it by that name, to Walter
the son of Thurstane de Cherlecore and his heirs, in
Fee-ferm, for xl s. yearly Rent; viz. xx s. at the
feast of S. Mich. the Arch-Angell, and xx s. at the
Annunciation of our Lady, but in what year this
was appears not, their Charters of that time being
seldom dated.

How it comes to pass, that this Walter de Cherle-
core, or his son continued not long fermours thereof,
I know not: but in K. John's time it appears, that
there was accounted xxi. marks for the ferm of it; xi
s. v. d. for the profit of the Leet belonging thereto; x
li. for the Shiriffs Aid, and viii s. viii d. for Warth-
money: yet in 6 H. 3. upon an *Inspeex*: of K. H. 2.
Charter, the then Shiriff of this County, sc. Will. de
Cantilupe, had command to render the said ferm
to Will. de Lucy (who was heir unto the before
specified Walter de Cherlecore.) But it was not long
after this, that the K. had it again in his own hands:
for in 21 H. 3. Will. de Lucy being Shiriff of this
County & Leicester-shire accounted for the ferm
thereof xvi li. xviii s. v. d. For the Shiriffs Aid within
the same ix l. x s. For the profit of the Leet be-
longing thereto xlvii s. and for Warth-money viii
s. iii d. And in 24 H. 3. the ferm thereof was demi-
sed to Ric. de Herci during the K. pleasure, (it
being valued at xxiv. marks *per ann.*) paying for
the same as much as others who had formerly the
benefit thereof, had wont to do, with Cs. more by
way of increase. Which Richard being in 2 E. 1.
ejected from his custody thereof by Will. Morteyn,
then Shiriff made his complaint to the K. that the
said Shiriff, had committed the same to one Henry
Mile, who accounted less for it than he the said
Ric. did. Whereupon the Shiriff had command to
render it again to him unless he could shew good
cause to the contrary.

After this; viz. in 4 E. 1. it was certified to
be in the Kings hands. And in 10 E. 2. Thomas
de Blaunckfront had a grant of the ferm of it, to

hold during the Kings pleasure, rendering to the
said King into his Exchequer as much as formerly
had used to be payd; So likewise had John de
Waltham in 4 E. 3. the whole profits thereof in
41 E. 3. amounting to xv li. xviii s. ix d. *per ann.*
viz. for the ferm viii li. for the profits of the Leet
(scil. the Common Fine) vii li. xix s. viii d. and
for Warth-money vi s. v. d. as appeareth by the
particulars from each village: but the severall
towns, within the compass thereof, which do now
owe suit to the Hundred Court, are no more than
these, Shotswell, Warmingtoun, Stretton Super
Fosse, part of Wellesbirne, Drhill, Aven-
Dasset, Mollington, Balsford, Barton on the
Heath, Ratley, Farnborough and Apleston.

This is all that is worthy regard touching this
Hundred in generall, the custody whereof hath been
in the Shiriff, for the time being, ever since. I now
return to the River Avon.

Warwick.

THE first place of note that presents it self to
my view, on the banks of this fair stream is
Warwick, standing on the North side thereof;
which, as it is and hath been the chiefest town of
these parts, and whereof the whole County, up-
on the first division of this Realm into Shires took
its name, so may it justly glory in its situation be-
yond any other, standing upon a rocky ascent
from every side, and in a dry and fertile soil, ha-
ving the benefit of rich and pleasant Meadows
on the South part, with the lofty Groves, and
spacious thickets of the Wood-Land on the North:
wherefore, were there nothing else to argue its great
antiquity, these commodities, which so surround it,
might sufficiently satisfy us, that the Britains made
an early plantation here to participate of them.
But passing by these probabilities, let us see what
certainty we have from light of History, both as
to the time when, and of the person by whom it
was first built: as also of such enlargement, or
advantage as accrued thereto by any other
Benefactors that it had before the Norman
Conquest.

And herein, that my Reader may not expect
very exact satisfaction, I shall first desire, that
what I have said in my Introduction, as to the
reason why we have so little left us of the passages
in those elder times may be considered: For from
the days of venerable Bede till the Normans en-
trance, which was full CCCxxx. years, there
was not any Historian in this Kingdom, as William
Malmesb. * testifieth; and next, that the cred-
it of my Countrey-man John Rous (of whom
in Epus-Cliff I have already made men-
tion) may carry a fair regard, in relation to
what I doe vouch him concerning this place;
considering,

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* f. 105. b.
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considering, that having been so diligent a searcher after Antiquities, and especially of this County, he hath left behinde him divers notable things, industriously gathered from many choise manuscripts, whereof he had perusal in sundry Monasteries of **England & Wales**, which now, through the fatal subversion of those houses, are, for the most part, perisht.

The first building, or foundation hereof, he attributeth^w to *Gutheline* (by some called *Kimbeline*) one of the British Kings, (whose reign was contemporary^x with the birth of our blessed Saviour) affirming^y that it then had the name of **Caerleon**, from the British word **Caer**, which is the same with *Civitas*, and his own name; and so, by shortness of pronounciation, for **Caer-Guthleion** was called **Caerleon**: As also, that *Guiderius*, Son and Successor to *Kimbeline*, much enlarged^z it with buildings, and granted^a thereto many priviledges: And that, being afterwards almost destroyed through wars, especially by the barbarous **Picts & Scots**, it lay ruinous till that *Caradocus*, the famous British Prince rebuilt^b it, making a Mannour house therein for himself, and founding^c a Church to the honour of *S. John Bapt.* in the Market place (where, as my Author saith, in his time a Grammar School was kept.) In the dayes of this *Caradocus* it was, that the Romans prevailed much here in **Wiltshire**, under the conduct of *P. Ostorius*, Lieutenant to *Claudius* the Emp. who to keep what he had won, raised^d divers Forts and Garrisons upon the Rivers of **Avon** and **Severn** — *cinctosque castris Antonam & Sabrinam fluvios cingere parat*, saith *Tacitus*, whereof we cannot doubt but this was one; and hereunto doth Mr. *Camden*'s opinion^e incline, conceiving, that the Town in **Wiltshire** called *Prasidium* by the Romans, is this very place.

But afterwards, being again destroyed^f by wars, it lay so wasted, till *Constantine* the Father of *Uter-Pendragon* a British King, repaired it, and called it **Caer-umbr**; whose death (for he was slain by a new incursion of the **Picts**) exposed^g it to another devastation; in which ruinous sort it lay, till a British Prince, named *Gwair*, rebuilt it, and commanded that it should be called **Caer-Gwair**: which *Gwair* was Cousin in the third degree to the renowned *K. Arthur*. About this time it was that the famous *Arthgal* lived, whom my Authorⁱ representeth to be one of the Knights of *K. Arthur*'s round Table, and the first Earle of **Warwick**: but he saith^k that the Britons did not pronounce the *g* in that name, and that *Arth*, or *Narth* signifieth the same in that language as *Ursus* doth in Latine; from whence he conjectureth^l that the same *Arthgal* took the Bear for his ensign, which so long continued a badge to the succeeding Earles.

The next in order of these British Earles doth he reckon^m *Morvidus*, who being a man of great valour, slew a mighty Gyant in a single Duell; which Gyant encountred him with a young Tree pull'd up by the root, the boughs being snag'd from it; In token whereof he and his Successors Earles of **Warwick** in the time of the Britons, bore a Ragged-staff of silver in a sable sheild for their cognisance. To him succeededⁿ *Merthurdus*, of whom there is nothing memorable, that I have seen recorded, other than that in his dayes *S. Dubritius*, a holy man, made his Episcopal seat here at **Warwick**; not in the Church of *S. John*

Bapt. before mentioned, but in that of *All-Saints*, where afterwards the Castle was built, which Bishop also erected^o divers private Oratories in these parts, the chief wherof was that of *S. Mary Magd.* where the sometime famous *Guy*, bidding farewell to these worldly pleasures, lived a Heremites life a while before his death; and which from him took the name of *Guyes-Cliff*: howbeit, such were the troubles that arose in this Land by the Saxons entrance, at the invitation of *K. Vortigern*, that not onely the said Bishop left^p this place, and retired into **Wales**, where he became the first Bishop of **Landaff**, and afterwards Arch-Bish. of *S. Davids*, but that by wars it became wasted^q again, and so continued till that *K. Warremund*, from whom the Kings of **Mercia** did descend, rebuilt^r it, and from his own name caused it to be called **Warrewyk**.

After which it stood for some time in a flourishing condition, but at length was destroyed^s by the Danes, and so rested untill the renowned Lady *Ethelfled*, daughter^t to *K. Alfred*, who had the whole Earldom of **Mercia** given^u her, by her Father, to the Noble *Ethelred*, in marriage, repaired^v its ruins, and in the year of Christ *Dcccxcv.* made^x a strong fortification here, called the *Downgeon*, for resistance of the Enemy, upon an hill of earth artificially raised near the River side, as is yet to be seen on the West part of the Castle, which being placed about the midst of his Mercian Territories, and a Fort so considerable in respect of its natural situation, was (no doubt) of great importance for securing the peace of all these parts, by the personal residence thereat, of those eminent men, whom we repute to have been Earls thereof in those dayes, though in truth they were but substitutes; or Lieutenants to the Earls of **Mercia** (whose limits extended unto many other shires in this midland part of the Realm;) or else had the custody of the County to the King's immediate use.

Having thus far taken notice of what chiefly concerns this place, and finding little else that hath relation thereto till the time of *K. Edw.* the Conf. I will now go on with the story of those noble persons, which were reputed Earls thereof before the Norman Conquest, and since that time have really been so, making onely a short digression to point at the occasion of that name and dignity; as also what power and authority it was that they anciently had. And first for the name, viz. *Consul*, or *Comes* in Latine, and *Earle* in our ancient English expression, I shall deliver Mr. *Camden*'s words; — *Earls, called in Latine Comites, may seem to have come unto us from our ancestors the Germans*, saith he; for they in times past, as *C. Tacitus* writeth, had their *Comites*, who should alwayes give attendance upon their Princes, and be at hand in matters of counsell and authority: but others think that they came from the Romans to us, as also to the French: for the Emperours, when as the Empire was grown to the full strength, began to have about them a certain privy Council, which was called *Cæsaris comitatus*, and then those whose counsell they used in war and peace were termed *Comites*, &c. In processe of time, when the Empire of the Romans became rent into many pieces, this title yet was retained, and our English Saxons called them in English *Ealdormen*, as *Ethelward* writeth, by which name somewhat mollified they are called of us at this day Earles.

And

And further to confirm that they had the name of *Comites* for such their attendance upon the K. *John Sarisburiensis*, who wrote in H. 2. dayes, testifieth, *Comites*, & (saith he) *à societatis participatione dici, quisquis ignorat ignarus est literarum, quæ literalis institutio primis tradere consuevit.* And much to the same purpose is that expression of *Bracton*, *Comites quia à comitatu, sive à societate nomen sumpserunt, qui etiam dici possunt Consules à consulendo: Reges enim tales sibi associant ad regendum populum Dei, ordinantes eos in magno honore, & prestate, & nomine quando accingunt eos gladiis, id est ringis gladiatorum, &c.*

Now for the Jurisdiction that they had, I shall be bold to declare something thereof out of Mr. *Selden's* expressions — *Ealdormen, or Earles had, it seems, (saith he) Jurisdiction in their Earldoms, or the Territories that denominated them; but so, that if the whole Territory were the Ealdorman's own (as in the case of Ethelred Ealdorman of Merc-land under K. Alfred, and K. Edw. the elder) then the Courts held, and the profits of the Jurisdiction were to his own use and benefit; but if he had not the Territory that denominated him, but only some particular revenue in it belonging to his dignity, then it seems his Jurisdiction and Courts (saving perhaps in those possessions which were his own) were held by him to the K. use and benefit; that is he commonly supplied the immediate office which the Sheriffs have regularly used to do in the Counties that are not Palatine, &c.*

And in K. *Ethelred's* Laws (published by Mr. *Lambert*) there is direct proof, that the Ealdorman, or Earle, was usually a temporal Judge immediate to the K. But for particular instances of their judicial power in probat of Wills, Judgements in cases of title to Land, and causes Criminal, I shall refer my Reader to the relation of that learned person; adding onely this notable testimony out of the Laws of King H. 1. — *sicut antiqua fuerat institutione formatum, salutari Regis imperio, vera nuper est recordatione firmatum, generalia Comitum placita certis locis & vicibus, & diffinito tempore per singulas provincias Anglia conveniri debere, nec ullis ultra sagitationibus fatigari, nisi propria Regis necessitate, vel commune regni commodum sape adjiciat: Interfint autem Episcopi, Comites, Vice Comites, Vicarii, Centenarii, Aldermanni, Præfecti, Præpositi, Barones, Vaviores, Tungrevii, & ceteri terrarum domini diligenter intendentes, ne malorum impunitas, aut graviorum pravitas, vel Judicium subversio, solita miseros laceratione conficiant. Agantur itaque primo debita vera Christianitatis iura; secundo Regis placita; postremo causa singulorum dignis satisfactionibus expleantur.*

But I will forbear to enlarge my self further on this subject, and descend to our reputed Earles of the Saxon race; whereof the first that my Author mentions is *Rohand*. This man, being a famous Warriour, and intricht with great possessions, lived in the dayes of K. *Alfred*, and K. *Edw. the elder*, and left issue one onely daughter named *Felicia*, that married unto *Guy* son of *Siward* Baron of *Wallingford*, who in her right became Earle of *Warwick*; the memory of which *Guy*, for his great valour, hath ever since been, and yet is so famous, that the vulgar are of opinion he was a man of more then ordinary stature; and the Welch, taking notice of his brave exploits will needs have him to be descended from Brittainish parentage: but

of his particular adventures, least what I say should be suspected for fabulous, I will onely instance that Combate betwixt him and the Danish Champion *Colebrand*, whom some (to magnifie our noble *Guy* the more) report to have been a Giant. The storie whereof, however it may be thought fictitious by some, forasmuch as there be those that make a question whether there was ever really such a man; or if so, whether all be not a dream which is reported of him, in regard that the Monks have sounded out his praises so hyperbolically: yet those that are more considerate will neither doubt the one, nor the other, inasmuch as it hath been so usual with our ancient Historians, for the encouragement of after-ages unto bold attempts, to set forth the exploits of worthy men with the highest encomiums imaginable: And therefore, should we for that cause be so conceited as to explode it, all History of those times might as well be vilified. And having said thus much to encounter with the prejudicate fancies of some, and the wayward opinions of others, I come to the story, which, from certain Authors of good credit, is in substance as followeth.

In the third year of K. *Athelstan* (which happened in An. 926) the Danes having invaded England, cruelly wasted the Countreys where they marched, so that there was scarce a Town, or Castle, that they had not burnt, or destroyed, almost as far as *Wiltcheffer*: and hearing that the K. with his nobles, then was in that Citie consulting about some timely means to prevent the utter losse of all, they sent messengers to him, proposing that either he would forthwith resign his Crown to the Danish Generals, viz. *Aulase*, and *Govelaph*, or submit to hold this Realm of them, doing homage and fealty, and paying tribute according to their appointment: or lastly, that the whole dispute for the Kingdom should be determined in a single Combat by two Champions for both sides; this being added by *Aulase*, that if in that Duel K. *Athelstan's* Champion had the victory, he would presently depart the land with his Army, but otherwise, without any more ado, it should wholly belong to the Danes.

Of which proposals K. *Athelstan* accepted the last, and, calling together his Nobles, offered that Province (viz. *Hantsire*) for a reward to him that should conquer the Danish Champion, called *Colebrand*: and to the end that God would direct him in the choice of one to undertake this Combate, he enjoyned a Fast for 3. dayes, in which with earnest prayers and abundant tears he besought his favour. But in this choice the English were exceedingly astonished, forasmuch as one *Herauld*, a most valiant & hardy Knt. of this Nation, was then beyond Sea, seeking after *Reynburn* the son of his Lord and master Earle *Guy*, that had been stolen away by Merchants of a forreign Countrey in his infancy; As also that Earle *Rohand*, the most valiant of a thousand, was dead; and that the same *Guy*, a man of extraordinary courage and skill in martial feats, shortly after his marriage with the Lady *Felicia* before mentioned, being gone into the *Holy-land* on Pilgrimage, was not yet returned: But it so fell out, that God, being moved with the sorrowfull tears and intercessions of the English, sent a good Angel to comfort the King as he lay upon his bed the very night of the Nativity of S. *John Bapt.* directing that he should arise early on the morrow, taking two Bishops with him, and get up to the top of the North-gate of that Citie, staying there till the hour

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hour of *Prime*, and then should he see divers poor people and Pilgrims enter thereat, amongst which there would be a personable man in a Pilgrims habit, bare footed with his head uncovered, and upon it a Chaplet of White-Roses; and that he should intreat him for the love of *Jesus Christ*, the devotion of his Pilgrimage, and the preservation of all *England* to undertake the Combat, for he should Conquer the mighty *Colbrond*, and deliver his Realm from the Danish servitude. Whereupon *K. Athelstan* with fervent zeal hastened betimes in the morning to *Masse*, and sent for the Archb. of *Canterbury*, with the Bishop of *Chichester* to whom he related his Vision, taking them along to the Gate assigned.

About this time it hapned that the famous *Guy* before specified, returning from his Pilgrimage in foreign parts, landed at *Portsmouth*, and being there advertised of *Sr. Heraud's* absence, with the occasion thereof; as also of Earle *Roland's* death, together with the great distresse that the K. and his Nobles were then in, hastened towards *Winchester* immediatly; and coming at night unto an Hospital, but little distant from the North-gate of that Citie (in which place afterwards the Hospital in honour of the *Holy-Crosse* was founded) where he rested himself, on the next morning he went with other poor people to the City-gate. To which place the K. being come for the purpose before specified, and espying one neatly clad in a white short-sleeved Gown reaching to the mid-leg, with a Garland of Roses upon his head, and a large staff in his hand, but looking wan, and much macerated by reason of his travelling bare-foot, and his beard grown to a very great length, he concluded that the same was the man described to him by the Angel, and being full of joy told those that were with him as much.

Vide Les Antiquités de la ville de Paris per Claude Malingre, Imp. Paris 1640.) p. 240. where he hath this expression concerning Palmers — Lesquels ont appelé croisez lors qu'ils entreprennoient le voyage d'autant que per leur Foesques ou curé ils se faisoient eoudre une Croix de Hierusalem de drap rouge sur leurs manteaux, & prenoient le burdon: Au retour ils estoient appellez Palmiers, d'autant que retournans d'outremer ils apportoi-ent des Palmes en signe d'avoir combattu les Infidelles come ils Pavoient vové, &c.

The *Palmer* (for so was he at that time called) taking notice of the K. and Bishops, put off his Chaplet, and reverently saluting them, entered the Gate: whereupon the K. hastened down, and laying hold of his Coat, tendred him entertainment, with desire to hear some news: but the *Palmer*, returning humble thanks, answered, that the hour to take up his lodging was not yet come, for that he intended first to visit the Churches of that Citie, and there offer up his prayers unto God, but afterwards seek some food for to refresh himself withall; which being done he purposed to depart thence, and perform such penance as he was to do for his sins. Whereunto the K. replied, The reason why we have here stayed hath been onely to wait upon your coming; for it is the will of God, that you must encounter with that wicked *Colbrond* the Sarscen, for the safeguard of us and all the English Nation, and freedom thereof from the yoke of slavery: for *Olaus K. of Denmark*, and *Golvius of Norway* have besieged us here almost a twelve moneth; and now have we concluded a truce, upon condition that we must finde a man to undergo the Combate with *Colebrond* their Champion, and in case our Champion shall overcome him, they are forthwith to quit the Land without doing injury to any, and not disturb this Realm any more; therefore we do desire you, for the love

of *Christ* our Saviour, and for the pardon of your own sins, that you will heartily undertake this Duel against that cursed Pagan, for the cause of Gods Church and Christian Religion. To whom the *Palmer* answered, Oh my Lord the King, you may easily see that I am not in any condition to take upon me this fight, being feeble and weakened with dayly travail: Alas, where are your stout and hardy Souldiers, who had wont to be in great esteem with you?

Ah, quoth the K. some of them are dead, and some of them are gone to the *Holy-land*, but not yet returned: I had one valiant Knight, which was Earle of *Warwick*, called *Guy*, and he had a courageous servant named *Sr. Heraud de Ardenne*, would to God I had him here, for then should this Duel be soon undertaken, and the War finisht; and as he spake these words, tears fell from his eyes. Whereat the *Palmer*, being very sorrowfull, besought him to forbear further grieving, assuring him, that for the love of *Christ Jesus*, and the blessed Virgin, as also for the honour of Gods holy Church, and for the Soul of *Guy* and *Heraud* his companion, he would in the fear of God undergo that Combat. Then did they bring him into the Citie, and to the Church with ringing of Bells, and *Te Deum* was begun with cheerfull voices; and entertained him with meat and drink, as also with bathing; putting apparel upon him, and for the space of 3. weeks cheered him up with the best refreshments.

After which, when the day appointed for that Duel was come, the *Palmer* rose early and heard 3. Masses; the first of the *Holy-Ghost*, the second of the blessed *Trinity*, and the third of the *Holy-Crosse*. Which being ended, he forthwith armed himself with the Kings best harness, and girt the sword of *Constantine* the great about him; and taking *S. Maurice* his Lance in his hand, got up on the K. best Courser, being accounted of all that then beheld him the most proper and well appointed Knight that ever they saw. From thence rode he through the midst of the Citie towards the place assigned for the Combate, which was in a valley, called *Chiltecumbe*, where he waited for *Colbrond*; who, shortly after, came so weightily harnessed that his Horse could scarce carry him, and before him a Cart loaded with Danish-axes, great Clubs with knobs of Iron, squared bars of Steel, Lances, and Iron hooks to pull his Adversary to him: And so soon as he saw the *Palmer* make towards him, calling loudly, he bad him get off his Horse and cast himself down with submission: But the *Palmer*, arming himself with the sign of the Crosse, and commending himself to God, put Spurs to his Horse to meet the Gyant, and in the first encounter pierced his shield so far that his own Lance broke into shivers; which so enraged the Gyant, that he bore up fiercely towards the *Palmer*, & smote his horse with such strength, that he cut off his head. The *Palmer* therefore being dismounted, nimbly and with great courage directed his blow at the Gyants Helmet; but by reason of his height could reach no further then his shoulder. Then *Colbrond* smote at the *Palmer* with a square bar of steel; but he, seeing his danger, interposed his shield, which bore of the blow, and on a suddain did so vigorously lay at the corner of the Gyants target, that his Club bossed with Iron fell to the ground; which whilst he stretched out his arm to take up, the *Palmer* with his sword cut off his hand: whereupon the Danes grew much dismayed;

mayed; and on the other side was there as great rejoycing by K. *Athelstan* and the English; and yet notwithstanding did *Colbrand* hold out the Combace till the evening of that day, that by loosing so much bloud he fainted, so that *Guy*, with all his strength fetching a blow, cut off his head.

The victory therefore thus happily obtained, occasioned the Danes with great confusion to hasten away, and the valiant *Guy* to give thanks unto God, repairing forthwith to the Cathedral, where he was honourably received with solemne Procession by the Clergy and others, and offered his weapon to God and the Patron of that Church before the high Altar, which my Author saith, even to his time, was kept in the Vestry there, and called by the name of *Colbrand's Ax*: but, this being done, reassumed his Pilgrims habit. Whereupon the K. became most importunate with him to discover his name; but he utterly refused so to do, except to himself, and that upon his oath not to reveal it: unto which condition the K. assenting, they walkt out alone in a by-path to a certain Crosse at some distance from the Citie; and as soon as they came thither, humbly bowing himself to the K. and saying that he was *Guy* Earle of *Warwick*, the K. embraced him in his arms, kissed him, and promised him large rewards if he would live in his Court: but he, with much thankfulness, refusing to receive any, besought the K. that he would not disclose what he had said, in regard his resolution was to continue in that Pilgrims state; and so they there parted with tears.

From whence the Earle bent his course towards *Warwick*, and coming thither not known of any, for three dayes together took Almes at the hands of his own Lady, as one of those xiii poor people unto which she dayly gave relief her self, for the safety of him and her, and the health of both their Souls. And having rendred thanks to her, he repaired to an Heremite that resided amongst the shady woods hard by, desiring by conference with him to receive some spiritual comfort, where he abode with that holy man till his death, and upon his departure out of this World, which hapned within a short time, succeeded him in that Cell, and continued the same course of life for the space of two years after; but then discerning death to approach, he sent to his Lady their Wedding Ring by a trusty servant, wishing her to take care of his burial: adding also, that when she came, she should find him lying dead in the Chapel, before the Altar; and moreover, that within xv dayes after she her self should depart this life. Whereupon she came accordingly, and brought with her the Bishop of the Dioces, as also many of the Clergy & other people, and finding his body there did honourably interre it in that Heremitage, and was her self afterwards buried by him, leaving her paternal inheritance to *Reynburn* her onely son. Which departure of our famous *Guy* hapned in the year of our Lord *Dccccxxix*, and of his own age the seventieth.

To whom succeeded the Noble *Reynburn*, Earle of *Warwick* through his Mothers right; who having been stolen away in his Child-hood, and carried into *Russia*, where he gave great testimony of his singular valour in sundry Warlike feats, whilst he continued in those forreign parts, upon his return into *Engl.* wedded the beautifull Lady *Leonetta* daughter to K. *Athelstan*; but afterwards dying beyond the Seas, was buried in a certain

Island near unto *Venice*, and left for his successor *Wegat*, alias *Weyth the humed*, a person of great courage, and much honoured for his skill in martial affairs. This *Wegat* was a benefactor to the Monastery of *Evesham*, by giving thereunto six messuages lying in *Whitlarford* and *Grafton* in this County; and had issue *Ufi*, commonly called *Huwe the humed*, a most devout man, and a special friend to the Monks of *Evesham*: for in the year *Dcccclxxiii*, by the consent of K. *Edgar* he gave them the whole Village of *Whitlarford* (now called *Wairford*), and *Little-Grafton*; and bequeathing his body to sepulture in that Monastery, departed this life about the beginning of the reign of S. *Edward* the K. and Martyr.

To whom succeeded *Wolgeat*, who obtained a grant from those secular Canons, which were possessor of the Abby of *Evesham* upon expulsion of the Monks, for 5. hides of Land in the same *Whitlarford* upon an easer rent than had wont to be given; conditionally, that upon his death the Monastery might repossesse the same Land with all the stock that then should happen to be upon it: Notwithstanding which, the Monks could not get it again of a long time after, till that Abbot *Egelwyne* purchased it a new of Earle *Wigod*, a potent man in the dayes of K. *Edw.* the Conf. This *Wolgeat* was in special favour with K. *Ethelred*; but for his wicked courses and oppressions had all his Lands and honour taken from him in the year *M. vi*. Whether he had ever restitution of them, or in whose hands the Earldom was thereupon put, is uncertain; but true it is, that *Warwick*, with a great part of the Countrey, became shortly after (*viz. An. M. xvi.*) much waited by *Cnutus* the Dane; at which time the Nunnery, near to the Church of S. *Nicholas*, as also the Abby were burnt to the ground. When, or by whom those Religious houses were founded, I never yet could finde, nor any mention of them before this. It seems the Abby stood on the Northwest part of the Town; for the Lane there, called *Abby-lane*, argueth as much: And the said house of Nuns took up all that which is now S. *Nichols*-Church-yard, with a great part of the ground whereupon the Hospital of S. *John Bapt.* was afterwards built, the Chancel of S. *Nicholas* Church being the Quire thereof.

I now come to *Wigod*, the hereditary successor of *Wolgeat*; who being a potent man and a great Warriour, as also a special benefactor to the Monks of *Evesham*, lived in the times of K. *Ethelred*, K. *Edmund*, and of the Danish Kings; and had to wife the sister of Earle *Leofrik* (founder of the Monastery at *Cobentry*).

To him succeeded *Alwyne*, contemporary with K. *Edward* the Conf. and *Will.* the Conq. This is he that in the Conq. Survey is called *Alwinus Vicecomes*; the reason whereof I conceive to be, either because that he did exercise the power and Authority of the Earle of *Mercia* (*scil.* Earle *Leofrike*, his Uncle) here in *Warwick-shire*, as his ancestors had done, for which respect my Author reputes him and them Earls, as I have already shewed, and hath ranked them in that degree; or else that he had the custody of the County to the Kings immediate use. Which *Alwyne* left issue *Turchill*, who likewise stands in the Catalogue of our Earls, and was a great man in that age, but no more really Earle than his Father and Ancestors were: For if the Earldom of *Mercia*, with which Honour *Edwyn* the Grand-Childe to Earle *Leofrike*

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fruke was dignified, did, as it included this Shire, really vest him in power and authority therein, as he had in some other Counties, then was this *Alwyne* his *Viccomes*, or substitute here; which may seem to have been so, in as much as the said *Edwyne* is in an ancient MS. "particularly stiled *Comes Warwici* : But that which argues him to have been only *Custos* of the County to the Kings immediate use, is, that in *Domesday-book* where the profits of the Shire are set down as they were rated in *Edw.* the Conf. time : there is nothing of the *Tertius denarius* reckoned to the Earle, as in such where the Earle had absolute Jurisdiction is usual, but all to the King. By which it should seem, that these hereditary *Viccomites* (whom we repute to have been Earles) were immediately Officers to the King, and not to the Earles of *Mercia*.

This *Turchill* resid d here at *Warwick*, and had great possessions in this County when *Will. D.* of *Normandy* invaded *England* and vanquish't *K. Harold* : and though he were then a man of especial note and power, yet did he give no assistance to *Harold* in that Battail, as may easily be seen from the favour he received at the hands of the Conquerour : for by the general Survey, * begun about the 14th. of *K. William's* Reign, it appears that he then continued posselt of vast Lands in this Shire; and yet thereof was neither the Borough, or Castle of *Warwick* any part, as from the said Survey may be collect'd; the Borough in *Edw.* the Conf. time answering a certain yearly Ferm to the King, and the Castle properly belonging to the Earle of *Mercia*, if not to the King, as a special strong hold for the defence of all these parts, and whereof the said *Turchill*, being in the nature of a Governour, as his Ancestors were, had his denomination, viz. *Turchill de Warwick*, attributed to him by the Normans, who first introduced such surnames of places here amongst us. And therefore, whereas my Author * represents him to have been a great enlarger of *Warwick-Castle*, his words are *Castri Warwici Will. elmi Conquestoris*, and adds * *nam Rex Will. Conquestor ad Castella construenda totam Angliam fatigabat*. And what was this for, but to besie their mindes and bring them low in their estates, that they should neither have time nor abilities to contrive any insurrection against him: as also to have places of strength in every corner for better keeping the subdued English in awe.

But of this *Turchill* I have not now much more to say, besides the mention of those Lands whereof I find him posselt (by the Conquerour's special favour, as you must conclude) at the time of his said general Survey, which were these following, all in this County, and whereof I have in their due places spoken particularly, *scil. Curdworth, Bickenhull, Minworth, Wolshamcote, Ricton, Pakinton, Langdone, Mactoke, Merton, Elmestone, Dosthill, Wigninville, Whitacre, Bercheston, Badstep-(Fadfor) Lodbroke, Caldecote, Rodburn, Cusston, Birdingburg, Napton, Fleckno, Hodenhill Willoughby, Bilton, Malcote, Shukbozow, Pelston, Holme, Church-Ober, Ashow, Harbury, Baginton, Witley, Weston, Brandon, Lillington, Radford Rotley, Compton-(Win-yate) Alton, Wimpston, Berkote, Fulredy, Cefdone, Chesterton, Coughton, and (Nun-) Caton.*

Neither can I say that he had all these clearly to himself; for in some few I finde that others had

a share, as where I speak of them in particular will be manifested. And though he had so much respect from the victorious Norman as to possesse these during his life, yet is it most clear, that his Son enjoy'd none of them as his Heir, but by the favour of the Conquerour, or of those on whom he had bestowed them, as will be found by that small remnant, in comparison of all these Lordships before recited, which was left him, and that also to hold by military service from some of the Norman Nobility. Which dealing (generally in a manner) by the Conquerour I have in my Introduction sufficiently made evident. Leaving therefore what else I have to say of *Turchill*, till I come into *Hemlingford-Hundred*, in which he and his posterity afterwards resid'd, assuming the surname of *Arden* from those woody parts wherein they inhabited, I shall now descend to speak of those Earls that were of the Norman race, the first of which was called *Henry de Novo-burgo*, from the Castle of *Newburgh*, in *Normandy*, the place of his birth.

He was the younger Son of *Rog. de Bellomont* Earle of *Belmont*: but of his advancement to the Earldom of *Warwick*, the direct time appears not; yet by all circumstances I guesse, that it was towards the later end of *Will.* the Conq. time, in regard there is no mention of him in the general Survey (begun as I have elsewhere shew'd in 14. of his reign:) for my Author * says, that *K. Will.* having begit *Warwick* with a mighty ditch for the precinct of its Walls, and erected the Gates at his own charge, did then promote this *Henry* to the Earldom, and annexed thereto the royalty of the Borough of *Warwick* with the appurtenances, which at that time belong'd to the Crown.

That Earls so anciently had no formal Charters of their Creation is plain enough to any that hath look't into Antiquities, the manner of their investiture into that dignity, being then and a good while after *per cincturam gladio Comitatus* as *Math. Paris.* * and others do observe; it cannot therefore be expected that I should say more as to the manner of his advancement thereto: howbeit, that it was the Conquerour who conferr'd the same honour upon him, is not onely manifest by what I have already said from the Testimony of *J. Rous*, but from the credit of divers other * noted Historians. It should seem, that before the King raised him to that state of Earle, he was trusted with the custody * of *Warwick-Castle*, then newly built * by the Conquerour, or rather enlarged and more strengthened, as in my discourse of *Turchill* hath been said, and shall be further declared when I come to the particular story thereof: but though he had this honour by the Conquerour's gift, he was not during that Kings dayes posselt of all those great Lands whereof he died seized: for it is evident, * that *K. Will. Rufus* in the very beginning of his reign, bestow'd on him the whole inheritance of *Turchill* before specified in augmentation of his Earldom; so that whatsoever *Turchill's* posterity enjoyed thereof was but by the favour of this Earl, as I have already intimated. Nay, so clearly did he account himself seized of all *Turchill's* patrimony, that he laid claim * to what the Monks of *Ambendon* had in *Little-Chesterton* and *Wille* (both in this County) of the said *Turchill's* gift, in the days of Abbot *Aldelme*; so that the succeeding Abbot, for quiet enjoyment thereof, was glad to come to a new agreement * with him, and give him a mark

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* Rot. I.
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* Ord. p.
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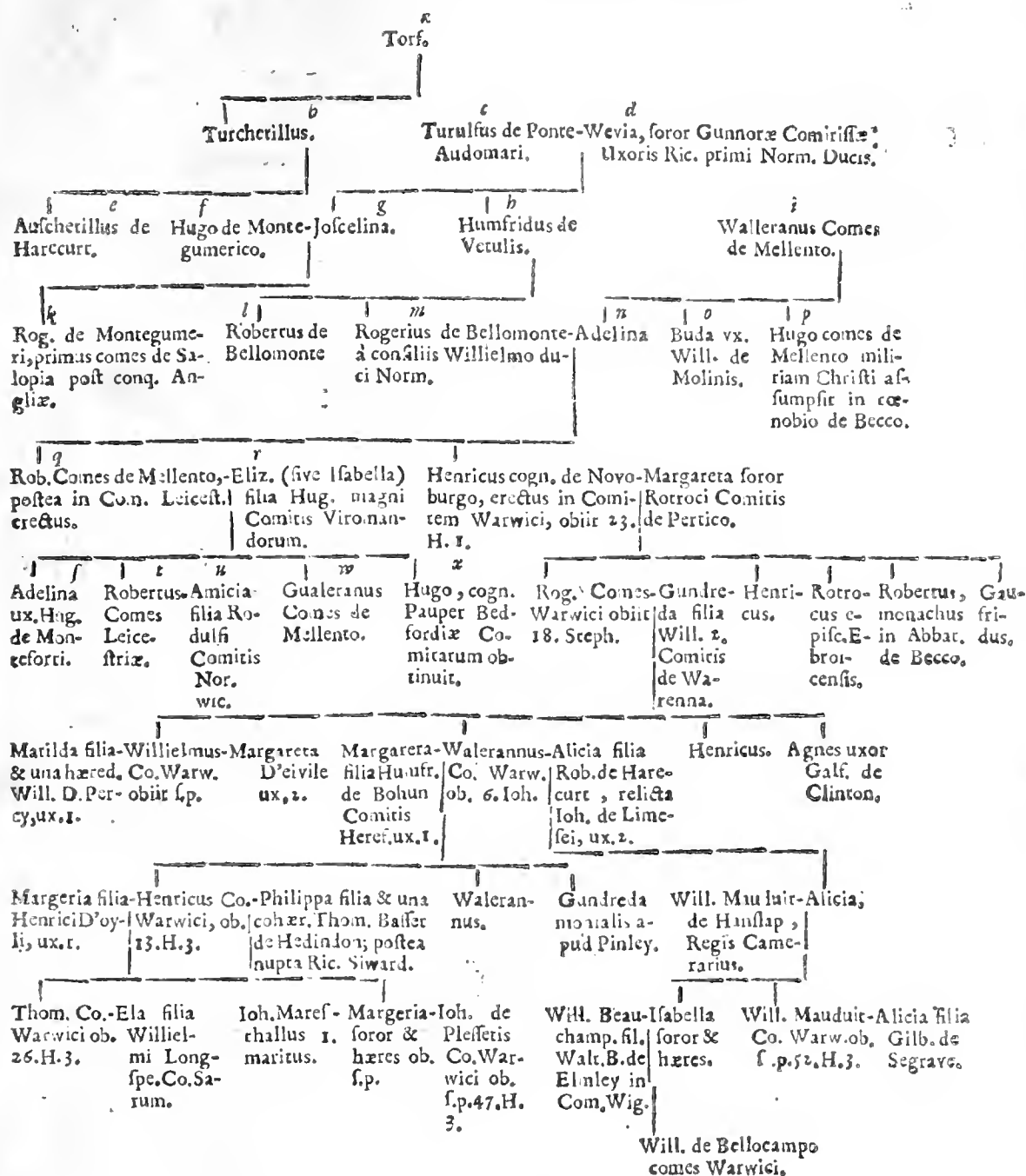
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mark of Gold to purchase his good will, whereupon (sons; of which are specially named Richard Fitz-Osbern, and Thurstan de Montfort.



b Great Tenants to the greater sort of Subjects. Seld. Tir. of Honour. p. 688.

a Ord. vit. p. 312. A.

c Ib. B.

f Ib. p.

g 313. A.

h Ib. p. 268. C.

i Ib. p. 253. D.

k Ib. p. 312. B.

l Ib. p. 709. A.

m Ib. p.

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n Ib. p. 202. C.

o Ib. p. 577. C.

p Ib. p. 202. C.

q Ib. p. 269. A. & 709. A.

r Ib. p. 314. B.

s Ib. p. 289. A. 877. A.

t Ib. p. 302. A.

u Ib. p.

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w Ib. p.

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x Ib. p.

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By which instance we may partly see how hardly the native English were dealt with, as in my Introduction is shewed; viz. not to enjoy their inheritances, though they did not at all oppose the Conquerors title, as by that trust committed to this **Turchill** for enlarging of **Warwick-Castle** may be inferred. Nay, so imperious were the Normans in these their acquisitions, that they would not permit the Religious houses to possess what was formerly granted to them by the English, as may seem by that claim which this Earle **Henry** made to those Lands, above-specified, so given to **Abingdon** by **Turchill**, which puts me in minde of the answer that **John Earle Warren**, about the later end of H. 3. time made to **Rog. Zouch** then chief Justice, when being questioned by what right he held his Lands -- *produxit in medium gladium antiquum & evaginatum* (saith my Author) & ait, *Ecce domini mei, ecce warantum meum! Antecessores mei verò cum Will. Bastardo venientes, conquesti sunt terras suas gladio, & eadem gladio defendam à quocunque eas occupare volente: non enim*

Rex terram per se devicit & subjecit, sed progenitores nostri fuerunt cum eo participes & coadjutores, &c. So that having helpt him to get it by the sword, they esteemed themselves well worthy to share with him.

But I return to Earle **Henry**. Of whom that which I find most memorable, is, that he was one of those great men, who in *An. 1081. (14. Will. C.)* by fair persuasions qualified the anger of **K. Will.** conceived towards **Rob. Curthose**, his eldest Son, so that a fair composition then ensued betwixt them. That he was also of great familiarity with **Henry** the K. youngest Son, and one that stuck closest to him, upon the death of **Will. Rufus**, for his obtaining the Crown, and so like wife ever afterwards: Moreover, amongst the witnesses to that notable Charter of **K. Henry 1.** whereby he confirmed the **Laws of Edw. the Conf.** (as **K. Will.** had new moulded them, and granted many other favours to the Church, as also to the Peers and other subjects of this Realm) he is recorded to be one of which Charters so many were sent through Eng-

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land as there were particular Counties, to remain in the several Monasteries of those Shires.

This Earle began the making of **Wedgnoock-park** near his Castle of **Warwick** (whereof I have already spoke) following therein the example of **K. Henry**, who made the first Park at **Woodstocke** that ever was in **England**. He founded the Priory at **Warwick**; gave the Church of **Compton**-(*Murdac*) to be a Prebend in the Church of our Lady at **Warwick**, before it was made Collegiat, with other benefits: As also the Town of **Warminster** (in this County) to the Monks of **Beaur** in **Normandy**, of all which I shall speak more fully as I come to discourse of them in particular; and therefore for a close, I will deliver the Character which an eminent Historian, who lived at the same time, hath of him; *scilicet* that he was *dulcis & quieti animi vir, & qui congruo suis moribus studio vitam egit & clausit*.

He wedded **Margaret** the daughter to **Rotrode** Earle of **Perch**, and had issue by her **Roger**, who succeeded him in the Earldom of **Warwick**, **Henry**, & **Geffrey**, **Rotrode** & Bishop of **Coreur**, **Robert** that inherited his Fathers possessions in **Normandy**, who was Sewer and Justice of that Dukedom, and a great benefactor to the Abby of **Wet**, in which he afterwards was shewn a Monk, and departing this life xliii. Kal. Sepemb. An. 1158. had sepulture in the Chapter-house there. Two daughters he also had, but their names I finde not, nor whether they were ever married; and died xx. Junii, An. 1122. (23. H. 1.) lying interred in the Abby of **Beaur** before specified.

Of **Margaret** his Countesse, who survived him above 20. years, I finde, that she was a special benefactresse to the Knights **Templars**; for in the year 1155. (2. H. 2.) she bestowed the Town of **Lamnadok** in **Wales** upon them; and to the Canons of **Benilworth** quitted her interest in the moyety of the Lordship of **Salford** in this County, by the consent of **Rotrode** Bishop of **Coreur**, **Roger** Earle of **Warwick**, **Rob. de Newburgh**, **Geffrey**, and **Henry** her sons; but the direct time of her death I have not discovered.

To **Henry** succeeded **Roger** his son in the Earldom of **Warwick**, who amongst other of the great Nobility, was a witnesse to the Charter of **K. Steph.** Laws, (in 1. Steph.) but for his military actions I finde no great commendation of him: Nay, it is reported by an Author of that time wherein he lived, that he was *vir mollis, & delicis magis quam animi fortitudine affluens*: Nevertheless, being one of those that adhered to **Maud** the Empreffe, he was with the Earle of **Glouc.** and divers other great men, at the siege of **Winchester** in 6. Steph. at which time their Army being utterly routed by the Royallists, most of the chief Nobility were taken prisoners: but I do not finde that he had much prejudice thereby, in regard **K. Steph.** who had been taken prisoner before, in the battail at **Lincoln**, was set at liberty, upon condition that the Earle of **Glouc.** taken then at **Winchester**, with the rest of those that were of his party, should also stand in the same condition of freedom as they were before that overthrow.

And besides this is he reputed to have been the Conqueror of **Gowher-land** in **Wales**, which his posterity for a long time afterwards enjoyed, and wherein he founded a little Priory at **Languentish**, annexing it as a Cell to the Monastery of **S. Taurines** in **Normandy**; and to the Abby of **Sethe** gave certain Lands and fishing, lying in **Clamozgansh**. within his said Territories or **Gowher-land**. The foundation of the Priory here at **Warwick**, begun by his Father, he perfected; and did himself found the Collegiat Church of **S. Mary** in **Warwick** (whereof, together with its endowment I shall hereafter speak more fully:) as also **S. Michaels** Hospital for Lepers there; together with the House of **Templars** beyond the bridge.

were exercised in them by the Conqueror. reign of H. 8. by the L. Herbert p. 369.

To divers other Monasteries was he also a benefactor; viz. to **Wuere** in com. Oxon. whereunto he gave the Lordship of **Wesledene**. To **Piptwell** in **Northamptonsh.** by confirming the grant of **Causon** in this County thereto; which, as his Charter testifieth, he did for the Souls of his Father and Mother, **Rotrode** his Uncle, and all his Ancestors. To **Benilworth** by confirming the grants of the Mannours of **Salford**, and **Peltonham** thereto; and bestowing on the Canons of that House certain Lands in **Warwick**, with the Churches of **Wattles** & **Welsburn** in this County. To the Monks of **Beaur** in **Normandy**, by giving to them two Hides of Land in **Walton**. To the monastery of **Geroudon** in com. Leic. by conferring thereto the Town of **Wadley**-(*Endor*) in this County, which was afterwards given up by those Monks to Earle **William** his Son and Successor. To the Monks of **Woddestey** in com. Wicgorn. in confirming the grant of **Suhanger** (now called **Sunger** near **Clardon**) in this County, which **Will. Giffard** had given to that House, and conferring on them one Hide of Land in **Dr. Melbe**. To the Monastery of **Thozney** in **Cambridge-shire**, by confirming the grant thereunto made of the moyety of the Mannour of **Wenge**, by **Rob. de Montfort**. To the Priory of **Cantwell** in **Staffordsh.** by granting thereto 3. yard Land lying in **Hull** (called **Hill**) within his Lordship of **Sutton-Colfield** in his County. And lastly to the Nuns of **Wrotheshale**, by confirming the Church of **Shukbozow**, with certain Lands there; as also in **Bourton**, and **Radford**, given to them by several persons (as I have elsewhere fully declared;) together with whatsoever was granted to them by **Hugh fil. Ricard** their Founder. By which his several concessions, as also his often journeys to the **Holy-land** may appear, that he was a very devout and pious man.

He wedded **Gundrede**, daughter to **Will.** the second Earle **Warren**, and sister, by the mothers side to **Waleran** E. of **Wellent**, by whom he had issue 3. sons; viz. **Will. Waleran**, and **Henry**, and a daughter called **Agnes**; which **Will.** and **Waleran** were both Earls of **Warwick** successively; **Henry** had **Gowher-land** in **Wales** left to him by his father; (but by his death without issue it came to Earle **Will.** his brother) **Agnes** his daughter was married

The K. of **England** having many times brought Armies to Conquer **Wales**, defended both by mountains, and a stout people; and yet being not able to reduce them to a final obedience, yet all that could be gained, to those that would attempt it, whereupon many valiant Nobles and Gentl. won much land from the Welsh, which, as gotte by force, was by remission of the Kings then reigning, bid for divers ages in that absolute manner as **Jura Regia** Hist. of the life and

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married to Geoffrey de Clinton Chamberlain to the King (son unto Geoffrey the noble founder of the Priory and Castle of **Kenilworth**) who had in Frank-marriage with her, by the gift of Earl Roger her Father, ten Kcs. fees of thole xviii. that he the said Geoffrey held of his fee, & for which he was to do service in the Castle of **Wyandon**. And besides all this, he had a grant of this County, *id est* the Sheriffalty of the Shire, for so it appeareth by sundry testimonies, to hold to him the said Geoffrey and his Heirs of the said Earle and his Heirs, in such sort as he the said Earle held it of the K. This Earl Roger departed the world xii Junii, An. 1153. (18. Steph.) in which year Henry D. of **Normandy** (afterwards K. of **England** by the name of H. 2.) came into **England** with a great power, and was very prosperous; for whose better welcome **Gundred**, the Countesse of **Warwick** before mentioned, outed K. Steph. souldiers forth of **Warwick**-Castle, and delivered that Fort unto him.

To Roger succeeded in the Earldom of **Warwick** Will. his Son and Heir, of whom the first memorable passage that I finde, relating to any certain time, is the Certificate which he made in 12 H. 2. in answer to that precept he received from the K. touching the number of Knights fees then held of him; whereby it appears, upon calculation of the particulars, that they amounted to C. and a half. This Earle **William** founded the Hospitals of **S. John** and **S. Thomas**, both in **Warwick**, built a new Church for the **Templars** there, and enlarged their possessions by the gift of the Mannour of **Shireburn**, and certain Lands in **Wotton**, both in this County; ratified to the Monks of **Combe** a Hide of Land in **Wileby**, granted to them by **Thurbert de Bilney**; and made the like confirmation to the Monks of **Pipwell** as Earle Roger his father had done to them concerning **Causdon**; for which respect he was received into their fraternity as a Founder of that Abby. To the Canons of **Kenilworth** did he ratifie the Churches of **Lorley**, granted unto them by **Rob. fil. Odonis**; as also the Churches of **Waples**, and **Wellesburne** which his father gave them; in consideration whereof they allowed him one Canon there, presentable alwayes by himself.

This Earle had two wives; viz. **Maud** the eldest of the two daughters and coheirs to **Will. Lord Percy**; and **Margaret** **Deiwill**, if **Rous** mistake not: but I rather think that **Maud** was the later: for I finde, that by her speciall Charter, as Countess of **Warwick** (which was doubtless in her Widowhood) she gave to the Monks of **Salley** in **Yorkshire**, the Church of **Tatcaster**, with the Chapell of **Halewood**, and one Carucat of Land in **Catthorpe** (the place of her birth) of which Monastery she was reputed Patroness: And that upon her death in 6. Joh. the K. directed his precept to the Sheriff of **Yorksh.** commanding him to take order with the Abbot of **Fountains**, and **Henry de Percy**, her Executors, that they should forthwith according to the custom of the Kingdom discharge those debts which were due to his Exchequer. But by neither of these wives had he any issue; so that, departing this life in the **Holy Land** 15. Nov. An. 1184. (30 H. 2.) **Waleran** his Brother succeeded him in the Earldom and estate; which **Waleran** in 2 R. 1. paid 51. l. 03. s. 04. d. to the K. for scutage, in respect of the military service he ought to have personally performed in **Wales**: but it seems he had not

absolute possession of this Earldom till 7 R. 1. that he gave xx. marks to have the *tertium denarium de placitis Comitatus*.

Of this Earl I finde, that in 9 R. 1. he stood charged to the K. in xlii. l. iii. s. viii. d. debt, in the nature of scutage, towards the payment of a Fine for the K. redemption (who had been made Prisoner upon his return from the **Holy Land**;) And in another debt of a C. l. for licence to return into **England**; and in a third debt of C. marks for leave to marry (**Alice**) the daughter of **Rob. Harecurt**, and widow unto **John de Limesey**: As also, that he had much adoe, a great part of his time, touching this inheritance, there being one that feigned himself his elder Brother which dyed in the **Holy Land**, who put him to great vexation; so that my Author is of opinion, that the grant which he made to **Hubert Archb. of Canterb.** (and Chancelour of **England**) of the advowson of all the Prebendaries belonging to the Collegiat Church in **Warwick**, to hold during his life, was to purchase his favour in that weighty business. But I do not finde, that this Earle was a benefactor to any Religious-house, other than the Hospitall of **S. Michael** in **Warwick**, whereunto he gave all the Tith arising out of the assarts of **Wedgnock**, as also of the paunage and Venison: and to the Nuns of **Pinley** and **Wockthill** in this County; to the first whereof he gave certain Lands situate in **Curdwale** within the Liberties of **Claberdon**, and to the other a yard Land lying in **Walls**.

He had two wives, **Margaret** the daughter to **Humfrey de Bohun** Earle of **Hereford**; and **Alice** the daughter of **John de Harecurt**, (but widow of **John de Limesey** before mentioned;) and departing this life in 6. Joh. left issue divers Children; of which, **Henry** his eldest son succeeded him in the Earldom, **Waleran**, another son, had the Mannours of **Gretham** and **Cotesmore** in *com. Rutl.* given to him by his father, with certain Lands in **Worcestersh.** but died without issue. **Alice** his daughter (by **Alice** his last wife) wedded to **Will. Mauduit** of **Handape** in *com. Buck.* and had by her father's appointment the Mannour of **Wauton**, now called **Walton-Mauduit** in this County, for her marriage portion, as is evident by **K. John's** confirmation thereof to her, bearing date 30. Nov. in the x. of his reign, but at that time she was not married; yet it seems she had a husband very young, for it appears, that she continued in the custody of her mother, after she was so espoused, by reason of her minority. **Gundred**, his other daughter, was brought up in the Abby of **Pinley** before mentioned, together with **Isabel** his Neice, for whose education he gave in his life time to the Nuns of that house two Marks of silver, yearly to be paid by the hands of his Steward at **Claberdon**; and at the same time bestowed on them the rededication of his Lordship of **Walton** in pure Almes for the health of his Soul, and the Soul of **Margerie** his Countesse; as also for the Souls of **E. Roger** his father, **Gundred** his Mother, Earle **Will.** his brother, with all his Ancestors and Successors.

I finde, that the same year of **E. Waleran's** death, **Alice** his Countesse gave a fines of a thousand pounds and ten Palfreys, that she might continue a widow as long as she pleased, so that the K. might not compell her to marry; as also that she might have the custody of those Children she had

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had by Earle *Waleran*, and lx. l. Lands *per ann.* which he gave her freely to dispose of; And likewise her reasonable dowry both of her husbands Lands & Fees; nevertheless she was not to chuse a husband for her self without the K. approbation. After which, *scil.* the next ensuing year, she gave 3. Palfreys more to the K. that she might have a Jury of xii. lawfull Knights to admeasure her dowry out of the Lands and Fees of E. *Waleran* her late husband, but what was done therein appears not; howbeit within 2. years after she came to a conclusion with Earle *Henry*, whereupon she had the mannours of *Tantworth*, and *Claverdon* in this County, and of *Chebbelworth* in *Gloucestersh.* with the service of two Knights Fees, the one in *Lodbroke*, and the other in *Lorley* assigned unto her.

This Earle *Henry*, being in minority at the death of his Father, was committed to the custody of *Thom. Bassett* (of *Hedindon* near *Orford.*) which *Thomas*, for a Fine that he paid to the King, had a grant of his marriage 5. May, 7. *Joh.* to the intent he might match his daughter to him (as was afterwards accordingly done) though she was not his first wife: and had also livery of all his Lands, together with the Castle of *Warwick*, by *Hugh de Chaucumb* then Sheriffe of this County, to whom the K. had directed his Precept for that purpose, bearing date 24. Aug. ensuing. Upon Inquis. taken in 12. and 13. *Joh.* what number of Knights Fees the great men that held of the K. in *Capite* had, there are fourscore and seventeen certified to belong unto this Earle in *Warwicksh.* For which with the rest, being all in number C. ii. and a third part, he paid at the same time CC. iii. marks viii. s. x. d. for scutage upon the K. expedition with his Army into *Wales*; viz. *duas marcas quo quolibet sento.* In 15. *Joh.* he came of age (as I gather:) for by the K. special Writ bearing date 1. Junii that year, and directed to the Sheriffe of this County he had the *tertium denarium de comitatu Warwiche* delivered unto him, as his Ancestors were used to have. In 16. *Joh.* he contributed xlii. marks to the K. towards the support of his wars in *Politou*, but was by a special Writ acquitted of the Scutage then exacted from him for that service. And did so faithfully adhere to K. *Joh.* when the Barons rebelliously took up Arms against him that the said K. by his Letters & P. bearing date 10. Junii in the last year of his reign, commanded *Hugh de Nevil*, to whom he had committed the custody of *Warwick*-Castle in those turbulent times, that he should deliver it to him, and to *Thom. Bassett* (his father in Law:) And moreover, by his precept to the Sheriffe of this County, bearing date at *Wentbury* 23. Julii ensuing, appointed, that he should have livery of all the Lands of such Rebels which held of his the said Earls Fee, to retain during the K. pleasure.

And as he was thus loyal to that K. so did he stand stoutly to the young K. H. 2. joyning with the Earls of *Chester* and *Albanie* in the siege of *Mount-Sorel*-Castle, 1. H. 3. as also in storming the Castle of *Lincoln*, where they had a glorious victory over those sturdy Barons, as our Historians do manifest: And in 5. H. 3. when *Will. de Fortibus* E. of *Albanie* had rebelliously strengthened his Castle of *Witham* in com. *Linc.* he attended the K. in person to the siege thereof, having towards the support of his charge in that expedition x. s. de quolibet sento for all the Knights Fees held of him.

In 9. H. 3. he paid xlix. li. xii. s. v. d. to the K. upon the advance of his Army into *Wales*, which was called *Scutagium de Mungumeri*. Yet afterward, when other great men in 11. H. 3. put themselves in Arms on the behalf of *Ric.* Earle of *Coynwall* the K. brother, he made one; but that business was quickly composed. In 12. H. 3. he paid CC. iii. marks viii. s. x. d. ob. to the K. towards the charge of another Welch expedition, called *Scutagium de Berry*; and the next year following had the K. Letters & deprecatory to all his Tenants, that held of him by military service, for an aid towards such expences he was like to be at, in a voyage for *Gascon*, and to discharge some debt that he owed to the K.

During the minority of this Earle it was, that K. *John* (in 4. of his reign) gave the Seignory of *Gowher* in *Wales*, of his inheritance, unto *Will. de Brews*, concerning which the succeeding Earls of *Warwick* had great suits, as I shall hereafter shew. He had two wives; viz. *Margery* the eldest of the two daughters of *Henry d'Oyli* of *Hoke-roston* in com. *Oxon.* and sister of *Henry* that died without issue (by which means part of *d'Oylie's* inheritance came to this family) and *Philippa*, one of the three daughters and Heirs unto *Thom. Bassett* of *Hedindon* before mentioned: but of this Earle *Henry* his death can I not point out the direct day; yet for certain it was in 13. H. 3. for then did *Philippa* his Countesse give C. marks to the K. that she might not be compelled to marry, but live a Widdow as long as she pleased, or marry whom she lik't best, provided he were a loyal subject to the K. Whereupon she took to husband, the same year, one *Ric. Siward*, who proved a turbulent spirited man, being as *M. Paris.* saith *vir martius ab adolescentia*; for in 17. H. 3. he joyned with divers great Earls & Barons in the Rebellion about that time begun against the K. which was not well quieted till the 22. of his Reign; but then, notwithstanding all his evil demerits, was received into favour. Much more might be said of this *Ric. Siward*, but it hath no relation to the story of our Earles, therefore I shall forbear to discourse further of him, especially considering that he was divorced from his Countesse; and will close up what I have to speak of her, with mentioning in what sort she was a benefactresse to the Canons of *Berencester* (vulgo *Wilteter*) in com. *Buck.* viz. that in her full widdowhood she gave them vii. s. yearly rent, issuing out of certain lands in *Studley* within this County, to finde one Lamp continually burning before the Altar of *S. John Bapt.* in the conventual Church of *Berencester*, for the health of her Soul, and all her Ancestors and Childrens Souls. When she died I do not finde, but at *Berencester* she lieth buried, in the Monastery there, of her fathers foundation.

The issue left by this last mentioned Earle, was one son, and one daughter; *scil.* *Thomas* and *Margery*, both by his first wife; which *Thomas* was of full age at his fathers death, as it should seem, for in that year he had livery of his Lands, paying C. l. for his relief, which was thus apportioned; viz. xx. l. for his Lands in *Wiltshire*, for which summe *John Biset* became surety; xx. li. for his Lands in *Orfordsh.* for which *Thom. Bassett* stood bound; xx. li. for his Lands in *Gloucestershire*, for which *Raph de Wiliton* was bound, and xl. li. for his Lands in *Warwicksh.* for which *Walt. d'Eivill* and *Ric. de Mundevil* were his pledges. And in 17. H.

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17. H. 3. (being but 4. years after) was enriched with the inheritance of *d'Oyle's* Lands in *Dr-
ford*. that descended to him by the death of his
Uncle *Henry d'Oily* without issue, whereof he had
then livery, doing his homage, and paying C. l.
for his Relief to the K. with two Palfreys. In which
year, the K. keeping his Whitfuntide at *Glou-
cester*, there girt him with the sword of Knight-
hood, together with *Rog. Bigod*. (E. of *Porff.*)
and *Hugh de Vere* (E. of *Drford*.) Nay, I make
a question whether he had full seizin of his Earl-
dom of *Warwick* till then, though he had livery
of his Lands 4. years before, as I have shewed; for
the K. precept to the Sheriffe of this County,
bearing date at *Leuksbury* 24. *Maii* in that year,
saith thus, *Rex cinxit Thomam de Warwic cingulo
comitatus Warwic, & mandatum est Vicecomiti
Warwici, quod eidem Comiti habere faciat de pre-
dicto comitatu id quod habere debet nomine Comitatus
Warwici, & de quo predecessores sui Comites War-
wici seisiiti fuerunt tanquam ad eos pertinente no-
mine Comitatus Warewici.* And, that this was the
meaning of the said Writ; viz. that he should
thereby be invested in the Earldom, may seem by
what my Author addeth to that mention of his
being Knighted with *Rog. Bigod*, and *Hugh Vere*
as abovesaid; scil. *Will. Long-espe accingitur gladio
militari, sed non fit Comes Sarum*, which was at
that very time.

In 25. H. 3. this Earle *Thomas* gave 4. Clxxx.
Marks fine to the K. to the end he might be ex-
empted from attendance upon him in his expedition
into *Gascoign*: which summe was over and above
his due, by way of Scutage; for discharge of which
Scutage, and that he might levy the like upon his
Tenants, he paid the year following Cxx. l. more.
And further then this can I not say of him, other
than that he married *Ela*, daughter to *Will. Long-
spe* E. of *Salisbury* (base son to K. H. 2.) as also
that he departed this life without issue 26. *Junii*
A. 1. 242. (26. H. 3.) and was buried at *War-
wick*: but upon the new building of the Quire in
E. 3. time (whereof I shall elsewhere speak) both
his Monument and divers more of his Ancestors
were removed, & never set up again. After whose
death *Ela* his Widow had by the K. Precept,
bearing date 29. *Julii* following, the Mannours
of *Tanworth*, *Claverdon*, and *Sutton* in this
County; as also of *Hoke-Parthon* and *Bradam*
in com. *Oxon*, with all the Corn and Hay then be-
ing upon them, assigned for her dowry. And by
virtue of another Mandate from the K. to the
Archbishop of *York* and *Will. de Cantelupe* had an
augmentation thereto: for I finde, that, besides all
these, she was afterwards posselt of the Mannours
of *Hatherop* and *Chedelworth* in *Gloucestersh.*
and had of the K. gift also, for her better support,
the Mannour of *Dymmeck* in the same County,
during her widowhood. Wich Mannour, upon her
marriage with *Philip Bassett*, was at the request of
Ric. E. of Cornwall, the K. brother, granted to her
by the said King for term of life.

This *Philip Bassett*, being an eminent man in that
time, was one of the Peers that went to Pope
Innocent the fourth in *An. 1245.* 29. H. 3. then
sitting in the Council of *Lyons*, with Letters
from the rest of the Nobility and Commons of
England, representing the great oppressions under
which this Realm at that time suffered by the Court
of *Rome*, and desiring relief: and afterwards faith-
fully adhering to the said King in that great Rebel-

lion of his Barons, was taken prisoner with him
in the Battail of *Lewes* 49. H. 3. in which year
he had a grant from *Will. Mauduit* then E. of
Warwick of the Mannours of *Sutton-Colfield*,
Claverdon, and *Tanworth* in this County, and
the third part of the Mannour of *Chedelworth* in
Gloucester-shire of the dowry belonging to the be-
fore specified *Ela*, his wife, to hold during his own
natural life in case he should survive her: which
grant was confirmed by a special Charter in 54.
H. 3. wherein the said *Philip* is stiled by the King,
amicus noster specialis.

But to return unto *Ela*. She was a benefactresse
to the Monks of *Reading*, to the Canons of
Olney, to the Nuns of *Godstow*, and to the Ca-
nons of *S. Sepulchers* in *Warwick*; to which last,
she gave all those Lands in *Claverdon* that were
granted to her by *Sr. Henry Lodbrok* Knight, and
others. And so great a friend was she to the Uni-
versity of *Drford*, that she caused a common
Chest to be made, and put therein Cxx. Marks,
out of which such as were poor Schollars, might
upon security at any time, borrow something gratis
for supply of their wants: In consideration where-
of the said University were obliged to celebrate
certain solemn Masses every year in *S. Marie's*
Church, which Chest was in being in K. *Edw.*
4. time, and called by the name of *Warwick Chest*.
To the *Gray-Friers* in *London* she gave a parcel
of Land with the buildings thereupon, for the en-
largement of their house. In 17. E. 1. she released
to *Will. Beauchamp* E. of *Warwick* all her interest
in the Mannours of *Tanworth* in this County,
which she held in dower; and departing this life
very aged, in the year *M.CCC.* was buried before
the high Altar in the Abby-Church of *Olney*, at
the head of the Tomb of *Henry d'Oily*, under a
fair flat Marble, in the habit of a vowesse graven
on a Copper plate.

I now come to *Margery*, Sister and Heir to
Earle *Thomas*, who had that Christen-name, as I
suppose, in memory of *Margery* her Mother, Sister
& Heir to *Henry d'Oily* before specied. This great
Lady was first married to *John Mareschall*, (bro-
ther of *Will. Mareschall* E. of *Pembroke*, as some
say) but how long before her brother *Thomas* his
death, I cannot affirm. Certain it is, that he con-
tinued her husband but a short time after: for he
was dead 9. *Jan.* following, as appears by the K.
Mandate, & then dated and directed to the Archb.
of *York*, the Bishop of *Carleol*, and *Will. de Can-
tilupe*, requiring them, that if the said *John Mar-
schall*, before his death, had not seisin of *Warwick-
Castle*, and other the Lands which were of the in-
heritance of *Margery* his wife, that then they
should retain the said Castle and Lands in the K.
possession, till she the said *Margery* did perform
what she ought to do in respect of them: but in
case she were already posselt of them, then to take
good security of her, that she might not marry to
any man without the K. Licence: and also ap-
pointed them, that they should earnestly perswade
with her, as from him, to take *John de Plesssets* for
her husband, who was one of his domestick ser-
vants, and in his special favour. Nay, so greatly
did the K. desire she should wed this *John de Ple-
ssets*, that upon Christmas day before, being at *Bur-
beaur* in *France*, he sealed a Charter to the said
John, whereby he granted him the marriage of her
in case he could get her good will; and if not, that
then he should have the fine due from her thereupon
to the King.

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Cart.
54. H.
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vol. 2. p.
236.

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Rous.

Lel. Itin.
vol. 2. f.
19.

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27. H. 3.
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And by another Precept * sent to the said Archb. and Will. de Cantilupe, bearing date the 26. of March ensuing; reciting, that whereas divers Ladies of this Realm, neglecting to give such security to the King, as in that case by the Laws and Customes thereof they ought to do, had match't themselves without the K. consent, to the great prejudice and dishonour of himself and his Crown; to the intent therefore that the like inconvenience for the time to come might be avoided, he gave them the said Archb. and Will. de Cantilupe strict command, that, forasmuch as the said Margerie, sister to the late E. of **Warwick**, being one of the most noble Ladies of **England**, and possessor of a Castle extraordinarily strong, situate also towards the Marches; and that it would be most perillous that she should take to husband any person whatsoever, of whose fidelity the King had not as great a confidence as of his own, they should forthwith take the said Castle of **Warwick**, and what other Lands of hers they themselves thought fit, as a pledge, besides the ordinary security due from her, that she would not marry to any man living without the K. Licence; so that in case she should be so rash as to do otherwise, the same Castle and Lands should be for ever forfeited to him the said King and his Heirs: whereupon, it seems she gave such security as was satisfactory; for I finde that in June following, she had Livery of the Earldom of **Warwick**, as appears by the K. Precept * directed to the Sheriffe of this County, commanding him, *quod illas decem libras quas Thomas quondam Comes Warwici percipere consuevit per annum, nomine Comitatus predicti, Margerie sorori & heredi predicti Comitatus reddi faciat, eo modo quo predicto Comiti prius reddi consueverit*, which summe of ten pounds was, it seems, in lieu of the *tertius denarius de Placitis Comitatus*, whereof I have formerly spoke: And before the end of this 27. year of H. 3. his reign wedded ^p to the before specified John de Plessets, who was a man in such high esteem with the K. that, being a great part of the year precedent attending him in **France**, he there received ^q a Horse from the Seneschall of **Gascoign**, of the Kings special gift, prized at xxx. Marks, which was no small value compared with the rate of other things about that time, a quarter of Wheat being then ^r but at ii. s. price.

And in Sept. following, had a discharge ^s to the Barons of the Exchequer for C.li. wh. ch. was due to the K. out of the Lands belonging to her (then his wife) for her brother's Relief, not till then satisfied: as also ^t in Nov. of CC. Marks further debt, due by the said Earle her brother to the K. And the next Aug. (so well was the said K. pleased with her for taking this husband) gave ^u her 3. Bucks out of the Forest of **Wabering** in **Essex**, at which time she had the title ^v of Margerie Countesse of **Warwick**, wife to John de Plessets, without any name of Earl then attributed to him. Neither do I finde, that he had that appellation very suddenly after the said Precept ^x so directed to the Sheriffe of this County for livery of the x.li. per ann. to him *nomine Comitatus, sicut predictus Comes* (meaning Earl Thomas) *cas percipere consuevit*, as the words thereof import, which Writ bore date 26. Apr. 29. H. 3. for in the Fine ^y levied 3. septim. Hill. 31. H. 3. betwixt this John then Plantiffe and Will. Mauduit, & Alice his wife deforc. whereby the Mannours of **Warwick**, **Milton**, **Wegenock**, **Sutton**, **Claberdon**, **Tanworth**, and **Bralls**, all in this County; as also **Chedworth**, and **Hydnele** in com. **Glouc.** all belonging

to the Earldom of **Warwick**, were settled upon the said John during his life, though he should have no issue by Margerie the Countesse, then his wife, in case he over-lived her, he is barely stiled *Joh. de Plesseto*: But afterwards, I suppose, he took upon him the title of Earl, by reason of a clause in that Fine, whereby the before specified Will. and Alice do as much as in them lies, confer the same Earldom upon him for life, being loath, it seems, to use that attribute till he had made such an agreement with the next Heir, that in case he overlived his Countesse and had no issue by her, he should not lay it aside again: for in Aug. following, which is the first mention that I finde of him after this Fine was levied, the K. in the permission given him to fall certain Oaks in the Forest of **Dene**, affords ^z him the title of *Comes Warwici*, which after that time upon all occasions he used.

But as there was extraordinary means used (as by what I have shew'd appeareth) about woin, and winning this great Lady to marry with John de Plessets; so was there not wanting suspicion, that, being such an Heir, she had been strongly solicited by some; and, that, possibly by reason of the frailty incident to her Sex, she might have been wrought upon to contract her self privately unto another. Wherefore to make sure work with her estate, the K. got a Bond ^a of her, with a Deed ^b to boot, whereby she obliged her self, that if it could justly be prov'd, that she had so contracted marriage with any other before, all her Lands and possessions should be forfeited. Which advantage being so obtained by the K. by his Letters ^c P. bearing date 18. Oct. 34. of his reign, he granted to the said John all those Lands to hold during his life, in case that any such contract should be proved, and thereupon a divorce betwixt them ensue. Nay, he was a man so much in that K. esteem, that there is little mention of him upon any occasion, but what relates to some special trust, or favour: for in 34. H. 3. he had ^d the Castle of **Willes** in com. **Warw.** with all the Mannours thereto belonging, and the Forests of **Melkesh** and **Chyppeham** committed to his charge, out of which there being a Rent of Lxxx. l. per ann. reserved to the K. he had 25. Marks yearly allowed him for the custody of that Castle.

In 37. H. 3. the K. released ^e to him the Wardship of Hugh ^f his Son and Heir, as to his person, in case he should die and leave him under age; and shortly after did he make him a grant, ^g that if the before mentioned Margery (his Countesse) should dye before him without any issue of her body, all the Lands and Tenements in **Hogenarton**, **Baterinton**, and **Bradham**, Kts. Fees, Reliefs, &c. which did belong to Henry d'Oily her Uncle, and by inheritance were descended to her, should remain unto him the said John, during his natural life.

And the same year did he attend ^h the K. into **Gascoign**. But before his return out of those parts a great mishap befell him; for ⁱ after things were quieted, & that he resolved to come again for **England**, determining to pass through **Normandy**, in regard he was that Country-man by birth, he obtained Letters ^j of safe conduct from the K. of **France**, and with divers other Noble persons set forwards on the journey: howbeit, lodging at a Citie called **Pontes** in **Poitou**, after all free & courteous entertainment outwardly used to them, they were suddenly seized ^k on by the Towns-men, and cast into close prison. This was in 38. H. 3. but when, or how, he with the rest were releast appears not. Which ill usage, together with the great expences he underwent in that service

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12 Pat.
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17 p. Claus.
Vascon. 27.
H. 3. m. 4.

18 q. Cart. 27.
H. 3. m. 26.

19 r. M. Paris
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20 s. Claus.
Vascon. 27.
H. 3. m. 4.

21 t. Rot. F.
28. H. 3.
m. 11.

22 u. Claus.
28. H.
3. m. 4.

23 x. Claus.
29. H. 3.
m. 11.

24 y. F. de div.
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vice of **Gascoign**, & the debt that he owed to the K. for making Prince **Edw. Kt.** occasioned the K. to direct his Letters **P.** to all the said E. Tenants, wherein, giving testimony that in the service of **Gascoign** he did *laudabiliter & strenue se gerere*; and that being *gravibus & immoderatis sumptibus*, & *variis anxietatibus corporis fatigatus*, did earnestly intreat and desire them, that they would freely contribute such reasonable Aid to him, towards the payment of his debts, as they might expect his royal favour when fit opportunity should be offered.

How long he continued Governour of the **Debitest-Castle**, by virtue of the K. former grant appears not; but 'tis very like that upon his going over with the K. to the wars in **Gascoign** some other had the charge thereof; for after his return it was again committed to his custody, viz. 20. Junii 39. H. 3. By all which testimonies it appears, that he was a martial & active man. Whereunto I shall adde, that in 49. H. 3. he joyn'd with the E. of **Gloucester**. Hereford, **Albamarle**, and other of the great Nobility in writing to Pope **Alex.** the 4th. against **Ethelmare** the K. half brother, then elect of **Winchester**, beseeching his Holiness that he might not be admitted to that Bishoprick, as being a man wholly seeking to enrich himself by unjust means, & a disturber of the Kingdoms tranquility & welfare. In the same year this Earl received Summons, with divers other great men to be at **Chester** on Munday next before the feast of **S. Joh. Bapt.** sufficiently accoutred with horse and arms to attend the K. in his Welch expedition against **Lewelin ap Griffith** & his complices. In 44. H. 3. he had the like command to attend the K. at **Shrewsb.** on the feast day of the **Nativity** of our Lady, & thence to march with him into **Wales**, as above said. And the next year following to be at **London** on the morrow after **Simon & Jude's** day, with Horse and Arms, &c. which hapned about the time that matters grew high betwixt the K. and his Barons; by reason whereof the K. having had sufficient experience of his fidelity, committed then to him the custody of this County and **Leicestersh.** with the Castle of **Saubev.**

But he lived not to see the issue of these troubles, which growing on more & more every day, occasioned much misery & bloodshed in this Realm: for in Feb. 47. H. 3. he grew desperately sick, in so much as the K. apprehending his death not far off, out of the great love & affection he bore towards him, as the Patent imports, granted that the Executors of his Testament, whensoever he should dye, might freely administer of his goods & Chattels for the fulfilling thereof; And that for such debts as were due from him to the Crown, the K. would require them of his Heirs: and on the 26. of the same moneth departing this life, was honourably buried in the Quire of the Abby at **Wissenden** in **Buckinghamsh.** After which, viz. in Apr. following **Hugh de Plessers**, his Son & Heir by a former wife, (called **Cristine**, and daughter of **Hugh de Sandford**) did his homage, and had livery of the Mannours of **Okenarton**, **Hydellington**, and **Suttesdon**, in com. **Oxon.** which were of her inheritance, the two former being held of the K. by Barony. When **Margery**, his Countess, dyed I am not certain. **J. Rous** alledgeth, that it was 7. Junii An. 1243. 27. H. 3. but in that he is much mistaken; for by what I have already shewed it appears, that she was living in 34. H. 3.

All that I finde further memorable of her is, that in her widow-hood, before she match't with **Joh. de Plessers**, she confirm'd to the Hospital of **S. Mich.**

in **Warwick** for the health of her Soul, and for the Souls of **E. Henry** her Father, **E. Tho.** her brother, **John Marshall** her husband, and her ancestors, all the obventions as well in great as small Tithes and other things, of the assarts of **Wegenock**, with the Tyth of the Pannage & Venison of **Wegenock** and **Rincell**, as freely as Earl **Waleran** her grand-father did give them thereto. And moreover, bestowed on the poor of **Warwick** towards their better relief for ever a common Pasture called **Cley-pits** lying on the West-side of the Town.

I now come to **Will. Mauduit**, the succeeding E. unto whom the inheritance of that Honour & lands thereto belonging, upon the death of the said Countess descended, as Son & Heir to **Alice** the daughter of **E. Waleran**. This Will. was of **Hanflap** in com. **Buck** & Chamberlain of the Exchequer to the K. by inheritance; for by that service did he hold the same Lordsh. Of **Warw.** Castle with all other the Mannours, &c. belonging to that Honour, he had livery 4 Apr. 47. H. 3. then doing his homage, & giving security to pay **C.li.** for his Relief. The first mention that I afterwards find of him is, that the same year he had Summons, with many other great men, to attend the K. at **Worcester** on the feast day of **S. Peter ad vincula**, furnisht with Horse and Arms, thence to march into **Wales** against **Lewelin ap Griffith**, again in rebellion. The next year following had he the like Summons to attend the K. at **Drif.** in Midlent for the same respects: but so great was the strength that the rebellious Barons had then got together, that the K. grew necessitated to let his Welch expedition alone, and march to **Porthampt.** and in all probability sent away this E. to make sure his Castle of **Warwick**, being a place so considerable in regard of its strength and situation, and the rather, because the Rebels were posselt at that time, of **Kenilworth**-Castle: But such was the unhappiness of this E. that for want of diligent guards, they came from **Kenilw.** under the command of **John Giffard** Governour of that Castle, and surprized this at **Warwick**, by treachery, slew divers of the Earls Souldiers, and carried him with his Countess prisoners to **Kenilworth**; out of which before he could be delivered, they made him pay nineteen hundred Marks for his ransome, and threw down all the Walls, except Towers of **Warwick**-Castle.

After which unhappy accident, I finde no more of him than this Character by **J. Rous**, viz. that he was *Vir in Consilio providus, & ceteris virtutibus merito laudandus*; and that he married **Alice**, the daughter of **Gilbert de Segrave**, but died without issue 8. Jan. an. 1267. 52. H. 3. as also that his Heart was buried in the Monastery of Nuns at **Catesby** in **Porthampton**-shire, and his body at **Weslm.** whereupon **Will. de Beauchamp**, son to **Isabel** his sister, as his next Heir, succeeded him in the inheritance of this Earldom and estate, who was at that time xxx. years of age. But **Alice** his Countess, during her life (for she was then alive) held the Mannours of **Brayles**, in this Shire, **Gretham** in com. **Rutl.** and **Cheddeworth** in com. **Glouc.** which were assigned for her dower by agreement betwixt the said **Will. Beauchamp** and her, with divers Knights fees in the Counties of **Warr.** **Leic.** **Buck.** **Porthampt.** **Suthampt.** **Rutl.** and **Devon.**

And having now brought the succession of these great Earls into the line of **Beauchamp**, whose principal seat was the Castle of **Cumley** in **Worcester**-shire it will not be taken amisse, I hope, if here I disgresse a while in speaking historically of that

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e Rot. F.
47. H. 3.
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f Rot. P.
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g Claus.
47. H. 3. in
dorso m. 7.

h Claus.
48. H. 3.
in dorso, in
cedula.

Maltb.
Westm.
p. 760.
n. 20.
Hist.
MS. I.
Rous p.
247.

k Rot. I.
Rous.

l S.
m. 15.
n. 2.

p Claus. 52.
H. 3. m. 4.

q E. 52.
H. 3. n. 17.

r Claus. 52.
H. 3. in
dorso m. 10.

s Claus. 52.
H. 3. m. 4.

antient and noble family, especially considering, that some of them had to do in this County long before they became Earls of **Warwick**.

The first with whom I will begin, is **Walter de Beauchamp**, by descent a Norman, who was the protoparent of this family that settled in **Worcester-shire** (for ought I could ever finde to the contrary) for besides all the Lands here of one **Rog. de Wygracestra**, that **K. Henry 1.** bestowed upon him, with divers ample priviledges thereto belonging, he gave him the Sherifalty of **Worcester-shire** to hold as freely as any of his ancestors had done, which Office **Urso d'Abitor** hereditarily held in the time of **K. William the Conq.** whole daughter & Heir **Evelina** he had married. Howbeit, what the said **Rog. de Wygracestra** was, I cannot certainly determine; but do conclude him, from the formality of that grant which **K. Henry** so made of his Lands, to have been a man of no mean rank, and that having his surname of **Worcester**, where it seems his chief seat was, might probably have the like Office of Sherifalty of that County hereditary to his family before the Norman invasion, as **Turchill de Warwick** and his Ancestors (of whom I have already spoke) had in this Shire.

To which **Walter de Beauchamp** succeeded **Will.** his son and Heir, who bore the Office of **Despenser** to that King, as his father had done, and had his confirmation thereof, together with Livery of all his Lands. This **Will.** was in great favour with **Maud** the Empreſſe, as it should seem: for whereas **K. S. eph.** had given the Citie of **Worcester** unto **Waleran E. of Melent**, the Castle whereof did hereditarily belong to him by descent from **Urso d'Abitor** before mentioned, she, by her Letters **P.** bearing date at **Oxford** did grant and restore unto him and his Heirs not onely the said Castle, with the Fortifications thereof, to hold of her and her Heirs in **Capite**, but also the Sherifalty of that County, with the Forests and all that belonged thereto of inheritance, paying unto her the like ferm as **Walt. de Beauchamp**, his father, had formerly done; whereupon he became her leige-man against all persons whatsoever, and especially against the same **Waleran E. of Melent**, with whom, by that her Charter she declared, she would make no agreement for the premises. And furthermore did she then give and restore unto this **Will.** the Castle and Honour of **Lancworth**, here in **Warwick-shire**, to hold as freely as **Rob. Despenser**, brother to the before mentioned **Urso d'Abitor** enjoyed the same. And likewise the Mannour of **Bekeford**, with **Wellton**, and **Luffenham in com. Rutl.** as his right, and **LX. l. per ann.** English Lands for his service. And besides all this did she again give and restore unto him and his Heirs, that Constablenesship which **Urso de Abitor** had, as also the Office of **Despenser** that **Walter**, his father, held of **K. H. 1.** and all the Lands and inheritances of his

next Ancestors which had been in Arms against her, and that could not make Fine with her for the same, unlesse some of their nearest kindred had served in war on her part.

Of which **Will.** I further also finde, that upon the foundation of **Worcester-Abby** by the said Empreſſe, he was not onely a witnesse to her Charter, but a benefactor to that house, giving the Town of **Olmarſley** thereto. That in **5. H. 2.** he was Sheriffe of this County; and that, by the Certificate of the Knights Fees held of him in **12. H. 2.** *de veteri feoffamento*, it appears he had no lesse than xv. whereof 7. were held by him immediately of the **K.** But after **14. H. 2.** I have not seen any more mention of him.

To this **Will.** succeeded **Will.** his Son and Heir, who in **3. R. 1.** was charg'd with xl. s. for the Scutage of **Wales**. In **13. Joh.** he answered for the like Scutage 4. Marks for two Knights Fees, which he had in this County; and in **16. Joh.** is taken notice of amongst those upon whom Scutage for support of the **K. Army** in **Wolſton** was assent; which being at 3. Marks per *Scutum*, gave such advantage to the discontented Barons, as that they afterwards broke out into rebellion, & brought in **Lewes**, eldest son to **Philip** the French King; of which businesse our Historians are not silent. This last mentioned **Will.** had issue **Walter**, who was in arms against the **K.** with the rest of the Barons at that time; but there being a compolure made with them, at **Runnimede** (near **Stanes**) on the xv. of **June 17. Joh.** (for on that day doth the **K.** Charter of liberties bear date) he had the Sherivealty of **Worcester-sh.** again restored to him by thy **K. Letters P.** dated **19. Aug.** ensuing, which it seems, for the causes premied, was committed to **Will. de Cantilupe**; and in **Febr.** following had the custody of all those Mannours, in this County, belonging to the Bishoprick of **Worcester**, and then in the **K.** hands committed to his trust, by reason of **Walt. G. ey's** translation at that time from thence to **York**: But it was not long after ere that the **K.** holding himself not obliged by that agreement made at **Runnimede**, in regard he was, in a sort constrain'd to what he did, through the great mens potency at that time, strengthened himself with a powerfull Army, and procured a sentence of excommunication against all those Rebellious Barons by particular name, amongst which this **Walt. de Beauchamp** was one; who, it seems, taking the same more to heart than many others did, made his peace again with the **K.** and thereupon went to **Guado** the Pope's Legate for absolution; from which time of his going till he returned fully absolv'd, the **K.** committed his Castle of **Elmeſley**, and all the rest of his possessions to the custody of **Walter de Lascy**, **Hugh de Mortimer**, **Walt. de Clifford**, and **John de Monemuth**, **Will. de Cantilupe** having command to deliver the same unto them.

Walterus de Bellocampo-Emelina filia & hæres
comp. H. 1. | Ursonis de Abetor.

Will. de Bellocampo, Dispensator Regis
H. 1. superstes 14. H. 2.

Will. de Bellocampo
3. R. 1.

Walt. de Bellocampo
obiit 20 H. 3.

Will. de Bellocampo-Isabella soror & hæres Will.
ob. 53. H. 3. | Mauduit Warwici Comitis.

Walt. de Bello-
campo de Alce-
ster.

Isabella
Sibilla

Will. de B. Comes-Matilda f. Joh.
Warw. ob. 26. E. 1. Fitz-Geffrey.

Iac. de Bello-
campo 5. E. 1.

Joanna ux.
Barth. de
Ric. Talbot.
Sudley.

monial. a- monia-
pud Should lis apud
ham. Shouldh.

Guido de B. Alicia soror Ilab.
Co. Warw. & hæres Rob. ux. ux. ux. ux. ob. ob.
ob. 9. E. 2. de Toney. Blount. Rither. Talbot. Sulby. fans. patris.

Matild. Wenthlean Margar. Robertus Johannes
ux. ux. ux. ux. ob. ob.
ob. ob. ob. ob. ob. ob.
ob. ob. ob. ob. ob. ob.

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Galf. de Thom. de Co. Warw. Rog. de Mor- mir. Angl. ob. Roul. Oding- ux. Rob. de
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Eliz. Cath. monialis
apud Should-
ham.

Margar. Mo-
nialis apud
Shouldham.

Cath. obiit
in pueritia.
Thomæ D. Despenfer
ux. secunda.

Isabella filia & hæres Ric.
de Bellocam-
po Co. Warwici & hæres Thom.
Albamarlia, ob.
17. H. 6.

Eliz. filia &
hæres Thom.
D. Berkley,
ux. 1.

Eliz. filia &
hæres Thom.
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D. Berkley,
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Ric. Nevil Co.-Anna
Warw. cæsus in
prælio apud Bar-
net 11. E. 4.

Henr. de Bel-
locampo Dux Ric. Nevil
Warw. ob. 23.
H. 6.

Cecilia filia
Ric. Nevil
Comitis Sa-
rum.

Magar.
ux Ioh.
Talbot
Comitis
Salop.

Alianora, primò
nupta Thomæ D.
Ros, postea Edm.
Beufort D. So-
merf.

Elizabetha
ux. Georgii
Nevil D.
Latimer.

Elizabetha
ux. Georgii
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Latimer.

Isab. filia & cohæres,
ux. Georgii Ducis
Clarentie.

Anna, pri-
mò nupta
Edw. Princ.
Wallia, po-
stea Ric. D.
Glouc.

Anna obiit
in pueritia.

Iohannes Talbot-Iohanna filia &
cæsus in Vicecom. L'ifle 22.
Chedder eq. aur,
H. 6.

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Edw. Plantagi-
ner Co. Warw.
decollatus 15.
H. 7.

Margar. uxor
Ric. Pole mil-
decollata temp.
H. 8.

Edw. Princeps
Wallia obiit
vita patris f. p.

Thom. Tal-
bot cæsus a-
pud Wotton
subt. Edge.
f. p.

Edw. Grey, erectus-Eliz. filia
in Baronem L'ifle & cohæres,
per Regem E. 4. &
in Vice com. L'ifle
1. R. 3.

Eliz. filia
& cohæres,
per Regem E. 4. &
in Vice com. L'ifle
1. R. 3.

Margareta ux.
Georgii Vere
eq. aur.

Eliz. ux. Edm. Dudley, ætat. 23.
ann. 20 H. 7. postea Arthuri
Plantaginet filii nothi Regis
E. 4.

Anna ux. Ioh.
Willoughby ar.
æt. 25. ann. 25.
H. 7.

Ioh. Grey vic L'ifle
obiit 6. Sept. 20. H. 7.

Ioh. Dudley erectus in vicecom. L'ifle-Iana filia
34 H. 8. in Com. Warwici 1. E. 6. & in Edwardi
Ducem Northumb. 5. E. 6. decollatus
1. M.

Eliz. nata post
humatum patris.

Henr. ob. Ioh. ob.
f. p. f. p.

Ambrosius D. erectus in Com. Warwici 4.
Eliz. primò duxit Annam fil. & cohæres-
Will. Whorwood Attornati generalis Re-
gis H. 8. secundò Eliz. filiam Gilb. Tal-
bot mil. tertio Annam filiam Francisci
Comitis Bedf. & obiit 32. Eliz. sine prole.

Robertus Dudley Henricus oc-
catus apud S. ob. in
Quintins in pueritia,
Gallia.

Carolus Maria
ux. Henr.
ob. in
Sidney
Ordinis
Gart. mil.

Margar. Cath.
ob. in
ux. Henr.
ob. in
Hastings
Comitis
Hunt.

Tempe-
rantia
obiit in
pueritia.

On the 19. of *October*, in that year, was it that King *John* dyed, before which, all things were not compleated touching the restitution of this *Walter's* lands; for *x* it was but the 8. of *August* before, that he went to obtain his absolution: but what was not effected then, became shortly after accomplished; for I find *y*, that the 25. of *March* ensuing, he had livery of the Castle of *Worcester*, with the Shirivalty, which were committed before to the custody of *John Marshall*, as it seems. And further of this *Walter* have I made no discovery till 20 H. 3. and that is upon occasion of another atonement made with the King, for which, as the Record *z* expresses, he gave 50. marks Fine, besides the *Aurum Regine* to the Queen, whereupon he was received to favour, and had a redelivery *a* of the Shirivalty of *Worcestershire*, which in respect of his misdemeanour was seised into the Kings hands: and at that time, in presence of the King did he constitute *b* *Hugh le Poken* his deputy in that office, whereupon issued a Precept unto the Barons of the Exchequer for his admission. 'Tis very like, that the offence, for which he so suffered, was a taking part with the discontented Barons in 18 H. 3. by reason, that through the perswasion of *Peter de Rupibus* Bishop of *Winchester* so many Poictovins were brought into the Realm. But long after this he did not live; for in 20 H. 3. had *Wil. de Beauchamp* his son and heir livery *c* of his lands, doing his homage, and giving security to pay *C li.* for his Relief.

Which *William* in 37 H. 3. attended *d* the King in his expedition for *Gascoign*, and after that did very notable service in *Wales*; in *e* consideration whereof the King at the request of *Richard* Earl of *Gloucester* respited the payment of certain moneys due by him to his Exchequer till a further time. In 42 H. 3. he had summons *f* to be at *Chester* on the munday next before the feast of *S. John Baptist* well furnished with Horse and Armes to march in that expedition against the Welch, then in Rebellion: and in 44 H. 3. he had again command *g* to be at *Shrewsbury* sufficiently accounted for the like purpose. There was, it seems, an accord betwixt this *William* and *Peter de Montfort* (a great Baron in these parts, as in *Belbeseft* I shall shew) that there should be interchangeable marriages betwixt both their eldest sons, and eldest daughters; for K. H. 3. in 32. of his reign, gave his allowance *h* thereto, saving that he would have the custody of the lands of either who should happen to be in minority at his fathers death till he came of full age. Whether that marriage took effect I cannot affirm, but certain I am that his son and heir did not marry *Montfort's* daughter, as shall be shew'd anon.

This *William* himself wedded *Isabell* *i* the daughter of *William Mauduit* of *Hanflap* in *Com. Buck.* Chamberlain to the King in his Exchequer, with whom by Agreement *k* he was to have xx li. lands per annum, in consideration whereof the said *William Mauduit* assigned *l* unto him in Frank-marriage with her, all his lands in *Ledecumbe*, with proviso, that if those did not amount to that value; he would make it up elsewhere. To the Abby of *Bordesley* he gave *m* certain lands situate in *Wibinton*; and by his Testament *n* bearing date at *Wauberge* the morrow after the *Epiphany* Anno 1268. 53 H. 3. bequeathed his body to be buried in the Church of the *Friers-Minors* at *Worcester*; appointing, that at his Funerall,

a Horse compleatly harness'd with all military caparisons should proceed before his corps; which usage hath continued in the solemnizing of Funeralls for great perions, even till our times. Of his Legacies therein I shall recite the most memorable; viz. to a Priest to sing Mass daily in his Chapell without the City of *Worcester* neer the said House of *Friers-Minors*, for the health of his soul, and the souls of *Isabell* his wife, and *Isabell de Mortimer*, and all the faithfull deceased, he gave all his Rent of the fee of *Richard Bruli* in *Wiche* and *Winchester*, with supply of what should be too short, out of his proper goods. To *Walter* his son, signed with the Cross for a Pilgrimage to the *Holy-Land* in the behalf of him the said Testator, his father, and *Isabell* his mother two hundred marks. To *Joan* his daughter a kind of Canopy, sometime belonging to *S. Wolstan*, and a book of *Lancelot*, which he the said Testator had lent her. To *Isabell* his daughter a silver cup. To *Sibill* his daughter, towards her marriage, all the money due to him from his son *William*, and 40. marks more, together with the land that he bought in *Wistlamton* to enjoy till she should be married, and no longer. To *Sarra* his daughter C. marks for augmentation of her marriage portion. To *William* his eldest son the Cup and Hornes of *S. Hugh*. To the Countess his wife a Ring with a Ruby in it. To Sir *Roger Mortimer* a Ring. To Sir *Bartholomew de Suley* a Ring. To the *Friers-Minors* of *Worcester* xl s. To the *Friers-Minors* of *Gloucester* i. mark. To the *Friers Carmelites* there i. mark. To the Hospitall of *St. Wolstan* at *Worcester* i. mark. To the Hospitall of *St. Oswald*, there, x sol. To the Canons of *Doddeford* in *Com. Wigorn.* i. mark. To the Church and Nuns of *Cokehill*, and *Isabell* his wife x. marks. To the Church and Nunns of *Westwood* i. mark. To the Church and Nunns without *Worcester* i. mark. To every Anchorite in *Worcester* and the parts adjacent iv s. To the Church of *Salewarp* (in *Com. Wigorn.*) a house and garden neer to the Parsonage, for to find a Lamp continually burning therein, to the honour of God, the blessed Virgin, *St. Catherine*, and *St. Margaret*. Of which Testament he constituted these Executors, viz. *William* his eldest son, Earl of *Warwick*, Sir *Roger Mortimer*, Sir *Barth. de Sudley*, with the Abbots of *Cheham*, and great *Palberne*.

It seemes he lived not long after; for I find, that his son and heir; viz. *William Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick* before specified, did his homage *p* to the Bishop of *Worcester* in the Chapell of *Bredon*, *a* for the lands he held of him 2. Non. Maii Anno 1269. which was within 4. months after the date of this his Testament.

And now, before I pass further, will it be requisite to observe two things. First that the noble Lady, I mean *Isabell* his wife, who, by the death of her brother *William Mauduit* Earl of *Warwick*, became heir of this great Earldom, was not onely Foundress *q* of the Nunnery at *Cokehill* before specified, but betook herself to a Religious life there, as may be plainly inferred by the Legacy wherein she is joyned with those Nunns as above-said. And secondly, that this *William* the Testator, though the said Lady his wife, the rightfull inheritrix of that Earldom, was then living, and that he and she, both together survived the said *William Mauduit* her brother above a twelve month, never had the title of Earl; but that his son and heir was invested

x Pat. 18.
Joh. m. 5.

y Pat. 1. H.
3 m. 9. &
10.

z Rot. F. 20.
H. 3. m. 13.
a Pat. 20.
H. 3. m. 8.

b Rot. F. ut
supra.

c Rot. F. 20.
H. 3. m. 11.

d Pat. 37.
H. 3. in d.

e Rot. F. 41.
H. 3. m. 1.

f Claus. 42.
H. 3. in dor.

g Claus. 44.
H. 3. in dor.
fo. m. 9.

h Pat. 32.
H. 3. m. 3.

i Cartul.
k Warw.
l Com. f.
131. a.
m Ex autog.
in officio
Arm.
n Giff. f.
11. b.
o Of his,
or his An-
cestors
foundati-
on. vide
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p Giff. 1.
a.

q Rot.
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invested with that Honour before his death, as appeareth by these two instances from his said Testament viz. — *Item Willielmo primogenito meo Cornua & ciphum Seint Huwe; & filia mea Comitissa, uxori sua, unum annulum cum lapide de Rubie.* And afterwards — *Cetera autem bona mea commisi ordinationi & dispositioni dilectorum Executorum Testamenti mei D. Rogeri de Mortuomari, Willielmi primogeniti mei Comitiss Warwyc &c.*

In the first whereof, he calls his said sons wife Countess, and in the second plainly styles him Earl. Which title he the said William did not onely use in that Instrument of Agreement made betwixt him and Alice the widow of William Mauduit the late Earl in 52 H. 3. (whereof I have formerly spoke;) but hath the same attributed to him by the Kings Precept, bearing date 9. Martii next ensuing the month of Jan. wherein the Earl his Uncle dyed, his Father and Mother being both alive. Where may be also discerned, that he was in good esteem with the King, forasmuch as by the same Mandate to the Barons of the Exchequer it appears, that the King pardoned his Relief, viz. C li. and at the same time acquitted him of xcv li. which William Mauduit, the late Earl, owed to a Jew of London.

That this William Beauchamp might bear the title of Earl by right from his mother, she being heir generall to Mauduit, considering what the custome of those ancient times was, as Mr Selden in his *Titles of Honour* hath observed, I shall not need here to argue: But whether he ought so to have done, during his fathers life, especially before his mothers decease, had it not been by the Kings speciall favour, I make a great question. All that I shall say herein, is to shew some probable reason why he was so summoned during their times, which is from what I find delivered by Leland, out of an old *Chronicle* of the gefts of England, written in French, but with some mistake exprest. The words are these.

The old Lord Beauchamp of Helmeley sent 3. or 4. of his sons to the battail of Cavelham to help K. Henry the third and Prince Edward against Simon Mountford and the Barons: And these brether, with their band, did a great feate in vanquishing the hoste of Mountfort; whereupon the eldest had Belomont's heir, and the residue were highly preferred. The Beauchamps afterwards kept the name of Earl of Warwick to King Edward the fourth's time.

Now, that the substance of this is true, viz. that for the service done in that battail, he was by the Kings speciall favour, honoured with the title of Earl, I am very inclinable to believe; yet that either he or his father did marry the immediat heir of Belomont, or that the Beauchamps kept the name of Earls till E. 4. time cannot be proved. But I return to his Story.

The 9. of Febr. 52 H. 3. he did his homage as nephew and heir to the said William Mauduit Earl of Warwick for all the lands descended to him by his fathers death; at which time the King did exprest, that *pro laudabili servicio quod dilectus & fidelis noster Will. de Bellocampo Comes Warwici nobis impendit* (for those are the words of the Writ) he was contented to accept of him for those debts which were due from his father, to the Exchequer, xx li. per annum till they were run up: And in further remuneration of his services, did he

the year following, pardon & unto him xcv li. of the same. And as he stood in great esteem with K. H. 3. so also did he with K. E. 1. For *menſe Paſch.* 2 E. 1. he was sent in Commission with Roger de Clifford, William Bagod, Odo de Hodenet, and the Prior of S. Thomas, *juxta Stafford*, unto the ford of *Montgomery* in *Wales*, to examin, hear, and reform the wrongs and trespasses done in those parts, contrary to the form of peace concluded betwixt the said King Henry, and Lewelin Prince of *Wales*, and to rectify all things according to the tenour of that Agreement: at which meeting the Prince of *Wales*, was to be there, or send Commissioners, on his part, to manage that business.

In 4 E. 1. he was constituted Captain generall of all the Kings Forces in *Cheſtre*, and *Lancaſtre* for securing those Counties against the violence of the Welch: and the next year following attended the King in that notable expedition of *Wales*, wherein he became so victorious: but in 6 E. 1. his Office of Chamberlainship of the Exchequer was seized into the Kings hands, by reason of some misdemeanour therein committed by one William de Bradecote, his Clerke; howbeit the King taking into consideration his speciall services, before exprest, made a quick restitution of it again. I find that this Earl had great suits with William de Breause for the dominion of *Gowher* in *Wales*, wrongfully alienated by King John (4. Joh.) to Will. de Breause great-grandfather of this William whilst Henry Earl of *Warwick* was in his minority, but could not recover it. In 15 E. 1. he was again employed into *Wales*, at which time he beſieged the Castle of *Dosselan*, and had ccxl li. delivered to him by the Bishop of *Ely*, then Treasurer, for the defraying his charges in that service. At that time the King being in *France* had constituted Edmund Earl of *Cornwall* his lieutenant, here in *England*, during his absence, who taking great care to preserve all things in quiet here whilst the King was away, directed his speciall Precept to this Earl of *Warwick*, and other great men; requiring them most strictly, that they should not ride with armed power in any part of the Kingdom, for any respect whatsoever, to the terrour of the Kings leige people, and disturbance of the Peace; but if that any difference did arise betwixt them and others, they should make it known unto the said E. of *Cornwall*, who would apply a timely remedy thereto.

In 23 E. 1. being again in *Wales* with the K. he performed a notable Warlike exploit, which was thus; Hearing that a great body of the Welch were got together in a plain betwixt two woods, and to prevent any danger had fastned their pikes in the ground sloping towards their assailants, he marcht thither with a choyse company of Crossbow-men, and Archers, and in the night time incompassing them, put betwixt every two Horsemen one Crossbow-man, who, killing many of them that supported those Pikes, the Horse charged in suddainly, and made so great a slaughter, that the like hath seldom been heard. The next ensuing year he received command to be at *Newcastle* upon *Tyne*, on the first of March, furnisht with Horse and Armes for an expedition into *Scotland*: and afterwards was sent with John Earl of *Surrey* to recover the Castle of *Dunbar* treacherously gained by the Scots: In which action they were constrained to cope with the whole Scotch Army

2 Claus. 53.
H. 3. m. 4.

a Claus. 2
E. 1. m. 9.

b Pat. 4. E.
1. m. 2.

c Pat. 5. E.
3. m. 23.

d Claus.
6. E. 1.
m. 1. &
m. 15.

f Plac. de
B. T. Pasch.
6 E. 1. rot.
6.

g Claus.
18 E. 1. m.
11.

h Claus.
16. E. 1.
in dorſo
m. 3.

k Hiſt. T.
Wall. p. 27.
n. 20.

l Claus. 24.
E. 1. m. 12.

m T. Wall.
p. 32.

1 Claus. 52.
3 in dorſo
m. 10.

Rot. F.
52. H. 3.
m. 9.

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ot. F.
2. H.
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my that came to raise the Siege; but at length, after a sharp dispute obtained a glorious victory, wherein the number of slain were supposed to be ten thousand; which success made the Castle suddenly to render. In 25 E. 1. he had command^e to be at **London** upon the Sunday next after the *Ottaves* of **S. John Bapt.** well provided with Horse and Armes to attend the King into **Flanders**; but, it seemes, he had other direction to stay behind; for I find^e, that he was one of those who were made Governours to Prince **Edward** (then in minority) during the Kings absence, whom the King had constituted his Lieutenant during that time.

In the same year he was made Governour^r of the Castle and Forrest of **Rokingham**, in *Com. Northampt.* And in Oct. following again appointed to be at **New-castle** upon **Tine** on **S. Nicholas** day, to march against the **Scotts**, with Prince **Edward**; But that proved an unhappy business, the English Army being for the most part destroyed in attempting to pass the Bridge at **Sterling**. This year it was, and on **Holy-Rood** day, being in perfect health, that he made his Testament, whereby he disposed his body to sepulture in the Quire of the **Friers-Minors** at **Worcester**, in case he should depart this life within the compass of the four English Seas; but if otherwise, then in the next House of **Friers-Minors** to that place where his death might happen; and his Heart whereofever the Countess, his dear comfort, should resolve to be herself interred. To which place when his body was to be buried, did he bequeath two great Horses, viz. those which at his funerall should carry his Armour; for the celebration whereof he gave **CC li.** (which was as much as three thousand in these times.) For the maintenance of two Souldiers in the **Holy-Land** he gave **C li.** To **Maud** his Countess all his silver vessell, with his Crofs wherein was contained part of the wood that had been of the very Crofs whereupon our **B. Saviour** dyed: As also the Vestments belonging to his Chapell, to make use of during her life; but afterwards the best suit to remain to **Guy** his eldest son. His second suit to his Chapell of **Hantslope**, and the third to his Chapell of **Anneley**. To **Guy** his son a gold Ring with a Ruby in it, together with his blessing. To his said Countess a Cup which the **B. of Worcester** gave him; but all his other Cups together with his lesser sort of Jewells and Rings he bequeathed unto her, to distribute for the health of his soul, where she should think fittest. And to his two daughters which were Nuns at **Shouldham** in *Com. Dorset.* (a Monastery of their great-grandfather's foundation, by the mother side) he gave fifty marks.

He was a benefactor to the Monastery of **Thellessford**, in this County: Ratified the grant of **Warrington**, made by **Henry de Neuburgh**, sometime Earl of **Warwick**, to the Monks of **Beaur** in **Normandy**: bore for his Armes *gules semé of Cross-crosslets with a fess Or*; which *Cross-crosslets* were by him added to his Coat; for his father used them not; but whether as a badge of any Pilgrimage that he made unto the **Holy-Land**, or vow so to do, I will not take upon me to determine: Wedded^m **Maud** the eldest of the four sisters and heirs to **Richard Fitz-John**, son of **John Fitz-Gesfrey**, Justice of **Ireland**, and widow^x of **Gerard de Furnivall**; which **Maud** had for her purpartie of his lands the Mannours of **Chitrel** in *Com. Wilts.* **Potters-Wirt** in *Com. Northampt.* and **Querndon** in *Com. Buck.* assigned to her; And de-

parted this life, either in **May** or the beginning of **June** Anno 1298. 26 E. 1. leaving **Guy** his son and heir then 26. years of age, who did his homage the 25. of **September** following, and had livery^e of his fathers lands; And 2. **Junii** following performed the like homage^e for the lands descended to him by the death of **Maud** his mother, who dyed^e the same year.

This **Guy** had his Christen name (out of doubt) in remembrance of the warlike **Guy**, Earl of **Warwick** in the Saxons time, and was a martiall man as well as his Ancestors. The same year that his father dyed, he had summons^e, with many other great men, to be at **Carleol** on the even of **Pentecost**, well furnished with Horse and Armes to march into **Scotland**, this being the time that the King made a personall expedition thither, and obtained a great victory at **Falokirk**; in which Battail he behaved himself so gallantly, that the King rewarded^e him with all the Castles and lands of **Geffrey de Moubray**, lying in that Kingdom, excepting the Mannour of **Wkeford** near **Roxborough**; as also with the lands of **John de Strivelin**, and the Castle of **Amesteld**, with the land of **Drangrey** that belong'd to **Andrew de Chartres**; which they the said **Geffrey**, **John**, and **Andrew**, were seized of on the day of **S. Mary Magdalen**, the same year that battail was fought. The next year scil. 27 E. 1. he was employed beyond Sea in the Kings service. In 31 E. 1. he attended the King again into **Scotland**, and was in person^e with him at that memorable siege of **Baerlaberok**. In 34 E. 1. he had summons^e, with divers other great men, to appear at **Westminster** the morrow after **Trinity-Sunday**, there to consider and advise with the King concerning an Aid for making his eldest son Knight. The same year I find that he had license^e to entail all his lands upon **Philip** the son of **Hugh le Despenser** for lack of issue male of his own body. And in 35 E. 1. the King taking into further consideration his many and great services, gave^t unto him and his heirs **Bernard-castle** in the Bishoprick of **Durham**, which eschaet^e to the Crown upon the forfeiture of **John de Baliol** King of **Scotts**.

This was the last year of King **E. 1.** but therein I meet with no more mention of this Earl. I come now to **Edw. 2.** time: In the first yeare of whose reign I find^m that he took part with **Thomas** Earl of **Lancaster** and some other of the Nobility, who being discontented that **Piers de Gaveston**, then **E. of Cornwall** was so much in favour with the King, put themselves in Armes and took him at **Scardeburgh**: but the King hearing thereof, desired to speak with him, and that his life might be saved, promising that he would in all things satisfy their requests. Which motion and assurance so wrought upon^e the Earl of **Pembroke**, who was one of the great men then acting in this tragedy, that he undertook, upon forfeiture of all he had, that if they would consent to the Kings propofalls, he would take care that **Piers** should not escape, but after conference with the King should stand to the Judgments of the Barons; which was yielded unto, and a day and place assigned when he should be delivered back to them. Whereupon the Earl of **Pembroke** resolved to carry him unto **Wallingford**, but being^e on the journey at **Dedington** in **Oxfordshire** where he had left a guard of his own servants to look to him, himself and his Countess lodging at the next town, this **Guy** Earl of **Warwick** came in the night time with a number of armed

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p Ibid.
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q Ibid.
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r Ibid.
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med men, and carryed him back to **Warwick-Castle**; where, consulting with those about him, what then to do, they presently determined, without delay, to cut off his head, and accordingly did so, upon a rising ground called **Blacklow-hill** about a mile Northwards from **Warwick** (whereof I have elsewhere already spoke.) Which being done, the **Friers-Preachers** took care of his body, and conveyed it to **Oxford**, whence after two years, the King removed it to **Langlep** in **Hertfordshire**, causing it to be interred in the Church of the **Friers-Preachers**, which he there founded to pray for the soul of the said **Piers**, and his Progenitors.

It seems that this **Piers** had much angered the E. of **Warwick**, in calling him the **Black Dog** of **Arberne**, because he was of a black and swarthy complexion: but what way the great men then bore, having insinuated to the people, that all they did was for the honour of God, and good of the Realm may easily be seen: for though the King did sufficiently take this murder to heart (for it was no better) he knew not how to punish any one Actor in it; nay so glad was he to please them, that within two years after, he granted to every of them a Pardon, by particular name; amongst which (as servants or Retainers to this Earl) I finde **William Trussell**, **Piers de Limesey**, **Osbert de Clinton**, **Rauf de Grendon**, **Edmund le fitz Edmund Trussell**, **Tebaud de Gayton**, **John de Nasford**, **Thomas de Clinton**, **John de Mountfort**, **John de Odingells**, **Hugh de Culy**, and **John de Beauchamp**, all of this County. But however this Earl thus obtained pardon, I do not find that he was heartily reconciled to the King. For upon his advance that very year towards **Scotland**, and expecting at **Warwick** the assistance of all those which held of him by military service, he forbore then to do his duty: Nay my Author says, that there was *latens odium inter Regem & Proceres, & precipue inter Comitem de Lancastria, & Comitem de Warwico & adherentes ejusdem*.

As I cannot commend his demeanor in these things last spoke of, so do I not discern that he had any great comfort thereof himself; for tis plain enough, that he enjoyed not the felicities of this world full xiv. months after, as I shall shew by and by; Wherefore coming now neer his death, which hapned in the prime of his days; viz. about the xlvth. year of his age, let us see what preparations he made for it. And herein I find, that for the good estate of himself, and the health of his fathers and mothers souls, and all his Ancestors and successors, he gave to the Monks of **Worcester** in **Worcester-shire** the advowson of the Church of **Wickwane** in **Com. Glouc.** How far further he was a benefactor to that Monastery I cannot say, but 'tis very like that something more he gave: for it appears that the Monks of that House by their publique Instrument, in a full Chapter, granted unto him and his heirs, by the attribute of *dilecto & speciali amico nostro*, power to present two Monks successively in their Covent, that should sing Mass daily in the Church of that Monastery for the health of his soul, and of the souls of Earl **William** his father, **Maud** his mother, and their Ancestors for ever. And besides this, he was the first Founder of that Chantry, or Colledge of Priests, at **Elmely** in **Worcester-shire**.

I now come to his Testament, which bears date at **Warwick-Castle** the Munday next after the feast of **S. James** the Apostle Anno 1315.9 E.

2. by which he bequeathed his body to sepulture in the said Abby of **Worcester**, but willed that his funerall Rites should be performed without any great pomp. To **Alice** his wife, who was the sister and heir to **Robert de Tony**, he devised a proportion of his plate, with a Cristall Cup, and half his bedding, as also all the Vestments and books pertaining to his Chapell: the other moiety of his Beds, Rings, and Jewells to his two daughters. To **Maud** his daughter a Cristall Cup. To **Elizabeth** his daughter he gave the marriage of **Astley's** heir (whom she took to husband, as in **Astley** I have already shewed.) To **Thomas** his son, his best coat of Maile, Helmet, and suit of harness, with all that belong'd thereto. To his son **John**, his second coat of Maile, Helmet, and harness; and appointed that all the rest of his Armour, Bows, and other warlike provision should remain in the Castle of **Warwick**, for his heir; constituting these his Executors, viz. **Alice** his Countess, Sir **John de Hastings**, **John Hamelin**, **Piers le Blund** Parson of **Hanlape**, **Adam de Herewynton**, **Richard de Brumefgrave**, **Henry de Sidenhale**, **Simon de Sutton** Parson of **Luffenham**, **William de Wellesburne** Parson of **Berkswell**, with **Roger Caumpere** Parson of **Hibworth**, and departed this life 12. August next following, in his said Castle of **Warwick**, by poison as some thought, but had sepulture in Abby of **Worcester** before specified.

Before his death he obtained a grant from the King, that his Executors, when it should fortune him to depart this life, might have the custody of his lands during the minority of his heir, being answerable for the value of them to the Exchequer at **Michaelmas** and **Easter** every year; saving that his Castles of **Elmely** and **Warwick** should not be disposed of to any without the Kings speciall license: which grant was confirmed to **John Hamelyn** and the rest of the Executors in December following his death. Nevertheless, so much was the K. wrought upon by them, whose miscarriages afterwards gave the discontented Nobles opportunity to work his own ruine, as that, notwithstanding the grant before recited made to those Executors, about two years after he passed the custody of them by a new Patent to **Hugh le Despenfer** the elder, in satisfaction of a debt of 6770 li. due to him from the said King as was pretended. But before I proceed to speak of **Thomas** Earl of **Warwick** (son and heir to the said **Guy**) I have a word or two to say of the Countess his mother, and the rest of her Children, which is, that she was the daughter of **Raph de Tony** of **Flamsted** in **Hertfordshire**, widow of **Thomas de Leybourne**, and at length heir to **Robert** her brother. In November following the Death of her husband she had assigned to her in dowrie, the Mannours of **Hanlape** in **Com. Buck.** **Lygthorne**, **Beaufale**, **Haseley**, **Claverdon**, **Berkswell**, with the third part of the **Templars** Mannour in **Warwick** and **Shirburne**, and divers Knights fees, all in this County: And the next year following gave a Fine of 500. marks for license to marry with **William La Zouch** of **Abby** in **Com. Leic.** to whom she was accordingly wedded; but dyed in 18 E. 2.

The other children of Earl **Guy**, were **John**, a martiall Knight, **Emma** the wife of **Roul. Odingells**, **Isabell** married to **Clinton**, **Elizabeth** to **Thomas** Lord **Astley**, and **Lucia** to **Robert**

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g Rot. I.
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k Rot. F. 9.
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l Pat. 11. E.
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r Rot. F. 10.
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s Esc. 18. E.
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bert de Napton. Which *John* was a man of singular note in his time; for in 22 E. 3. the King in consideration of his great services made him a Banneret^a and gave him *Cxlii. per annum* out of the Exchequer, for his better support. In 25 E. 3. he was Governour^b of *Calets*. In 26 *John Darcy*, to whom the King had granted^c the Constableness of the Tower of *London* for life, for the great affection he bore to this *John de B.* past^d over his interest in that Office to him, which the King also ratified: but within two years, through the sinister suggestions of some, he became much offended with him, and put him out of that place, constituting *Barth. l. de Burghersh* in his stead; and after his death *Robert de Morley*: but at the length it appearing^f to the King, that those suggestions were false, he received him again into favour, and in consideration of his speciall services, restored^g unto him the custody of the said Tower of *London* by his Letters Patents bearing date 25. Jan. at the town of *S. George* neer the Castle of *Beaufort* in *France*; and the same year constituted^h him Constable of *Doboy*-Castle, Warden of the Cinque-ports for life, and Admirallⁱ of the Seas for the North and West coasts. He was also one of the Founders^k of that noble Order of the *Garter*, instituted by King E. 3. and departing^l this life without issue 2. Dec. 34 E. 3. lyeth buried betwixt two pillars on the South part of the Cathedrall Church of *S. Paul* in *London* before^m the Image of our Lady, where he had a fair Monument lately demolisht, which was, through mistake, usually called *Duke Humphrey's Tombe*.

I now return to *Thomas* the succeeding Earl, bornⁿ in *Warwick*-Castle, having to his God-fathers^o *Thomas* Earl of *Lancaster*, and *Henry* his brother, with *Thomas de Warrington* Prior of *Beulwozth*. This *Thomas* was very young at his fathers death, but who had the custody and tuition of his person, during King *Edward* 2. reign, I find not. Most likely it is, that *Hugh le Despenser*, the great favourite at that time, having a grant of his lands, as abovesaid, had also the charge of his person: but in 1 E. 3. the Castle of *Warwick*, with the rest of his lands were committed^p to *Roger Mortimer* of *Wigmore*, till he should arrive to his full age; and in 3 E. 3. the King being minded to afford speciall favour to him, as the very words^q of the Writ do import, accepted of his homage though he was not then of full age, commanding that he should have livery of all his fathers lands, and the next year following admitted^r him to the office of Shireffalty for *Worcester-shire*, which was of his inheritance, as also^s to that of the Chamberlainship in the Exchequer, with power to appoint whomsoever he should think fit for the execution of them in such sort, as in his Ancestors times had been used.

'Tis not to be doubted, but as this Earl was descended from an ancient race of worthy Progenitors, and by many noble heirs, so were his virtues no less eminent than the chiefest of them; for from the time that he came to mans estate, even till his death, which hapned in 23. of King *Edw.* 3. reign, was he scarce ever out of some notable and high employment, whereof in order I will briefly make recitall. In 5 E. 3. he had^t the government of the Isles of *Bernsey*, *Serke* and *Aurenep*. In 6. he was joyn'd in Commission^u with *Raph* Lord *Basset*, and *William de Shreshull* (a great Lawyer, and afterwards Chief-Justice) for conservation of the peace in this County and *Worcester-shire*. In 7.

to attend^v the King in his expedition for *Scotland*, at which time *Edward de Baliol* King of Scots did homage^x to King *Edward* for the Realm of *Scotland* with the adjacent Isles. In 9. he had^y the custody of the Marches of *Scotland* committed to him. All which was whilst he lived a batchelour: For I find^z, that in 12 E. 3. the King in satisfaction of a great summe of money that he owed to *Roger Lord Mortimer* for the time that he was his Lieutenant of *Ireland*, granted unto him the benefit of his marriage, whereupon he became wedded to the Lady *Kath.* his daughter. After which was he the same year put again in Commission^a for conservation of the Peace in this County and *Worcester-shire*, and likewise in the County of *Orford*; and in 17 E. 3. marcht^b into *Scotland* with *Henry* Earl of *Lanc.* as also many other great persons, with a numerous Army, for rayfing the siege of *Louhmaran*-Castle, whereof *William de Boun* Earl of *Poshtampt.* had the custody.

In 18 E. 3. he had the Shireffalty^c of this County and *Leicester-shire* committed to him for terme of life; and in the same year was constituted^d Marshall of *England*; in which he entailed^e the Castle of *Warwick*, with divers great Lordships in this and other Countyes upon his issue male, mentioning the names of his severall sons then living. In the month of *July* 20 E. 3. he attended^f the King in his French expedition, and arrived^g with him at *Hoggs* in *Normandy*, where getting on shore, he manifested his valour to admiration, by making the first attempt, himself in person, with one Esquier and six Archers, though he had but a weak Horse under him; with which and those few men he encountred^h with an C. Normans, whereof they slew 60. thereby making way for the Army to land. And at the same time was he one of the principall Commanders, that with the *Black-Prince* ledⁱ the van of his Army in that famous battail of *Cressy*, where the English got such lasting honour. In 21. E. 3. he was at the siege^k of *Calets* with three Bannerets, Knights 61. Esquiers 106. and Archers on Horsback 154. In consideration of which notable services and other his heroic actions, the King gave^l him the summe of 1366 *li.* 11 *s.* 08 *d.* and the next ensuing year assigned^m unto him a thousand marks *per annum* during his life, partly in recompence of his faithful services, and partly as wages for attendance upon his person with C. men at Armes according to certain Indentures of Covenants betwixt them.

In 26 E. 3. he recoveredⁿ the dominion of *Gowher* in *Wales* from *John* Lord *Moubray*, whose title thereto accrued by *Aliva* his mother, daughter and heir to *William de Brews*, to whom King *John*, during the minority of *Henry* Earl of *Warwick* (Ancestor to this *Thomas*) wrongfully gave the same. In which suit I find^o, that *Simon Pakeman* of *Leiby* in *Com. Leic.* did him especiall service ('tis like as a solicitor) in consideration whereof he gave^p him the inheritance of all the Lands and Rents he had in *Over-Boryndon* in *Com. Northampt.* In 27 E. 3. he was sent^q with *Edw.* Prince of *Wales*, *Henry* D. of *Lanc.* and *Raph* Earl *Stafford* to protect Sir *Richard de Willughby*, and Sir *William de Shreshull* Justices Itinerant, whilst they sat at *Chester*, for fear of any insurrection by the people. In 29 E. 3. he attended^r the said Prince into *France*, this being the time that King *Edward* hearing that *Philip* King of *France* was dead; as also that *John* his eldest son, then newly

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b Hist. Angl.
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c Pat. 34
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e Pat. 28 E.
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f Pat. 34
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i Rot.
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k Camb. in
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l Est. 35. E.
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m Lel. Coll.
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n Rot. I.
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p Rot. F. I.
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q Claus. 3.
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r Claus. 4.
E. 3. m. 4.

s Ib. m. 42.

t Pat. 5. E.
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u Pat. 6. E.
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x T. V.
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y Ib. p.
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z Pat.
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b T. V.
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c Rot. I.
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d Pat.
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l Pat. 28
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m Pat.
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newly crown'd, had given unto *Charles* the Dauphin of *Attenuots* the Dukedome of *Aquittane*; whereat being much moved, he called the said Prince with divers of his Nobles before him, and assigned the said Dukedome of *Aquittane* unto him; but before the revolution of one year after such their arrivall in *France*, hapned that memorable battail of *Poitiers*, in which, the K. of *France* being taken prisoner, this Noble Earl gained high renown for his marvellous valor; and no small advantage, for he had no less than 8000 *li.* for the redemption of *Will. de Melleun* Archbishop of *Heinz*, whom he himself took likewise in that fight.

Nay, of so heroic a spirit he was, that about 37 E. 3. he travailed into forrain parts, and having spent full 3. years in warring against the *Pagans*, at his return brought with him the son to the King of *Ustuanis*, whom he Christened at *London*, and being his Godfather named him *Thomas*. In 40 E. 3. he was sent upon speciall service by the K. into *Flanders*, having an allowance assigned to him out of the Exchequer of 5. marks *per diem* for his charges, and two marks and a half *per diem* by way of reward; in which year his Commission for Marshall of *England* was renewed. But having now no more to say of his publique employments, saying of that last wherein he dyed; and that he was one of the Founders of that Noble Order of the *Garter* instituted by King E. 3. I will here take notice of his pious works, as also of his Testament, and then come to his death with the circumstances thereof.

To the Collegiat-Church of *Warwick* he gave the advouson of the Church of *Willerton-Hercy* in this County. To the Canons of *Benilworth* two mess. and one yard land lying in *Radford-Senseli*. To the Priory of *Clatercote* in *Com. Oxon.* the patronage of the Church of *Rotley* in this County. To the Hospitall of *S. John Baptist* in *Warwick* the moiety of the Church of *Porton-Daubney* in this shire. To the Canons of *Witke* one yard land and one acre lying in *Perdley* in *Com. Wigorn.* with the advouson of the Church. To the Collegiat-Church of *Astley* the advouson of the Church of *Long-Stanton* in *Com. Cantab.* And that he was a good Benefactor to the Monks of *Abingdon* I shall not doubt, though I have not seen in what particulars; for I find that the Abbot and Covent of that Monastery by their publique Instrument bearing date 5 *Id. Martii Anno* 1344. which doth give a generall testimony thereof, not only made him a speciall partaker of all their devout exercises, but declared, that whensoever the tidings of his death did come to their knowledge, the like solemn office should be perform'd for him, aswell in all the Covents of their Order within this Realm, as in their own; and not only so, but by divers Canons-Regular too, as was used to be done for any of their own fraternity, friends or benefactors.

His Testament bears at date *Chelchench* (vulgo *Chelsey* juxta *Westminster*) on Tuesday 6. Sept. 1369. 43 E. 3. Whereby he bequeathed his body to be buried in the midst of the Quire of the Collegiat Church at *Warwick*. To every Church within each of his Mannours he gave his best Beast which should there be found, in satisfaction of his Tithes forgotten to be payd. To *Thomas* his son and heir a Ring, and Cup with Cover, the best next that which his daughter *Stafford* should choose, with the Sword and Coat of maile some-

time belonging to the famous *Guy* of *Warwick*; appointing that all his harnes, weapons, and such like habiliments, aswell for peace as warr, should be equally divided betwixt his two sons, viz. *Thomas* and *William*. To his said son *William* he gave a Ring and a Cup with Cover, the best next after his elder brother had chosen, with 24. dishes and as many Saucers of silver, as also two Bacyns and two Ewers, with twelve pieces of silver. To *Isabell* his daughter a thousand pounds to her marriage. To *Margaret* his daughter a Nunne at *Shouldam* in *Posff.* a Ring, and a Cup with a cover, as also 40. marks in money. To *Katherin* the daughter to his son *Guy*, a Nunne likewise at *Shouldam* a gold Ring with xx *li.* in money, and for the charges of his funerall 500. marks: Hereunto adding, that his Executors should make full satisfaction to every man whom he had in any sort wronged. That his son *William* should have lands of 400. marks *per annum* value setled upon him and his heirs male. That the Testament of his Countesse should be compleatly performed and fulfilled out of his goods. That his Executors should new build the Quire of the Collegiat-Church in *Warwick*, where he purposed to be buried. That with the residue of his goods his Executors should cause Masses to be sung for his soul, and distribute Almes with all speed that might be, especially at *Wordestep*, *Worcester*, and *Warwick*, as also in other places of the Countrey unto which he had most relation; And that all the vestments of his Chappell should be given to the Collegiat-Church in *Warwick*, where he had chosen his sepulture.

His Jewells he thus disposed. To his daughter *Stafford* an Ouche called the Eagle, which the Prince gave him; all his Pearls, and a Crosse made of the very wood of our Saviours Crosse; a Ring with an Emerald that his Countesse bequeathed to him; another Ring whereof she herself was to make choise; a set of Beads of gold, with the buckles, which the Queen gave him; and the choise of one of his Cups of gold, with that silver boll which he always used himself, as also his best Bed with the whole furniture thereto. To his daughter *Alice* his next best Ouche which his Lady (the Countesse) gave him, with a Cup of gold, a set of Beads of gold, and a Ring. To his daughter *Clifford* an Ouche called the Eagle, which his son *Will.* had bestow'd on him for a Newyears-gift, with a Cup, a set of Beads of gold, and a Ring. To his daughter *Isabell* a Cup with an Ewer and a Cover to it gilt, and the next best Ring after his other daughters before remembered had chosen. To the Bishop of *Lincoln* a Crosse of gold that the Lady *Segrave* gave him, which sometimes was the good King *Edwards*, wherein likewise was part of the very Crosse of Christ, and other Reliques. To his son *William* a Casket of gold, with a bone of *St. George*, which *Thomas* Earl of *Lanc.* bestowed on him at his Christening.

To Sir *John Beauchamp* a Cross of gold, wherein also part of the very Cross of our Saviour was contained, enameled with the Armes of *England*; as also his best tilting Horse. To Sir *Roger Beauchamp* a Ring, the best he could choose, after the rest that were disposed of; and his next best tilting Horse. To Sir *Guy de Brienne* a Cup and a Horse, the next best also that he could choose. All the rest of his Jewells did he appoint that his Executors should dispose of for his souls benefit, which were these; viz. the Earl of *Stafford*, *Thomas* and

S^t Mary Church

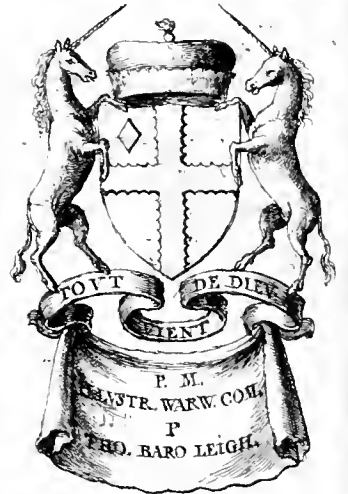
In the east window of the Quire



In a South window of the Quire

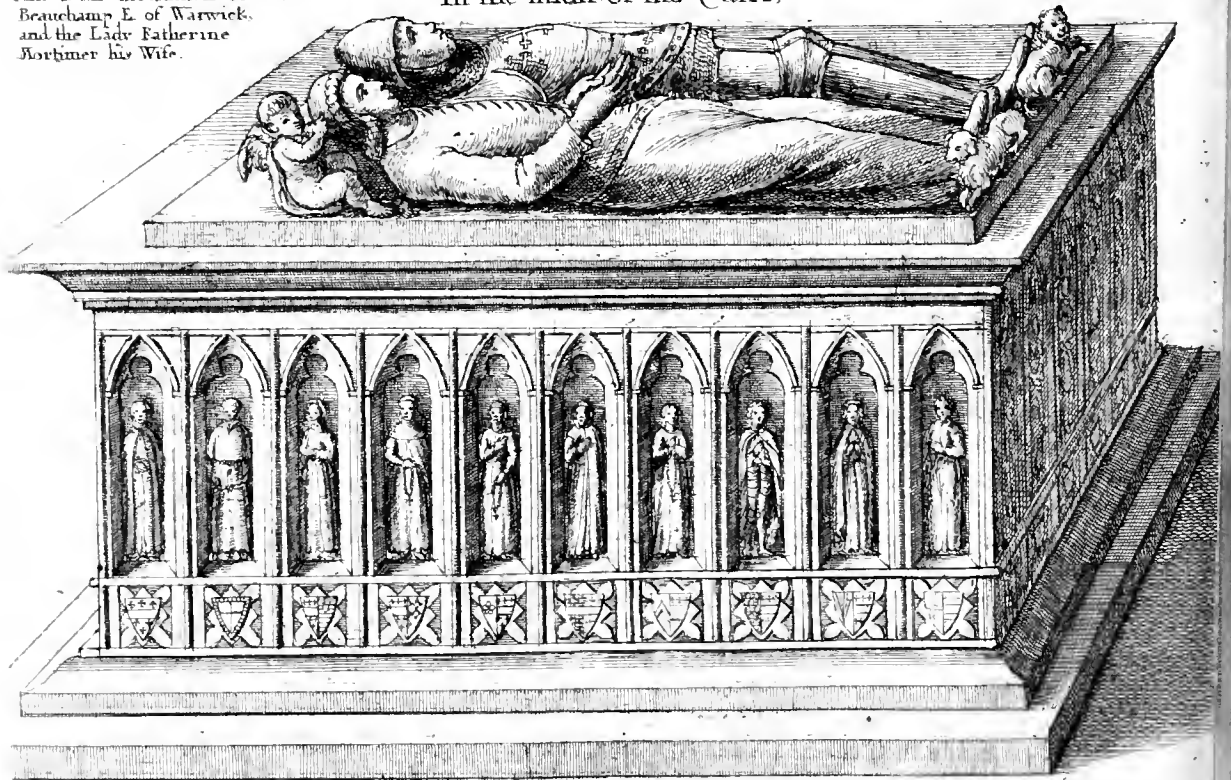


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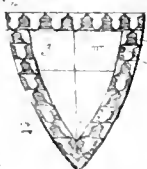
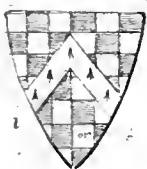


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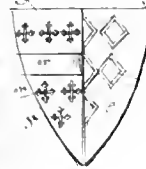
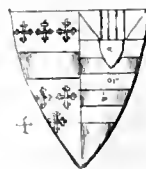
In the midst of the Quire.



Armes in the east window of the Quire



Armes cut in stone on the roof of the Quire



- 1 Old Earles of Warwick.
- 2 Fitz-Jeffrey
- 3 Beauchamp Earle of Warw
- 4 Beauchamp empaling Mort
- 5 Beauchamp empaling Ferrers

Will. de Beauchamp, his own sons, *Sir Roger de Beauchamp*, *Sir Guy de Brienne*, *Sir John de Beauchamp*, *Sir Raph Basset* of *Sapcote* Knights, *Sir Richard de Piriton* Governour of *Northampton*; *Sir William Forde*, *Sir Alan Fen*, *Sir John Blake*, *Sir John Harewode*, *Sir William Morton* and *John Rous*, all which last mentioned I conceive to have been Priests.

Touching his death, the manner thereof was thus, King *Edward* having called a Parliament at *London* in 43. of his reign, wherein the breach of Peace by the French was discussed, sent an Army into that Kingdom about the feast of the *Nativity* of the blessed *Virgin*, under the conduct of his son *John Duke of Lanc.* and *Humfr. de Boun Earl of Hereford*, to claim his right therein; who being got over sea, encamp'd at a place called the *Chalk-hill* near *Caleys*, towards whom the French presently advanced; but the two English Dukes delayed fighting so long, as that their Army grew in want for provisions (so that many dyed by famine and the plague) pretending they were not strong enough to give them battail without more men. In which interim our noble Earl, hearing that the French Army was thus drawn out, halted away with some choyse men, and sailed toward *Caleys*; whereof the French having notice, in great amazement they left their Tents, with all their victuall behind them, and fled. And so soon as he came ashore, he highly blamed those that occasioned the English to forbear fighting, saying, *I will goe on and fight before the English bread, which we have eaten be digested*, and thereupon presently entred the Isle of *Caus*; which he waited. But alas! in his return towards *Caleys* he felt sick of the pestilence, and dyed on the 13. of Nov. *Patrem sibi in armorum strenuitate, & Regi Regniq; fidelitate superstitem, minimè derelinquens*, saith mine Author.

After which his body was interred in the midd'l of the Quire of the Collegiat Church at *Warwick*, according to the direction of his Testament, where is yet to be seen a goodly Tombe with the statues of him and his Countess in white marble excellently cut; viz. *Katherine* the daughter of *Roger Mortimer* before specified (created the first Earl of *March* by King *E. 3.*) a perfect representation whereof, I have placed here in my Story of him, because there being so many other Monuments in that Church, to have put them altogether would not shew gracefull to the work. Which noble Lady dyed before him, as by what I have said appears; yet not many weeks, for her Testament bears date 4. Aug. the same year, by which she appointed her body to be buried wheresoever the Earl her husband should think fit, to whom she bequeathed her Goblet bound with gold, and those Buckles of gold which she used to carry, as also a Ring having an Emraud in it. To *Thomas* her son she gave her book of *Ch.* To *Will.* her other son a Tablet of gold. To *Maud de Clifford* her daughter a Cup enameled with Doggs. To *Philippa de Stafford* her daughter a Boll with a cover. To her daughter *Alice* a Cup of silver gilt. To *Margaret Mountfort* her daughter the Cross with the pedestal in her Chapell. To *Isabell* her daughter a Cup. To *Elizabeth* the daughter of her son *Guy* a Cup. To the Covent of *Friers Preachers* in *Worcester* xx li. To the *Friers Preachers* of *Whetisbury* xx li. To the *Friers Minors* there xx li. To the *Friers Preachers* of *Northampton* xx li. To the *Friers Mi-*

nors of *Cobentre* xx li. and to the *Friers Minors* of *Lichfield* xx li. Divers other Legacies she gave to her servants, and did constitute *Isabell de Hareley*, *Rauf Tangele*, and *John Falvesse* her executors, desiring her husband to be assistant unto them in the performance thereof.

This Noble Earl had divers children, of which I will only make a brief mention. *Guy* his eldest son, who received the honour of Knighthood in 29 E. 3. with a grant from the King of *Cli. per annum* out of his Exchequer till his fathers inheritance should descend to him, or that he could otherwise provide for his support; and married *Philippa* the daughter of *Henry Lord Ferrers of Groby*, by whom he had issue three daughters, *Elizabeth*, *Katherine*, and *Margaret*, whereof the two later were Nuns at *Shouldham* in *Com. Norff.* This *Guy* was a stout Souldier, and upon his going into *France* in 33 E. 3. which (I conceive) was to attend the King in an expedition at that time made, declared his Testament at *Canterbury* on the 26. of Sept. whereby he bequeathed his body to buriall where his parents should think fit. To the Earl his father he gave his best gold Ring. To the Countesse his mother his next gold Ring. To *Philippa* his wife the third. To *Catherine* his daughter, then a Nunne at *Shouldham* in *North.* the fourth; and appointed that the Church of *Beketon* in *North.* of his Patronage should be appropriated to the Monastery of *Shouldham* before-mentioned, for the maintenance of *Catherine* and *Margaret*, his two daughters, during their lives; and after their deceases, the said House of *Shouldham* obliged to find a Priest to sing divine service daily for the souls of his father and mother, his own and his wives; as also for the souls of the said *Catherine* and *Margaret*, and all the faithfull departed. After which, in April following (his father then alive) he dyed at *Wendolme* in *France*, and was there interred in a Chapell behind the high Altar, towards the East, having a fair Monument of Alabaster, with his statue thereon finely cut, and over his harness a surcoat of Armes; upon the verge of which Monument is this Inscription.

Icy gist Monseigneur Gui de Beauchamp l'eyne Fils de tresnoble & puissant home Monsieur Thomas de Beauchampe Comte de Warwike, Marechal d'Angleterre, qui trespassa le xxviii. iour d'Averill l'an M. CCCL. Upon which Monument are the Armes of Beauchamp and Mortimer.

What became of his daughter *Elizabeth*, I cannot imagine; but that such a one there was, living ten years after her fathers death, appeareth by the Testament of *Katherine* Countess of *Warwick* (mother to this *Guy*) as I have already shewed. It seems, that the Lady *Philippa* his wife was a devout woman, and resolving to continue a widow whilst she lived, upon the eleventh of August the same year made her solemn vow of Chastity in the Collegiat Church of *Warwick*, before *Reginald Bryan* then Bishop of *Worcester*; which vow, together with the ceremony thereof, I have here inserted, as I find it recorded in the Register.

IX. Die mensis Augusti Anno Dom. MCCClix. apud Warwyk, dictus venerabilis pater altam Mis- sam in Pontificalibus in Ecclesia Collegiata beate Mariæ Warwici antedictæ celebrans, votum castitatis Philippæ nuper uxoris Domini Guidonis de Warwic admisit & acceptavit; & dicta Philippa Votum Castitatis emisit sub hiis verbis.

p Pat. 18. E. 3. p. 1. m. 13.

q Pat. 29. E. 3. p. 3. m. 9.

r Brian vol. 1. f. 30. f Witlesey f. 125.

t Lynne f. 52. v.

u Witlesey ut supra.

w Hist. MS. H. Knighton, f. 163. b.

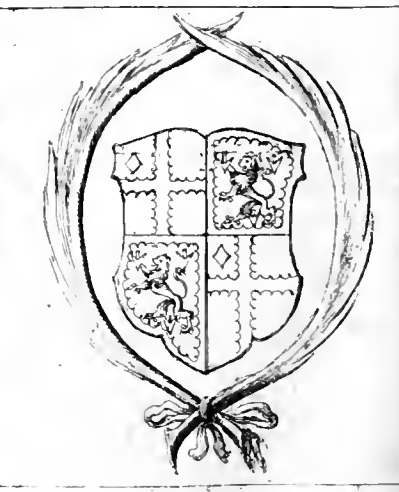
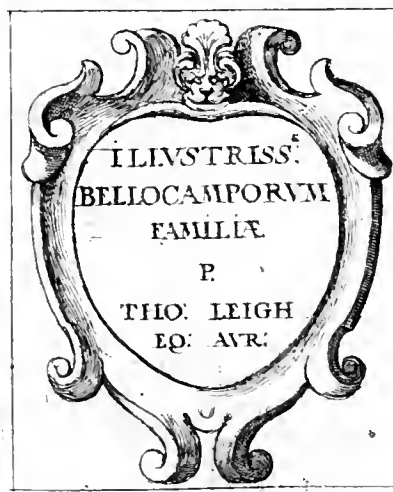
x T. Walf. p. 166. n. 20.

y Illip. f. 160.

z Hist. MS. H. Knighton, f. 163. b.

a Ab Archi- typo per prænob. T. Bar. Wind- fore trans- scripta.

b Bryan vol. 1. f. 30. b.



En le nom de la Seint Trinite, Piere, & Fitz & Seint Espir, jeo Philippe que fu la feme Sire Guy de Warwyk face purement & dez queor & volonteie entierelement avow a Dieu & Seint Eglise, & a la benure Virgin Marie, & a tout le bele compaignie celestine, & a vous rederent Piere en Dieu sire Reynaud per la grace Dieu Ev'esque de Wyrcestre, que iso ameneray ma vie en chastice desore en avant, & chaste serra de mon corps a tout temps de ma vie.

The rest of the sons of Earl Thomas, were Thomas that succeeded him, Reynburne^d (so named, doubtless, in memory of Reynburne the son to Guy Earl of Warwick in the Saxons time) that dyed before the 35 E. 3. which Reynburne had issue one onely daughter called Alianore married to John Knight of Hanlapp in Com. Buck. who by her had a daughter named Emme,^b that married to Foster, from whom the Fosters of Hanlapp derive their descent. William^b the 4. son was Lord Bergavenny, as I shall shew when I come to Fillongley, where I purpose to speak fully of him. Roger^c the fift son dyed without issue, as I guess. Some are of opinion that he had two more sons, viz. John and Hierome, because that amongst those portraitures, which were in glasse in the North Crofs of the Collegiat Church at Warwick, there are the pictures of two such, as appeareth by their surcotes of Armes, and those names on the side of them; which, as I cannot gainsay, so am not I fully convinced thereof, in regard, that neither J. Rous makes mention of them, nor any of those Entailes^k whereby the said Earl feiled the greatest part of his lands upon his issue male.

But he had ix. daughters, the portraitures of all which are curiously drawn and set up in the windows on the South side of the Quire of the said Collegiat Church, and in the habit of that time (as they are here represented.) Seven of them were married and have their paternall Coat upon their inner garment, but on the outer mantle their husbands Armes; viz. Maud^l the wife of Roger Lord Clifford, Philippa^m of Hugh Earl Stafford, Elizabethⁿ (Alice potius) of John Beauchamp of Hach in Somersetshire, Joan^o of Ralph Lord Bassett of Drayton, Isabella^p of John Lord Strange of Blackmere, afterwards married to William Ufford Earl of Suff. (for which respect her picture is twice drawn there) Margaret^r of Guy de Montfort, who was afterwards a Nunne at Shoultham, Agnes^s of Cokesey, and afterwards of Bardolf. The other two were Julian^t and Catherine^u, the former wherof dyed unmarried, and the later being a Nunne^v at Wrothall in this County was buried^x in S. Thomas Chapell there. He had likewise another son and daughter, but they were illegitimate; the son called Sir John Adardston Knight, and Mary^a the daughter, wife to Sir Richard Herthull Knight.

To this last Earl succeeded Thomas his second son, by reason that Guy the eldest dyed in his fathers life time. Which Thomas received^b the dignity of Knighthood in 29 E. 3. with his brother Guy, and having had C. marks per annum granted him^c at that time by the King, to be payd out of the Exchequer till there should other provision be made for his support, did his Homage^d 7 Febr. 44 E. 3. for all the lands descended to him by his fathers death, whereupon he had livery of them, for he was^e 24 years of age when his father dyed. Being of a martiall disposition as well as his Ance-

cestors, he was in 46 E. 3. retained by Indenture to serve the King in his wars beyond the Seas for one whole year, with C. men at Armes and Clx. Archers, of which number himself to be one; as also with two Banneretts, xxx. Knights, and Lxxvii. Esquiers, and for that service to receive for himself and his men at Armes double pay, but for the rest according to the ordinary rate, the year to begin from the time that they should take shipping, and to have half in hand for himself and his men at Armes, but for the rest a fourth part: which expedition was principally intended for rayling the siege of Rochel; but as the Earl of Pembroke, sent over for that purpose, was worsted by the Spaniard, who then came with a great Navy to aid the French, so was the King and that power he had raised, hindered^b from getting over thither by contrary winds, to the loss of nine hundred thousand pounds expences; for no less charge had he been at in order thereto.

The next ensuing year, viz. 47 E. 3. he was again retained^f to serve the King in his French wars, for one whole year, with CC. men at Armes and CC. Archers, well mounted armed and arrayed, under the conduct of John of Gaunt Duke of Lancaster, of which men at Armes, besides himself, there were to be Lix. Knights and Cxi. esquiers. And in 49 E. 3. was sent by Commission from^g the King into Scotland, with whom were joyned Sir Guy de Brienne, and Sir Henry de Somers Banneretts, to treat with William Earl of Douglas and others appointed by the King of Scots touching restitution of those lands which by the truce formerly made did belong to the English. The same year also did he accompany^h Edmund E. of Cambridge, the Kings son, into Britanny on the behalf of John de Montfort Duke of Britanny, where they had great success in taking of severall Castles, till they wereⁱ recalled by the King upon a truce concluded betwixt him and the French. In 50 E. 3. he was constituted Governour^j of the Isles of Gernsey, Serke, and Aureney. In 51 E. 3. he had Commission^k, with divers gentlemen of note for arraying of men in this County; so also in 51 R. 2. at which time he was by Indenture^l retain'd to serve the King with CC. men at Armes, and CC. Archers beyond Sea, for a quarter and half of the year; viz. besides himself a Banneret, four Knights, with Clxv. Esquiers well and sufficiently mounted, armed, and accoutred for that voyage.

In 3 R. 2. he was again in Commission^m for arraying of men in this Shire, and by the Commons in Parliament at the same time held at London chosen Governourⁿ to the King then but young, as being a man most just and prudent; for which service he was to have a convenient allowance^o out of the Kings publique Treasury. In 5 R. 2. that foul Insurrection of the Commons under the conduct of Jack-Straw happening, whereof our Storyes have a full relation, he was sent^p to protect the Monastery of S. Albans then much endangered by that Rebellious Rout, and to do Justice upon the Villains; but as he was marching thitherward with a thousand stout men, well armed, and the Lord Thomas Percy in his company, News came to him that the like commotion was broke out where his own estate lay, which occasioning him to divert his intended course, and to send part of his souldiers to the aid of the Abbot, did much animate those bold Rebels that had gotten head at S. Albans. Whether in this County, or where

f Ex autog.
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g T. Wall
b p. 182.

i Ex autog.
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k Ex autog.
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n Pat. 50.
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p Pat. 1. R.
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dorso m. 28.

q Ex autog.
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r Pat. 3. R.
2. p. 2. in
dorso m. 5.

s T. Wall
p. 23.
L. 30.

u Ib. p. 290.

where els the Insurrection was I cannot directly say; but I find that there were speciall Commissions^w directed to him with other persons of quality in this Shire, to suppress any that should make head therein. In 8. of the same Kings reign he had againe Commission^x to put the men of this County in Array.

But I cannot point out the direct extent of time that the King continued under his tutelage, yet certain it is, that before he arrived to mans estate, he took the reins of government into his own hand, or suffered them to be guided by some speciall Favourite, of whose misdoings he himself had at last wofull experience; the chief of which were *Robert de Vere* Earl of *Orford*, advanced to the title of Marquess of *Dublin*, and afterwards D. of *Ireland*, upon whom divers of the Nobility had therefore cast very envious eyes; but so much did the King affect the Marquess, that discerning who they were that thus maligned him, he laid trains to murder them, as saith my Author⁴; of which number were *Thomas* Duke of *Glouc.* (the Kings own Uncle) and our Earl of *Warwick*, who being men of haughty Spirits, and apprehending some danger towards, associated^b more to their company, and put themselves in Armes at *Barlingey* Park; whereupon they constrained the King to call a Parliament the next ensuing year, but what exorbitant things were done therein through their potency our *Annals*⁴ of that time will tell you: Howbeit, about a twelve month after, the King assembling his Nobles told them *he was now of age to govern himself and the Kingdom*, and thereupon chang'd some of his great Officers and Councillers, whereof this *Thomas* E. of *Warwick* was one that he laid aside; who thenceforth retiring himself built a that strong and stately Tower standing at the Northeast corner of the Castle here at *Warwick*, the cost whereof amounted^f to *CCLXCV* li. v. s. ii d. As also the whole body of the Collegiat Church of our Lady, both which were finished in 17 R. 2. but from that time forwards never could he get the Kings favour again; so that *Thomas de Mowbray* Earl Marshall and *Beaufort*, taking advantage of the Kings displeasure against him, and of the countenance that he himself then had at Court, brought his Writs of Error to reverse the Judgement given in 26 E. 3. on the behalf of *Thomas* then Earl of *Warwick* for the domination of *Gowher* in *Wales*, alleading that the *Process*, whereupon the suit in E. 3. time had been commenced, was directed to the Shiriff of *Herefordshire*, whereas the land of *Gowher*, in question, lay in *Wales*; yet so hapned the issue of that business, though this error, if it were one, related nothing to the just title, that in 20 R. 2. *Mowbray* recovered it.

Nay this was not all, for jealousyes and secret grudges harboured by divers great men towards that had most interest with the King, and doubtless were his advisers in what he had done; as also by him against them, began now to shew their effects; so that the King having wedded^b *Isabell* daughter to the King of *France* (a girl scarce eight years old) for better securing the xxx. years Truce concludedⁱ with that Nation, whereby he apprehended, that nothing could now disturb him in doing what he listed, caused his uncle the Duke of *Glouc.* to be layd hold^k on at *Plisbury* in *Glouc.* when he least thought of such a thing, and hurried thence to *Caelys*, where he was secretly murdered^l by the said *Thomas Mowbray*, not without the Kings

privity, as 'tis said: And the same^m day that the Duke of *Glouc.* was so seized on, did he invite this our Earl of *Warwick* to a Feast, who suspecting nothing came, but found very harsh entertainment; for there did he cause him to be arrested and carryed away Prisoner; who puttingⁿ himself upon the Parliament for Justice, and acknowledging the meeting at *Barlingey* Park, had Judgement^o of death past upon him: Howbeit the King qualified that sentence, and gave him his life in exchange for a perpetual banishment to the Isle of *Man*, where he was to continue Prisoner, directing his Letters Patents^p to *William le Scrope* Earl of *Wiltshire*, who then had the dominion^q of that Isle, and to Sir *Stephen le Scrope* Knight bearing date at *Westminster* 12. Oct. in the xx. year of his reign, straightly commanding them to carry him thither and put him in sure custody, as they would be responsible body for body.

Whereupon this his Castle and Lordship of *Warwick*, with divers other Mannours, were given to *Thomas Holland* Earl of *Kent*, and to the heirs male of his body; and the rest of his lands to others, as I shall shew when I speak particularly of them: And the next ensuing year was his son and heir, viz. *Richard Beauchamp*, with *Eliz.* wife to the said *Richard* committed^r to the custody of the before specified *Thomas Holland*, at that time Duke of *Surrey*, who had also a speciall^s grant from the King of a suit of *Arras Hangings* containing the story of the famous *Guy* of *Warwick*, and belonging to the banisht Earl. Which hard measure to the Earl and his son occasioned *Catherine* the Nunne at *Shouldam* before mentioned to petition^t the King in her own behalf, in regard she was the grandchild and heir to this Earls father, by *Guy* his eldest son (as I have elsewhere manifested) and enjoyed no part of her inheritance; whereupon she obtained^u an assignation of *Xl. marks per annum* annuity out of the Kings Exchequer during her life: howbeit, the Earl continued not long a Prisoner in the Isle of *Man*; for on the 12. of July 21 R. 2. the Kings Mandate^x to the Constable of the Tower of *London* for reception of him thither bears date; during the remainder of whose reign he was kept in durance, But (alas!) upon what slippery ground the greatest earthly Potentate stands, when he thinks himself surest, the fall of this King, and divers other, whereof the Storyes of our own Nation shew us lamentable examples, may sufficiently manifest; for within the compass of two years, or little more, after he had strengthened himself by that alliance with the French, fill'd his cofers with vast summs of money by loans and otherwise, pull'd down and ruin'd all whole fidelity to him he thought not firm, and advanced his friends & favourites in that Parliament of 21. of his reign, which damn'd those Acts that by the power of the great ones had been made in 11. behold the Monster multitude agitated by the wind of his enemies malice and ambition took part with them, and suddainly overwhelm him in the gulf of absolute destruction, by Deposition from his throne, and the murder of his person, as is not unknown to those who are acquainted with the Story of those times, *Henry* of *Lancaster* being crowned King in his room.^y

In the first year of whose reign a Parliament makes null and void all that had been done in 21 R. 2. so that this our Earl of *Warwick* was then restored^z to his full liberty, honour and possessions; having

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p. 352.
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a Ib. p. 359.
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b Ib. p. 360.
n. 30.

c Hornsey
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d T. Walf.
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having whatsoever goods in **Warwick-Castle** were to be found belonging to **Thomas Holland** Earl of **Kent** before mentioned, bestow'd upon him; and in particular that suite 2 of Hangings containing the said Story of **Guy of Warwick**, all which were forfeited to the new King by attainder of **Holland**. In which year he was made a Commissioner * for arraying all men in this County according to their estates and faculties: but his death now approaching, as I shall shew by and by, it will here be proper to take notice of his pious works. The first whereof, that I find, is in 49 E. 3. viz. the establishing an Anniversary * for his father in the Collegiat Church of **Warwick**; for the solemnizing whereof the Dean, Canons, and Vicars of that Church, and every Priest in **Warwick** that should come to the *Dirige* and *Miss*, was to have his dinner and 4 d. in money, and vi s. viii d. to be given amongst the *Friers* of that town; iii s. iv d. to the Canons of *S. Sepulchers* in **Warwick**, and xx s. amongst the poor yearly.

In 5 R. 2. he built * one of the Cells in the Monastery of *Carthusians* *justa Coventre* at the first foundation of that Religious house. In 6. he gave the * perpetuall patronage of the Church dedicated to *S. James*, situate over the gate called *Hongyngate* in **Warwick**, to the *Gild* of *S. George*, there newly founded in a Chapell over the same Gate. And in 15 R. 2. having finish'd the Quire of the Collegiat Church, begun by his father; and newly built * from the ground the whole body of the Church (which very fabrik now stands) he gave the Mannour of *Haseleoure* with the advouson of the Church, and the advouson of the Church of *Wolhamcote*, both in this County, together with the perpetuall patronage of the Church of *Wylecotesford* in *Cambridg-shire* unto the Dean and Canons thereof and their successors, to pray for the good estate of King R. 2. and of Queen *Anne* then his consort, of himself and *Margaret* his Countess, Sir *William Beauchamp* his brother, and *Jane* his wife during their lives in this world, and for the health of their souls after their departures hence; as also for the souls of their Progenitors, Ancestors, and all the faithfull deceased.

His Testament * bears date at **Warwick-Castle** 1 Apr. Anno 1400. (1 H. 4.) whereby he bequeathed his body to sepulture in the Collegiat Church before specified; and to every town whereof he was Lord, or Patron of the Church xx s. in money, in the name of his Principall *; but if he should depart this life at **Warwick**, then did he appoint the Church of our Lady, there, to have the best Beast, whereof he might be at that time posselt. For his Herse he directed CCC. lii weight of Wax, in six Tapers, and seven Morters, to remain in the said Church; and lx. poor men in gowas made of white-cloth, every one carrying a Torch at the solemnizing his Funerall: As also that xl. of those Torches, after his Exequies were finished, should be distributed to the poore Churches of his Patronage, and the residue to remain to the said Collegiat Church of **Warwick**: And moreover, that all his friends attending the Funerall should have good en-

tainment, viz. a Supper over night, and a Dinner on the next day, and money distributed to the poor according to the discretion of his Executors: as also xxx. *Trentalls* sung for his soul with all possible speed that might be after his decease, and a thousand Masses in like sort; viz. of the *Trinity*, of the Holy Ghost, of the *Nativity* of our Saviour, of the Holy *Crosse*, of the five *Festivals* of our Lady, of the *Resurrection*, of the *Ascension*, of *Corpus Christi*, of the *Angells*, of *All Saints*, and of *Requiem*; of every Feast lxvii. Masses, five in the whole excepted.

By which Testament he likewise gave to the King an Image of the blessed Virgin, with two Cruets silver and gilt, made in the fashion of two Angells. To the Archbishop of **Canterbury** a Tablet of gold. To the Colledge of our Lady in **Warwick** before mentioned a Cross with the pedettall silvergilt, and enamell'd with the Story of our Saviours Passion, and a precious stone called a *Berrill*, bound with silver and enamell'd, to put the Host into; as also his best Censer with a Challice, two Cruets of silver gilt, a basin and a piece of silver enamell'd. To his Colledge of *Elmeley* a Vestment. To *Richard* his son and heir his benediction, and these particulars, viz. a Bed of silk embroydered with Bears, and his Armes, with all that belong'd thereto. A wrought with the Armes and Story of *Guy of Warwick*; his sword, harnets, and *Ragged Tavers* likewise. And moreover appointed, that the Sword and coate of Maile sometime belonging to the famous *Guy*, with his Cup of the Swan, and the knives and Salt-cellars for the Coronation of a King should be and remain to his said son and his heirs after him. To his daughter *Beauchamp* his best Nouchet. To his brother of *Bergavenny*, and his sisters of *Suffolk* and *Clifford*, and to his neece *Catherine Beauchamp*, the Nunne, at *Shouldham*, each of them some gift of his according to his Executors liking, to the end that his memory might be preserved by them; And to his cozen *le Despenser* a pair of *Pater nsters* of Corral with buckles of gold.

This Earl was a Knight of that noble Order of the *Garter*; and having a great reputation for his Valour, publique spiritedness, Piety, and Charity, as *Rous* affirmeth, departed * this world 8. Apr. An. 1401. (2 H. 4.) and lyeth buried on the South part of the said Collegiat Church in **Warwick** under a fair Monument of Marble, (here represented) with *Margaret* his wife, daughter to *William* Lord *Ferrers* of *Grobby*, who by her Testament * bearing date xxviii. Nov. Anno 1406. (8 H. 4.) bequeathed also her body to sepulture there, appointing that at the solemnizing of her Exequies there should be five Tapers, containing vi l. of wax, burning about it from the beginning of Service on the Even before her Funerall, till the high *Mass* of *Requiem* on the morrow after: And at the same time xx. Torches to be held burning by xx. poor men about her Herse, but to remain afterwards for the high Altar and other Altars of that Church, for the honour of God according to antient custome and right.

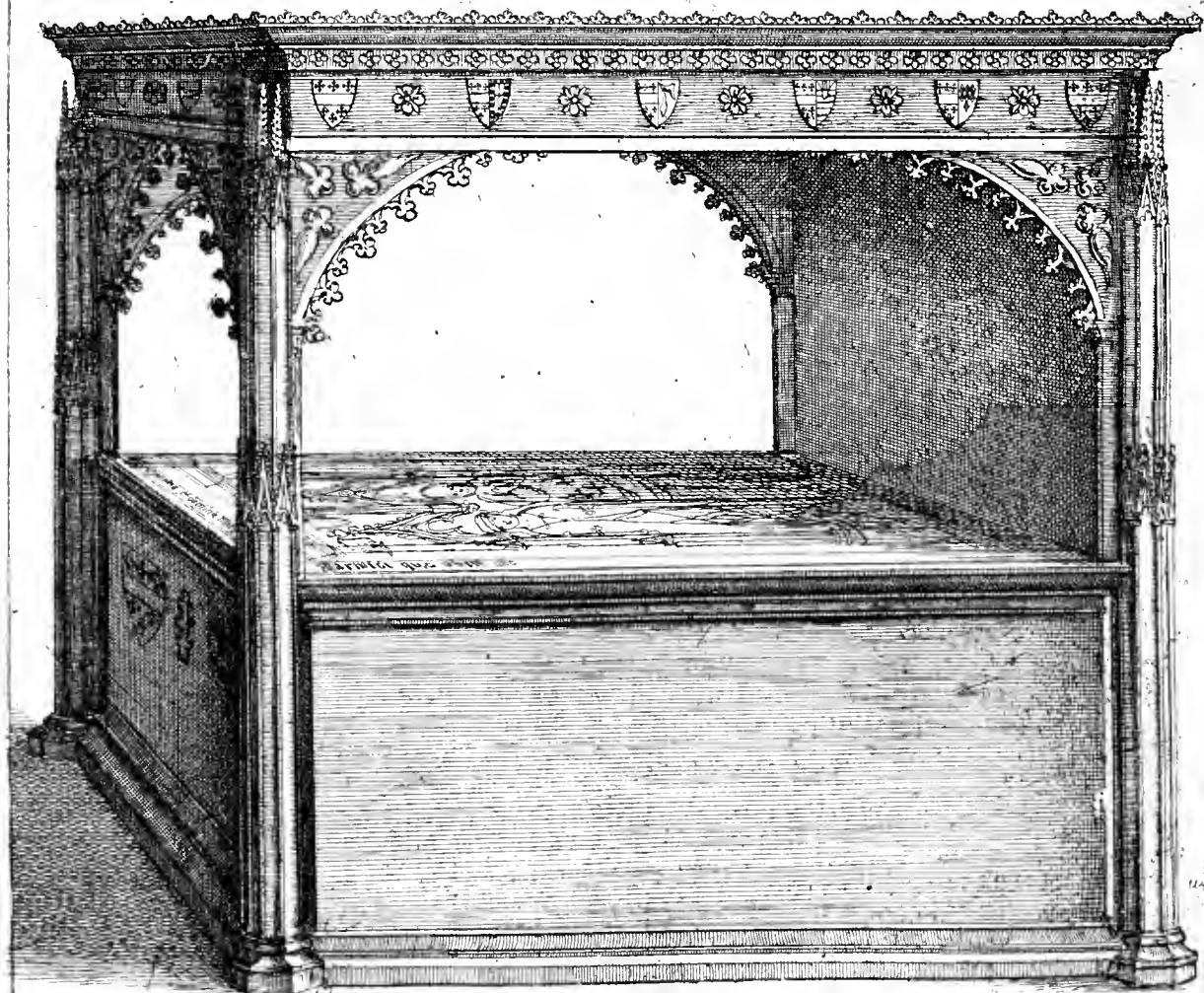
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In the great North window of St. Maryes Church,



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Hic iacent Dominus Thomas de Beloeampo quondam Comes Warwici, qui obit octavo die mensis aprilis. Anno Domini Millesimo CCC C primo et Domina Margareta vxor eius quondam Comitissa Warwici que obit xxi mensis Ianuarij Anno Domini Millesimo CCC C septo. Quorum animabus propicietur Deus, Amen.

Which noble Lady dyed 22. Jan. Anno 1406. (8 H. 4.) as her monumentall Inscription sheweth, Earl Richard her son being then xxv. years of age; who did no whit fall short of his famous Ancestors, either in Marciall prowesse, great employments, or other excellent vertue, as by what I shall say of him will appear. And if the leaving behind us an honourable fame, which lives in the memories of all good men, when these mortall bodies of ours are turn'd to dust, be accounted some happiness, as doubtles it is, and hath therefore excited divers noble spirits to bold and high adventures, whereof we want not manifold testimonies, then surely the transmitting a remembrance of our vertuous actions to posterity by a faithfull Register must needs be a thing most acceptable to those, whose memories are so preserved, as the like by Polybius of Scipio Africanus was, as also of singular estimation with after-ages, which are so much quickned, we see, by such notable examples; And therefore I cannot but observe, that the advantage, which this Earl had herein, was much more than any of his Ancestors, by reason that *Rom* being his contemporary, and so well affected to History in generall, out of the speciall relation he had to this Family, hath with great diligence observed the most remarkable passages of his life, which with no less Art than industry are set forth by him in curious Pictures, historically representing them in order of time from his birth to his death, and which hath added much to the lustre of his Story, as by and by will appear.

He was born at the Mannour-house of *Salwarpe in Com. Wigorn.* 28. Jan. Anno. 1381. (5 R. 2.) having to his Godfathers King Richard 2. and Richard Scroope then Bishop of *Cobentre* and *Wichfield*, but afterwards Archbishop of *York*. Passing by his infancy and youth, wherein there is little observable, I come to the times of his action in the world, which began in 4 H. 4. For no sooner had he livery of his lands, which was 13. Febr. the same year, upon performance of his homage, but that he was put in Commission for arraying of men in this County; and the next year following, at the Coronation of Queen Jane, wife to King H. 4. (viz. 26. Jan. 5. H. 4.) kept Jousts on the Q. part against all comers, in which action he behaved himself most nobly. Neither did he shew less courage against that great Rebel *Owen Glendour*, whose Banner he took, putting him to flight; nor against the *Percies* in that notable battaill of *Shrewsbury* about the same time. After which not long, he was made Knight of the *Gar*, and in the ninth year of this Kings reign obtaining license to visit the *Holy Land* for performance of the Vow he had made, and Pilgrimage he did resolve to take, fitted himself with all necessities for that journey, and passed the Sea. In which voyage he visited his cosin the Duke of *Barr*, by whom being nobly received and entertained for eight dayes, he was thence accompanied to *Paris*; at which place they arrived, where, the King of *France* wearing his Crown in reverence of the holy Feast made him to sit at his table, and sent at his departure a Herald to conduct him safely through that Realm.

Out of which, entering *Lumbardy*, he was met by another Herald from Sir *Pandolph Maliscet*, or *Malier*, with a challenge to perform certain feats of Armes with him at *Uerona* upon a day assigned for the Order of the *Gar*, and in the presence of

Sir *Galeot of Mantua*, whereunto he gave his assent; and so soon as he had performed his Pilgrimage at *Rome* returned to *Uerona*, where he and his Challenger were first to Joust, next to fight with Axes, afterwards with arming Swords, and lastly with sharp Daggers. At the place and day alligned for which exercises came great resort of people, Sir *Pandolf* entering the lists with ix. Spears born before him; but the Act of Spears being ended they fell to it with Axes, in which encounter Sir *Pandolf* received a fore wound on the shoulder, and had been utterly slain but that Sir *Galeot* cryed Peace.

From thence he travailed to *Venice*, where being very nobly received by the Duke and others, he had many great presents given him by reason of the honour he had so gained at *Uerona*. When he came to *Uterusalem* he had much respect shewed him by the Patriarch's deputy, and having performed his Offerings at the Sepulcher of our B. Saviour, set up his Armes on the North side of the Temple, which continued there many years after, by the relation of divers Pilgrims that came from thence. At the time of his being thus at *Uterusalem* a noble person called *Baltredam*, the Souldan's Lieutenant, hearing that he was descended from the famous Sir *Guy of Warwick*, whose story they had in books of their own language, invited him to his Palace, and Royally feasting him, presented him with three pretious stones of great value, besides divers clothes of silk and gold given to his servants; where this *Baltredam* told him privately, that he faithfully believed as he did, though he durst not discover himself, and rehearsed the Articles of the Creed: But on the morrow he feasted Sir *Baltredam's* servants, and gave them scarlet with other English Cloth; which being shewed to Sir *Baltredam*, he returned again to him, and said, he would wear his livery and be Marshall of his Hall; whereupon he gave Sir *Baltredam* a Gown of black puke furred, and had much discourse with him, for he was skillfull in sundry languages.

From *Uterusalem* he came back to *Venice*, and was there nobly received. Thence he travailed he into *Russia*, *Lituan*, *Poland*, *Prussia*, *Westphalia*, as also some Countreyes of *Germany*, shewing great valour in divers Tourneaments whilst he was in those parts; and no sooner returned into *England*, but that he was by Indenture, bearing date 2 Oct. 12 H. 4. retained with *Henry Prince of Wales* (afterwards King by the name of H. 5.) to serve him as well in times of Peace as War, both in this Realm, upon, and beyond the Seas, for CCL. marks per an. to be payd out of the Prince his Exchequer at *Wacermardyn* at *Easter* and *Michaelmas* by even portions; and whensoever he should be in the said Prince his Court, to have 4. Esquiers, and 6. Yeomen with him, and dyet there for them all; Provided that the said Prince in service of Warr should have the third part of what he got in battail, and the third of the thirds of what his men at Armes should gain; And in case he took any great Commander, Fort, or Castle, the Prince likewise to have them, giving him reasonable satisfaction. Nay, he stood in such high esteem with that heroic Prince, that against his Coronation he was for his wisdom and industry, as the words of the Charter import, constituted high Steward of *England* for that solemnity. And in the second year of his reign, when the Sect of *Lollards*, (being much increased in all parts of the Realm, through the doctrine of *Wickliff* and others,) had conspired to seize upon

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the K. and his brothers, with divers other persons of quality and to murder them, as my Author affirmeth; as also to destroy the Monasteries and Prelates, and to share their possessions; he forthwith armed himself and gave great assistance to the subduing of them.

After which he was retained by Indenture bearing date 19. Junii 3.H.5. to serve the K. as Captain of **Caleys** from the 6. day of in 2.H.5. till Febr. 3. An. 1416. (4.H.5.) &c to have with him in the time of truce, or peace, for the safeguard thereof during the time before limited xxx. men at Arms (sc. Horsemen) himself and 3. Knights accounted as part of the number, xxx. Archers on horse-back, CC. foot Souldiers, and CC. Archers, all of his own retinue, besides ten men at Arms and x. Archers on horse-back belonging to the Treasurer of **Caleys**, all which were to be at his command in every thing touching the safe-guard of that place. For which service he was himself to receive vi.s. viii.d. per diem, for his Knights ii.s. a piece, for the rest of his horse xii. d. for every Archer on horse-back and foot Souldier viii.d. and for every Archer on foot vi. d. per diem for their wages. In which Town there was also to be at the Kings charges xl. Cross-bow-men, xx. Carpenters, and v. Masons, besides Bowyers, with other Officers and Pensioners. And in time of war was he to have Cxl. men at Arms on horse-back, himself and ix. Knights accounted part; Cl. Archers on horse-back, C. foot Souldiers, Cxxxiii. Archers on foot, and 4. Scouts on horse-back for his own retinue, over and above xx. men at Arms, and x. Archers on horse-back, as also x. Archers on foot belonging to the said Treasurer, besides Balisters, Carpenters, &c.

Whereupon he soon hastened to **Caleys**, and with the more speed, because he heard the French were raising great forces against that place, and there was received with solemn Procession; but when he understood that those forces bent another way, he resolved to practise some new point of Chivalry, causing three Shields to be made, and in each of them a Lady painted; The first harping at the end of a bedsted with a grate of Gold on her left sleeve, and her Knight called the *green Knight* with a black quarter, who was ready to just with any Knight of **France** xii. courses, having two Shields of purveyance, and his Letter sealed with the Seal of his Arms, the field silver a manch gules. The second Pavice, or Shield, had a Lady sitting at a covered bord, working Pearls, and on her sleeve a glove of plate rached, her Knight being called *Chivalier Vert*, having his Letter sealed with these Arms, the field silver two bars of gules, who was to just xv. courses, and that should be Saddles of Chains. The third Pavice had a Lady sitting in a Garden, making a Chaplet, and on her sleeve a Poleyne with a rivet, her Knight being called *Chivalier attendant*, who with his fellow must run and course with sharp Spears, his Letter being sealed with gold and gules quarterly, and a border Vert; which Letters were sent to the Kings Court of **France**, where 3. French Knights received them, and promised their fellows to meet at a day and place assigned: whereof the first was a Knight, called *Sr. Gerard Herbaumes*, who called himself *le Chivalier rouge*; the 2. a famous Knight, named *Sr. Hugh Launey*, calling himself *le Chivalier blank*, and the third a Knight, named *Sr. Collard Fines*; Twelf-day in Christmase being appointed for the time that they should meet in a Laund, called the *Park-hedge* of **Oynes**.

On which day this Earle came into the field with his face covered, a plume of ostrich feathers upon his Helm, and his Horse trapt with the Lord *Toney's* Arms (one of his Ancestors) viz. *Arg. a manch gules*: where first encountering with the *Chivalier Rouge*, at the third course he unhorsed him, and so returned with close vizor, unknown to his Pavilion; whence he sent to the said Knight a good Courser. The next day also he came into the field with his Vizor close, a Chaplet on his Helm, and a Plume of Ostrich feathers aloft, his Horse trapt with the Arms of *Hanslap*, viz. *silver 2. bars gules*, where he met with the *blank Knight* with whom he encountered, smote of his Vizor thrice, brake his Beagurs and other Harneys, and returned victoriously to his Pavilion, with all his own habiliments safe, and as yet not known to any; from whence he sent this *blank Knight*, (*Sr. H. Launey*) a good Courser. But the morrow after, viz. the last day of the Justs, he came with his face open, and his Helmet as the day before, save that the Chaplet was rich with Pearl and pretious stones, and in his Coat of Arms of *Guy* and *Beauchamp*, quarterly, having the Arms of *Tony* and *Hanslap* on his trappers; and said, that as he had in his own person performed the service those two dayes before, so with Gods grace he would the third; whereupon encountering with *Sr. Collard Fines*, at every stroke he bore him backward to his Horse, insomuch as the French-men, saying that he himself was bound to his Saddle, he alighted and presently got up again: but all being ended he returned to his Pavilion, sent to *Sr. Collard* a fair Courser, feasted all the people, gave to those three Knights great rewards, and so rode to **Caleys** with great honour.

About this time it was that the general Councell of **Constance** in **Germany** began; unto which totius Christianitatis prudentissimi Pontifices, & Prelati, cum aliis Clericis velut innumeris confluxerunt, as *Walsingham* saith; the cause of which meeting was chiefly about choise of the Pope: whereupon, from **England** were sent the Bishops of **Salisbury**, **Ebo.** and **Lich.** **Bath** and **Wells**, **Portsmouth**, **Hereford** and **S. Davids**, the Abbot of **Wellesm.** Prior of **Worcester**, with divers other learned men, and for their greater honour our Earle of **Warwick**; themselves and their whole retinue amounting in number to 800 Horse. During whose stay at **Constance** he receiving a Challenge from a great Duke for his Ladies sake, slew the Duke in Justing; whereupon the Empresse took his livery, viz. the *Bear*, from one of his Knights shoulders, and for great favour to him set it on her own shoulder; but he, having notice thereof, made one of Pearle and precious stones, which being presented to her she received with much respect. Here also was it that the Emperour *Sigismund* gave him his sword to bear, and offered him the heart of *S. George* (the English-mens tutelary Saint) to bring over into this Realm; but hearing the Emperour say, that he would come in person into **England**, he restored it to him again, saying that the delivery thereof with his own hand would be much more acceptable. Nor was it long after that the Emperour did come over accordingly, and being made Knight of the *Garter* offered the holy Heart at **Windsor**, which was there kept in great esteem. Upon whose passage hither and return he was royally entertained at **Caleys** by this our Earle, then Captain there, his comportment being such, that the Emperour told King *Henry* that no Christian Prince

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Prince had such another Knight for Wisdom, Nurture, and Manhood; adding that if all courtesie were lost, yet might it be found again in him, inso-much as ever after by the same Emperours authority he was called the *Father of Courtesie*.

In his return from *Caleys* at that time, he took sat Sea two great Carricks; and shortly after, sc. 5. H. 5. attended *Thomas D. of Clarence* General of the Kings Army into *France*, where he further manifested his valour in divers eminent services; for having taken *Dampfront*, he first entred *Cane*, and set the Kings Arms on the Walls with the *Duke's*, crying, *a Clarence, a Clarence*. Then laid he siege to *Candebek* on the River of *Selne*; blockt up the Citie of *Roan*, both by land and water, and afterwards won *Mount S. Michael*, as also divers other strong Towns; As a reward for which signal services the K. created him Earle of *Amarle*. At the siege of *Roan* his Tent stood betwixt the Kings pavilion and *S. Katherine's*; and *S. Katherine's* being won, he was appointed to keep *Port-Parteville*.

After this, viz. in May following K. Henry imploy'd him to the K. of *France*, attended with a thousand men at Arms, to treat concerning a marriage with the Lady *Kath.* his daughter; but to obstruct his passage the *Dolphin* sent the Earles of *Mandoline* and *Lymosin* with 5000 men at arms, to whom the Earle gave Battail, wherein both those French Earls lost their lives, and one of them by E. Richard's own hands, 2000 of their men being slain and taken. In which Embassy he sped so well, that all things were concluded for the Kings marriage to that Lady (whom he wedded 3. Junii 8. of his reign,) and that he should enjoy the Realm of *France* intirely after the death of the then K. whereupon siege being laid to those places that rebelliously opposed this agreement, of which the strong Citie of *Orlon* was one, this noble Earle gained it with great honour, after xiiii. weeks and four dayes opposition. The next ensuing year, (viz. the last of the victorious Henry's reign) he was sent with *John D. of Bedford* the Kings brother, and other noble persons to raise the siege which the *Dolphin* had laid to a Citie of the D. of *Burgundie's*; howbeit, the D. hearing of their approach did not stay their coming.

But shortly after, K. Henry departed this world, having appointed by his last Will, that this Earle should have the tutelage of young Henry his Son, then an Infant, till he were xvi. years of age; which, the Parliament approving, he accordingly had. In the first year of whose reign he was, by Indenture bearing date x. Julii retained to serve as Capt. of *Caleys* from the 4. of Febr. past, for the space of 2. years, having for the custody thereof CCx. men, himself accounted; who, with his Lieutenant and the Marshall of the Town, were onely to be Horst, but all the rest to serve on foot; & to have also CC. Archers, besides ten men at Arms and x. Archers belonging to the Treasurer of *Caleys* that were to be at his command in all things tending to the safe-guard of that place; for which service he was to receive vi. s. viii. d. per diem for himself, ii. s. for his Lieutenant, xii. d. for his Marshall, for every of his Foot-souldiers viii. d. and for his Archers vi. d. After which *Philip D. of Burgundy*, besieging *Caleys*, was by the valour of this noble Earle (assisted by *Humfr. D. of Glouc.* and *Humf. E. of Stafford*) forc'd to flee. Nay, so conspicuous was his fidelity, wisdom, and cir-

cumspetion, as the words of the Pat. do import, (for which respect the custody of the K. royal person, as I have already intimated, had been by the advice of the D. of *Bedf.* and *Glouc.* (his Uncles) & all the Lords of the Councell committed to him, as well for the security thereof, as education in learning & virtue,) that upon the death of the D. of *Bedf.* then Regent of *France*, he was discharg'd of that burthen and care, and in stead thereof constituted Lieutenant general of the whole Realm of *France*, and Dutchy of *Normandy*; whereupon with his Lady and Son, taking shipping for passage over, and discerning great danger by a hideous tempest, he caus'd himself, with both of them, to be bound unto the main mast of the ship, to the intent that if they had perisht, and were ever after found, yet by his Cote of Arms, discovering who he was, they might have been buried together; the state and lustre of whose equipage in that journey may in some sort be discerned by his Painters bill, which I have here, from the Original transcribed, having with him a peculiar Officer at Arms, called *Warwick-Herauld*, who had a grant from him of an Annuity of x. Marks Sterling per annum.

These be the parcels that Will. Seburgh Citizen and Peyntour of *London* hath delivered in the monthe of Juyl the xv. year of the reign of Kyng Harry, the sixt to John Ray Taillour of the same Citie for the use and stuff of my Lord of Warwyk.

Ferst CCCC. Pencels bete with the Raggidde staffe of silver, pris the pece v. d. 08. l. - 06. s. - 00.

Item, for the peynting of two Pavys for my Lord, the one with a Gryfon stondyng in my Lordis Colours rede, white and russet, pris of the Pavys 00-06-08.

Item, for the other Pavys peyntid with blak and a Raggid staffe bete with silver occupying all the felde, pris 00-03-04.

Item, one Cote for my Lordis body, bete with fine gold, pris 01-10-00.

Item, other two Cotes for Herawdes bete with dymy gold, pris the pece xx. s. 02-00-00.

Item, iii. Baners for Trumpetis bete with dymy gold, pris the pece xiii. s. iii. d. 02-00-00.

Item, iiii. Spere shafts of reed, pris the pece xii. d. 00-04-00.

Item, one grete Burdon peynted with reed 00-01-02

Item, i. nother Burdon ywrithyn with my Lordis Colours, reed white and russet 00-02-00.

Item, for a grete Stremour for the Ship of xl. yerdis length, and viii. yerdis in brede, with a grete Bere and Gryfon holding a Raggid staffe, poudrid full of raggid staves; And for a grete Crosse of S. George, for the lymmyng and portraying 01-06-08.

Item, a Gyton for the Shippe of viii. yerdis longe, poudrid full of raggid staves, for the lymmyng and workmanship 00-02-00.

Item, for xviii. grete Standards, entretailled with the Raggid staffe, pris the pece viii. d. 00-12-00.

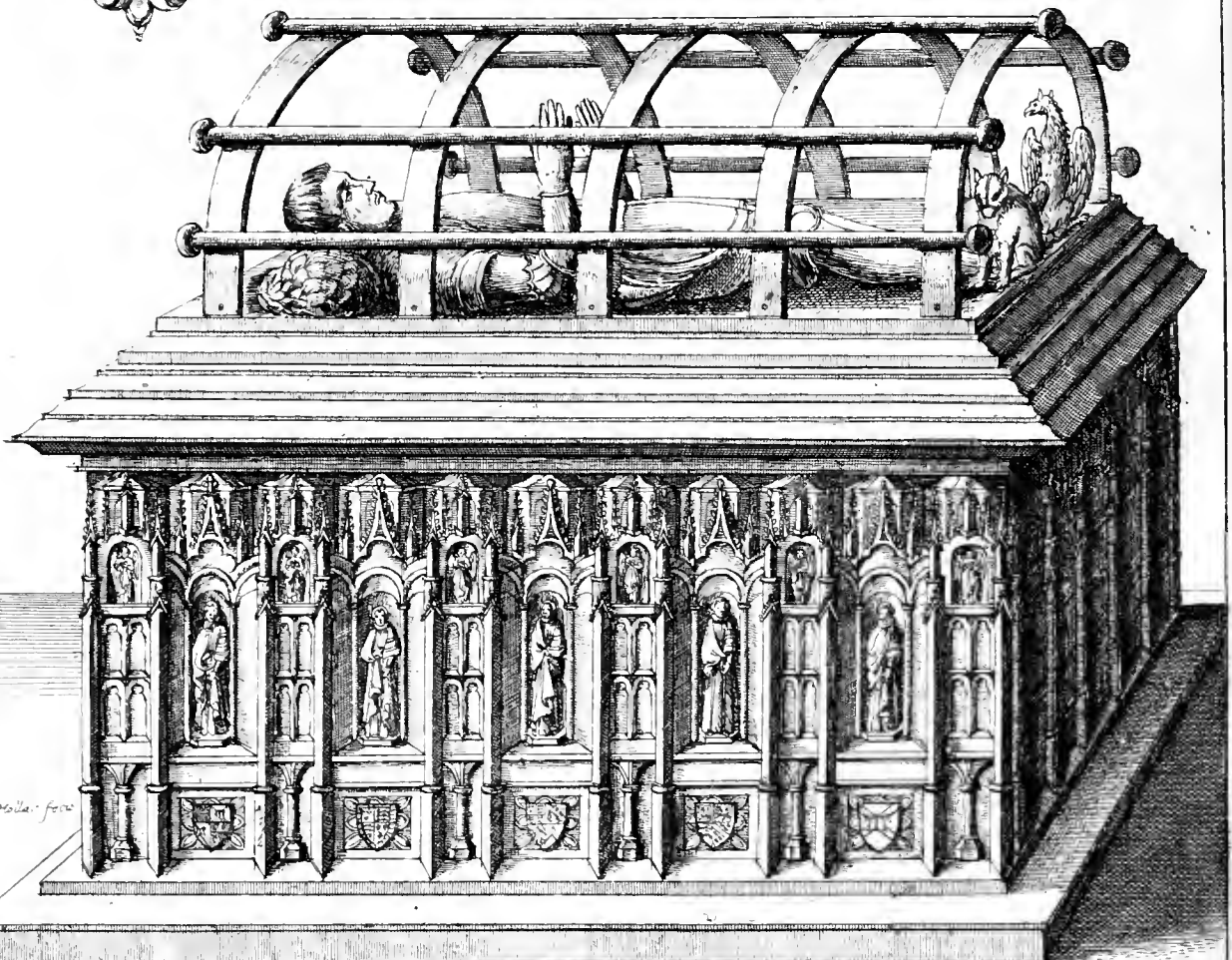
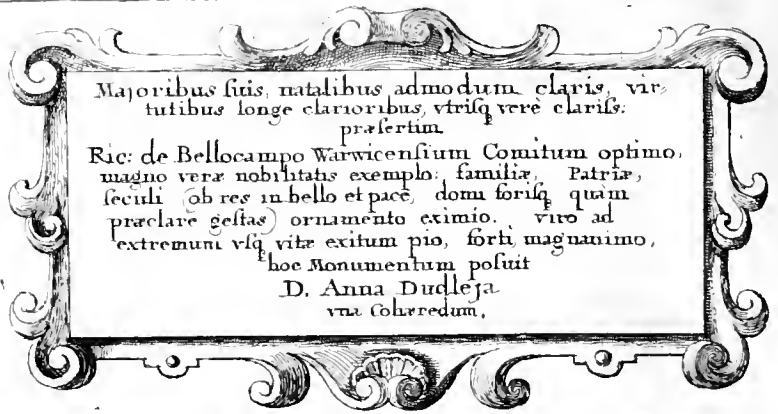
Item, xviii. Standardis of worsted, entretailled with the Bere and a Cheyne, pris the pece xii. d. 00-18-00.

Item, xvi. othir Standardis of worsted entretailled with the Raggid staffe, pris the pece xii. d. 00-05-04.

Item, 3. Penons of Satyn entreteylled with Raggid staves, for the lymmyng full of raggid staves, pris the pece ii. s. 00-06-00.

Item, for the Cote armour bete for George by the commandement of my Lord, pris 00-06-08.

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n Hist. MS.
ut supra.
o Ex autog. penes Will. Peir-point ar.



Preieth devoutly for the soule whom god aſſoules of one of the moſt worſhipfull knightes in his dayes of monhode and conning & Richard Beauchamp & late Earle of Warrewik & lord Deſpenſer of Bergeocny & of many other grete lordſhips. whos body reſtieth here under this tumber in a ful ſeire vout of Stone. on the bare roche, the which viſited with longe liknes in the caſtel of Roan therinne deſcelled ful criſtenly the laſt day of Aprill the yer of oure lord god 1381. & he being at that tyme lieutenant genall and governer of the roialme of fraunce, and of the duchie of Normandie be ſufficient & auctorite of our ſovaine lord the King Harry the vi. the which body with grete deliberacon and ful worſhipfull conduyt bi Dec and bi lord was brought to Warrewik the iij day of October the yer aboueſaide and was leide with ful ſoleme exequies in a ſeire chuſt made of ſtone in this churche afore the welt dore of this chapel according to his laſt wille and & Deſtament & therein to reſte til this chapel by him deuſed i his liet were made. Al the whiche chapel founded & on the roche and alle the membres therof, his & exequours dede fully make and apparaille by the auctorite of his ſeide laſt wille and & Deſtament and thereafter by the ſame auctorite they dide tranſlate & ful worſhipfully the ſaid body into the vout aboue ſaide honored be god therefore.

The Statues in Copper gilt ſtanding on the ends & ſides of this Monument,

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| <p><i>At the head of the Tomb</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Henry Beauchamp Duke of Warwike 2 The Lady Cecily his wife, daughter to Ric: Nevill. E. of Salisburi; <p><i>On the South ſide,</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Ric: Nevill E. of Salisburi; 2 Edm: Beaufort D. of Somerſet, 3 Humfr: Stafford D. of Buckingham 4 John Talbot E. of Shrewsbury 5 Ric: Nevill E. of Warwike. 6 George Nevill Lord Latimer 7 Eliz: his wife one of the daughters of E. Ric. <p><i>At the foot,</i></p> | <p><i>On the North ſide,</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Alice — daughter and heir to Thomas Montagu E. of Salisb: wife to Ric Nevill E. of Salisburi; 2 Elianore one of the daughters of Ric: B: Earl of Warwike: Wife to Edm: Beaufort D. of Somerſet, 3 Anne daughter, to Ralph Nevill Earle of Weſtmorland: Wife to Humfray Stafford D. of Buckingham, 4 Margaret one of the daughters to Ric: Beauch: Earl of Warwike: Wife to John Talbot E. of Shrewsbury. 5 Anne daughter to Ric: Beauchamp E. of Warwike: Wife to Ric: Nevill E. of Salisburi; |
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But he safely arrived, though not without much difficulty, and continued in that high employment till his death, which hapned about 4. years after, as I shall shew anon, using this title * in his Charters *Ric. de Beauchamp Comes de Warrewyk, & de Aumarle, seign. L'isle, & Capitayne de Rovent.*

Having thus manifested the chief of his publick employments, I now come to speak of those pious works, which for his Souls advantage he either performed himself, in his life time, or by his Will appointed that his Executors should do. Of the first, was the foundation of that Chantry at **Cup-Cliff**, in 9.H.6. (whereof I have there spoke at large:) but the rest being left to his Executors performance; viz. 1. to perfect the building at **Cup-Cliff**, the building of that magnificent Chapel, in honour of our Lady, adjoining to the Collegiat Church in **Warwick**, where his Monument now is (of which I shall speak more fully there) the amortizing of Lands for the maintenance of 4. more Priests and 2. Clerks in the said Collegiat Church, over and above the number there before; and of Lands to the value of xx. Marks per ann. to his Colledge at **Elmley**, for the maintenance of one more Priest to be added to the number at that time there.

By his said last Will and Testam. bearing date at **Caberham** in **Orfordsch.** 8. Aug. An. 1435. 15. H.6. (which is very memorable) he appointed that first, and in all haste possible after his decease, there should be five thousand Masses said for his Soul; Next his debts to be truly and wholly paid; Then that untill the Chapel above specified were finisht, his body should be laid in a Chest of stone before the Altar on the right hand of his fathers Tomb in the said Collegiat Church of **Warw.** & afterwards removed thither, where he ordained 3. Masses every day to be sung as long as the world might endure; one of our Lady with Note, according to the *Ordinale Sarum*; The 2. without Note of Requiem; The 3. also without Note, viz. the Sunday of the Trinity, the Munday of the Angels, the Tuesday of S. Thomas of **Canterb.** the Wednesday of the Holyghost, the Thursday of Corpus Christi, the Fryday of the Holy Crosse, & the Saturday of the Annunciation of our Lady; for performance of which he appointed xli. Lands per ann. over and above all reprises, to be amortized; viz. for every of the four Priests above specified x. Marks per ann. and for every Clerk v. Marks, and x. Marks to be divided amongst the said four Priests, and other six Vicars of the Colledge to increase their yearly salary, viz. to each of them xlii. s. iiii. d. And besides this, that his Executors should treat with the Abbot and Convent of **Leeksbury**, and agree that in their Monastery his Obit might be yearly kept; as also one Masse sung every day there for his Soul, which to be the first if it might be, if not the last.

To the Collegiat Church of **Warwick** he gave an Image of our Lady in pure Gold, there to remain for ever, in the name of a Heriot; and appointed that his Executors should cause four Images of Gold, each weighing xx. li. to be made like unto himself, in his Coat of Arms, holding an Anker betwixt his hands, and so to be offered and delivered in his name; viz. one to the Shrine in the Church of S. Alban, to the honour of God, our Lady and S. Alban; another to the Shrine of S. Thomas at **Canterbury**; the third at **Bridlington** (in **Yorksh.**) and the fourth at the Shrine in the Church of S. Winifride at **Shrewsbury**. And moreover, that a goodly Tombe of Marble should be

erected in the Abby of **Livingwood** in **Com. Glouc.** upon the grave of *Eliz.* his first wife, as also restitution made for any wrong done by him; and his servants to be rewarded. To *Isabell* then his wife, he gave all the silver vessel, bedding, and household stuffe that he had with her; and over and above all that, and whatsoever else she had since they were married, two dozen of silver dishes, xii. Chargers of silver, xii. saucers of silver, a pair of Basyns, covered, silver, and gilt, four other Basyns of silver, four Ewers of silver, xii. pieces of silver of one sort, with his Arms enameled on the bottom of them; & likewise the great Paytren bought of the Countesse of **Suff.** sometime belonging to the Earle of **Salisbury**; and to his Son *Henry* the Cup of Gold with the dance of men and women.

Of which Testament were Executors, the Lord *Cromwell*, the Lord *Tiptoft*, *John Throkemorton*, *Ric. Curson*, *Thomas Hugesford*, *Will. Berkswell* Priest, and *Nich. Rody* (his Steward.) After which, viz. ult. Apr. An. 1439. 17.H.6. he departed this life; as his monumental inscription here most exactly imitated, together with the true representation of his magnificent Tombe sheweth: leaving issue by *Eliz.* his first wife, daughter, and Heir to *Thom. L. Berkley*, three daughters; viz. *Margaret* born at **Good-rest** in **Mednoks-park** the next year after the Battail of **Shrewsbury**. second wife to the famous *John Talbot* Earle of **Shrewsbury**; which *Margaret* died at **London**, An. 1467. (7.E.4.) and was buried under the Quire in the Cathedral of **St. Paul** (commonly called **St. Faiths** Church.) *Alianore* born at **Walkinstou** in **Essex** shortly after the feast of our Lady's Nativity 9. H.4. first married to the *L. Rosse*, and afterwards to *Edm. Beaufort* Marq. **Dorset** and D. of **Somerset**; And *Elizabeth*, born at **Warwick-Castle**, wife to *George Nevil* Lord **Latimer**. To his second wife he wedded *Isabel* daughter of *Thomas le Despens* E. of **Glouc.** and by the death of her brother *Richard*, and elder sister *Eliz.* without issue, Heir to all his Lands; but being the widow to *Ric. Beauchamp* E. of **Warcest.** his Uncles son (as in **Fillongley** I have shewed) he had a special dispensation from the Pope to marry her. The pictures of which his wives & children together with his own, as they stand in the East window of that stately Chapel before specified, where his Monument is, I have upon the next page exquisitely represented. By this *Isabel* he left issue *Henry* and *Anne*, of both which I shall speak in their order.

The Lands whereof he was possesd were very vast, as may seem by that computation of their yearly value extracted from the Accompts of his several Bayliffs through **England** and **Wales**, in 12.H.6. amounting to no less than 8306. Marks, 11. s. 11. d. ob. Which, setting aside the good penniworths that his Tenants had of what they then held, would in the dayes we live augment that sum sixfold at least, considering that about that time Barly was sold for 4. s. 2. d. the quarter, Oats at 2. s. 1. d. ob. Capons at 3. d. a piece, and Hens at 1. d. ob. as by certain Accompts of his Household-Officers appeareth.

Touching the said Lady *Isabel* his Countesse I finde, that she did not long survive him; for her Testament bears date the first of **Decemb.** following, and the probat thereof 4. **Febr.** the same year. Of which Testament, forasmuch as it is very memorable, I shall here deliver the substance; viz. that her body should be interred in the Abby of **Leeksa-**

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f Luffnam
Q. 27.



Isabella vxor secunda huius Ricardi Comitis
Warwici. dñā le despenser de Glamorgan et
de Morgannock.



Ricardus de bellocampo nobilis Comes Warwici
qui suis sumptibus in honore dei suę beate matris
Marię virginis, hanc fecit Capellā totaliter fabricari.



Elizabeth vxor prima huius Ricardi Comitis
Warwici. que filia et heres erat dñi Thomę
nuper dñi de Berkeley et de Lisle.



Anna filia dictorū Ricardi et Isabelle que
dicti dñi Ricardi Comitis Sax. dñō Ricardo
nubuit filio et heredi.



Henricus filius et heres eorū Ricardi et Is-
abelle primus Dux Warwici qui Cecelia filia dñi
Ricardi Cleuille Comitis Sax. nupuit in uxorem.



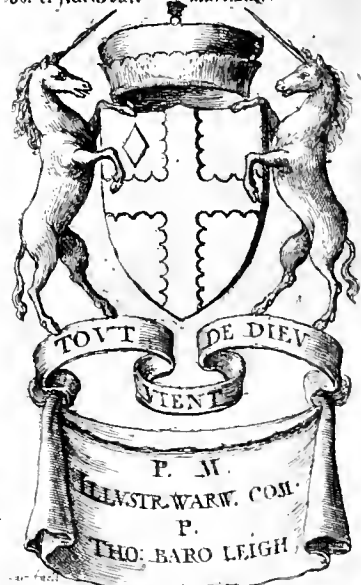
Margareta prima filia horū Ricardi et Elizabethę
que dñō Johanni Comiti Salopie dñā de Cal-
bot et sturndale nupuit.



Elanora secunda filia dictorū Ricardi et
Elizabeth que dñō. Edmundo Beaufort
Duci Somersetie similiter maritatur.



Elizabetha tertia
filia Comitis Ri-
cardi. et Elizabeth vxor
Georgii Regalle
domini de Lathmer.



† Jewels
hanging on
women's
foreheads
by Bodkins
thrust into
their hair.
* Pale, or
Peach co-
loured Ru-
bies.

Welksbury, and her great *Templys* † with the
baleys * sold to the utmost, and delivered to the
Monks of that house, so that they grutcht not with
her burial there, and what else she had appointed
to be done about the same. As also that her statue
should be made all nakyd with her hair cast back-
wards, according to the design and modell that one
Thomas Porchalion had for that purpose, and *Mary*
Magd. laying her hands a-crosse, with *S. John* the
Evang. on the right side, and on the left side *S. An-*
thony; and at her feet a *Scoccheon* empaling her
Arms with those of the Earle her late Husband,
supported by two *Gryphons*, but on the sides there-
of the statues of poor men and women in their poor

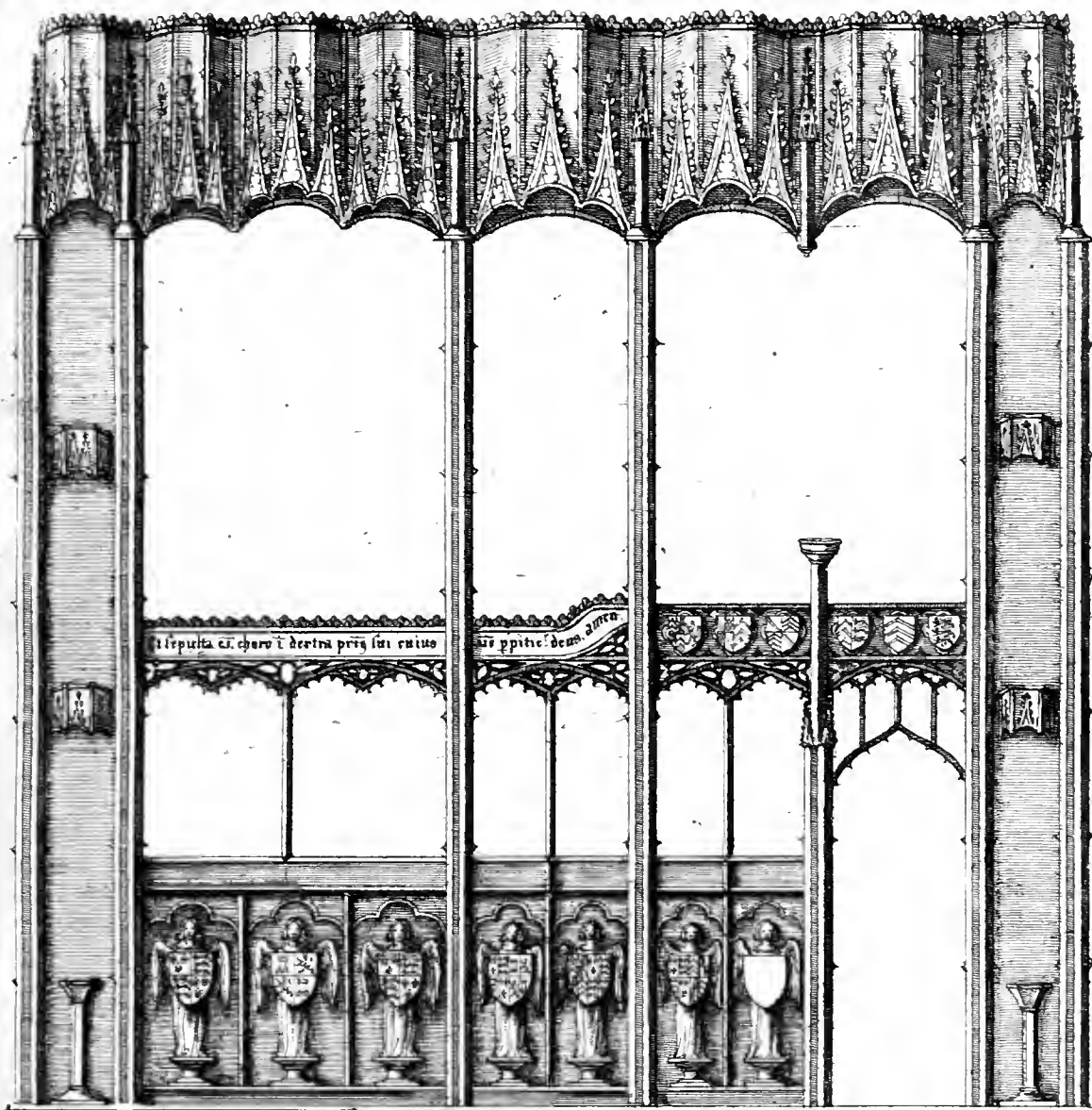
array, with their beads in their hands. She also
willed, that of her great *Sharp* a Challice should
be made & offered to our Lady in the *Lady-Chapell*
there at **Welksbury**; and gave to our Lady of **Ca-**
vertham a Crown of Gold made of her Chain
(weighing 25*l.*) and other broken Gold in her Ca-
binet; and two *Tablers*, the one of *S. Catherine*,
the other of *S. George*, the precious stones of which
Tablers to be set in the said Crown. Her *Tablet*
with the Image of our Lady, having a *Glasse* for
it, she appointed to be offered unto our Lady of
Walsingham, as also her Gown of green *Alyz*
cloath of Gold with wide sleeves, and a *Tabernacle*
of silver like in the timbre to that over our Lady of **Ca-**

Caberham; and that her great Image of Wax, then at **London**, should be offered to our Lady of **Worcester**. To the Abby of **Leeksbury** she gave her wedding Gown, and all her Cloaths of Gold, and Cloaths of Silk without Furs, saving one of Russet Velvet which she bequeathed to **S. Winifride**; further directing that all her precious Stones and Pearls should be sold, as also her silver Vessel and goods to perform her Will, whereof **Sr. Will. Mountfort**, **John Nansan**, and **John Norreis** were constituted Executors.

On the North side of the Quire.

Of her death let us hearken to what the *MS. Hist. of Leeksbury* saith. *Isabella uxor Ricardi quinti, patrona de Theokesbri, rediit de Francia, & aliquandiu se in Monasterio Canoniorum de Southwyke refocillavit. Hæc Isabella sepulta est in Theokesbyri eodem anno quo obiit Ricardus quintus Comes de Warwike ejus maritus.* But of her Monument so designed as I have said, there is no more now remaining than what I have here in this Figure exprest.

Ex Let. Itin. vol. 6. f. 90.



The inscription vpon the freeze, traversing the middle part of this Chapell wⁱⁿ. and without.

Memento dñe Isabelle le despenser Comitisse de Warwick
que hanc Capellam fundavit in honore beate Marie
Et obiit X^o dñi M^o CCCC^o xxv^o die S^o Johis Evangeliste
Et sepulta est iⁿ choro iⁿ destra patris sui cuius aⁿte p^{ro}pitiatur deus amen

Ex Monumento delicti

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117.

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H. 6.
1135.

I now come to **Henry** the succeeding Earle, Son and Heir to **Richard** by the said Lady **Isabel**. This **Henry** was born at **Hanley-Castle** in **Worcester-shire**, on Thursday xi. Kal. Apr. An. 1424. 3. H. 6. and baptized on the Saturday by **Philip Morgan** Bishop of **Worcester**, having to his God-fathers at the font **Henry Beaufort** Cardinal and Bishop of **Winchester**, with **Humfry E. Stafford**, and to his God-mother **Jane Lady Bergavenny**; the same **B. of Worcester** being his God-father also at confirmation. At his fathers death he hardly exceed- ed the age of fourteen years, but was a person of extraordinary hopes, as by the early appearance of his heroick disposition is evident; for before he accomplished full xix. years of age, he tendred his service for defence of the Dutchy of **Aquitane**; in

consideration whereof, and to give him the more encouragement in that expedition, the K. by his Charter bearing date at **Dober**. 2. Apr. 22. of his Reign, created him Premier Earle of **England**, and for a distinction betwixt him and other Earles, granted to him and the Heirs male of his body leave to wear a golden Coronet about his head, as well in his own presence as elsewhere, upon such great Festivals as the like used to be worn. And within 3. dayes following, considering the high deserts of his noble father, of whom he hath this expression° ---- quem (meaning Earl Richard) dignissime in *Armorum strenuitate ut columnam immobilem belli fata pro nobis & nostris magnanimiter & libenter sustinentem, suorum cognoscit & commendat ingenia, ex excellentia meritorum minime*

nimè per nos aut progenitores nostros huc usque remuneratum, &c. advanced him to the title of Duke of **Warwick**, granting him place in Parl. and all other meetings next to the D. of **Boz**. and before the Duke of **Buck**. and giving him xl. l. per ann. to be paid by the Sheriffe of **War**. and **Leic**. Shires for the time being out of the revenue of these Counties, towards the better support of that Honour.

But this business of Precedency was so stomackt by **Humfrey** Duke of **Buck**. that had not the K. by Act of Parl. in 23. of his reign (which was the next year ensuing the said Duke of **Warwick**'s Creation) qualified it, much inconvenience had arisen upon it: Therefore for appeasing the contention and strife moved betwixt them for that preheminance (those are the words of the Act) it was established, that from the 2. of Decemb. then next following, they should take place of each other by turn, viz. one that year, and the other the next, and so as long as they lived together, the Duke of **Warwick** to have the first years precedence, and he which should survive to have place of the others heir male, as long as he lived; And from that time, that the heir male of each should take place of other, according as it might happen he had livery of his lands before him. After which he had a grant in reversion from the death of **Humfrey** Duke of **Glouc.** of the Isles of **Cernesey**, **Jersey**, **Serk**, **Crm** and **Aureney**, for the yearly Rent of a Rose to be paid at the feast of the Nativity of **S. John Bapt.** As also of the Mannour and Hundred of **Brissoll** in **Gloucester-sh.** for the yearly ferm of lx. l. and besides this of all the Kings Castles and Mannours within the Forest of **Dene**, for the Rent of C. l. per ann. To all which Honours he had this further added, viz. to be Crowned King of the Isle of **Wight** by the Kings own hands.

But this hopeful branch, the onely heir male to these great Earls, was cropt in the flower of his youth, before the fruits of his Heroik disposition could be fully manifested to the world; for upon **S. Barnabas** day, sc. xi. Junii 1445. 23. H. 6. being but xxii. years of age, he died at **Hanley**, (the place of his birth) and was buried in the Abbey of **Leicester** about the midst of the Quire, at the head of Prince **Edm.** Son and Heir to King **H. 6.** In his fathers life time, when he was scarce

ix. years of age, being then called by the name of the Lord **Despenser**, he wedded *Cecily* daughter to **Ric. Nevill**, Earle of **Salisbury**, whose portion was 4700. Marks; (which *Cecily* afterwards, sc. 27. H. 6. married to **John** Lord **Tiptoft**) by whom he left issue one onely daughter, called **Anne**, born at **Harroff** in the moneth of **Febr.** An. 1439. Which **Anne** being about 2. years old at his death, was committed to the tutelage, & first of **Q. Margaret**, and afterwards of **Will. de la Poole**, D. of **Suff.** & had the title of Countess of **Warwick**; but she did not long survive; For I finde, that 3. Jan. An. 1449. 27. H. 6. she departed this world at **Netelme** in **Driford**. (a Mannour of the said D. of **Suff.**) and was buried in the Abbey of **Reading**, near to the grave of **Constance** Lady **Despenser** her great Grand-mother, daughter to **Edmund** of **Langley** D. of **Bozk**. Whereupon **Anne** her Aunt, born at **Caversham** in **Driford**-shire, 3. Id. Julii, An. 1429. 7. H. 6. Sister of the whole blood to the late D. of **Warwick**, became Heir to the Earldom, being at that time the wife of **Ric. Nevill**, Son and Heir to **Ric. Nevill**, Earle of

Salisbury before specified, having been wedded to him the same year that **Henry** her brother married *Cecily* his sister. Which **Richard**, by reason of his said marriage, and in respect of his special services about the Kings person, as also in the Wars of **Scotland** (for so doth the Par. import) had on the 23. of **July** following the death of his wives Neice, the dignity and title of Earle of **Warwick** confirm'd and declared to him and his said wife, and to her Heirs, with all preheminencies that any of their Ancestors, before the Creation of **Henry** D. of **Warwick** used. Shortly after which, he with his said Countesse, by Fine levied xv. Trin. 28. H. 6. entailed the Castle of **Warwick**, with a great number of Lordships in this and xvi. other Counties upon the issue of their two bodies lawfully begotten, and for default thereof upon the issue of her, with remainder to **Margaret** eldest daughter to **Richard Beauchamp** Earle of **Warwick** and her Heirs.

This is that **Ric. Nevill**, who by our Historians is called the stout Earle of **Warwick**; and well he might be so in regard he bore such bold sway towards the later end of K. H. 6. and part of **Edm.** 4. Reign, having been so prime an Actor in those tragick stirs betwixt the Houses of **Lanc.** & **Bozk**, as they that have but indifferently perused the stories of that time cannot be ignorant. About the 30. of H. 6. he took part with **Ric. D. of Bozk**, who at that time put himself in Arms under pretence to reform things amiss in the Kingdom; but the D. being not then powerfull enough to go through with his design, submitted himself, making Oath to be a true and faithfull subject: howbeit, the next year after, having laid a better foundation for his attempts, chiefly by the interest he had in this Earle, and the Earle of **Salisbury** his father, he broke out again in 33. H. 6. and at **S. Albans** assailed the Kings forces, (where our **Warwick** entering through a garden gave the first onset) slew many, took the person of the King, caused a Parliament to be summoned, made himself Protector to the K. and **Warwick** Capt. of **Caleys**: But by the power of some others, who saw what was driven at, was at that time hindered in his speed; so that the King coming to **Cobentre** in 35. of his Reign, there hoped to have reconciled all things, and to that end sent for the D. by Letters, as also our E. of **Warwick** and his father, who came accordingly; but they, pretending some ill intentions towards them, pack-away, York to **Wigmore** in the Marches of **Wales**, **Salisbury** to **Stoleham**-Castle in the North, and our **Warwick** to **Caleys**; yet after some overtures were content to meet at **London**, so as they might have store of followers; whereupon they came, **Warwick** bringing with him 600. men apparelled, in Red Coats embroidered with white Ragged staves before and behind.

This was in 36. H. 6. where, and at which time all things were peaceably accorded in shew; but there hapning not long after (sc. 37. H. 6.) an affray betwixt a servant of the K. and one of **Warwick**'s followers, this gave colour of a report that there was a design to kill the Earle, which occasioned him to take his Barge, & haste to **Caleys**. Thither therefore the young D. of **Somerset** was sent as Captain, but **Warwick** would not resign, maintaining himself there by a great booty he had got at Sea, as Admiral, no less worth than 10000. l. for he had taken 3. Carricks of **Genoa**, and 2. of **Spain**,

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laden with rich merchandize after two dayes fight with the losse^a of about C. men of his own and a thousand of theirs. After which, (sc. 38. H.6.) he brings^b over a band of stout Souldiers from **Caleys**, and with them a valiant Commander, named **Andrew Trollop** to a general Rendevouz that the Yorkists had at **Luddeford** in **Herefordsh.** on the *Vigil* of the translation of S. **Edw.** the K. where he produced^d certain persons before the people to swear that the K. was deceased; causing^c Masse to be said and Offerings made that they might the lesse dread to take the field: But **Trollop**, who had served formerly against the French, & done notably, finding that **Warw.** & the rest had foul intentions towards the K. whereas his preservation and honour was pretended to him, got away privately with a choise sort of men, & came^f in to the K. wch did so much daunt the Yorkists, that they presently shifted for themselves, **Warw.** with his father getting difficultly^e to **Caleys**. Whereupon the K. calls^h a Parl. at **Cob.** and attaintsⁱ him, with the rest, of high treason.

From **Caleys** therefore **Warwick** sayls^k speedily into **Ireland** to the D. of **Forke**; and being not able to carry on their work in **Engl.** by main strength, they pretend^l all fidelity and allegiance to the K. which feigned shew did not onely gull^m the ordinary sort of men, but even the Archb. of **Can.** himself, and many other persons of quality that believed them, so that they were permittedⁿ to land in **Kent**: and the better to delude the people, **Warwick** openly at the Cross in **Canterb.** swore, ^o that they had ever born true faith and allegiance to King **Henry**, upon which stock he got many to joyn with them, giving^p out that they onely desired admission to the K. for speech with him: Nevertheless when they came^q to **Portsmouth**, where his Army was, they put themselves in order to fight, the Vanguard being led^r by our **Warwick**, whereupon a bloody Battail ensued (9. *Julii*) in which the K. was taken^s & many a gallant man slain. Howbeit after this the Q. raises^t more power in **Forke**, whereof the D. of **Forke** hearing, he hastens thither, but meeting at **Wakefield** an. 39. H.6. he felt the reward of his perfidie, being their slain^u in Battail. Hereupon she advances towards **London**, where **Warwick** and the rest of his party, now^v in Arms on the behalf of **Edw.** E. of **March**, son and heir to the D. of **Forke**, were, having the K. along with them; who endeavouring to stop her passage at S. **Albans** were there routed; at which time the K. person was recovered: but it was not long after ere the Earls of **March** and **Warw.** having by flight escaped, made^y up towards **London** again with a mighty power, which so affrighted the Q. notwithstanding her late successe at S. **Albans**, that she retired with the K. and P. Northwards again; which gave such ground to the Yorkists, that **London** received them without opposition; so that the E. of **March**, from this time forwards taking upon him the title, was proclaimed^z K. by the name of **Edw.** 4. and thereupon hasted Northwards against the forces which K. **Henry** had raised there; but at **Ferry-brygg** receiving some loss whereat divers were staggered, **Warwick** to encourage others slew^a his own Horle with his Sword in King **Edw.** presence, saying, *Let him fly that fly will, I will tarry with him that will tarry with me*, and so kist the Crosse of his Sword to confirm that resolution; this being the day preceding that great Battail of **Towton** where K. **Edw.** had the better.

After which victory, **Warwick** had the command of the Castle of **Guyenes**, near **Caleys**, committed to

his custody, which he was obliged by Indenture^b to keep, from the 4. of **March** 1. E. 4. as long as he lived, with *xlviii.* men at Arms on foot, himself and his Lieut. on horse-back, and 50. Archers on foot: in consideration whereof himself & his Lieutenant were to have *ii. s. per diem*, his men at Arms *viii. d.* and his Archers *vi. d.* The same year was he also made^c Lord great Chamberlain of **Engl.** for life; And, in recompence for his many & great services, had a grant^d in fee of the Mannour of **Wozend** in **Portsmouth**, as also of **Atherston**, & **Fulbroke** in this County. It is not like that he continued long at the Castle of **Guyenes** before specified; for about this time (3. E. 4.) was he employed^e further into **France** by the K. to treat in his behalf touching a marriage with the Lady **Bona**, daughter to **Lewes** D. of **Saboy**, and sister to the French Q. in which he sped so well, as that it was resolved the E. of **Dampmartin** should speedily come over into **Engl.** to confirm the business: but K. **Edw.** hunting in **Wythwood** forest, where he chanc'd to set his eyes upon **Eliz.** the widow of **Sr. John Grey**, was so captivated^f with her beauty, that he would not hearken to what our **Warwick** had done in **France**; which so incens'd the haughty spirited E. that, from that time he never ceas'd to endeavour the Ks. ruin; and to that end taking advantage of the D. of **Clarence** his discontents, won him to his side, but for firmer securing their compact, gave^g his daughter **Isabel** to him in marriage (8. E. 4.) in our Lady Church at **Caleys** with half the Lands of her mothers inheritance.

Hereupon they plotted how new commotions should be raised, which were effected by certain of their instruments in **Forke**, and being gotten into Arms, the first bout they had was at^h **Codgote** in **Driford**, where the Royalists had the worst. But the K. himself being yet Northwards in the head of a good Army, and resolving to find out his enemies, marcht towards **Warw.** whereof our Earl being advertised, he employedⁱ several persons to treat with him for a peace, unto which the K. too credulously hearkning rested secure in his Camp at **Wolbey** (in this County) whilst spying the advantage, he came in the night time and surpris'd^k him in his bed; from whence he carried him prisoner^l to his Castle at **Warw.** and afterwards to **Middleham** in **Forke**, where he left him in the custody of his brother **George Nevil** Archb. of **Forke**: but by advantage of hunting in the Parks, which the Archb. permitted him to do, he made his escape, & raised such a power in a short space, that, having vanquish'd **Sr. Rob. Wells** with his forces in **Lincolns.** our **Warwick** & **Clarence** thought it safest to pack^m away, and would have got to **Caleys** (of which Town he was Capt.) but that the Lord **Pawclere** (a *Gascoign*) whom he constituted his Deputy, oppos'dⁿ his entrance; whereupon he landed^o in **Portmandy**, & receiving^p much countenance from the French K. applied himself to Q. **Margaret** (wife of K. H. 6.) who was fled into those parts for safety; & for the firmer twisting his and the *Lancastrian* interest together, matches^q his other daughter, **Anne**, with **Edw.** Pr. of **Wales**, taking a solemn Oath^r to restore K. **Henry**, by means whereof he obtained no small assistance^s from the said Queens friends.

Shortly after which he landed^t in the West of **Eng.** and proclaimed K. **Henry**; where his power so increased that K. **Edw.** was forc'd to fly the Land; so that then having no rub in his way, he entred^u **London**, delivered King **Henry** from his ix.

b Ex autog. penes Cler. Pell.

c Pat. 2. E. 4. p. 2. m. 20.

d Pat. 2. E 4 p. 1. m. 13.

e Hall. Chron. f. 193. a.

f Ib. f. 194. b.

g Ib. f. 200. a.

h Ib. f. 201. b.

i Ib. f. 202. b.

k Ib. f. 203. b.

m Ib. f. 204. b.

n Ib. f. 205. b. (9. E. 4.)

o Ib. f. 206. a.

p Ib. b.

q Ib. f. 207.

r Ib. f. 208.

s Ib. f. 210. a.

inprisonment, and set him again on his Throne. But before the revolution of one year K. *Edw.* arrives in *Eng.* again, and increasing his strength much, so daunted the D. of *Clarence* (his brother) that he made his peace with him, and offered to do the like for our *Warwick* (his father in law) had not his stomach been too high; so that then there being no way but by the sword to determine the business, it came to be decided on *Easter* day at *Barnet*-field, in which Battail our stout Earle lost his life with many persons of note; & others, to a great number; and was buried in the Monastery of *Wicham* in *Com. Berks.* with his Ancestors the *Montagues*, by whom it had been founded.

This was the course & conclusion of our haughty spirited Earle, whose ambition hastned his ruine as we see. *Commes* being sent to *Caleys* by the D. of *Burgundy* to treat with *Varclere*, (the deputy Governour there to this great man) reports, that he was so popular, as that every one wore his Badge, no man esteeming himself gallant, whose head was not adorned with his *Ragged staff*; nor no doot frequented, that had not his *white Crosse* painted thereon; insonuch as *Varclere* himself wore a Jewel in his Hat, wherein was a *black Ragged staffe* embroidered with Gold. Of his extraordinary Hospitality also do I finde this observ'd, that at his house in *London* six Oxen were usually eaten at a Break-fast, and every Tavern full of his meat; for who that had any acquaintance in his family should have as much fodder and rost as he might carry upon a long Dagger. Nay it appears, that being Admiral to K. H. 6. he was stiled a great Captain of the Sea, having for his support in that place, not onely all the *Tonnage* and *Poundage* belonging to the King in any wise, but a thousand pounds *per. ann.* out of the revenues of the Dutchy of *Lancaster*; as also that by the same Kings favour he had a grant of preheminance above all the Earles in the Land. And moreover, to adde to his greatness, a peculiar Officer at arms, for his service in martial employments, called *Warwick-Herault*.

But after the death of this Earle his Countesse underwent no little distresse; being constrained to take sanctuary in the Abby of *Beaulieu* (in *Hants.*) where she continued for a long time in a mean condition; but thence privately got into the North, where also she abode in great streights, all her vast inheritance by authority of Parliament being taken from her, and settled upon *Isabel* and *Anne* her two daughters and heirs, the first of them wife to *George* D. of *Clarence*, and the second to *Ric.* D. of *Glouc.* as if she the said *Anne* had been naturally dead: which was with-held from her till 3. H. 7. that the K. (having a minde thereto, her said daughters being both dead) by a new Act of Parliament, annulled the former, as against all reason, conscience, and course of nature, and contrary to the Laws of God and man (as the words thereof import:) And in consideration of the true and faithfull service and allegiance by her born to K. H. 6. as also that she never gave cause to such disherison, restored unto her the possession of the premises, with power to alien the same, or any part thereof; but with little purpose that she should enjoy it, as it seems; for it appears, that the same year by a special Feoffment bearing date 13. Dec. and a Fine thereupon, she convey'd it wholly to the K. entailing it upon the issue male of his body, with remainder to her self & her Heirs; the particular Lordships in which grant, for as-

much as the magnificence of our preceding Earls may thereby be the better illustrated, I have here set down; viz. the Mannours of *Warrewyk*, *Tone-worthe*, *Lightborne*, *Boxton*, *Berkswell*, *Brayles*, *Claberdon*, *Sutton*, *Winterton*, *Budbroke*, *Hale-ley*, *Snitterfeld*, and *Pipe hall* in this County; *Abbotley*, *Shzabeley*, *Elmley-Lover*, *Sallwarpe*, *Hull-place*, *Wyche*, *Elmley-Castle*, *Chadsey*, *Verbington*, *Shyleve-Lench*, *Perdley*, *Cromb-Simonds*, *Warpdell*, *Hanley*, *Bullheley*, *Ridmery*, *Upton super Sabrinam*, with the Citie of *Worcester*, all in *Worcestersh.* *Tewkesbury*, *Stoke-Archer*, *Whittington*, *Fairford*, *Sobbury*, *Tredyngton*, *Panngton*, *Fyrdington*, *Pozthey*, *Putt*, *Berton-Regis juxta Bristol*, *Barton-Hundred*, *Kenmerton*, *Chedworthe*, and *Lydney* in *Gloucestershire*. *Burford*, *Shypton*, *Spellesbury*, *Chadlyngton-Hundred*, and *Langley* in *Orfordsh.* *Kavertham*, and *Stanford* in *Berks.* *Chyriel*, *Sherston*, and *Wootton* in *Wilts.* *Dertford*, *Willington*, and *Hendon* in *Kent*. *Walhamstow* and *Fraunceys* in *Essex*. *Flampstead* in *Hertfordsh.* *Potters-Pitpe*, *Atherugge-Hundred*, *Querendon*, *Aylesbury*, *Wackland*, *Agmonds-ham*, *Slingsbury*, *Hanslope*, *Diney*, and *Gerlaw* in *Com. Bucks.* *Buckby*, *Multon*, *Conesgrave*, and *Pelbertoft* in *Com. Northampton.* *Walshale*, *Perry-Bar*, *Watingham*, and *Shenston* in *Com. Staff.* *Barnard-Castle* in the Bishoprick of *Durham*, *Hybworth* in *Com. Leic.* *Hyntworth*, *Bautre* and *Hotham* in *Com. Choz.* *Clindon*, *Shellingthorp*, *Greteham*, *Barowden*, *Preston* and *Tippingham* in *Com. Rutl.* *Stillington* in *Com. Linc.* *Kertling* in *Com. Cantabz.* *Snodel* and *Faunhope* in *Com. Herel.* *Saham-Toney*, *Dufokyn*, *Pekton*, *Panneworthall* & *Gressingham-parva* in *Com. Norf.* *Carnauntton*, *Hoston-Toney*, *Wylston*, and *Lantran* in *Com. Cornwall.* *Glamorgan*, *Burgabenny*, *Elvell*, *Snodehyll*, *Ulangtre*, *Ulangero*, & *Wale-Byhyneour* in *Wales*, & the Marches thereof. *South-Tanton*, & *Sele*, with the Hundred of *South-Tanton* in *Com. Devon.* The Isles of *Jersey*, *Garnsey*, *Serk*, and *Aureney*, with the Castles therein, and certain houses in *Southwerk*.

She was living in 5. H. 7. as appears by an assignation from the K. of the Mannour of *Sutton* in this County for her maintenance, but how long after I know not; for of her death is there no mention in Record, that I can finde. By the Earle her husband she left issue two daughters, viz. *Isabel* and *Anne*. Which *Isabel* was born in *Warwick-Castle*, 5. Sept. An. 1451. 30. H. 6. and on Tuesday, 11. Julii. An. 1469. (9. E. 4.) married at *Caleys* (by the Archb. of *York*) to *George* D. of *Clarence*, brother to K. E. 4. having a Dispensation from Pope *Paul* the 3. in regard that they stood allyed in the second and third, and third and fourth degrees of consanguinity; as also in respect that the mother of the said Duke was God-mother to this *Isabel*; which Dispensation bears date at *Rome*, *Prid. Id Martii*, An. 1468. 7. E. 4. *Anne* the other daughter, first married to *Edw.* Prince of *Wales* (son of H. 6. slay'd at the Battail of *Tewkesbury* in cool blood by *Rich.* D. of *Glouc.* as our Historians affirm) & afterwards to *Ric.* D. of *Glouc.* who posselt himself of all *Warwick's* lands, imprisoning her mother as long as she lived, and poisoning her, as 'twas thought, to make way for his marriage with his brother's (viz. K. E. 4.) eldest daughter.

Which

Which *George D. of Clarence* having wedded the said *Isabel*, and being reconciled to his brother *K. E. 4.* (as I have already intimated) was in regard of that marriage, by Charter ^u bearing date 14. Aug. 12. E. 4. created Earl of *Warwick*. And in 49. H. 6. (being the year of that Kings re-dépotion of his regal power) had a Pat. ^w of Lieutenancy for *Ireland* to the end of xx. years: After which *K. Henry* loosing all, he had the like Pat. ^x from King E. 4. for xx. years dated 16. Martii 12. E. 4. the title ^y he used being *Georgius Dux Clarentie, Comes Warwici & Sarum, Magnus Camerarius Anglie; nec non locum tenens terræ Hibernie*. But after all this, being charged with divers great offences towards the King (as our Historians affirm,) viz. in endeavouring to possess the people that the King his brother used by *Negromancy* and poison to make away those that he hated; as also that the said King was a Bastard, and therefore not fit to reign: And moreover, that he had procured divers of the Kings subjects to be sworn to him and his Heirs, without reservation of their allegiance to the King; as also sundry persons to give out, that *Thomas Burdet* his servant (of whom in *Arrow* I have spoke) was wrongfully put to death, he was attainted ^z in Parl. 15. Jan. An. 1477. 16. E. 4. and about a moneth after (viz. ^a 17. Febr.) being a prisoner in the Tower, there cruelly murdered, ^b by drowning in a Butt of Malmsey, not without the Kings consent. But the Lady *Isabel* his wife departed ^c this World at *Warwick-Castle*, 2. Dec. 16. E. 4. (which was about a year before) poisoned, as our Writers say, and was buried ^d in the Abby of *Wewksbury*.

This D. had issue by her 2. sons, and one daughter, the elder called *Edm. Plantaginet*, born ^e in *Warwick-Castle*, 21. Feb. An. 1474. 14. E. 4. as some say; but others ^f that it was on Ship-board when his father fled towards *Caleys*. The younger ^h (*Richard*) in ⁱ the Monastery of *Wewksbury*, An. 1476, who lived scarce ^k a year; being ^l poisoned as 'twas thought. Which *Edward*, being about three years of age at his fathers death, was knighted ^m at *Wark* by K. R. 3. in the first year of his Reign, with *Edm.* the onely son to that King; but both he & his sister were attended with a very hard fate: For *Edward* that bore ⁿ the title of E. of *Warwick* onely, being at the age ^o of 8. years committed ^p prisoner to the Castle of *Striff-Burton* in Com. *Eboz.* by the said K. Rich. 3. where he remained all his Reign, was immediatly upon the victory obtained at *Bosworth-field* by *Henry* Earl of *Richmond* (thenceforth K. by the name of H. 7.) by special Warrant removed ^q to the Tower of *London*, and there shut up in a more close and streight condition, for no other offence than being the onely male *Plantaginet* at that time living, and so consequently the most rightfull Heir to the Crown; and being at length charged with privy of *Perkin Warbeck's* escape out of the Tower, strange inferences were raised by which they made advantage to take away his life; whereas the truth is, that *K. Henry* being upon Treaty with *Ferdinand K. of Spain* for a marriage in the behalf of Prince *Arthur* his eldest son, and the Lady *Kath.* daughter to the said *Ferdinand*; and finding that the Spaniard thought ^r *K. Henrie's* title to have no sure foundation whil't this branch of *Plantaginet* was extant, had a minde to dispatch him out of the world; for the fairer effecting whereof a Commission was granted to *John* Earle of *Orford*, then high

Steward of *England*, to arraign him for that pretended offence, which was accordingly done 21. Nov. 15. H. 7. care being taken to periwade him, that by confessing himself guilty, he should be sure to find mercy from the K. With which fair promises being caught, he pleaded as they directed him; and so betraying his life into the hands of those that to eagerly sought it, had judgement of death past upon him, and accordingly was beheaded ^s on Tower-Hill the 28. day of the same moneth of *November*. After which, viz. ^t 25. Jan. 19. H. 7. the better to countenance what was done, he was attainted ^u in Parl. so that all the favour he had, was, that being thus put to death, his body should be sent to the Monastery of *Wingham*, and buried ^v with his Ancestors. Which cruel dealing we may well think hath been some cause of Gods judgements upon H. 7. posterity, as well as upon that noble Lady *Katherine*, who became so sensible thereof when King H. 8. (her second husband) prosecuted the divorce betwixt them, that she expressed (as some ^x have said) that it was the hand of God, for that to clear the way to her marriage, the innocent E. of *Warwick* was put to unworthy death.

And if it be seriously considered what afterwards befell the said Earle of *Orford* and his family, we have cause enough to doubt, that God was no whit pleased with his activeness in this bloody scene; for having ^y within a short time lost the Kings favour, and been fined at 30000. *li.* for a very small offence, he spent the rest of his life in discontent, and dyed without any lawfull issue. After which it was not long that the possessions of that great Earldom became totally wasted, and the very Monuments of his noble ancestors (in the Abby of *Colne*) torn in pieces in that hideous storm raised by K. H. 8. son and successor of him to whom this Earle had been so obsequious. As for the Lands whereof this our Earle of *Warwick* dyed seized, I do not finde that they were any other than the Mannours of *Wyke* ^z in Com. *Widd.* *Stanford* ^a in the Vale of *White-horse* in *Berks.* and of *Snitterfeld* in this County.

Of his sister *Margaret*, born ^b at *Farley-Castle* in *Wilt.* 14. Aug. An. 1473. 13. E. 4. and married ^c to Sir *Rich. Pool* Knight I finde, that she had issue ^d *Henry Pool* Lord *Mountagu*, *Reginald Pool* Cardinal, *Geffrey*, and *Arthur*, with a daughter called *Ursula*, wife to *Henry* Lord *Stafford*, Son and Heir to *Edm.* Duke of *Buck.* which *Marg.* in her widowhood, ^e An. 1513. 5. H. 8. petitioned ^f in Parliament as Sister and Heir to *Edm.* Earle of *Warwick* attainted 19. H. 7. that she might inherit his estate and dignity, and so be stiled Countesse of *Salisbury*, which was granted: ^g but of her fathers inheritance she had very little that ever I could finde, and that also by attainder ^h in Parliament taken away, unheard, in 31. H. 8. for privy to the conspiracy of *Henry* Marq. of *Greter*, as was pretended: After which she enjoy'd her life but a short time, being barbarously put to death ⁱ on Tower-Hill 27. Maii 33. H. 8. drag'd ^j to the block by the hair of the head in the lxxviii. year of her age.

After the before specified *Edward Plantaginet*, till 1 E. 6. there was no Earl of *Warwick*; but then *John* Dudley, son of *Edmund* by *Eliz.* daughter of *Edward* Grey Viscount *Lisle* (Aunt and heir to *Elizabeth* Grey Countess of *Debon*: daughter and heir of Sir *John* Grey Viscount *Lisle*;) having been advanced to the dignity ^k of Viscount *Lisle* 12. Martii 34. H. 8.

Rot. de Major. & vic. Lond.
Claus. 14. H. 8.
u Rot. Parl. 19. H. 7. n. 21.
w Catal. of the Nobil. by R. Brook.

x Hist. of H. 7. by Sr. Fr. Bacon; p. 196.

y Ib. p. 211.

z Esc. virtue offic. capt. temp. H. 8. bnd. 1. n. 209.

a Ib. n. 247.

b Lel. itin. ut supra.

c Catal. of N. by R. Brook.

d Rot. Parl. 5. H. 8. n. 4.

e Rot. Parl. 31. H. 8. Stoms Ann.

f Life of K. H. 8. by the L. Herbert p. 468.

g Ex traditione quorundam Nobilium.

k Pat. 34. H. 8. p. 3.

34 H. 8. was through the great favour of King Edward, or rather of Edward Duke of Somerset, then Lord Protector, created ¹ Earl of **Warwick** 16. Febr. 1 E. 6. as descended from *Margaret* the eldest daughter to *Richard Beauchamp* sometime E. of **Warwick**. Howbeit, before I proceed to speak further of this *John*, I shall crave leave to say something of his parentage. That he was the son ^m of *Edmund Dudley* (of whom I shall say more by and by) and he the son of one *John Dudley* is plain enough: but, as I am not sufficiently satisfied that the said *John* his grandfather was a younger branch of the Barons of **Dudley** in **Staffordshire**, though with his own ⁿ hand in a descent of those Barons he express him so to be; viz. second son to *John Sutton*, first of that name that had the title of Lord *Dudley*; so shall I be as tender in affirming that to be true which I have seen under the hand of a very good Genealogist ^p in his time, and which he alledgeth to have received from a person of credit; id est, that the same *John*, his grandfather, was a Carpenter, and indeed born in the town of **Dudley**, though not of the name, other than travelling for his living he hapned to be entertained at the Abby of **Lewes** in **Sussex**, and was by the Monks called *John of Dudley*, and so growing in favour with the Abbot there, married and continued Carpenter to the House; And that having a son called *Edmund*, who for his pregnancy in learning was taken notice of by the Abbot, and preferred to a Schollars place in the University, grew such a proficient, that the Monks resolved to make him a Solicitor for managing their Law-suits, and to that purpose, from the University placed him at the Inns of Court, where he grew to skilfull in his profession, that finding King H. 7. politiquely resolving to raise great summs of money by taking the forfeiture of penall Lawes, which he conceived would be much more plausible to his subjects than the exacting from them by Loans, Subsidies, and such other ways of tax as his predecessors had used, applied himself to his service; wherein, being very officious, and bringing store of money to the Kings Coffers, he obtained a grant ^q of the Wardship and Marriage of *Elizabeth* daughter and heir to *Edward Grey* Visc. *Lisle*, before mentioned, whom he made his wife.

That the later part of this Story is true, I find testimony enough; but that the father of *Edmund* was a Carpenter, is not very likely, in regard he married so eminently, viz. *Elizabeth* one of the daughters and coheirs to *John Bramshot* Esquier, seized ^r of the Mannours of **Calton**, **Calbourne**, and **Whitwell** in the Isle of **Wight**; as also of **Bramshot** in **Hantshire**; which *Eliz.* dyed ^u 12. Oct. 14 H. 7. leaving *Edmund* her son then 36. years of age; the other coheir called *Agnes* being the wife ^w of *John Pakenham*: whence I conclude that he was a Gentleman, as some others of the name of *Dudley* in severall parts of **England** are, though, perhaps, not of the Baron of *Dudley's* line; therefore how this formall Story of the Carpenter should rise, I cannot well imagine, unless the grandfather or great-grandfather of *Edm.* had been of that trade: for it is no wonder to see those that are sprung from as poor Mechanicks, by their assidueness in the world to get wealth, and assume the title of Esquire or Gentleman without controull, yea, and be allowed so do; Neither do we often find that those which are in truth of right noble extraction will boggle at matching their children with them.

But I return unto *Edmund Dudley*. He was a man well vers'd in the Law, and one of the Privy Councell to that prudent Prince King H. 7. chosen in the first year of his reign *propter prudentiam singularem, fidem, & gravitatem*, saith ^x *Polydore*. In 19 H. 7. he was Speaker ^y of the Parliament, and should the same year have been made a Sergeant at Law, on the 13. of November; but, for what reason I will not take upon me to assign, he desired ^z that he might be discharged from assuming that degree; whereupon the King directed his Precept to *Will. Bishop of London*, then Lord Keeper of the great Seal, commanding his forbearance of making out any Writ to him for that purpose. In 22 H. 7. he had the Stewardship of the Rape of **Hastings** granted to him by Patent, ^a and wrote a Book ^b called *Arbor Republicæ*.

Whether he, with *Richard Empson* another Lawyer (but a Sive-makers son in **Worcester**, as our Historians affirm) discerning King *Henry* to be of a frugall disposition, did project unto him the taking advantage of such as had transgressed by exacting the forfeitures of penall Statutes; or whether the King seeing so fair a gap open for him to rake vast summs of money from his subjects; and finding those persons to be fit Instruments for his purpose, did put them upon such courses of filling his Coffers 'tis hard to say; certain it is, that these were the men he constituted ^c his *Judices fiscales* (*Dudley* being an eminent man, and one that could put hatefull business into good language, as *Sir Fr. Bacon* saith ^e) and after he had long made use of their service to that end, exposed them to those advantages ^f which the discontented people could justly take for their abominable extortions: For their course ^g was to proceed secretly to the Outlary against men, and then seize their estates: And besides that, they had packt ^h Jurors upon all occasions, who were sure to them in any verdict which served for their purpose: but at last found they a just reward for such their service; for King H. 8. in the first year of his reign, being desirous of popularity, made known by his Proclamations, that whosoever had received injury by the unjust oppressions of any, should upon complaint to him have redress: which liberty did so so animate the vulgar, who were sufficiently imbibittered against them, that nothing then would satisfy but their lives; so that the King to appease the multitude, gave way that they might be legally proceeded against, which accordingly was done, *Dudley* being thereupon arraigned ⁱ in *Guild-Hall*, **London**, on Monday next after the xv. of *S. John Baptist* 1 H. 8. before *Edward Duke of Buck.* *Henry Earl of Northumberland*, *Thomas Earl of Surrey*, *George Earl of Shrewsbury*, *Thomas Earl of Derby*, *Thomas Prior of S. Johns of Hierusalem in England*; *Charles Somerset* of *Herbert Knight*, *Stephen Jennings Knight*, Mayor of the City of **London**, *John Fineux Knight*, *Robert Rede Knight*, *William Hodge Knight*, *Robert Brudnell*, *Humphrey Coningsby*, *John Fisher Knight*, *John Boteler*, *William Gre-vill*, *Thomas Lovell Knight*, *Edward Poynings Kt.* *Henry Marney Knight*, *Thomas Englefield Knight*, and *Robert Drury Knight*, Justices to enquire, &c. Where the said *Edmund* being indicted of divers high Treasons, was on wednesday next before the Feast of *S. Margaret the Virgin*, attainted in Parliament ^k, and had his head ^l cut off on *Tower Hill* (with *Empson*, who was tryed ^m at **Portsmouth**) through the peoples clamours, and for their satisfaction,

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Having said thus much of the parentage of this *John* Earl of *Warwick*, I will now go on with my story of him. At his fathers death he was scarce eight years old, having to his Guardian *Edward Guilford* Esquire of the Body to the King, who by his Petition exhibited in Parliament 3 H. 8. obtained an Act for the repeal of the said *Edmund's* attainder, and the restitution of this *John*, in name, blood, and degree to enjoy all his said fathers lands. Being therefore thus young, it was a great while ere he came to appear in any publique employments; so that till 24 H. 8. I have not yet seen any farther mention of his name; but then I finde he was a Knight, though how long he had been, so I am not certain. After which, about ten years, he was created *Visc. L'isle* (viz. 12. *Martii* 34 H. 8.) in respect of his descent on the mothers side (as I have shewed,) and the same year made Lord Admirall of *England* for life. Of person he was very comely, and of a Spirit highly aspiring (saith my Author) neither wanted he skill, industry, nor resolution to attempt great matters.

In 36 H. 8. he landed the Kings Army at *Bellsh* in *Scotland* (with a Fleet of CC. sail) on which, after they had wasted *Coenburgh*, they also set fire. The same year the King went over Sea in person, and took *Boleyn* in *France*, where this new Admirall, having scoured the Seas towards *Scotland*, and being upon the Kings return left his Lieutenant, through his valour and military skill, defended it against the *Daulfin* and the French Army of 5000. men (as they were reputed) though the walls at that time were very much shattered; And when the *Daulfin* had entred the bafe town, not without slaughter of divers English, by a brave failly he beat out the French again, with the los of above 800. of their men, which were esteemed the best souldiers in that Realm. The next year after, when the French had got a great Fleet at Sea for invasion of *England*, being appointed Admirall, he presented battaill to them, which they refused, returning home with the los of all their cost. Hereupon he landed 5000. men in *France*, fired *Trepoint*, as also divers Villages thereabouts, with the los of one man; and was one of the three Comissioners on the King of *England's* part by whom the Articles of Truce, made 7. *Junii* 38 H. 8. in the Camp betwixt *Ardores* and *Gulnes*, were concluded.

To say truth, for enterprises by Armes (quoth Sir *John Haward*) he was the minion of that time, so as few things he attempted but he atchieved with honour, which made him more proud and ambitious when he had done. Generally he always increased both in estimation with the King and authority amongst the Nobility, (but doubtfull, whether by fatall destiny to the State, or whether by his vertues, or at least by his appearance of vertues, as saith the same Author:) so that King *Henry* constituted him one of his xvi. Executors; whereupon, finding the Duke of *Somerset* (Protector to *Edward* 6.) to be neither a man of great wisdom or courage, ambitiously aimed to have the sway of all, and therefore insinuated himself into his friendship, whereby he made him a shadow for accomplishing his own ends. To which purpose he first obtained an increase of honour, being presently created Earl of *Warwick*, and made Lord high

Chamberlain of *England* for life; (which office he surrendered in 4 E. 6.) and soon after got a grant of *Warwick-Castle* with the Mannour, as also of divers other great Lordships and lands in this Shire (whereof I shall take notice as they come in my course) most of which he exchanged away with the King in 3 E. 6. for the Mannour of *Wintest-Lovell* in *Derbyshire* and divers other Lordships in the same County, and in *Staff. Glouc. Worcester, Berks. and York-shires*; yet by his power got them again the next year following with more, in exchange for lands in *Northumberland* Bishoprick of *Durham*, *Hartfordshire* and *Wiltshire*.

Of his particular great employments and actions, I shall not stay to make any large relation, for as much as they are obvious enough in our Common Chronicles, but will onely point at them, in brief. He was Lieutenant generall in that expedition for *Scotland* in 1 E. 6. when the Scots were overthrown at *Bush*, where he made many Knights: and indeed the principall person for military skill and prowess, upon whom the management of that Warr rested. In 3 E. 6. he commanded the Forces that were sent against *Ket* and his fellow Rebels in *Staff.* of which he slew about 5000. took *Ket* himself, and settled all in quiet again. In 4 E. 6. he was made Lord Steward of the Kings household: and being now elated with these great successes, his ambitious mind had no bound, for it mattered not whom he ruin'd, so it tended, in his own opinion, to the ends he aimed at. First, therefore he rayse^d discontents betwixt the Protector, and the Lord *Thomas Seymour* his brother, whereby soon after the said Lord *Seymour* became attainted by Parliament, upon pretence that he had conspired his brothers death, and so lost his head.

Then did he put the Protector upon making alteration both in State and Religion, whereupon some of the Bishops that opposed it were committed to prison. What vast summs did he make a shift to pocket by despoiling the Church of her Chalice, Crosses, and an infinite number of consecrated vessels, with the like, both silver and gold; as also by rich Copes and other vestments, under colour of bringing them into the Kings Wardrobe? for he it was that led the Protector on to those courses, as 'tis well known: as also by the lands given to maintain Lamps, and Lights, and for other pious uses. Which doings, with the ruine of the Cloister and Charnell at *Pauls*, the Church in the Strand, and two Bishops houses there, besides the goodly Church of *S. Johns* neer *Smithfield*, that were pulled down to build *Somerset House*, brought upon the Protector no little hatred, and so hastned his ruine, that being it which our *Warwick* aimed at; who, spying so fair an opportunity, wrought upon xviii. of the Privy Councill to joyn with him therein; yet such was his cunning, that he accomplished the work by others, being least seen in it himself: And because he could not win the Earls of *Arundell*, and *Southampt.* to be his Instruments for that purpose, he found means to discharge them from the Councill, and confine them to their houses; as also to fine the Earl of *Arundell* 1000 *li.* upon suggestion that he had taken away bolts, and locks at *Westminster* and given away the Kings stuff when he was Lord Chamberlain.

And now, that he might carry the greater sway, he did cause himself to be made Lord great Master of the Kings household; and having been a prime Actor

d 1b. p. 9.

e Pat. 3 E. 6. p. 9.

f Stows Ann.

g MS. in Officio Arm. [M. 9.] f. 50. b.

h Stows Annals.

i Pat. 4 E. 6. p. 2.

k Life of E. 6. ut supra p. 83.

l 1b. p. 85.

n 1b. p. 96

o 1b. p. 103.

p Pat. 4 E. 6. p. 2.

q Life of Actor ⁴ in the Peace made with France, he was by way of reward for that service made generall Warden^r of the North, having 1000. marks per ann. lands granted unto him, and C. Horlemen of the Kings Charge, Mr. Herbert, his chief Instrument, being made President of Wales, with a grant of 500 li. per ann. And yet all this seemed not enough; for within awhile after, viz. 20. April. 5 E. 6. was he made ^r Earl Marshall of England, and xi. Oct. following Duke ^u of Northumb. about which time he got his son Robert (afterwards made Earl of Leic. by Q. Eliz.) to be sworn ^w one of the six Gentlemen in ordinary; which Robert was (as saith my Author ^x) his fathers true heir, both in hatred towards persons of Nobility, and cunning to dissemble the same, as also for lust and crutchy a Monaster of the Court, and sure executioner of his hate: After whose entertainment into that place of so need-service, the King enjoy'd ^y his health but awhile, And being now inferior to none of the Nobility in titles of honour, and superior to all others in authority and power, he could not restrain his haughty hopes from aspiring to an absolute command; yet before he directly levelled at his marke, the Duke of Somerset was thought fit to be taken away, whose credit with the Common people, although it sufficed not to bear out any bad attempt of his own (as my Author ^z observeth) yet was it of force to cross the evill purposes of others; and therefore speeches were cast out, that he caused himself to be proclaimed King in divers Counties, and much more layd in charge against him by Northumberland's contrivance, who when he came to his tryall was one ^a of his Peers: upon which Triall, though they acquitted him of Treason, yet did they find him guilty of Felony; whereupon he had Judgment to be hang'd, never remembring to crave the benefit of his Clergy (which is by some observ'd to be a just Judgment of God upon him for having so much wronged the Church and all learning) and had his head ^b smitten off upon a scaffold on Tower-hill.

After this 'twas not long ere infirmities ^c seized upon the King, from whom Northumb. was ^d little absent, so ordering the matter, that, whilst he languish'd, Guilford Dudley, his 4. son did marry with the Lady Jane Grey, eldest daughter to Henry Duke of Suff. (by Frances daughter to Mary second sister to King H. 8.) and that a Patent was sealed for the said Lady Jane's succession to the Crown, for drawing whereof, in excluding his two sisters with fair pretences, the assistance ^e of the Lord chief Justice Mountagu and Secretary Cecill was used; which Letter's were subscribed ^f by all the Privy Councell, the greatest part both for number and power of the Nobility, the Kings learned Councell, and all the Judges at the Common Law, except Sir James Hales one of the Justices of the Common Pleas; some being guided with particular interest, for that they were posselt of so much Monastery and Chantry lands, which if Religion should be altered, through Qu. Maryes coming to the Crown, they might be in danger to loole; and others by fear of, or obligation to the Duke of Northumberland then so potent, and almost absolute in government of the State, that 'twas supposed he could make any title good, either by his authority or his sword. And having now thus designed to himself the power of a King, for no less would he have had, if the Lady

Jane had been Queen, he contrived to get the Lady Mary into his hands, causing ^g K. Edw. to write his Letters for her coming to him in his sickness; but she being made sensible of the device, when she was within half a days journey of London, directed her course another way; after which the King immediatly dyed: whereupon Northumb. causes the Lady Jane to be proclaimed Queen: but the tide of the peoples affections bending to Mary; the Kings eldest sister, she is likewise proclaimed, first by the Citizens of ^h Norwich, and afterwards in Buck. and Northampton-shires; neither was there want of numbers in severall parts that began to put themselves in Armes on her behalf.

So that 'twas no sitting still now; Northumberland therefore being Queen Jane's Champion, with a Commission under the great Seal marcheth out with 600. Horse to suppress any power that should appear for Queen Mary, having a promise from the Lords of more forces to be sent after him; but such a change did he perceive in the affections of his own Souldiers, whereof many forsook him, that to daub up the matter he returns to Cambridge, and there without either Herauld or Trumpet, accompanied with the Maior and Marquess of Northampton, proclaimes Queen Mary himself, in the Market-place, and in token of joy threw up his Cap. All which would not now secure him; for the very next day, the Earl of Arundell, coming thither from the Queen, arrested him of Treason; whence he was with his three sons, John, Ambrose, and Henry convey'd to the Tower of London, and from that place, ere long, to his arraignment; where being condemn'd for a Traitor he suffered death at Tower-hill the 22. of Aug. and was buried ⁱ in the Tower Church by John Cock then Lancaster-Herauld, who having been his old servant was willing to shew some respect to him dead, from whom living he had received so much favour; and therefore begg'd his Head onely of the Queen, that he might bury it in the Tower, upon which suit he had his wholly body also granted.

Our Historians that write of his death do say, that at his end he profest the Roman Religion; and I have heard, that for a witness of his Faith he vouch't Dr. Heath Archbishop of York (afterwards Lord Chancelour;) yet was he so much blinded by ambition, that apprehending the alteration of Religion to be the chief means whereby he might accomplish his worldly ends, he told Sir Anthony Brown (afterward Viscount Mountacute) when he moved him for restoring the Roman Religion, that albeitt he knew the same Religion to be true, yet seeing a new Religion was begun, Run Dog, run Devill, he would go forwards.

One thing have I further to observe of him, which is, that being arrived to such a pitch of honour and greatness, he was not content with those vast possessions that he had by the bounty of the K. and his own just acquisition; but finding John Lord Dudley (grandfather to the last Baron) to be a weak man, whereby he had exposed himself to some wants, and so became entangled within the Usurers bonds, made those money-merchants his Instruments to work him out of Dudley-Castle: which Usurers accordingly getting a mortgage of part of his lands, let in such room for the Duke to put in a foot, that he soon justled him out of his Castle and Barony; so that the poor Lord, being thus turn'd out of dore, and left to the Charity of his friends for a subsistence, spent the rest of his days

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days in making visits amongst them, with whom he usually stayed according as he found welcome, being commonly called the Lord *Quondam*; but so soon as Queen *Mary* had taken off the Dukes head, she bestowed the Castle of *Dudley*, and all the lands which belong'd to the *quondam* Lord upon *Edward* his son and heir, who had wedded *Katherine Bridges*, (daughter to Sir *John Bridges* Knight Lord *Chandos*;) one of her maids of Honour.

During the time that this our Earl of *Warwick* was so possessor of *Dudley*-Castle, it being a place that he thirsted after in regard of his name, and for the honourableness of the House and seat, from which he was desirous the world should believe he was descended; (for he had thrust into his titles ^h, *Dux Northumbriae*, *Comes Warwici*, *Marescallus Angliae*, *Vicecomes L'isle*, *Baro de Somery*, *Basset & Tyase*, *Dominus de Dudley*, *prænobilis Ordinis Garterii miles*, *Magnus Magister & Seneschallus Hospitii regis*) he made great repairs there, and built that stately fabrick within the walls thereof on the North part, which was called the *New work*, adorn'd the Gate-house tower with the Armes of *Malpas*, *Someri*, and the *Lyon rampant* by him assumed for *Sutton's* coat, fairly cut in large shields of stone, and fixt in the wall just over the *Port cullice*.

By *Jane* daughter¹ and heir to Sir *Edward Guilford* Knight (who had his Wardship, as I have said) he left issue^m 8. sons and 5. daughters; viz. *Henry* that dyed at *Boleyn*, *John* who had the title of Earl of *Warwick* in his fathers life-time (as commonly Dukes sons out of curtesie have of some Earldom whereof their fathers have the honour,) but dyed without issue, *Ambrose* Earl of *Warwick* by the favour of Queen *Elizabeth* (as I shall shew anon,) *Robert* created Earl of *Leic.* by the said Q. *Guilford* who suffered death in 1. *M.* as his father did, *Henry* slain at *S. Quintines*, and *Charles* that dyed a child. His daughters were these, *Mary* the wife of Sir *Henry Sidney* Knight of the *Garter* and Lord President of *Wales*, from whom the now Earl of *Leic.* is descended, *Kath.* wife to *Henry Hastings* Earl of *Huntingdon*; As also *Margaret*, *Temperance*, and another *Katherine*, who dyed young. In the Parliament held 1. *M.* was the attainderⁿ of this Duke and four of his sons confirmed; viz. *John*, called Earl of *Warwick*, Sir *Ambrose*, and Sir *Guilford*, both Knights and *Henry Dudley* Esquire.

Going on with the succession of these Earls, I come next to Sir *Ambrose Dudley* abovementioned, restoredⁿ in blood by Queen *Mary*. This Sir *Ambrose* had in 1. *Eliz.* a grant^p of the Mannour of *Bibworth-Beauchamp* in *Com. Leic.* to be held by the service of being *Panther* to the Kings & Queens of this Realm at their Coronations; which office and Mannour his father and other of his Ancestors, Earls of *Warwick*, had. In the second year of her reign he was made^q Master of the Ordinance. In the fourth viz. 26. *Dec.* Baron *L'isle* and Earl of *Warwick*, and the 6. of *April* following had a grant^r from the same Queen of the Castle, Mannour, and Burrough of *Warwick*, with divers other Lordships in this Shire, eschaetered to the Crown by his fathers attainder, in which year she made him her Lieutenant^s generall in *Normandy*, and during the time of his service there caused him to be chosen^t Knight of the *Garter*. In 12. of her reign, this E. with *Edward* Lord *Clinton* were^w made

Lieutenants Generall of her Majesties forces in the North parts. In 13. he was constituted^u chief Butler of *England*, and in 15. sworn^v of her Privy-Councell. He had 3. wives; viz. *Anne*^w daughter and coheir to *Will. Whorwood* esq. Attorney generall to King *H. 8.* *Eliz.* daughter of Sir *Gilbert Talboys* Knight, sister and sole heir of *George* Lord *Talboys*, and *Anne*^x daughter to *Francis* Earl of *Bedford*; but departed this life without issue 21. *Febr.* Anno 1589. (32. *Eliz.*) at *Bedford*-house in the suburbs of *London*, and was buried in that beautifull Chapell here at *Warwick*, called our *Lady Chapell* adjoyning to the Collegiat Church, where his Monument is yet to be seen.

The next that had this title of Earl, was *Robert* Lord *Rich.* (grandchild to *Richard* created^z Lord *Rich.* of *Leeze* in *Essex* 17. *Febr.* 1. *E. 6.* and made^a Chancelour of *England* 26. *Oct.* following,) which family doe derive their descent from *Richard* *Richone* of the Shiriffs^b of *London*, An. 1441 20 *H. 6.* This *Robert*, created^c Earl of *Warwick* 5. *Aug.* 16. *Jac.* had^d two wives, viz. *Penelope* daughter to *Robert Devereux* Earl of *Essex*, and *Frances* daughter to Sir *Christopher Wray* Lord Chief Justice of the Kings Bench in Q. *Elizabeths* time, but widow to Sir *George St. Paul* of *Snarfford* in *Com. Line.* Knight and Baronet. By the first whereof he had issue^e *Robert* Lord *Rich.* his son and heir, Sir *Henry Rich* Knight of the Bath, and Capt. of the Guard; afterwards created^f Baron of *Kenilington* & Earl^g of *Holland* by King *James*, and chosen Knight of the *Garter*; *Lettice* his eldest daughter^h first married to Sir *George Cary* of *Cokington* in *Com. Devon* and after to Sir *Arthur Lake* Knight. And *Essex*, the secondⁱ, to Sir *Thomas Cheek* of *Wiggo* in *Essex*: which Earl dyed at^k *Warwick*-House in *Holburne* 24. *Martii* An. 1618. (15. *Jac.*) and was buried^l at *Felstede* in *Essex* where his Ancestors do lye. To whom succeeded in this Honour *Robert* his eldest son, who wedded *Frances* daughter and heir to Sir *William Newport* (alias *Hutton*) Knight, by whom he hath issue three Sons, scil. *Robert*, *Charles*, and *Henry*; and three daughters, *Anne*, *Luce*, and *Frances*.

Having thus finisht my discourse of the Earles, I shall now proceed with the town of *Warwick* it self; whereof, as to its first building by *Kymbeline* a King of the Britans, and all other passages relating thereto, during the Saxons time, I have already in my Introduction, and Story of those Earles, said as much as I can. In the Conquerors time it was a Borough, id est^m *habitaculum seu locus munitus*, and containedⁿ CCxi. houses, whereof Cxxx. were possessor^o by the King, Cxii. by these his Barons whose names, with the particular number held by each of them I have here added, viz.

The Bishop of Worcester ix.	Henry de Ferrers ii.
The B. of Chester vii.	Rob. de Stadford vi.
The Monks of Coventre xxxvi. whereof 4. were wasted for the Cattles enlargement.	Rog. de Iveri ii.
The Bishop of Constance i.	Ric. Venator i.
The E. of Mellent xii.	Raph de Limeſi ix.
Earl Alberic iv.	The Monks of Malmſbury i.
Hugh de Grentemaisnill iii.	Will. Bonvallet i.
	Will. fil. Corbucion ii.
	Geffrey de Magnaville i.
	Geffrey de Wirce i.

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a Claus. 1 E.
6. p. 4. m. 5.

b Stow's
Survey.

c Pat. 16
Jac. p. 1. m.
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f 20 Jac.
g 22 Jac.

h Catal.
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k by R.
l B. ut
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<i>Gislebert de Gant</i>	ii.	<i>Harold</i>	ii.
<i>Gislebert Povili</i>	i.	<i>Osbert fil. Ricardi</i>	i.
<i>Nich. Balistat</i>	i.	<i>Cristina</i>	i.
<i>Steph. Stirman</i>	i.	<i>Luith the Nun.</i>	ii.
<i>Turchil</i>	iii.		

All which were belonging to the lands they held in this County, and apprized with them; and the residue, being xix. by so many Burgeses; which Burgeses enjoy'd them with *Soc* and *Sac*, and all Customes as they did in *Edward* the Confessors days. In the time of the said King *Edward* the Shrivality of this County, with the Borough of *Warwick* and all the Kings Mannours in the Shire, answered lxxv *li.* in money and xxxvi. Sextars of honey, or xxiv *li.* and viii *s.* in lieu thereof: but at the time of the generall Survey they were rated at Cxlv *li.* in weight (in the ferm of the Kings Mannours;) xxiii *li.* for the custome of Dogs, xx *s.* for a Sumpster horse, i *li.* for a Hawk, and C *s.* to the Queen for a Fine: Besides this they payd also xxiv Sextars of Honey, of the greater measure, and the Borough vi. Sextars; viz. xv *d.* a Sextar, whereof the Earl of *Mellent* had vi. Sextars and v. *s.* The custome of this Borough then was (as by the same Survey appears) that when ever the King went in person in any expedition by land, x. Burgeses thereof attended him in stead of all the rest; And if he that was warned to give such his attendance did not go, he should pay unto the King C *s.* but if the King did go by Sea against his enemies, the whole Borough was to send him in four *Bussueins* (i. e. Mariners) or 4 *lib.* in money.

That it was by the Conquerour granted to *Henry de Newburgh*, upon his advancement to the Earldom of *Warwick*, is manifest enough, though the particular Charter, if he had any whereby it was so given, appears not: for I finde that the same *Henry* conferred^p the tenth of the *Toll* thereof upon *William* one of his Priests; as also that Earl *Roger*, son to the said *Henry*, for the health of his soul, gave^q likewise iv *li.* x *s.* of his Rent out of it unto one *John* a Priest. And by the Inquis.^r taken after the death of *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick* 9 E. 2. it appears, that he held the same, with the Suburbs and Castle, of the King *in Capite*, per *servitium Comitatus*, which (no doubt) was the service whereby *K. Will.* granted it unto the before-specified *Henry* the first Earl of the Norman line. In 16. H. 2. it answered v. marks for^t Pleas concealed. In 31 H. 3. upon selling divers Mannours (part of the Earldom of *Warwick*) upon *John de Pleffets* for life, who had married *Margerie* the sister and heir to *Thomas* the last Earl, the Mannour^u (for by that name it is termed) was one. Which *John de Pleffets* (being Earl) by his Charter^v bearing date the Friday next after the Feast of *S. Mathew* the Apostle in 45 H. 3. granted to the Burgeses of this place a *Fair* here for 3. days, with immunity, that all comers thereto should be quit of *Toll* for six years; and if any man did commit an offence within the compais of the said *Fair* to be amerced^w by the said Earl's Bayliff and xii. lawfull Burgeses; And in case any stranger, repairing thither at such time, should set up a Stall of xii. foot upon the bare ground, to pay vi *d.* for the same; howbeit the Inhabitants to erect Stalls at their pleasure.

In 4 E. 1. it was certified^x, that there was a piece of ground, lying in the Suburbs of this Borough, held of the K. by the service of four Horschoos for the Ks.

Courser, when he came to his Mannour of *Stoneley*; which piece of ground the Prior of *Atheby* then held. And in 7 E. 1. it appears^y, that *Will. de Beauchamp* then Earl of *Warwick*, held the before-specified Borough of the K. *in Capite*, and that he had here a yearly *Fair* lasting 8. days before the Feast of *St. Peter ad Vincula*, and 8. days after; as also a *Mercate* every week upon the Wednesday, and . . . valued at xxiii *li.* per an. And moreover a Pillory and Tumbrell, with a Court upon the Munday every week, wherein Duell^z for felony might be waged, the profits of which Court were then valued at x. Marks. Which Earl in 13 E. 1. being questioned^a by what authority he claimed to have a Gallows with Assize of Bread and Beere in this place, pleaded Prescription, whereupon the same was allowed; And in 18 E. 1. obtained the Kings Charter^b bearing date 25. Aug. for himself and his heirs, to have another *Fair* here yearly to last for xv. days; viz. the Even, Day, and Morrow after the Feast of the Apostles *S. Peter & Paul* and xii. days following. About the later end of whose reign the Pavement of this town was first begun, and so much of its Walls as now appear; towards the support of which charge *Guy de Beauchamp*, the then Earl, procured a^c Patent for the receiving of a certain *Toll* upon all vendible commodities that should be brought hither to sell for the space of seven years; viz. for every quarter of corn a half peny, for every Horse, Mare, Oxe, and Cow a half-peny; for every hide of Horse, Mare, Oxe, or Cow, tan'd or not tan'd a farthing; and so of all other things more or less, which for brevity I omit.

It seems that this work of Walling and Paving was not perfected according to their mindes within the compasse of that time so limited; for I finde that in 8. E. 2. the same Earle had another Patent^d for receiving of certain proportions of *Toll* by the space of three years longer, towards the same charge: Neither did those three years accomplish what they had an intent to do; for in 6. E. 3. *Thom. d. Beauchamp*, the then Earle, got a third Pat.^e for taking of *Toll* to the like purposes, by the space of 7. years: which *Thom.* in 24. E. 3. had a Charter^f of *Free-warren* granted to him in all his demesne lands here: Howbeit, besides the *Toll* taken for sustaining the charges before specified, the Earls, it seems, successively, had another proportion upon certain vendible commodities, which, being apprehended over-burthenome by Merchants & Tradesmen, who brought their wares hither, occasioned them to forsake the *Mercate*, and carry their commodities to other places, whereby the Inhabitants of this place had much prejudice: the said Earle therefore, bearing a great respect to their weal and advantage, at the request^g of the Lady *Katherine* his Countesse, and for the health of his Soul, as also the Souls of his Ancestors, by his special Charter^h bearing date on the Feast day of the *Circumcision* of our Lord 32. E. 3. freed them, for the future, from any manner of *Toll*, *Terrage*, or *Stallage*, due to him, either by long prescription, or any grant from the Kings of this Realm unto him, or his Ancestors.

The next thing that in order of time I finde memorable, is, that in 48. E. 3. the Inhabitants of this Town, for the repair of the great Bridge here over *Avon*, had a Pat.ⁱ to take Custom of all vendible Commodities that should passe over it into *Warwick* for the space of 3. years; viz. of every Horleload

p Ex Reg. Coll. de Warwick f. 8 a.

q Ib. f. 10. b. r E. 6. 9 E. 2.

f Rot. P. 16. H. 2.

r F. levat. 3. Sept. Hill 31 H. 3.

u Cartul. Warw. Com. f. 54. a.

w Ib. f. 55. b.

x Inq. coram Justic. Itin. n. бага de Ragman

y Inq. p. H. Nott. & c. f. 1.

z Ibid. b.

a Plac. 1. 2. war.

b Cart. 1. E. 1. n. 1.

c Pat. 3. E. 1. p. 1. 18.

d Pat. 1. 2. p. 2. n.

e Pat. 1. 3. p. 1. m.

f Cart. 1. E. 3. n. 2.

g Ex au. per Ba. lic. Bu. v. v.

i Pat. 1. E. 3. p. 1. 22.

Hors-load of Corn a farthing, of every Cart-load as much; of every Horse, Mare, Oxe, or Cow a farthing, &c. with a certain rate likewise upon all other things: And at the end of the said three years had they another Patent^k for continuing the like imposition for three yeares more: yet all this would not do; for after those 3. years were ended, they had the same renewed^l for three years longer. After which, viz. in 1.H.5. the *Feast* at Michaelmasse being found inconvenient, was by a new Charter^m changed to the Even, Day, and morrow after the Feast of St. Bartholmeu the Apostle.

That this, being an eminent Borough, sent usually two Burgesses to the Parl. as anciently as any other did, I am induced to believe, in regard I find, that in 28.E.1. the *Major* and *Bailiffs* of *Warwick* (for by that name it seems they were then called) had command to allow unto *Will. de Stodelley*, and *Philip le Roux* reasonable expences for their service in the Parl. held at *Westm.* that year. Howbeit, after that time (*scil.* 1.E.3. the Ks. *Mindates* are to the *Bayliffs* for making such allowance of the Burgesses expences, without any mention of *Major*. But when it was that the principal Magistrate here, had first the title of *Major*, I am not certain, neither how long it continued; yet in 7.E.1. (which was xxi. years before the date above-mentioned) he had^o so, one *Thomas Payn* bearing that Office. From which time do I finde little memorable relating to this Borough, till 37. H. 8. that the K. by his Pat.^p bearing date 15. May, granted to the Inhabitants thereof, by the name of *Burgesses*, the Rectories of the Churches of *S. Mary* and *S. Nich.* belonging to the Collegiat Church of our Lady here; as also the Rectories of *Chadley* in *Com. Wigorn.* & *Bibbroke* in this County, with the advowsons of all the Vicaridges; And likewise one Mess. in *Cannon-row* within this Town of *Warw.* the value of all wch then extended to *Lviii. lxxiii. s. iiii. d. per ann.* to have and to hold to them and their Successors for ever, by the service of the xx. part of a Knights Fee, and the Rent of *vi. li. xiii. s. iiii. d. per ann.* As also paying to the Vicar of *St. Maries* Church, for the time being, *xx. li. per ann.* and to the School-master of the Kings School there *x. li. per ann.*

But shortly after, viz. in 1. & 2. Ph. & M. was it made a Corporation, the inhabitants being then incorporated by the name of a *Bayliffe* and *Burgesses*; which, as the Charter expresses, should from thenceforth be one Commonalty, and one body Corporate *in re, facto, & nomine*, and have perpetual succession, a common Seal and xii. Assistants to the Bayliffe, called *principales Burgesses*, with power to make Laws and Ordinances for the better benefit of the Borough: As also to have a Recorder, Serjeant at Mace, and Clerk of the Mercate, and to elect and choose a new Bayliff, Burgess and Recorder. And moreover, that the Bayliff & Recorder should be Justices of the Peace within the same Borough, and no other Justices to intermeddle there: As also the House called the *Court-house*, to be a common Hall and House for the keeping of all their Courts, Pleadings &c. whatsoever there to be handled. And likewise another house, situate in the Market-place of this Borough, vulgarly called the *Booth-hall*, to be a publick and common Hall, or House for the selling of wares therein on the Market-day every week. Whereunto King *James*, by a new Charter made unto them, and bearing date 10. Martii 10. Jac. added, that the two ancientest Burgesses of this Borough, for

the time being, should also be Justices of the Peace, within the precincts thereof, together with the said Bayliffe and Recorder; and the said Bayliffe, or one of those senior Burgesses, to be of the *Quorum*.

Having thus done with the particulars, I now come to such other remarkable passages, as do relate in a general manner to this Town. In 36. H. 3. there being a great meeting appointed here by divers eminent persons, for exercising themselves in martial Tourneaments, and other feats of Arms; the King apprehending, (as it seems) the danger that might grow by permitting such a concourse of people armed and accoutred in that manner, directed his Letters Patent^r to the Priors of *Kenilworth* & *S. Sepulchers* here in *Warwick*, commanding them to prohibit their meeting, either here, or at any other place within the Realm, upon pain of forfeiting all their Lands which they held of the K. And in 50.H. 3. when the King had prepared for the siege of *Kenilworth-Castle* (whereof I have already spoke) he made the general Rendezvous^t for his whole Army here, and hence marching thitherward the morrow after Midsummer day, fixt down his Tents, and begirt it round. After this, viz. in 57. H. 3. divers of the Nobility and others, having again appointed^u to meet here, under colour of exercising themselves at Jufts and Tourneaments, were especially prohibited so to do, and to forbear any concourse in that kinde elsewhere within the Realm, upon penalty of seizing all their Lands and possessions, the Prior of *Kenilworth* having thereupon strict command^v to repair hither, and to publish the Kings Letters Pat. for that purpose. And lastly in 7. E. 1. a great number of the English Nobles, and other persons of note from foreign parts, had a meeting^w here, called the *Round Table*, *Sir Roger Mortimer* being the chief of them; touching which matter I have already spoke in *Kenilworth*, in regard that there they exercised themselves at that time in martial feats; but it seems that most of them lodg'd at this place in respect of proper accommodations.

Having now dispatch'd what concerns the Town in general, I come to the particular places within the precincts thereof, which are most observable; and first to the Castle. Whether I may attribute it's original to *Kimbelin* the Brittish King, who is said to have been the first builder here, or to the Romans that had a strong Hold at this place (by reason whereof they called it *Presidium*, as I have else where shewed) I cannot well determine: If therefore to do so be too great a presumption, to refer the foundation thereof to the renowned Lady *Ethelstede*, daughter to K. *Alfred*, and Lady of the Mercians, I am sure will not, in regard it appears, that she, in the year *DCCCCxv.* (*scil.* in the 16. year of K. *Edw.* the elder) caused the Dungeon to be made, which was a strong Tower, or Platform upon a large and high mount of earth, artificially raised (such being usually placed towards the side of a Castle or Fort, which is least defensible) the substance whereof is yet to be seen.

In those dayes (in the Saxons time I mean) were very few^y such defensible places, as we now call Castles, that being a French^z name; so that though the English were^a a bold and warlike people, yet for want of the like strong Holds, were they much the lesse able to resist their Enemies: which defect gave great advantage to the Norman Conqueror, after his victory at *Bastings*; whereof he was so sensible, that he neglected^b not to raise

r Pat. 36.
H. 3. m
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f Anon.
Abend.
MS. in
bibl. Bodl.
[Med. 20.]
f. 122. a.

u Pat.
57. H.
3. m. 1.

w M. West.
in an. 1279.

x Hist. MS.
I. Rous p.
111.

y Ord.
z Vit. p.
b 111.
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store of such Forts throughout the whole Realm, as I have elsewhere observed, amongst which this ^c at **Warwick** was not the least, there being 4. houses, that belong'd to the Monks of **Cobentre**, walled for his enlargement thereof: For effecting therefore of this work was *Turchill de Warwick* (of whom I have spoke in my story of the Earls,) especially imployed^e by *K. William*; howbeit, after it became perfected, he would not trust him with the custody thereof, but committed^f it to *Henry de Newburgh*, whom he advanced to the Earldom, as I have already shewed.

There was heretofore a Church within the Precincts of this Castle, dedicated to the honour of *All Saints*, and of no lesse antiquity than the Britains time, as *Rous* affirmeth; and therefore, if it were at first founded therein, then doth it plainly shew that the Castle was built before the Romans made this place a Garrison; for it is evident (from what I have already said) that *S. Dubritius*, in those dayes making **Warwick** his Episcopal seat, had his residence there; but if by any enlargement of the Castle it came afterwards to be encompass't with it's Walls, it alters the case. This Church had divers customs and privileges belonging to it, as appears by *K. H. 1. Charter* dated at **Woodstoke**, whereby he confirmed them; as also *Judicia Ferri & Aquæ, id est fire and water Ordeal*, in as ample manner as it had wont to have them in *Edw.* the Conf. time, & afterwards: but in the said *K. H. 1. time*, it became united to the Collegiate Church of our Lady, founded by *Roger Earle of Warwick*, as when I come to speak thereof shall be shewed.

Out of this Castle, towards the later end of King *Steph.* reign, upon the arrival of *Henry Duke of Normandy*, did *Gundred*, the then Countesse of **Warwick**, turn^h out the Kings Souldiers, and deliveredⁱ it up to the said Duke, who was shortly after King of **Engl.** by the name of *H. 2.* After which, *viz.* in *19. H. 2.* upon the Rebellion of young *Henry* (whom his father had caused to be Crowned) it was garrison'd^k by the K. at which time the Sheriffe of this Shire, *scil. Bertram de Verdoun*, accounted^l *vi. li. xiii. s. iiii. d.* for 20. quarters of Bread-Corn; *xx. s.* for 20. quarters of Malt; *C. s.* for 50. Biefs salted up; *xxx. s.* for 90. Cheeses, and *xx. s.* for Salt then laid in for the victualling thereof: And the next ensuing year did the same Sheriffe account^m *xxx. li. x. s. viii. d.* paid to the Souldiers therein; as also *v. li. vii. s. xi. d.* for repairs: And inⁿ *21. H. 2. xiiii. l. xv. s. v. d.* more for the Souldiers wages. But I do not finde it any longer garrison'd in that Kings time: howbeit, in *7. Joh.* the then Sheriffe, *sc. Hugh de Chancumbe* accounted^o *xxv. l. vi. s.* for the ward thereof: which King had great affiance in the fidelity of *Thomas Basset of Bedingdon in Com. Oxon.* for he not onely granted^p to him the wardship and marriage of *Henry Son and Heir to Waleran Earle of Warwick*, but trusted him with the custody of this Castle, the same Sheriffe having command^q to deliver it up to him.

After this the like custody thereof was committed to *Hugh de Nevil*; but in *18. Joh.* the said *Hugh* had command^r to deliver it unto *Henry* the then Earle of **Warwick**, and the before specified *T. Basset*. And of what great regard it was in those times may be discerned by the Kings precept^s to the Archb. of **York** and *Will. de Cantilupe*, for requiring good security of *Margery* sifter and heir

to *Thomas*, then E. of **Warwick**, that she should not take to husband any person whatsoever in whom the said King could not repose trust as in his own self; the chief reason being there given in these words, *eo quod Castrum habet ingentis fortitudinis, & situm versus partes Marchie.* But in *48. H. 3.* when *Will. Mauduit* the then Earle of **Warw.** with his Countesse, were surprized^t here by a treacherous practise of the Rebels that then held **Kensworth-Castle** (as I have elsewhere declared) the Walls hereof were thrown down by those conspirators, lest they of the Royal party should have made any advantage to themselves by possessing it.

Upon the extent^u of the Lands of *Guy de Beauchamp Earle of Warw.* taken after his death in *9. E. 2.* the Ditches and Courts belonging to this Castle, were valued at *vi. s. viii. d. per ann.* and the Garden adjoyning thereto, with another Garden called the *Vineyard*, as much. Shortly after which, *sc. 14. E. 2.* was *Will. de Sutton* constituted^v Constable thereof, in regard of the minority of *Thomas Son and Heir to the deceased Earle*, command^x being given to *Walter de Beauchamp*, the then Constable of it, to deliver it up accordingly: But this *Will. de Sutton* held not that Office long; for the next year following I finde^y it in the Sheriffs custody; as also that one *Thomas Blaucfront*, and certain others, by Force and Arms entred^z it, and turning him out, kept possession thereof; whereupon complaint being made to the King, he immediately directed his precept^a to the said Sheriffe, to take along with him *John Peche* (a great man in this County, as in **Hampton in Arden** shall be shewed) or any other of the Kings loyal subjects, and requiring the delivery thereof, to commit those Malefactors, that so held it, to prison; which being accordingly perform'd, the said *John Peche* was made Governour^b of it: but in that trust he continued not long; for in *20. E. 2.* *Thomas le Blount* had the charge^c thereof granted to him; and in^d *1. E. 3. Rog. de Mortimer of Wigmore*, together with the rest of the E. of **Warwick's** Lands during his minority.

After this; *sc. in 10. E. 3.* John the Son and Heir to *Rob. le Purser of Warwick*, (a servant to *Th. Beauchamp* the then Earle) granted^e unto the said Earle a Chantery, founded by the said *Rob.* his father, in the Church of *St. Nicholas*; here in **Warwick**, for one Priest to sing Masse in this Castle, for the said Earle and his Heirs for ever. Which Earle erected^f anew the outer wall of the Castle with divers Towers; but the great Tower at the North-East corner thereof, called **Cupe's Tower**, the walls whereof are *x. foot* thick, was built^g by *Thomas Earle of Warwick*, son to the last Earle, about the *17. of K. R. 2.* reign; upon whose banishment in *20. R. 2.* (of which I have elsewhere spoke) the K. granted^h the custody thereof to *John de Clinton*, *sc. 3. Aug.* the same year; but the *28. of Sept.* following, he gaveⁱ it with a great part of the said Earls possessions to *Tho. Holland*, Earle of **Bent**, and the Heirs male of his body: howbeit, in *1. H. 4.* the said Earle reposselt it again, as I have also elsewhere shewed; nor do I finde, that from this time till *Eam. 4.* reign it was out of the possession of the successive Earles: but then, upon the death of *George D. of Clarence* it being seized into the Kings hands, *John Hugford Esq;* by reason of the minority of *Edw. Plantagenet*, Son and Heir to the said *D.* was constituted^k Constable thereof;

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d Domest. lib.

e Hist. MS. l. Rous p. 124.

f Ord. Vit. p. 311. c.

g Regist. Coll. de Warw. f. 11. a.

h M. Pat. rif. p. 86. n. i 10.

k Rot. P. 19. H. 2.

l Rot. P. 20. H. 2.

m Rot. P. 21. H. 2.

n Rot. P. 7. Joh.

o Claus. 7. Joh. m. 5.

p Ib. m. 16.

q Pat. 18. Joh. m. 7.

r Claus. de Vasc. 27. H. 3. in dorso m. 11.

M. W. in a 126 Hist. MS. Rot. p. 2.

u Esq. E. 2.

v Rot. 1. 2.

y 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

b Rot. 15. E. 2. c Rot. 20. E. 2. d Rot. 23. m.

e Cart. Warw. Com. f. a.

f Rot. Rous.

g Com. Balliv. Warw. Com. p. Ball. Burg. Warw.

h Pat. R. 2. p. m. 29.

i Ib. m.

k Pat. E. 4. p. m. 11.

And in 2. R. 3. *Humsfrey Beausfo*, his Son in Law, became joyn'd¹ with him in that charge.

From which time it continued in the Crown a great while; and in 17. H. 7. *Edm. Belknap*, Esquire of the body to the K. was made Constable^m thereof, which Office K. H. 8. in 1. of his reign confirm'dⁿ to him. But in 1. E. 6. upon the advancement of *John Dudley* to the Earldom of *Warw.* he had a grant^o of it, and divers lands which had belong'd to the former Earls: All which, upon his attainder in 1. M. (whereof I have elsewhere spoke) eschaetred to the Crown: Howbeit, by the speciall favour of Q. *Eliz.* unto *Ambrose* one of the sons to the said *John*, whom she created Earle of *Warwick*, was it bestow'd^p upon him and the Heirs of his body, in 4. of her reign: but he dying without issue (as I have formerly observed) it came again to the Crown, and there rested till King *James*, 9. July in the second year of his Reign, out of the great respect that he bore unto Sir *Fonk Grevill* Knight, (whom he afterwards advanc'd to the Dignity of a Baron, as in *Beauchamps-Court* I shall shew) bestow'd^q it on him in Fee: at which time it was a very ruinous thing, the strongest and securest parts thereof being onely made use of for the common Goal of the County; but he bestowing more then 20000. l. cost, (as I have heard) in repairing and adorning it, made it a place not onely of great strength, but extraordinary delight, with most pleasant Gardens, Walks, and Thickets, such as this part of *England* can hardly paralell, so that now it is the most Princely seat that is within these mid-land parts of the Realm.

Here is to be seen a large two handed Sword, with a Helmet, and certain Plate-Armour for Horse service; which, as the tradition is, were part of the accoutrements sometime belonging to the famous *Guy*; but I rather think that they are of a much later time: yet I finde that in 1. H. 8. the Sword having that repute, the King granted^r the custody thereof to *Will. Hoggeson*, one of the Yeomen of his Buttry, or his sufficient Deputy, with the Fee of ii. d. per diem for that service.

Near unto the Castle, towards the North-East, stands a place fenced with large and strong Walls of stone, still called the *Vineyard*; for so it was long since, as it seems, allowance^t of wages having been given to certain women for gathering of Grapes there during the space of five dayes in 3. H. 4.

The next place of note within the precincts of *Warwick* is the Church of our Lady. This in the Conq. time had^u 1. hide of Land, lying in *Milton*, belonging thereto, valued at x. s. which it seems, was given to it by *Turchill de Warwick*; for by the Survey then made it was certified to be held of him. The design for making of it Collegiate, id est consisting of a Dean and secular Canons, and uniting the Priests belonging to the Church of *All Saints*, which stood within the Castle, unto those here, was originally laid by *Henry de Newburgh*, the first Earle of *Warwick* of the Norman line, who gave^v the Church of *Compton-(Murdak)* for a Prebend to the maintenance of one Canon therein: But the work being not effected by him, *Roger* his Son, and Successor in the Earldom did^w in the year MCxxiii. 23. H. 1. consummate it, with the assent, and at the request of the Clerks of the before specified Churches so united, and of *S. Bishop of Worcester*, for the health of the Soul of *K. Will.* the Conq. Q. *Maud* his consort, *K. Will.*

Rufus, and for the future advantage of the Soul of *K. H. 1. Q. Maud* his wife, and their Children: As also for the Soul of *Roger de Belmund* and *Aelina* his wife, and of Earle *Henry*, father to the before specified Earle *Roger*, *Robert* Earle of *Mellent*, and all the faithfull deceased; to the end that all the said Clerks might serve God together Canonically night and day in the said Church of our Lady: Granting unto them for their necessary sustentance the Church of *S. Nicholas*, the Church of *S. Lawrence* with x. Acres of Land and a House, the Church of *S. Mich.* with 5. Acres of Land and three houses, the Churches of *S. Sepulcher* and *S. Helen*, with two parts of the Tithes of *Widsozd*, scil. of the Inclosure. In *Wellesburn* 2. parts of the Tith of the inclosed grounds, and *Chirchset*; so also in *Werdwick*; with 2. Carucats of Land lying near *Long-bridge*. In *Cherlecote* half a hide of Land, with the Tyth of the demesnes and of the 2. Mills there. In *Fulboc* half a hide, with 2. parts of the Tyth of the demesne, & 2. parts of the Tyth of the Mill belonging to that Village. In *Sintene-felt* 1. hide, with 2. parts of the Tyth of the Inclosure. In *Claverdon* 2. parts of the Tyths of the Inclosure, as also the Paunage of the whole Wood belonging to that Town. In *Shitburn* half a hide, with 2. parts of the Tyth of the Inclosure. In *Milberton* half a hide, vvith all the Tyth of the Earle of *Warwick's* Fee. In *Cotes* all the Tythe, as well in the Mills, as other things, living & dead; and likewise of two Carucates of Land lying in *Stochull*, and *Modelaw*. In *Comton* 2. parts of the Tyth of the Inclosure. In *Walton-Theoderic* all the Tyth of the demesne, and of one Mill. In *Walton-Spilibert* 2. parts of the Tythes of the Inclosure, as also of the 2. Mills; and in the Meadow adjoining to *Bereford* vi. Acres. Within and without the Town of *Warw.* lx. houses, In *Milton* all the Tyth, and all the third part of the demesne; as also the Land of one *Neatheard*, and 4. ----- Land. And moreover, the Church of *Grettham*, with the Church of *S. John* and 6. Acres of Land; the Church of *S. Peter* with one house. The Church of *Bubboke*, and all the Tyth of that Village, with all that belongeth thereto; and the Tythe of the Rent of the Burrough of *Warw.* In *Hethe* 1. Hide. In *Caldecote* half a Hide: as also the Schools of *Warw.* together with judgement by Fire, Water, and Battail; and lastly C. Acres of land in *Cotes*, with the land of *Wimund* the Priest. All which possessions he the said E. *Roger* ratified unto them by his Charter sealed, granting, that they might have a Dean and Chapter, and a fraternal Covent in the said Church, and to enjoy the premisses as freely, and honorably, as the Churches of *Lincoln*, *Salisbury*, or *Exet* did theirs.

And besides this did the said Earle *Roger* give^w to the Canons of this his Collegiate Church, the Chapel of *S. James*, built over the West-gate in *Warwick*; with a croft thereto belonging, lying without the Town ditch, and extending in length from the said Chapel as far as *S. John's* Chapel, on the other side the way. And to these grants did *Robert de Curli* add his confirmation^x of the Church of *Budeboke*, acknowledging it to be a Chapel belonging to the said mother Church of our Lady; to which Church of *Budeboke* did then belong lx. Acres of Inclosure on the one side of the Town, and as many on the other, and a House for the Priests, with certain crofts anciently belonging to that Church; as also the whole Tythes

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of **Budbrooke, Hamton, Pozton, and Grebe**; and of the Mill and Pool belonging to the Town; provided that the said Canons did place a Vicar there, with the consent of him the said **Robert** and his Heirs: All which were confirmed ^y by **Simon** Bishop of **Worcester**, who in the third year of his Episcopacy translated ^z the Priests out of the said Church of *All Saints* accordingly (*an. sc. 1128.*)

29. H. 1. And united ^a and annexed the Churches above specified unto this Colledge of our Lady, to be posselt by the same Dean and Canons for their own proper behoof: as also by ^b **Thomas** Archb. of **Canterbury**, (commonly called *St. Thomas*) by ^c Pope *Eugenius* the 3. *Adrian* ^d the 4. King. H. 1. and other ^e succeeding Bishops.

a *lb. f. 36. a.*
b *lb. f. 14. a.*
c *lb. f. 16. b.*
d *lb. f. 17. a.*
e *lb. f. 22. b. & c.*



Canonicus Secularis.

Little can I say touching this sort of *Canons*, for as much as they were no other than Priests, and called *Secular*, in regard they performed the Offices of such in serving the world, by administering to lay people upon all occasions, whereas those as lived *Regularly* did not so do; Neither had they their diet, or lodging in common like the Monks and *Regular Canons*, but habitations apart, and their maintenance several, by distinct shares, called *Prebendaries*, assigned unto them, as those in our Collegiate and Cathedral Churches even till these times used to have; their habite not differing, as by this here represented from an ancient Monumental Portraiture in brass, still remaining upon a Marble in the body of this Church, may be seen. Of which kinde were those that before King *Edgar's* time had got footing † in divers of our Monasteries; but, through the advice of St. *Dunstan*, and power of that devout Monarch, were ejected, * and the Monks again restored, consonant to the minds of their pious founders.

Much ado there was betwixt the Dean and Canons of this Church, and the Prior of S. *Sepulchers* in *Warwick*, the said Prior making claim † to a right in this Parish; but these differences were at length determined ‡ by Pope *Adrian* the 4. about the beginning of K.H. 2. reign, and the right therein adjudg'd to the said Dean & Canons; all which was afterwards confirm'd † by other Popes and Bishops. In 8.E. 3. *T. de Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick*, out of the great respect he bore to this Colledge of Priests, gave † them the perpetual advowson of the Church of *Billerton-Hercy* in this County, which was appropriated † thereto for augmentation of their maintenance in An. 1341. 15. E. 3. But such was the regardlessness of the rights belonging to this Church by those that had to do in the government thereof, that in proceſse of time it received no small losse by the alienation of a great part of its possessions, till *Will. Wirslesey* B. of *Worcester* (afterwards Archb. of *Canterbury*) moved thereto by the said Earle, restored † unto it the greatest part of those ancient rights which before it had: howbeit, by that Instrument it appears, † that whereas the Priory of S. *Sepulchers* in *Warwick* was founded where the Churches of S. *Sepulchers* and S. *Helens* stood; and † that the Church of *Gretham* in *Rutland* had been very anciently appropriated to the said Priory of S. *Sepulchers*, in consideration whereof the Canons of that House perpetually found at their charge one Sub-Deacon to serve in the said Collegiate Church, there was an impossibility of restoring them thereto.

As also, † whereas the Churches of S. *John*, S. *Michaell*, S. *Laurence*, S. *Peter*, and S. *James*, all standing within the Precincts of this Town, whereof the most waned Church-yards for Sepulture, and the rest were grown ruinous, there was no necessity at all of repairing them, forasmuch as this Collegiate Church had capacity sufficient to receive all the inhabitants coming thereto, and the Church-yard spacious enough for to bury their dead; that from thenceforth they should constantly come to this Church, there to make their Processions, and hear Divine service, as heretofore upon Sundays and Festivals, in acknowledgement of subjection (thereto, it being the mother Church) they had used to do; and have sepulture in the Church-yard there, in regard that by this Decree and Constitution all other places within the compass of this Town, except the Church & Church-

yard of S. *Nicholas*, were thenceforth prohibited from having any Ecclesiastick burial in them: Which Decree and Constitution, whereby also several *Pensions* are assigned out of the revenues belonging to the Colledge, for the *Canons-resident*, differing in proportion from the *non-resident*, bears date at *Hertlebury* 24. Dec. An. 1367. 41. E. 3.

After this divers eminent persons became Benefactors thereto; viz. Sir *Will. Beauchamp* Knight, (a younger son to the before specified Earle) who in *March* 15. R. 2. gave † the advowson of the Church of *Spellesbury* in *Worcestershire*, for augmentation of their maintenance, to the intent that they should pray for the good estate of K. *Ric. 2. Q. Anne* his consort, and for their Souls after their departure out of this world; as also for the good estate of him the said Sir *Will.* and Dame *Joane* his wife, during this life, and for their Souls afterwards, together with the Souls of the said Kings Progenitors, his own Ancestors, and all the faithfull deceased: which Church was appropriated † thereto 18. *Martii* the same year. And in *April* following, *Thomas* B. then E. of *Warw.* (elder brother to the said Sir *Will.*) considering, † that this Coll. Church so founded by his noble Ancestors, was not sufficiently endowed, did for the good estate of the said K. and Q. of himself and the Lady *Margaret* his wife, Sir *Will. Beauchamp* his brother, and Dame *Joane* his wife; as also of all their children during this life, and for their Souls after their departures out of this world, together with the Souls of their Progenitors, Ancestors, and all the faithfull deceased, bestow † upon the said Dean and Canons, and their Successors, in further enlargement of their maintenance, half an Acre of Land in *Haseleore*, with the perpetual patronage of that Church; a quarter of an Acre of Land in *Wolhamcote*, with the advowson of the Church (both in this County;) and a quarter of an Acre of Land in *Wytlesford* in *Cambridgeshire*, with the advowson of that Church; which said Churches were appropriated accordingly; viz. † that of *Wytlesford* in Dec. following, that † of *Haseleore* in Oct. 18. R. 2. and that † of *Wolhamcote* in Nov. 19. R. 2.

And upon the Feast day of S. *Michael* 18. R. 2. did the before specified Sir *Will. Beauchamp*, then styled Lord *Bergavenny*, give † further to this Coll. Church, half an Acre of Land in *Chadstep-Corbet* in *Com. Wigorn.* with the advowson of the Church, to be appropriated thereunto, to pray for the good estate of himself and Dame *Joane* his wife; *Tho. E.* of *Warwick*, his brother, & *Margaret* his wife; as also for their Children during this life, and for their Souls after their departure hence; which Church was accordingly appropriated † in Octob. following. And notwithstanding all this, the said Earle, thinking their endowment too slender, by his Charter † bearing date 20. Sept. 19. R. 2. gave therunto his Mannour of *Haseleore* in this County: And not onely perfected † the work of that stately Quire, begun † by his Father (in the mid't whereof his said fathers, and mothers Monument doth stand) but built † anew the whole body of the Church from the ground, in the form it now appears, the timber employed therein being bought † of his brother in *Allestey* woods for that purpose; In which Quire there was at that time a statue of the famous *Guy*, but altered † in 19. R. 2. by one *John Sutton* a Carver, who did cut the Arms of the ancient Earls of *Warwick* upon it.

But as some, out of their devout affections for the

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104. b.

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the advancement of Gods service were munificent Benefactors to this Collegiate Church, yet were there others as apt to detain its rights; for notwithstanding that Decree made by *Will. Wutlesey* Bishop of *Worcester*, before specified, the profits of the Churches of *S. Nicholas*, *S. Peter*, *S. Laurence*, and *Budbroke*, were yet withheld, under colour that the said restitution and confirmation did not in expresse words extend to the Successors of the then Dean and Canons to whom the same was granted; therefore in 22.R.2. the King gave a new License to them for their union and appropriation, which appropriation was accordingly made by *Tideman de Winchcombe* Bishop of *Worcester*, 7. Martii the same year. Amongst other the Benefactors to this Church *Wal er Power* was not the least; for I finde, that by his deed bearing date 4. Martii 2. H.4. to the intent that the Dean and Chapter and their Successors should there celebrate two *Obits* yearly for ever; viz. one for the Soul of *Margaret* his wife then deceased, and the other for his own Soul after his departure out of this world, he gave thereunto his Mannour of *Hethcote* in this County, with *Proviso*, that if they failed in the celebration of the said *Obits*, they should forfeit xl.s. to be levied by distresse upon that Mannour. Shortly after which did *Will. de Peto*, Esquire (of whom and his family I have spoke in *Chesterton*) release^k unto them (sc. 15. Apr. 6.H.4.) all his interest in the advouson of the Church of *Wolthamcote* before specified (for it was purchas't^l by *T. Beauchamp* Earle of *Warwick*, who gave it, of *Sr. John de Peto* Kt. father to this *Will.* in 38.E.3.) covenanting^m with them thereupon, that in case he departed this life within the County of *Warw.* they should cause his body to be brought thither, and interred in the said Coll. Church, in such a place as he did before direct; and celebrate his Anniversary on the day of his *Obit*, register his name in their *Martyrologe*, and pray for him his Ancestors and Heirs as Founders and Patrons of the said Church of *Wolthamcote*; as also to cause his grave to be covered with a Monumental stone, and his Arms cut thereupon, with an inscription declaring his death, according to his, or his Council's directions.

I will now proceed with its other Benefactors in order of time as I finde them; The first whereof was *K.E.4.* who, partly in consideration of an annuity of viiii.s. 1.d. ob. q. and of a portion of Tithe amounting to xxiii.s. per an. issuing out of *Fulbroke* in this County, which the said Coll. Church was possess of till *John D.* of *Bedford* inclosed that Lordship and made it a Park; And partly for that the said Dean and Canons had undertaken to solemnize perpetually, upon the 30. of *Decemb.* yearly one *Obit* in the said Church for the health of the Souls of the most excellent Prince *Richard* Duke of *York*, father to the said *K.* and *Rich. Nevill* E. of *Salisbury* deceased, did by his Letters Pat.ⁿ bearing date 16. *Decemb.* in the first year of his reign, grant unto them and their Successors a certain portion of inclosed ground, called *Portbroke*, parcel of that Lordship of *Fulbroke*, lying Northwards of the said Park, but not included therein. And about the 8. of *Edm. 4.* *Rich. Nevill* then Earle of *Warwick* and *Anne* his wife, daughter to *Rich. Beauchamp* Earle of *Warwick*, (but sister and Heir to Duke *Henry* her brother) gave^o them the Mannours of *Bathkinton* & *Wolbardon* in this County, with 3. Tenements and

one Garden in *Warwick*, situate next to the Church-yard of this Coll. Church: which grant was (as I conceive) in accomplishment of the last Will of the said *Rich. B.* who ordained^p that for the increase of Divine service in this Church there should be lands, or advousons, amortized, to finde 4. Priests and two Clerks for ever, over and above the number that were there before (as in my story of the said Earle is shewed.)

To theie *K.H.7.* in 16. of his reign granted^q the place where a Church, called *Cuckow-Church* had heretofore stood, with the Church-yard (which was in *Wedgnock-Park* as I have already declared) and all the rights thereto belonging, together with xl.s. annuity, in exchange for the glebe antiently given thereto by the E. of *Warwick*.

Having thus made recital of whatsoever I have seen memorable in relation to its endowments, I shall here add a Catalogue^r of such Books as I finde did belong thereto in *An.1407.* 8.H.4. As also of the Reliques as they were inventoried in *An.1455.* 33.H.6.

First viii. Masse bookis and a Gospellarye and a Pistellarye.

Also vi. new G...yells and ii. old.

Also ii. Tropes.

Also viii. Portos with Legend, and ii. Legends, the one of temporal another of

Also ii. new Antiphoners & and ii. old.

Also iii. Sauters.

Also vi. Processionals, and another with an Emanuel.

Also a Martyrologe and an Inmer with Immitations.

Also a new Emanuel and an Ordinal.

Also a Catholicon.

Reliquiæ.

Quadam pars de Cruce in qua Crucifixus est Jesus.

De Capillis b. Mariae, & de vestimentis ejus.

Quadam zona ejusdem b. Marie Virg. & de tumba ejusdem b. Mariae.

Ossa b. Egidii Abbatis, & stola ejusdem, cum aliis diversis reliquiis.

Quadam pars de lacte b. Mariae Virginis.

De olco S. Katherine Virginis.

Reliquia Sanctorum Edm. regis, Swithini, & Alkmundi, Wolfadi & Ruffini, sc. ossa eorum.

Quadam reliquia S. Jacobi Apostoli.

Queddam cilicium S. Thome Cantuar. Archiep.

De tumba Domini nostri Jesu Christi, & de spina qua posita fuit super capud Jesu.

De dente & ossibus S. Laurentii martyris.

Quadam pars de Cathedra Patriarche Abrahæ.

Oleum in quo venit ignis in vigilia Pascha de celo.

Quoddam os beati Andrei Apostoli.

Pecten b. Edmundi Cantuar. archiep.

Quadam pars de manutergio Nichodemi quando sustinuit corpus domini super humeros.

Quadam pars de arboribus montis Calvarie.

De rubo quem viderat Moyses incombustum.

Cornu eburneum S. Georgii martyris.

Oleum S. Nicholai episc. cum aliis reliquiis.

Quadam sartago S. Brandani.

De clamyde S. Martini episc.

De ossibus Sanctorum Innocentium.

Reliquia de S. Margareta, & de S. Maria Magdalena.

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f Pat.
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h Ex Reg.
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Cap. 15.
gord. f. 396.
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i Regist.
Coll. de
Warw. f.
216. b.

k Ib. f. 170.
a.
l Ib. f. 163.
b.

m Ib. f. 170.
a. b.

n Pat. 1.
E.4. p.3.
m.17.

o Esc. 3.
E.4. n.64.

p 1. Ro. f.
141.

q Pat.
H.7. p.7.

r Regi.
Coll. d.
Warw.
201. b.

f Ib. f. 104.
b.

Reliquia S. Blasii & S. Taddei Apostoli.
Reliquia S. Hugonis Lincoln. episc. & Marty-
ris.
De sepulchro Domini, & de petra Montis Calva-
ria.
De presepe Domini & columpna ad quam fuit li-
gatus quando fuit flagellatus.
De petra super quam fuit vinctus post mortem.
De sepulchro S. Catherina Virginis.
De genu S. Georgii, & de petra super quam san-
guinavit in martyrio suo.
De ossibus S. Brendani.
De facie S. Stephani.
De veste & capillis S. Maria Magdalene.
De rupe in qua S. Anna jacet.
De capillis beati Francisci.
De vestimento S. Agnetis.
De velo & tunica beata Clara.
De reliquiis S. Cecilie.

I now come to that fatall Survey^a in 26. H. 8. the fore-runner of its dissolution; whereby I finde that the yearly revenues belonging thereto were then certified to be CCCxxiii.li. ii.s. iii.d.ob.

Out of which was allowed, ^a per ann. to the Dean for his stipend. 26.li.-13.s.-04.d.
 To John Watwood one of the Prebends, called S. Peters. 13-06-08
 To John Fisher another of the Prebends, called S. John Bapt. 13-06-08
 To David Vaughan another of the Prebends, called S. Laurence. 02-00-00
 To Thomas Leason another of the Prebends, called S. Michaels. 02-00-00
 To Robert Wythington another of the Prebends, called S. James. 02-00-00
 To Robert Hoole Curate of this Parish Church. 06-13-04
 To ten Priests which were Vicars, daily serving in the said Collegiate Church. 07-06-08 a piece.
 To six Choristers. 02-00-00 a piece.

The yearly Obits^x kept in this Church, for which also there were several allowances were these:

Of Thomas Beauchamp the father, and Thomas his son, both Earls of Warwick; Of Margaret Countesse of Warwick; (wife to the last Thomas) Of Ric. Beauchamp, E. of Warwick. Of Ric. Duke of York; Of Rich. Nevil Earle of Warwick; Of K. Henry 7. Of Walter Power, and of William Peito. As also of John Young, Raph Power, Thom. Rows, Will. Launder, John Allestre, and John Acreman; which last mentioned six, were Ecclesiastick persons, as it seems; Henry Grey, Marquesse Dorset, being then high^y Steward of the said Colledge, having an annuity of xl.s. per ann.

Patroni Decanatus.

Decani.

Will. de Bellocampo Magr. Will. de Apperleg.
 Co. Warw. 7. Id. Dec. 1296.
 Mr. Rob. Tankard Pbr. 6.
 Id. Julii 1306.
 Rob. de Geryn accol. (post re-
 sign. Ric. de Alencester
 ult. Decani) 18. Cal. Se-
 ptemb. 1314.
 Guido de Bellocampo
 Co. Warw.

Thom. de Bellocampo } Magr. Thom. de Lench S. Germ. f.
 Co. Warw. } Cler. 10. Feb. 1338. 157.b.
 D. Nich. Southam Pbr. 1. Br. vol. 1. f.
 Dec. 1361. 41.b.
 Thomas de Bellocam- } Thom. Younge Cler. 27. Sept. Tid. f. 1. a.
 po Co. Warw. } 1395.
 Ric. de Bellocampo } D. Joh. Porter Cap. 10. A- Pult. f. 125.
 Co. Warw. } pril 1432. b.
 Firmarii dom. Regis } D. Rob. Cherbury Cap. 4. Bourch. f.
 & C. terr. Ric. Comit. } Maii 1443. 92.b.
 Warw.
 Nobilis & prapotens } D. Will. Berkeswell. 15. Carp. vol. 1.
 D. Ric. Comes Warw. } Dec. 1454. f. 123.b.
 Nob. & prapotens Ric. } Mr. Joh. Southwell 11. Carp. vol.
 Co. Warw. & Sarum. } Martii 1469. 2. f. 9.b.
 D. Episcopus. } Mr. Edm. Albone in me- Alc. f. 92.b.
 } dicinis Dr. & Pbr. 17. Oct.
 } 1481.
 Ric. Rex Angl. ratio- } Mr. Ric. Brakenburgh 18. Ib. f. 149.a.
 ne minoris at. Edw. } Maii 1485.
 Com. Warw.

Henr. 7. Rex Angl. } Mr. Will. Stokdal S. Theol. Gvg. vol. 2.
 ratione Comitatus } professor, 13. Julii 1498. f. 7.b.
 Warwic. in manu } Ehw. Haseley Cap. 10. Dec. Ib. f. 8.a.
 sua exist. } 1498.
 } Mr. Rad. Colingwode S. Ib. f. 50.b.
 } Theol. prof. 29. Maii 1507. Ib. f. 65. a.
 Henr. 8. Rex Angl. } Mr. Joh. Allestre Cler. 22. Bell. f. 29.]
 ratione & supra. } Aug. 1510. b.]
 } Mr. Joh. Knightley Cler. 15. Maii 1542.

But this Collegiate Church (with many more) being dissolved in the Parliament of 37. H. 8. was the same year (*inter alia*) granted² out of the Crown, by Letters Pat. bearing date 15. May, to the inhabitants of Warwick, by the name of the Burgesles of Warwick, and their Successors.

Here was one onely Chantry, founded^a by Rob. Waldene of Warwick in 2. H. 4. for a Priest to sing Masse dayly, at the Altar of S. Anne, for the good^b estate of Henry 4. then K. of England, Margaret Countesse of Warwick, Richard, her Son, then E. of Warwick, and Eliz. his wife; and of him the said Robert and Elene his wife, during this life: as also for the Souls of Thomas Beauchamp, late Earle of Warwick, and of Alice sometime wife of the said Rob. Waldene; and likewise for the Souls of their Children, Ancestors, and all the faithfull deceased; for the maintenance of which Priest, he gave C. iii. s. iii. d. yearly Rent issuing out of divers messuages lying in Warwick, Oulton, Longbottle, Lee, Beresford, and Preston-Bagot, all in this County.

Inscriptions upon the Bells in this Church.

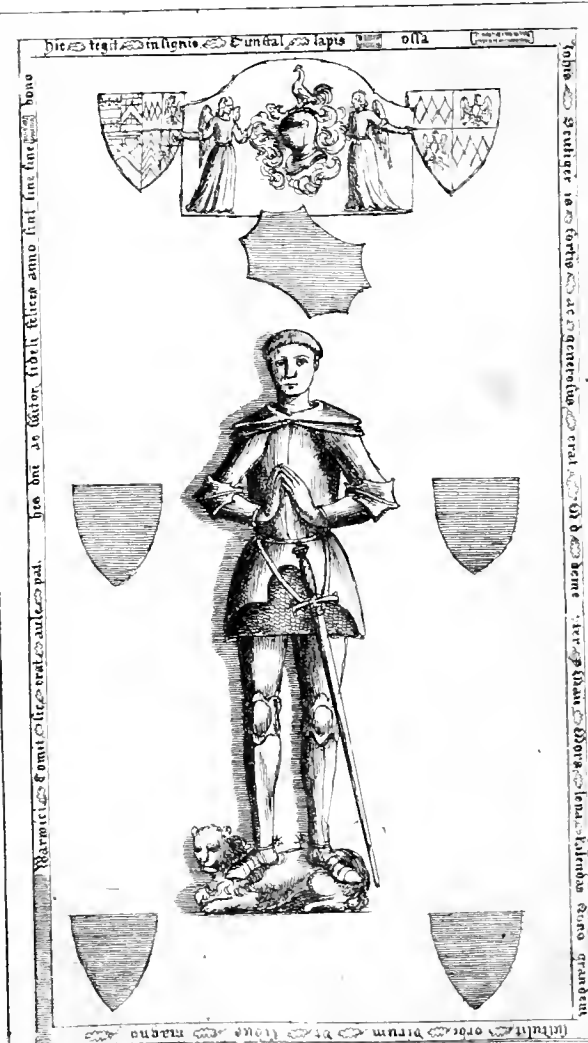
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 - 2 Vox domini Jesu Christi vox exaltationis.
 - 3 Eternis annis resonat Campana Johannis.
 - 4 Isabel Beauchamp first founded me.
 - 5 Trinitati sacra fiat hac Campana beata.
 - 6 Dat sonitum plenum Jhesus & modulamen amonum.
- Jhesu have merci on me Isabell.

About the skirt thereof.

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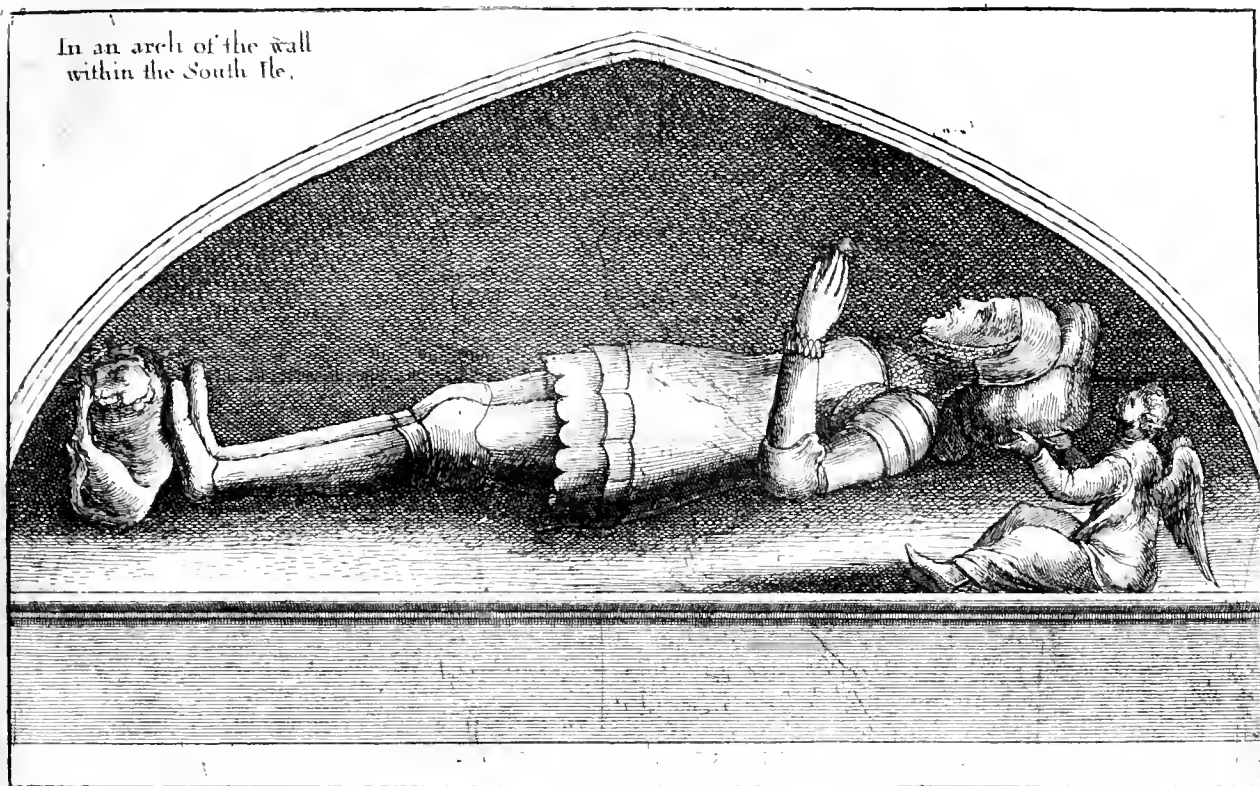
Vpon a Marble, from w^{ch} the Portraicture
in brasse is torne away, this Inscription,

Si vitam sancti, si nomen queris Haley
Olla sub hoc gelido Marmore claua iacent
hic varias plenis quiliant sauribus artes,
Nec leuiter lingua doctus vtraq; fuit,
Pro quo qlq; ad hunc humulum vestigia flect,
aeternum paucis quelo precare deum,



Having in my Story of the Earls represented their Monuments which are within this Church, Quire, and our Lady Chapell, I shall here exhibite the re-
fidue, now remayning, with such monumentall In-
scriptions as be yet undefaced.

In an arch of the wall
within the South Ile,



*In the body of the Church, upon Marble grave-stones
with plates of brasse.*

Hic facent Willielmus Hopkins quondam burgenfis ville
Warwici, qui obiit vii. die Februarii Anno Domini M.
CCCClxxxii, Et Margareta uxor eiusdem, que obiit xlii.
die Februarii Anno Domini MCCCCxli, quorum animabus
propicietur Deus, Amen.

Hic facit Ricardus Ellyn, bocher, quondam burgenfis & ma-
gister Scolæ istius ville, qui obiit ii. die mensis Martii Anno
Domini M. CCCCxlvii. Cuius anime propicietur Deus,
Amen.

Hic facit Magister Johannes Stonys quondam Canonicus
istius Ecclesie, ac Rector de Hanslay & Bukby, qui obiit xliii. die
Augusti Anno Domini M. CCCCxlviii, cuius anime propi-
cietur Deus, Amen.

Orate pro animabus Be nedicti Hedley, et Agnetis uxoris
eius.

Hic facit Dominus Johannes Walker Capellanus Cantarie
gilde qui obiit vicesimo primo die Augusti Anno Domini M.
CCCC. nonagesimo primo; cuius anime propicietur Deus,
Amen.

Hic facit Ricardus Bothe quondam burgenfis Warwici, Et
Alida uxor eius, quorum animabus propicietur Deus, Amen.

Hic facit Dominus Oliverus Alwode quondam Canonicus
istius Ecclesie, ac Rector de Ilmynndon & Bukbroke, qui obiit.
ii. die Novembrijs Anno Domini Millesimo CCCCxxxi.
cuius anime propicietur Deus, Amen.

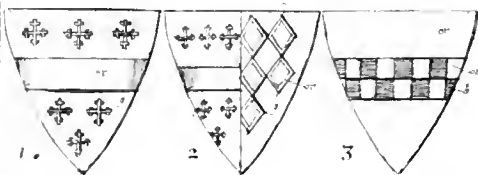
Near the Belfrey-dore.

*Que fuit Edmundi conjux Prior Elizabetha
Gregorii, gentis Radclifforum edita stirpe
Fratri Appollinea clari doctoris in arte
Hic placide satis defuncta in pace quiescit
Mille novem demptis Christi numeravimus
annos
Sexcentosq; dies Octobris bis quoq; denos
Cum lenti crebros morbi perpeffa labores
Ante diem periit summog; in flore, puellis
Elizabetha, Annaq; tenella prole relictis
Quodq; unum potuit supremum pignus amoris
Hoc conjux dedit, & signavit carmine marmor.
I 5 9 I.*

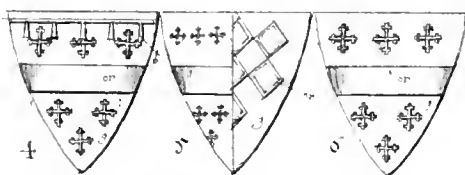
On a plate of brasse fixt in the wall neer the Chap-
ter-house dore, upon which are also the
portraictures of a man and
his wife in gownes.

Of your charite give thanks for the soules of Thomas Oken
and Joane his wyff, on whose soules Iesus hath mercy, Iesus
hath mercy. Amen. Remember the charyte for the pore for ever
Anno Domini M. CCCCxxvii.

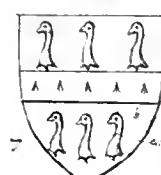
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In a North window of the Church



In a South window



In another window of the South Croſe Ile.

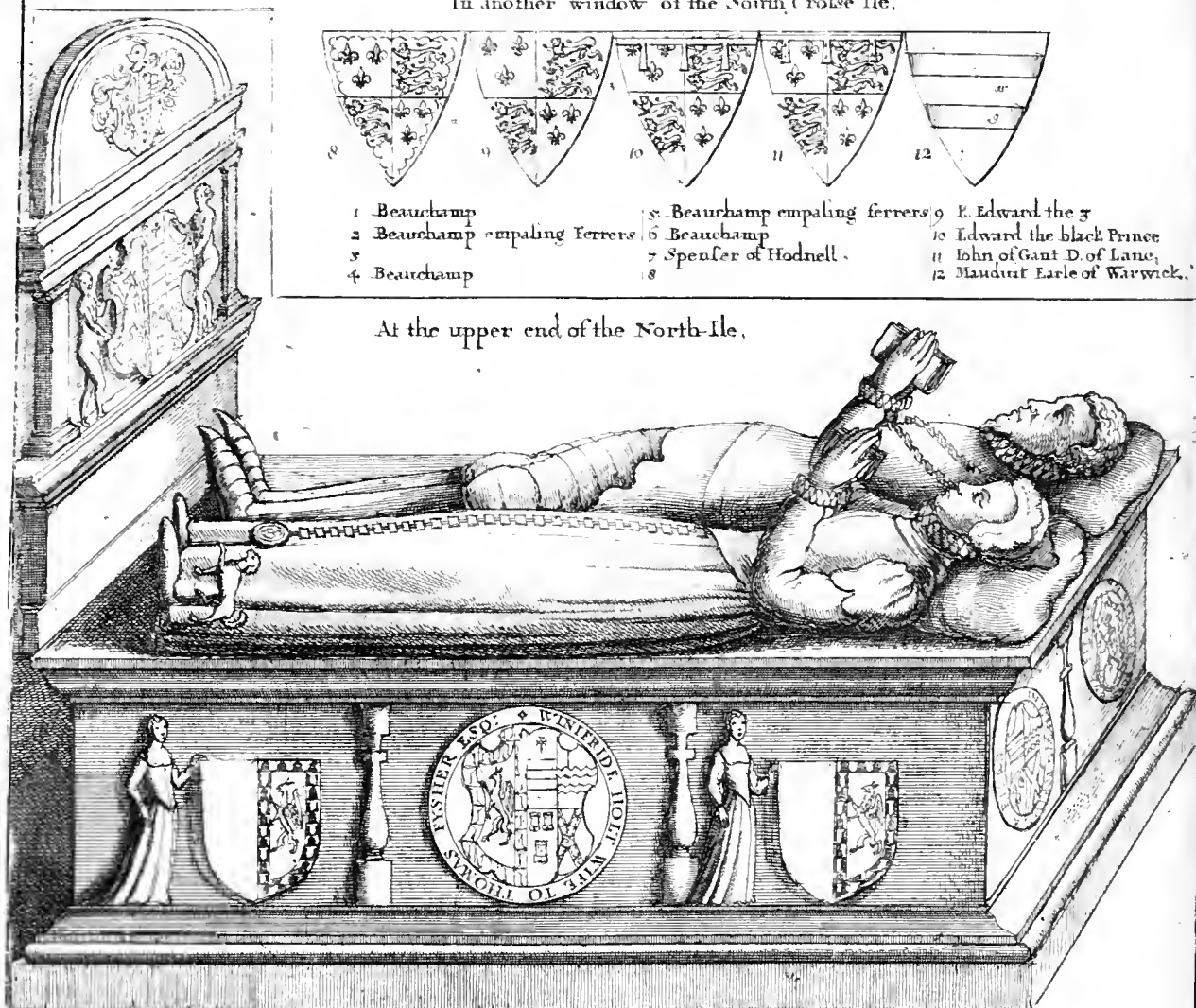


1 Beauchamp
2 Beauchamp empaling Ferrers
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5 Beauchamp empaling Ferrers
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7 Spenser of Hodnell
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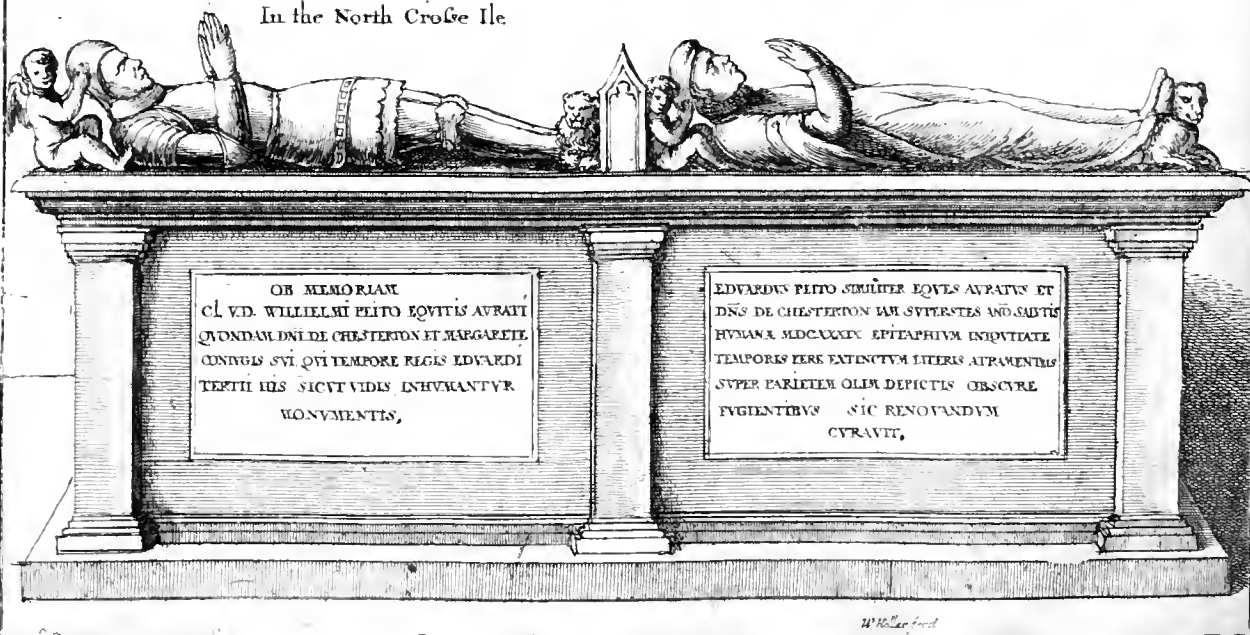
9 E. Edward the 3
10 Edward the black Prince
11 John of Gant D. of Lanc.
12 Mauduit Earle of Warwick.

At the upper end of the North-Ile.



Here lyeth intombed the bodies of Thomas ſiſher eſq. and Winifride his firſt Wiſe. W. Thomas deceaſed the twelveth day of January Anno domini 1577. and Winifride the thirde day of february Anno domini 1587. Whole ſoules God hath taken into his mercy moſt chriſtianly Edward ſiſher married Katherine daughter to S. Richard Longe Knight, who had iſſue Thomas and John, Dorothy and Katherine.

In the North Croſe Ile



OB MEMORIAM
CL. V.D. WILLIELMI ELITO EQVITIS AVRATI
QVONDAM DN. DE CHESTERTON ET MARGARETE
CONVIVS SVI QVI TEMPORE REGIS EDVARDI
TERTII HVS SICVT VIDS INHVANTVR
MONVMENTIS,

EDVARDVS ELITO SIMILITER EQVES AVRATVS ET
DN. DE CHESTERTON IAR SVPERESTES ANO. SABBIS
HVIVS. MDCXXXII. EPITAPHIVM INQVITTATE
TEMPORIS HERE EXTINCTVM INTERIS ATRAMENTIS
SVPER PARIETEM OLIM DEPICTIS OBSCVRE
FVGIENTIBVS SIC RENOVANDVM
CYRAVIT.

And here, before I proceed further with these Monumentall Inscriptions, I must not omit to point at the particular pious works of the same *Thomas Oken*; who, having been born in this Borough of very mean parentage, and exercising the trade of a Mercer, by Gods blessing upon his industry, purchased lands here, as also in *Badley*, *Bentale*, and *Harbury*, in this County, of good value; which by his deed, dated 1. Jan. 13 Eliz. he past unto certain Feoffees; by whom they were so settled, as that, out of the profits thence arising, there should be yearly payd towards the increase of the head School-masters wages xl *sol.* and as much to the under School-master; 4 *li.* to the poor of *Warwick*; viz. at *Christmasts* 40 *s.* and at *Easter* 40 *s.* For 4. Sermons every year 40 *s.* To six poor Almshouses that he appointed to be placed in three of his Houses for ever 24 *s.* a piece, with six black Gowns of Rugg or Cotton: Appointing, that the Collectors of the Rents issuing out of those lands should once every year give up their Accounts to the same Feoffees in the presence of the Bayliff and Burgesses of *Warwick*; and a Sermon to be preach'd upon that day, for which the Preacher to have vi *s.* viii *d.* and the Bayliff, with the rest, xx *s.* for a dinner. But, besides all this, by his last Will & Testament, bearing date 24. Nov. the year above-said, whereby he disposed his body to be buried neer St. *Anne's* Altar within this Church, and those portraitures in brasse of himself and his wife, with the Inscription, before inserted, to be made, did he give xxx *li.* to be distributed to the poor, by xii *d.* a piece. Ten pounds to 30. poor maydens to their marriages, viz. vi *s.* viii *d.* a piece; 100 *li.* to the Town of *Warwick* to buy land to enlarge their Common, wherewith they purchased a piece of ground called *Michaell's piece*: And to the Bayliff and Burgesses severall pieces of plate, which, ever since, have been transmitted from each Bayliff to his successour. To the Bayliff and Aldermen of *Stratford*, and their successours he also gave 40 *li.* to be set out to give honest Tradesmen within that Town; viz. 5 *li.* a man, for three or four years together at eight pence in the pound; whereof the one half to go to the poor; the other to the same Bayliff and his brethren to pay 3 *s.* 4 *d.* unto a Minister that shall preach unto them a Sermon, the rest they themselves to make merry with, and at the end of their mirth, give God thanks and say the *Lords Prayer*. The like bequest made he to the town of *Banbury*, and dyed 30. Julii Anno 1573. 15 Eliz.

Upon a Tablet, at the upper end of the North Ile over the Chapter-house dore.

Nomine non natura, Patri Fishero Generoso, quondam hujus Burgi Senescallo prudentissimo, Supervisori sagacissimo, Auditori fidelissimo, Gulielmus Spicerus, cum adoptione, tum affectione filius, rude hoc Monumentum filialis pietatis documentum posuit, non sine luctu.

Upon another Tablet hanging on the East side of the uppermost pillar in the North Ile.

NICHOLAS IFFELER

Borne at Ozenbrigg in the Province of Westphalia in Germany, as a travailing Pilgrim upon earth did leave his native Countrey, and made a free

Denizen in England, inhabited here within this Borough of Warwick, where using the mystery of a Glasier painfully, and walking in his vocation uprightly, God so blessed the increase of his goods and good name, that he was preferred to be one of the principall Burgesses of this Borough; who for a short time enjoying that place, shewing himself an example worthy of imitation in sincere Religion and charitable devotion, did give order for the erection of an Hospitall for the necessary and continuall relief of eight poor persons, and bestowed likewise another portion of his lands for the further benefit of this Borough. And then departing out of this earthly tabernacle unto the celestiall Hierusalem, bequeathed his soule to God, through his mercy, of him to be received, his body to the earth, here to be buried, and his good name to posterity, continually to be remembered; who lived and dyed the faithfull servant of Christ, upon the 14. day of January in the year of our Lord God 1591. of his age 80. Via sine devio, vita sine termino, est mihi Christus.

In a plate of brasse fixt on the pillar by the Pulpit.

Hic jacet Margareta Uxor Gulielmi Vyner, quæ certa spe in Christo resurgendi, piè, placidèq; Deo animam reddidit 24. die Julii anno Domini 1609.

Upon the wall on the South side the Church.

Hic sepulta jacet Israel, Uxor Johannis Norton generosi, quæ xxix. die Novembris Anno Domini 1615. spiritum emisit suum, cujus, juxta tam religiosam, integramq; in vita totius suæ erga omnes cursu semitam incessus, cum fidei piaq; emigratione sua certissime testatus est, & quæ cordi sunt, obsignavit æternam, in & per Jesum Christum, super se esse pacem & misericordiam ut super Israellem Dei. Vita qualis, Finis talis.

Upon the same wall.

In obitum Johannis Norton generosi hujus municipii nuper Senescalli, & deputati Recordatoris, qui obiit Septembris 14. Anno Domini 1635.

Sed non totus obit, pars petiit cœlica cælum, Vivit, & in terris nescia fama mori: Frater amans, conjux fidus, virtutis amator, Et cultor Domini non simulatus erat.

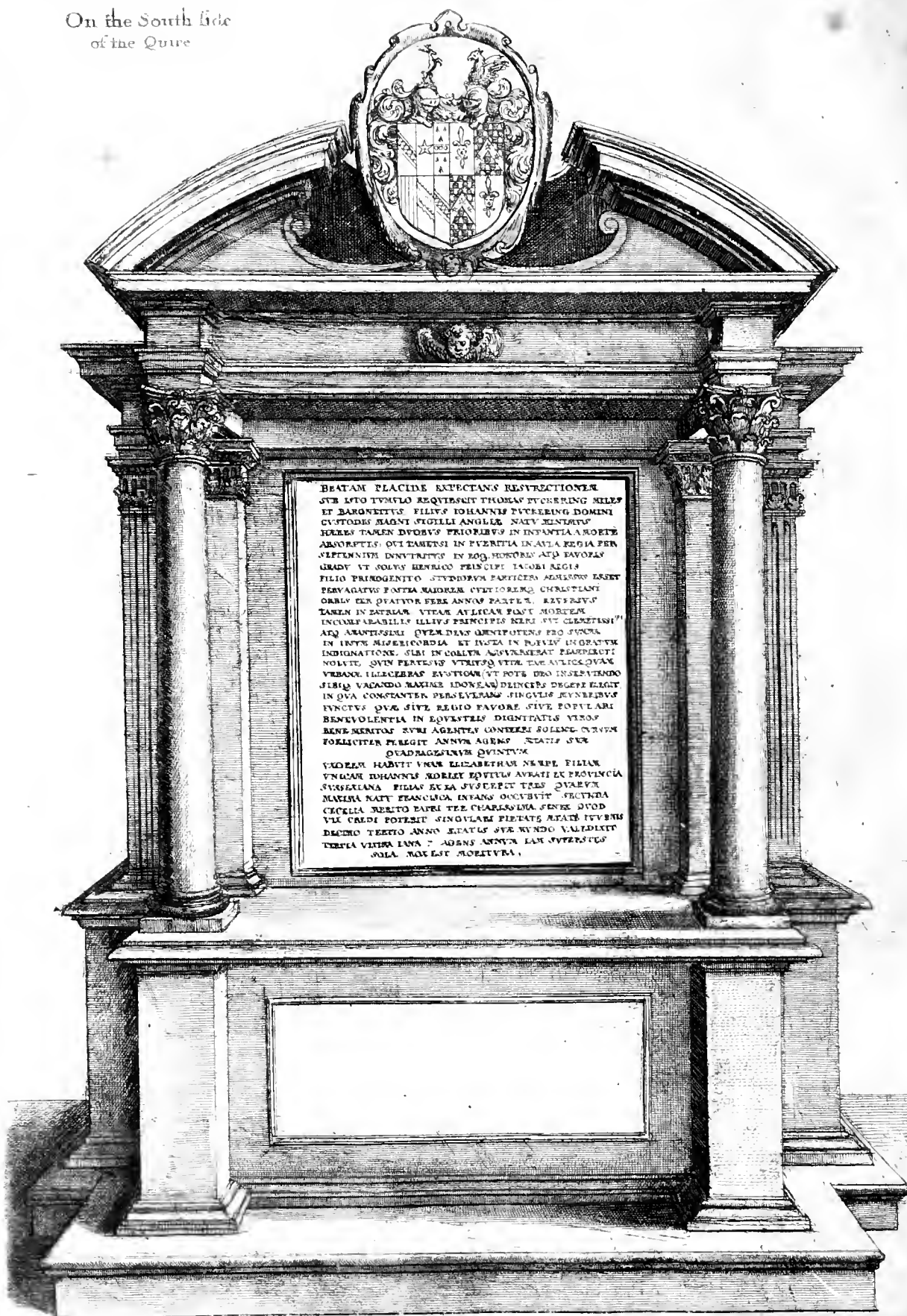
Posuit mœstissima conjux. D. N.

Upon the same wall.

QUIS HIC DORMIT? WILHELMUS VINER.

Fuit olim Illustrissimo Domino Fulconi Domino Brook, per annos serè quadraginta, æconomus. Quemque munere suo, summa fide, solertiaquè defunctum, eo in pretio habuit. honoratissimus Baro, ut hinc petens beatas sedes eum illis accensuerit quibus curam Testamenti sui delegavit. Vir planè antiquis moribus, Et cni parem, effusâ præsertim dextrâ, vix inveneris. Scholas duas admodum horridas, & ruine propiores, alteram Norleche in agro Glocestriensi, in hac urbe alteram, sumptu non exiguo redintegavit

On the South Side
of the Quire



Et oppido elegantes reddidit. Quin & hanc Warwicensem perenni sex librarum redditu (ut & hospitium quod est Lemingtonia sesquialibrari) auxit. Magna haec in censu non magno, quippe centum annulas non superante, & quatuor filiis futuro patrimonio celsitibus, maturè sibi prematurè suis, septuagenarius accessit. Aprilis xxviii. Anno Domini, M. DC. XXXIX.

Divers other persons of note doe lye here interred, whose Monuments have been long since defaced, as the severall Marbles yet remaining, whereupon their Portraictures and Epitaphs in brasse were fixt, doe manifest. Of these, (as *Leland* testifieth) were *William Berkswell* Dean of this Collegiate Church, and one of the Executors to *Richard Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick*, who saw the building of our Lady Chapell, and the structure of those buildings (at the East end of the Church-yard), called the Colledge, begun by the same Earl *Richard*, finished. As also Dean *Alestre*, who translated the body of Earl *Richard* into that Chapell; And Dean *Haseley*, sometime School-master to King *Henry* the 7. And moreover our heretofore eminent Antiquary *John Rous*, of whom I have spoke in *Cup-Elise*, who built a Library over the South porch of this Church, and dyed 14. Jan. Anno 1491. 6 H. 7.

And lastly, the no less famous, in his kinde, *Thomas Cartwright*, whom Mr. *Cambden* calls *inter Puritanos antesignanus*; and whom the Earl of *Leicester*, (who bore such a sway in those days,) thought it no small policy to court, his party in this Realme being so considerable; inso much as he made him Master of the Hospitall, then newly by him here founded.

But before I further proceed with my Monumentall matters in this Church, give me leave to digress a little in relating briefly the occasion that moved this *Cartwright* to broach those *Tenets* so much tending to the disturbance of the Churches peace, as from credible tradition I have heard.

Being of *Trinity Colledge* in *Cambridge*, where Doctor *Whitgift* was Master, he made suit to be one of the disputants before Queen *Elizabeth* at her entertainment in that University, and was admitted so to be; but missing of such applause and advancement which he thereupon expected, and apprehending that the Doctor had been his back-friend, he quitted the Colledge, and, going beyond Sea, wrote against him in a Schismaticall manner. Of which writings I shall say no more than what the learned *Whitaker* in few words expresth — *Quem Cartwrightus* (saith he, speaking of his second Reply) *nuper emisit libellum, ejus magnam partem perlegi; ne vivam si quid unquam viderim dissolutius ac penè puerilius. Verborum satis ille quidem lautam, ac novam supellestem habet, rerum omnino nullam, quantum ego judicare possam. Deinde, non modò perversè de Principis, in rebus sacris atq; Ecclesiasticis autoritate sentit: Sed in Papistarum etiam castra transfugit, à quibus tamen videri vult odio capitali dissidere, verum ne in hac causa ferendus, & aliis etiam in partibus tela à Papistis mutuatur. Deniq; (ut de Ambrosio dixit Hieronymus) verbis ludit, planèq; indignus est qui à quopiam docto confutetur.*

And I have been told, from good authority, that the reverend Bishop *Andrew's* observed, that this *Cartwright* was the first that in the Church of *England* began the way of praying *ex tempore*, be-

fore his Sermon (which some call by the spirit.)

From the body of the Church I next come to the Quire.

On the North side of this Quire, towards the upper end, lyeth interred *William Parr* Marquess of *Northampton*, as by his achievements, viz. coat of Armes, Sword, Shield, Helme and Crest, which I have seen there hanging, appeareth; but forasmuch as there is no Monumentall Inscription, I have here transcribed what Mr. *Cambden*, in his *Annals of Q. Eliz.* Anno 1571. hath said of him.

Supremum vita diem, hoc anno placide egit Gulielmus Parrus, Marchio Northamptonia, amantioribus studiis, musicis, amatoris, & cetera Aule jucunditatibus versatissimus; qui ab Henrico octavo primum ad dignitatem Baronis Parr de Kendalia, deinde, ad nuptias Annæ Bouchieræ, Comitissæ Essexiæ unicae heredis, & simul ad Comitissæ Essexiæ titulum, cum Rex ejus sororem duxisset; atque ab Edwardo sexto ad Marchionis Northamptoniæ stylum & honorem provectus. Sub Maria, quod pro Jana Greja Regina subornata arma sumpserit, Majestatis damnatus, ab eadem tamen mox condonatus, & ad patrimonium, ut postea ab Elizabetha ad honores restitutus. Liberos genuit nullos, sed Henricum Herbertum Pembrochiæ Comitem, ex altera sorore nepotem, reliquit heredem.

Monumentall Inscriptions.

Dictæ Ceciliæ putrogenita nobilis viri Domini Thome de Bellocampo quondam Comitissæ Warwici qui iacet humatus in aula vultali titius Ecclesiæ, qui obiit in festo Conceptionis beate Marie Virginis Anno Domini Millesimo CCClxx. octavo.

An Epitaph upon the death of Mrs *Eliz. Chowne*, who died the last day of August 1597.

*Here lyes Elizabeth twice happy wife
Of two good vertuous men blest from above
With both lo' without both, a godly life
Till seventy five she lived in perfect love,
Resting a widow eight and twenty yeares
Loving to see her dearest issue wed
Before her God in glory she appears
Her corps feed wormes, her soule by Christ is fed
Anno ætatis suæ 75.*

Memoriæ sacrum

Cecilia Puckering filia natu secunda Thomæ Puckering. Militis & Baronetti, quæ Xpo desponsata obiit 9. die Aprilis An. Do. 1636. ætatisq; suæ 13.

ANAGRAMMA;

Mistres Cissely Puckering

*I sleepe secure Christ's my King.
Death's terrors nought affright mee nor his sting
I sleepe secure for Christ's my soveraigne King.*

Epitaphium.

*Birth breeding beauty grace and carriage sweete
In thee dear Saint did altogether meete
The Sunne ne're saw a comlier face then thine
Nor heaven receiv'd a spirit more divine
Thrice happy parents such a childe to breede
Begott again of God's immortall seede*

Cease,

*Cease sorrowing then, fith Saints and Angels sing
To see her march't with an eternall King.*

Memoria Sacrum.

*Thoma Rous, filii natu quarti Thoma Rous de
Rous-Lench in Comitatu Wigornia Baronetti, qui
primis aetatis sua obiit, nono die Septembris Anno
Domini 1645.*

Our Lady Chapell.

ON the South side, and adjoyning to the Quire of this Church, stands that stately and beautiful Chapell dedicated to the honour of the B. Virgin, the fabrick whercof was begun^e by the Executors of Richard Beauchamp Earl of Warwick (according to the appointment of his Will) in 21 H. 6. and perfected^e in 3 E. 4. together with that magnificent Tombe for the said Earl, inferior to none in England, except that of K. H. 7. in Westminster Abby; the charge of all which came to no leis than 2481 li.-04 s.-07 d. ob. as by the particular accompts appeareth: but to how vast a sum such a piece of worke would have amounted to in these days, may be easily gueſt by that great disproportion in the prizes of things now, from what they were then, the value^s of an Oxe being about that time xiii s. iv d. and of a quarter of bread-corne iii s. iv d.

That the beauty of this goodly Chapell and Monument, through the iniquity of later times, is now much impaired, all that have seen it may easily discern, and thereby gueſt at the glory wherein it once stood; to such therefore would there be no great need to say more thereof; but for the satisfaction of others I have here thought fit to insert a brief of the Covenants^h betwixt the said Executors, viz. Thomas Huggesford, Nich. Rodye, and Will. Berkswell, and the severall Artists that were employed in the most exquisite parts of its fabrick and ornaments, as also of the costly Tombe before specified, bearing date xiii. Junii 32 H. 6.

John Essex Marbler, Will. Austen Founder, and Thomas Stevyns Copper-Smyth, do covenant with the said Executors, that they shall make, forge, and worke in most finest wise and of the finest Latten, one large plate to be dressed and to lye on the overmost stone of the Tombe under the Image that shall lye on the same Tombe; and two narrow plates to go round about the stone. Also they shall make in like wise, and like Latten, an Hearse to be dressed and set upon the said stone, over the Image, to beare a covering to be ordeyned; the large plate, to be made of the finest and thickest Cullen plate, shall be in length viii. foot and in bredth iii. foot and one inch. Either of the said long plates for writing shall be in bredth to fill justly the casements provided therefore; the Hearse to be made in the comeliest wise, justly in length, bredth, thickness, and height thereof and of every part thereof, and in workmanship in all places and pieces such, and after an Hearse of timber which the Executors shall make for a pattern: and in ten panelles of this Hearse of Letters, the said workman shall set, in the most finest and fairest wise ten Scutcheons of Armes such as the Executors will devise. In the two long plates they shall write in Latine in fine manner all such Scripture of Declaration as the said Executors shall devise, that may be contained and comprehended in the plates; all the champes about the Letter to be abated and

hatched curiously to set out the Letters. All the aforesaid large plates, and all the said two plates through all the over sides of them, and all the said Hearse of Latten, without and within, they shall repair and gild with the finest gold, as finely, and as well in all places through, as is or shall be any place of the aforesaid Image, which one Bartholmew Goldsmyth then had in gilding; All the said workmanship, in making, finishing, laying and fastning to be at the charge of the said workmen. And for the same they have in sterling money Cxxv li.

Will. Austen Citizen and Founder of London xiv. Martii 30 H. 6. covenanteth, &c. to cast, work, and perfectly to make, of the finest Latten to be gilded that may be found, xiv. Images embossed, of Lords and Ladyes in divers vestures, called Weepers, to stand in housings made about the Tombe, those Images to be made in bredth, length, & thickness, &c. to xiv. patterns made of timber. Also he shall make xviii. lesse Images of Angells, to stand in oſher housings, as shall be appointed by patterns, whereof ix. after one side, and ix. after another. Also he must make an Hearse to stand on the Tombe, above and about the principall Image that shall lye in the Tombe, according to a pattern; the stuffe and Workmanship to the repairing to be at the charge of the said Will. Austen. And the Executors shall pay for every Image that shall lye on the Tombe, of the weepers so made in Latten xiii s. iv d. And for every Image of Angells so made v s. And for every pound of Latten that shall be in the Hearse x d. And shall pay and bear the costs of the said Austen for setting the said Images and Herse.

The said Will. Austen. xi. Feb. 28 H. 6. doth covenant to cast and make an Image of a man armed, of fine Latten, garnished with certain ornaments, viz. with Sword and Dagger; with a Garter; with a Helme and Crest under his head, and at his feet a Bear musſed, and a Griffon, perfectly made of the finest Latten, according to patterns; all which to be brought to Warwick, and layd on the Tombe, at the perill of the said Austen; the said Executors paying for the Image, perfectly made and laid and all the ornaments, in good order, besides the cost of the said workmen to Warwick, and working there to lay the Image, and besides the cost of the carriages, all which are to be born by the said Executors, in totall xl li.

Bartholomew Lambespring Dutchman, and Goldsmyth of London 27. Maii 27 H. 6. covenanteth to repaire, whone, and pullish, and to make perfect to the gilding, an Image of Latten of a man armed that is in making, to lye over the Tombe, and all the apperell that belongeth thereunto, as Helme, Crest, Sword, &c. and Beasts; the said Executors paying therefore xiii li.

The said Bartholomew and Will. Austen xii. Martii 31 H. 6. do covenant to pullish and repaire xxxii. Images of Latten, lately made by the said Will. Austen for the Tombe, viz. xviii. Images of Angells, and xiv. Images of Mourners, ready to the gilding; the said Executors paying therefore xx li.

The said Bartholmew 6. Julii 30 H. 6. doth covenant to make xiv. Scutcheons of the finest Latten, to be set under xiv. Images of Lords and Ladyes, Weepers, about the Tombe; every Scutcheon to be made mee in length, bredth and thickness, to the place it shall stand in the Marble according to the patterns. These xiv. Scutcheons, and the Armes in them, the said Bartholmew shall make, repaire, grave, gild, enamil, and pullish as well as is possible; and

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and the same Scutcheons shall set up, and pin have xl s. which in the totall comes to iv li. xiii s. fast, and shall bear the charge of all the stuff iv. d. thereof, the said Executors paying for every Scutcheon xv s. sterling, which in all amounteth to xli. x s.

The said Bartholomew xx. Julii 31 H. 6. doth covenant &c. to gild, pullish, and burnish xxxii. Images, whereof xiv. Mourners, and xviii. Angels to be set about the Tombe, and to make the visages and hands, and all other bares of all the said Images, in most quick and fair wise, and to save the gold as much as may be from and without spoiling, and to find all things saving gold; the said Executors to find all the gold that shall be occupied thereabout, and to pay him for his other charges and labours, either xl. li. or else so much as two honest and skilfull Goldsmiths shall say upon the view of the work, what the same, besides gold and his labour, is worth: and the Executors are to deliver money from time to time, as the work goeth forward, whereof they pay Li. li. viii s. iv d.

The said Bartholomew iii^o. Martii 32 H. 6. doth covenant to make clean, to gild, to burnish, and pullish the great Image of Latten, which shall lye upon the Tombe, with the Helme and Crest, the Bear and the Griffon, and all other the ornaments of Latten; and the said Bartholomew shall finde all manner of stuffe for the doing thereof, saving gold, and all workmanship at his charges, the said Executors providing gold, and giving to the said Bartholomew such sum and sums of money for his charges and workmanship as two honest and skilfull Goldsmiths, viewing the work, shall adjudge, whereof some of the money to be payd for the borde of the workmen, as the work shall go forward, whereof they pay xcv li. ii s. viii d.

John Bourde of **Coxff.** Castle in the County of **Dorset** Marbler 16. Maii. 35 H. 6. doth covenant to make a Tombe of Marble, to be set on the said Earles grave; the said Tombe to be made well, cleane, and sufficiently, of a good and fine Marble, as well coloured as may be had in **England**. The uppermost stone of the Tombe and the base thereof to contain in length ix. foot of the standard, in bredth iv. foot, and in thickness vii. inches: the course of the Tombe to be of good and due proportion to answer the length and bredth of the uppermost stone; and a pace to be made round about the Tombe of like good marble, to stand on the ground; which pace shall contain in thickness vi. Inches and in bredth xviii. inches. The Tombe to bear in height from the pace iv. foot and a half. And in and about the same Tombe to make xiv. principall housings, and under every principall housing a goodly quarter for a Scutcheon of copper and gilt to be set in; and to do all the work and workmanship about the same Tombe to the entail, according to a portraiture delivered him; and the carriages and bringing to **Warwick**, and there to set the same up where it shall stand: the entailing to be at the charge of the Executors: after which entailing the said Marbler shall pullish and clense the said Tombe in workmanlike sort: And for all the said Marble, carriage and work, he shall have in sterling money xlv li.

The said Marbler covenanteth to provide, of good and well coloured Marble, so many stones as will pave the Chapell where the Tombe standeth, every stone containing in thickness two inches, and in convenient bredth, and to bring the same to **Warwick** and lay it: And for the stuff, workmanship, and carriage of every hundred of those stones, he shall

John Prudde of **Westminster** Glasier 23. Junii 25 H. 6. covenanteth, &c. to glase all the windows in the new Chappell in **Warwick**, with Glasse beyond the Seas, and with no Glasse of **England**; and that in the finest wise, with the best, clearest, and strongest glasse of beyond the Sea that may be had in **England**, and of the finest colours of blew, yellow, red, purple, sanguine, and violet, and of all other colours that shall be most necessary, and best to make rich and embellish the matters, Images, and stories that shall be delivered and appointed by the said Executors by patterns in paper, afterwards to be newly traced and pictured by another Painter in rich colour at the charges of the said Glasier: All which proportions the said John Prudde must make perfectly to fine, glase, eneylin it, and finely and strongly set it in lead and sonder, as well as any Glasse is in **England**. Of white Glasse, green Glasse, black Glasse, he shall put in as little as shall be needfull for the showing and setting forth of the matters, Images and stories. And the said Glasier shall take charge of the same Glasse, wrought and to be brought to **Warwick**, and set up there, in the windows of the said Chapell; the Executors paying to the said Glasier for every foot of Glasse ii s. and so for the whole xci li. i s. x d.

It appeareth, that after these windows were so finished, the Executors devised some alterations, as to adde for our Lady; and Scripture of the marriage of the Earle, and procured the same to be set forth in Glasse in most fine and curious colours; and for the same they payd the sum of xiii li. vi s. iv d. Also it appeareth, that they caused the windows in the vestry to be curiously glased with Glasse of ii s. a foot, for which they payd L s. The sum to tall for the Glasse of the said Vestry and Chappell Xvi li. xviii s. vi d. which in all contain by measure; The East window Cxlix. foot. i. quarter and two inches.

The South windows CCCClix. foot. xi. inches.

The North windows CCCv. foot.

The totall DCCCCx. foot, iii. quarters of a foot and two inches.

Richard Bird and John Haynes, Citizens and Carpenters of **London** xii. Febr. 28 H. 6. do covenant to make and set up in the Chapell where the Earl is buried, or where the Tombe standeth, a pair of Desks of timber, Poppies, seats, fills, planks, Reredoses of timber, with patands of timber, and a crest of fine entail, with a bowtel roving on the crest. And also the Carpenters do covenant to make and set up, finely, and workmanly a parclose of timber about an Organ-loft ordained to stand over the West dore of the said Chapell, according to patterns: All these things to be made, set up, fastned, joyned, and ordered in as good sort as those in the Quire of S. Maries Church in **Warwick**; the Executors finding all manner of timber, and carriages; and giving and paying to the said Carpenters, for the workmanship xl. li.

John Brentwood Citizen and Steyner of **London** 12. Febr. 28 H. 6. doth covenant to paint fine and curiously to make at **Warwick**, on the West wall of the new Chappell there, the Dome of our Lord God Jesus, and all manner of devises and Imagery thereto belonging, of fair and lightly proportion, as the place shall serve for, with the finest colours, and fine gold: and the said Brentwood shall find all manner of stuffe thereto at his charge; the said Executors paying therefore xiii li. vi s. viii d.

Kristian Coleburne Painter dwelling in London
 13. Junii 32 H. 6. covenanteth, &c. to paint in most fine, fairest and curious wise, four Images of stone ordained for the new Chapell in Warwick; whereof two principall Images, the one of our Lady, the other of S. Gabrael the Angell; and two lesse Images, one of S. Anne, and another of S. George: These four to be painted with the finest oyle colours, in the richest, finest, and freshest clothings that may be made of fine Gold, Azure, of fine purple, of fine white & other finest colours necessary, garnished, bordered and powdered in the finest and curiousest wise: All the cost and wormanship of painting to be at the charge of the said Kristian, the Executors paying for the same xii li.

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By the Accomptsⁱ of the before specified Will. Berkswell, one of the Executors to the said Earl, (and then Dean of this Coll. Church) I find, that the structure of this Chapell and Monument was begun in 21 H. 6. but not totally finished till 3 E. 4. (which was full 21. years;) And that the toll cost thereof, in the work of Malons, Quarriers,

Smyths, Plummers, Carpenters, and other inferior Labourers, added to what those principall Artists had, with whom the said Executors so covenanted, as I have before exprest, amounted to no less than MMCCCCLxxxi li. iv s. vii d. ob. At which time were also the Deanery and Colledge (both standing at the East end of the Churchyard) reedified by those Executors, the charge whereof came to DCCCCLxxxviii li. xix s. ix d.

But it was not consecrated till^k the year 1475. k Carp. vi (15 E. 4.) that John Halse, or Hales Bishop of 2.f.74.b. Cobentre and Litchfield had a speciall Comission for that purpose from John Carpenter then Bishop of Worcester.

Besides this goodly Tombe of Earl Richard (which in the story of his life I have accurately represented) there are in the same Chapell these following Monuments; viz. of Ambrose Dudley Earl of Warwick, Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, and of Robert his son, who dyed young as doe here follow.



In the midst of our lady chapell
 toward the west end.

Here under this Tombe lyeth the corps of the Lord Ambrose Duddeley, who after the deceases of his elder brethren without yssue, was sonne and heir to John Duke of Northumberland.

To whom Queen Elizabeth in the first year of

her raigne gave the Mannor of Kibworth-Beauchamp in the Countie of Leye. to be held by the service of being Pantler to the Kings & Queens of this realme at their Coronations. Which office & Mannour his said father & other

other his Ancestours Earles of Warwick held. In the second yeare of her raigne the said Queen gave him the office of maister of the Ordinance.

In the fourth yeare of her said raigne she created him Baron L'isle and Earle of Warwick. In the same yeare she made him her Lieutenant generall in Normandy, and during the time of his service there he was chosen knight of the noble order of the Garter.

In the twelveth year of her raigne the said Earle and Edward Lord Clinton, Lord Admirall of England, were made Lieutenants jointly and severally of her Majesties Army in the North parts.

In the thirteenth year of her raigne the said Qu. bestowed on him the Office of chief Butler of England. And in the xvth yeare of her reign was sworn of her privy Councill.

Who departed this life without issue the xxith day of February 1589. at Bedford house neer the City of London; from whence, as himself desired, his corps was conveyed and interred in this place,

Neare his brother Robert Earle of Leicester, and other his noble ancestors (which was accomplished by his last Will) and welbeloved wife the Lady Anne Countesse of Warr. who, in further testimony of her faithfull love towards him, bestowed this Monument as a remembrance of him.

John Dudley esquire, second sonne to John Lord Dudley and knight of the Garter, mar-

ryed Elizabeth daughter and heire of John Bramshot Esquier, and had issue Edmund Duddeley.

Edmund Duddeley Esquire one of the privy Councill to king Henry the 7th, married Elizabeth sister and sole heire of John Grey Vicount L'sle, descended as heire of the eldest daughter and coheire of Richard Beauchamp Earl of Warwick, and Elizabeth his wife, daughter and heire of the Lord Berkley and heire of the Lord L'ytle and Ties, and had issue John Duke of Northumberland.

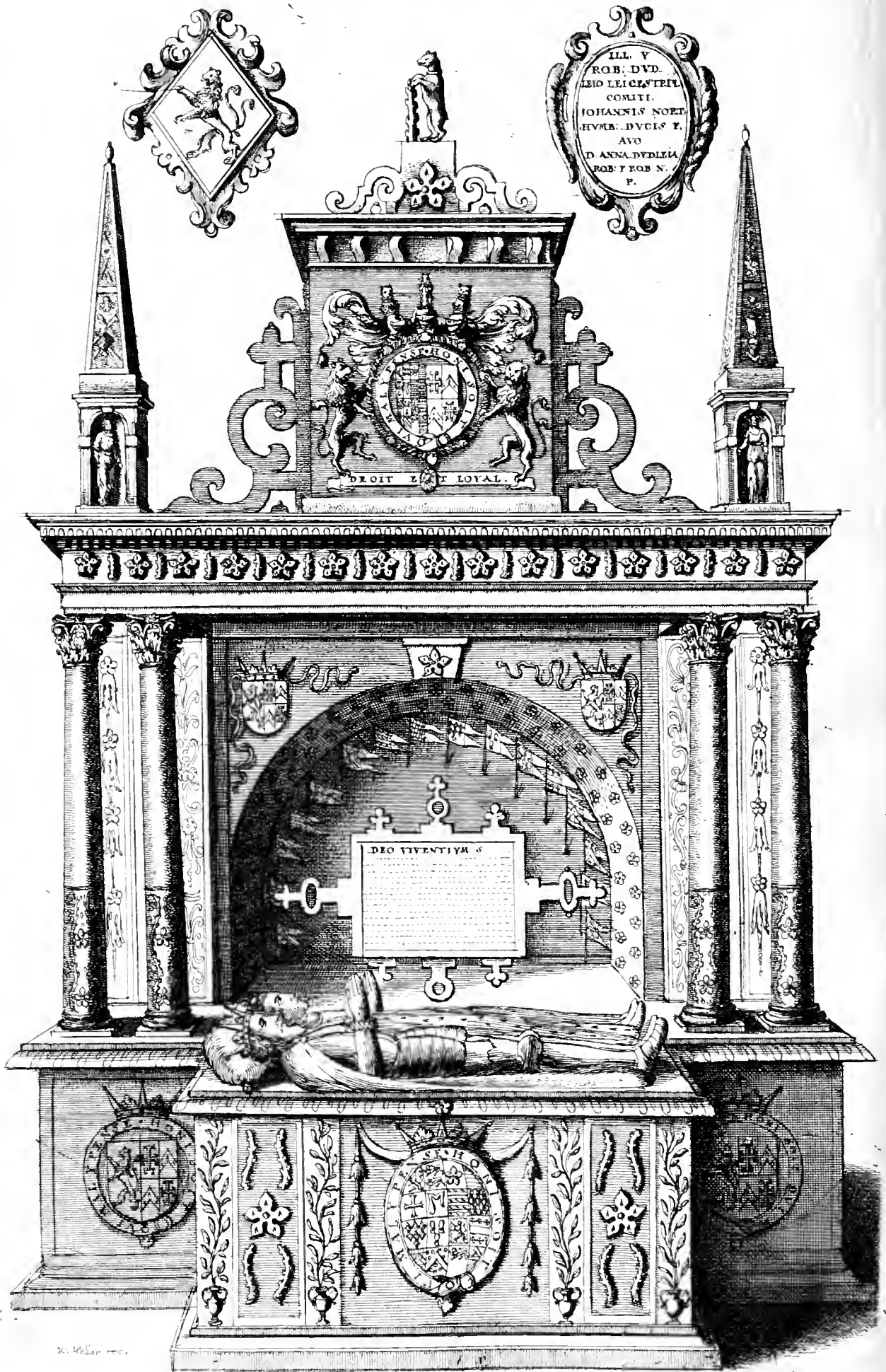
John Duke of Northumberland and Earle of Warwick, Vicount L'isle and knight of the Garter, married Jane daughter and heire of Sir Edward Guildford knight, and Elianore his wife sister and coheire to Thomas lord la Warre, and had issue the said Lord Ambrose.

The said Lord Ambrose Dudley married, to his first wife, Anne daughter and coheire of William Whorwood esquier, Attorney generall to King Henry the eight.

The said Lord Ambrose married to his second wife Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Gilbert Taylbois knight, sister and sole heire of George Lord Taylbois.

The said Lord Ambrose, after he was Earl of Warwick, married to his third wife the Lady Anne daughter to Francis Earle of Bedford, Lord Russell, and knight of the Garter.

On the North side of our Lady Chapell,



DEO VIVENTIUM S.

SPE CERTA resurgendi in Christo hic situs est illustrissimus Robertus Dudleyus, Johannis Ducis Northumbria, Comitis Warwici, Vicecomitis Insula &c. filius quintus, Comes Leicestria, Baro Denbighia, Ordinis tum S. Georgii cum S. Michaelis eques auratus, Regina Elizabethæ (apud quam singulari gratia florebat) Hippocomus Regia Aula, subinde Seneschallus, ab intimis Conciliis: Forestarum, Parcorum, Chacearum &c. citra Trentam summus Justiciarius. Exercitus Anglici à dicta Regina Eliz. missi in Belgio, ab anno M.Dlxxxv.

ad annum M.Dlxxxvii. Locum tenens & Capitaneus generalis: Provinciarum confederatarum ibidem Gubernator generalis & Praefectus, Regniq; Anglia Locum tenens contra Philippum ii. Hispanum, numerosa Classe & exercitu Angliam Anno M. Dlxxxviii. invadentem.

Animam Deo servatori reddidit Anno Salutis M. Dlxxxviii. die quarto Septembris. Optimo & charissimo marito, mœstissima uxor Leticia, Francisci Knolles Ordinis S. Georgii equitis aurati, & Regia Thesaurarii. filia, amoris & conjugalis fidei ergo Posuit.

In our Lady Chapell,
on the South side,



HERE LYETH THE BODY OF THE NOBLE DUKE ROBERT OF BURELLE OF BURELLE JUNE OF ROBERT EARLE OF LEICESTER, NEPHEW AND HEIR VNTO ARTHUR EARLE OF WARWICK, BROTHER BOTH SONS OF THE NOBLE PRINCE JOHN LATE DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND THAT WAS COUSIN AND HEIR TO S. JOHN GREY VICOUNT LISLE KIL. FLEW AND HEIR VNTO THE LADY MARGARET COVNTESSE OF QUEENSBURY THE ELDEST DAUGHTER AND COHEIR OF THE NOBLE EARLE OF WARWICK. S. RICHARD BLANCHARD HEIR INTERRED A CHILDE OF GREAT FAVORABLETY, BUT OF LATER GREATER HOPE AND TOWARDS TAKEN FROM THIS TRANSITORY VNTO EVERLAST. ING LIFE IN HIS TENDER AGE AT WANTS IN EARLY ON SUNDAY THE 10th OF JUNE IN THE YEARE OF OUR LORD GOD 1584. BEING THE CCVth YEARE OF THE HAPPY REINE OF THE MOST VERTVOWS AND GODLY PRINCESSE QUEEN ELIZABETH. AND IN THIS PLACE LAYD VNTO HIS NOBLE ANCESTORS IN AVIDE HOPE OF THE GENERAL RESURRECTION.

It now remains that I take notice of what else I have found worthy of note in relation to this Chapell and not already publicquely known; which is, that Sir Henry Nevill Kt. son and heir to George

Nevill Lord Latimer, by Eliz. the third daughter to the noble Earl Richard before remembred, who dyed in his fathers life time, was here interred at the head of the said Earl, as appears by the Testament of 1604. 2.

the Lady his widow (daughter to Sir *John Bouchier* Lord *Berners*) who also bequeathed her body to be here buried; And to the intent that the Dean and Canons of this Coll. Church should devoutly pray for her soul, and for the soul of her said husband, and all Christen people departed, she gave unto them two Gowns of blew Velvet wherewith to make a Vestment and Copes, so far as they would reach, to be used in the same Colledge, one of which gowns belong'd to her said husband; And directed, that if those two gowns would not suffice to make a Chesciple, two Tunicles, a Cope, with Altar clothes, and frontell, that then her Executors should buy as much plain blew Velvet as might compleat the same, for to serve to the Altar in the said Chapell; And farther appointed, that her said Executors should find a Priest to sing in the said Chapell for her soul, and the soul of her said husband, and all Christen people deceased, for the space of three years next ensuing her decease: And to this Church she also bequeathed her Crysome gown of fine thred and lawn, to be disposed of for a *Corporas*.

Other memorable Legacies which she gave by this Testament were these; viz. a Ring of gold, with a table Diamond to be offered at the Shrine of *S. Thomas of Canterbury* in the honour of God, and that blessed Martyr. To her brother Sir *Humphrey Bouchier* Knight a Ring of gold with a flower de Lyce of Rubyes. To her brother *Thomas Bouchier* an Ouch of gold, made like a trunk, with a Diamond, two Rubies, and two Pearles. To *Dame Eliz. Lady Wells*, her sister, a flower of gold with a Ruby, and two half Pearls. To her son, the Lord *Latimer*, her wedding Ring. To the Parson of *S. M. Magd.* at old Fish-street end, a Crosse of silver, and to *Thomas Nevill*, her son, her great Primmer. Of which Testament she constituted Executors Sir *John Bouchier* Knight, Lord *Berners*, her father, *Dame Margery* his wife, her mother, *Thomas Bouchier* her brother, and *John Bradshaw*; the same bearing date 2. Octob. Anno 1470. (10 E. 4.) and proved the xvith of that month, which shews that she dyed soon after it was made.

About ten years after this; viz. 20. Sept. Anno 1480. (20 E. 4.) *Dame Eliz. Lady Latimer*, third daughter to the said Earl, declared her last Will^m and Testament, whereby she bequeathed her body to be interred in this Chapell, at the head likewise of her noble father, betwixt the above specified Sir *Henry Nevill* her son, and *Oliver Dudley* her son in Law; and appointed that there should be 4. stones of fair Marble, with portraitures upon them of copper, and gilt, according to her estate and degree, with Epitaphs representing their births and deceases, and other fit things to such purposes, cut upon the same, and be layd upon the graves of her husband, her son, her son in Law beforementioned, and her self. And further ordained that lands of xl. *per annum* value should be put in Feoffees hands, to the end that with the revenue thereof a Priest might be maintained for the saying of Masse and other Divine services at the Altar in the aforesaid Chapell of our Lady, to the honour of God, and remission of the offences of her said

Lord and Father, her mother, her husband, her self, her sons, and all Christians, till such time as the Kings licencie could be procured for amortizing of lands to that value, to the purposes abovesaid: And moreover, with parcell of those revenues, bought a pair of goodly vestments of white Damaske, powdred with Bears and ragged staves of gold, and in the orfray the Scocheon of her Armes to be well and richly embroydered, and delivered to the said Chapell: And that a pair of Vestments of black stuff, with a like Scocheon in the orfray Crosse, to be used in the Church of Wells, in exercising the observances for her Lord and husband's soul (who was, it seems, there interred.)

In the East window of this Chapell, there are, besides those costly portraitures in glasse of Earl *Richard*, with his wives, and children, (which in my story of his life are represented) the pictures in their full proportions, of *S. Alban* the protomartyr of England, *S. Thomas of Canterbury*, *S. John of Bridlington*, and of *S. Winifride*; unto each of which, the renowned Earl *Richard*, by his last Will and Testament bequeathed his Image in pure gold, weighing xx li. in weight, and in his surcoat of Armes holding an Anker in his hand, appointing them to be offered at their severall Shrines in his name, as in my story of him I have already declared; so great an honour did he bear (as it seems) to those Saints.

On the North side of the Quire is a fair room built eight square, which was heretofore the Chapter house for the Dean and Canons of this Collegiat Church, but in our time converted to another use by the right honorable *Foulk Lord Brook*, who in his life time erected therein a very stately Monument for himself, of black and white Marble, the representation whereof is on the next page truly exhibited; his body being enbalded and put into a coffin of lead in the Vault below.

Of the particular Churches which were heretofore in *Wartwick*, and so united to this Collegiate Church of our Lady (as I have intimated) I will here briefly say something.

That of *S. Helene* stood^a where the Priory of *S. Sepulchers* was founded, as I have already shewed, and by that means became swallowed up therein.

S. Michaells at the lower end of the street called *Saltford*, on the North part of the town; out of which the Canons of *S. Maryes* had a portion^b, viz. xi s. *per annum* as in 19 E. 1. was certified^c; and the Lepers in the Hospitall there, vi s. viii d. But in 14 E. 3. the great and small Tithes, with all oblations thereto belonging, were rated^d at v. marks and a half. This Church was governed anciently by its own proper Rector, who used to be presented by the Dean of the Collegiat Church of our Lady, and the Prebendary thereof jointly; but in 41 E. 3. the number of its Parishioners was so much decreas'd; as also the yearly revenue belonging thereto, that it became reduced, in a manner, to nothing; having but three Parishioners, and those onely Cottiers; so that the yearly value thereof scarce reach't to one mark, the Church it self being very ruinous, the Church-yard small, and not any House for the Parson then standing.

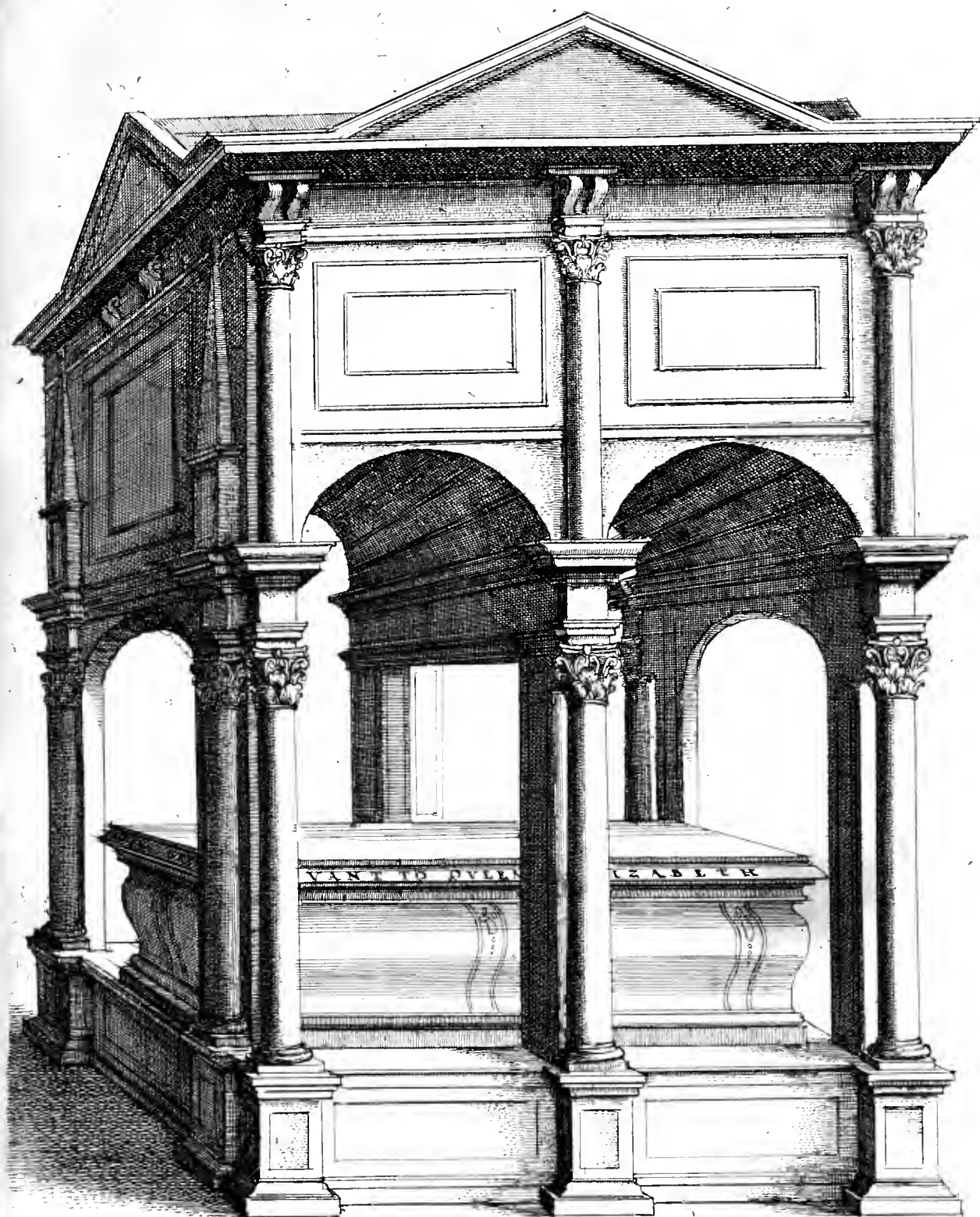
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The Epitaph.

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Patroni Ecclesiarum.

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Will. de Kenilworth Cap. 4.
Non. Dec. 1296.
Rob. de Breodun Cler. 26.
Dec. 1329.
Rob. fil. Joh. in le Gate 22.
Apr. 1338.
Reginaldus Dod Pbr. 15.
Dec. 1349.

Thomas Comes War-
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Ric. Comes Warwi-
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Henr. Hynks Pbr. 12 Febr. Br. vol. 1. f.
an. 1353. 16. a.

Ric. Wellys Cap. ult. Sept. Morg. vol. i.
1421. f. 6. a.
D. Will. Berkswell Canon. 3. S. Germ.
Febr. 1434. f. 252. b.

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16. f. 57. a. The Church of S. John Baptist stood ^e in the midst of the Mercate place (the outward fabrick whereof is yet to be seen) whereunto in 41 E. 3. there was a Rector belonging, presentable by the said Dean and the Prebendary of the Prebend, but without any mansion for his dwelling; the yearly value thereof then scarce amounting to four marks above all charges: but this Church had neither Church-yard nor any Ecclesiastique sepulture pertaining thereto, the Parishioners being buried in the Church-yard of S. Maries.

Patroni

Incumbentes, &c.

Giff. f. 122. a.
Maist. f. 35. b.
S. Germ. f. 126. a.

Decanus & Canon. } Hugo de Beoley Cap. 10.
Eccl. Coll. B. M. } Kal. Nov. an. 1281.
Warwici. } Henr. de Compton Pbr. 2.
} Kal. Aug. 1315.
} Will. de Lalleford Pbr. 24.
} Dec. 1349.

Regist. Coll. de Warw. f. 57. a.
h Rot. de Nonis, &c. ut supra.
i Reg. Coll. de Warw. f. 57. a.
k Ib. f. 178. b.

That of S. Peters anciently stood ^e in the midst of the town, whereunto in 14 E. 3. nothing but small Tithes appertained ^h. This also in 41 E. 3. had ⁱ a Rector presentable by the said Dean and the Prebendary of that Prebend, the value thereof being then scarce v. marks per annum, having no dwelling house, and without either Church-yard or Ecclesiastique sepulture, the Parishioners burying their dead at S. Maries, whereunto it was appropriated ^k afterwards, sc. in 22 R. 2. But in K. H. 6. time pulled down; whereupon that of S. Peter, in stead thereof, was in those dayes newly built over the East gate.

The Church of S. Laurence, standing at the lower end of the West street, in the suburbe, was in 19 E. 1. valued ^l at viii. marks and a half, and in 14 E. 3. at ix. marks. In 41 E. 3. the Parson was presentable thereto by the Prebend thereof; at which time the Dean of the Collegiate Church and the Prebendary received two parts of the Tith corne belonging to it, the Colledge onely two parts of the Tith hay, Mills, and all small Tithes, and the Rector the third throughout, which scarce amounted then to C s. per ann. but had a Church-yard and Ecclesiastique sepulture. In 22 R. 2. it was appropriated to the said Collegiat Church of our Lady, a Pension of iii s. iv d. per ann. being thereupon reserved to the Bishop and his successors out of it; and in 26 H. 8. valued ^m at iii li. vi s. viii d. per ann. which sum the Dean and Canons of the said Collegiat Church then received.

Patroni

Incumbentes, &c.

Cyff. f. 144. a.

D. Episc. au floritate }
Diocesana. }
Gilb. de Kyneton Cler. 10.
Non. Feb. 1282.

Ib. f. 193. b.

Canonici Eccl. B. M. }
Warw. }
Gilb. de Kington Subdiac.
14. Cal. Dec. 1283.

cob. f. 30. b.

D. Episc. }
Henr. de Olney Cap. 6. Id.
Nov. 1322.

Ib. f. 109. a.

D. Adam de Her- }
wynton Canon. & }
Kal. Junii 1325.

Hem. f. 18. b.

Prab. Eccl. Coll. B. }
M. Warw. }
Will. de Walsh accol. Nor.
Oct. 1338.

wolst. vol. i. f. 17. b.

Prabendarius de }
Compton. }
Adam Coriate Pbr.
..... 1339.

Br. vol. i. f. 22. a.

Joh. de Bokyngham }
Prab. }
Joh. Roer. Pbr. 15. Junii
1357.

wak. f. 13. b.

Prabendarius de Com- }
pion-Murda. }
Ric. de Broughton Pbr. 27.
Aug. 1380.

The Church of S. James, being originally, but a Chapell, and founded ⁿ over the West gate of this town, was given to that of our Lady by Roger Earl of ~~Warwick~~, upon the making thereof Collegiate by him in King Henry 1. time, as I have already shewed: And in 41 E. 3. was presentable ^o by the Dean and Canons of the above recited Colledge; but, being at that time void, as it had been for many years, had no more revenue ^p than xx s. per ann. belonging to it, and neither Church-yard nor Ecclesiastique sepulture. In 6 R. 2. the advouson thereof was bestowed ^q on the Gild of S. George, in ~~Warwick~~, whereof I shall speak anon.

Patroni.

Incumbentes, &c.

Will. de Bellocampo }
Comes Warw. }
Thom. de Beoleg Pbr. 3. Id. Giff. f. 33. a.
Junii 1294.

D. Will. de Benynton Pbr. }
22. Junii 1330. }
Rob. Sotemay Pbr. 27. Ju- }
lii. 1339. }
Philippus Bosse Pbr. 18. }
Maii. 1340. }
D. Walt. de Ulnehale Cap. }
20. Martii 1342. }
Joh. de Harwode Pbr. 19. }
Junii 1374. }
Thom. de Bellocampo }
Co. Warw. }
Ric. Colet Pbr. 12. Sept. }
1374. }
Hugo de Pykton Cler. ult. }
Dec. 1378. }

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Com. Warw. }

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The Priory.

From hence I come to the Priory of S. Sepulchers, situate on the North side of this town, on a most pleasant ascent; the Foundation whereof was begun ^r by Henry de Neuburgh (the first Earl of ~~Warwick~~ after the Conquest) in K. H. 1. time: the occasion ^s thereof being by the recourse of divers Pilgrims in great devotion to the Holy Land (the Christians prevailing much about that time) who solicited this Earl to erect a Monastery in imitation of those Canons Regular, there instituted in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher of our blessed Saviour; which Canons used ^t the like habite that other Regular Canons did, adding onely a double red Cross upon the brest of their Cope, this being the first ^u House of that peculiar Order, either in England, Wales, Scotland, or Ireland. But after the destruction of Jerusalem, again (which hapned ^v in Anno 1188. 35 H. 2.) almost all the Houses of this Rule began to decay, so that then, the Religious persons of this Order betook ^x themselves to solicit and implore the aid of good people for help to regain the Holy Land, having power to bestow great Indulgences upon those that were bountifull thereto, their habite being then chang'd to a gray Cloake, and the Prior going with a Pastoral staff: howbeit, all their endeavours ^y for regaining the Holy Land, at last, comming to nothing, their lands and revenues were transferred ^z to the Order of Friars of the Holy Trinity for redemption of Captives, touching the first Institution whereof I have spoke in ~~Chelsoford~~.

But this work, so begun by Earl Henry, was ^a not perfected till the days of Roger his son, and successor in the Earldome; for ^b in his time, by the speciall command of K. Henry 1. (the Canons of

n Regist. Coll. de Warw. 1. b.

o 5 Ib. P 57.

q Pat. 6. 2. p. 3. m 16.

Giff. f. 33. a.

Hem. vol. f. 20. b.

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lb. vol. f. 37. b.

lb. f. 53.

S. Germ. 175. a.

lb. f. 178.

wak. f. 1 b.

r Hist. MS. Rous u 167.

w M. Pati P. 145. n. 2

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Canonicus Regularis S^{ti} Sepulchri.

All-Hallows, within whose Parish it stood, ascending) did *Simon* Bishop of *Worcester* consecrate the Altar here; as also the Church-yard, for sepulture only of the Canons there serving God; provided^c, that neither the said mother Church of *All-Hallows*, nor the Church of our Lady should receive any detriment in Tithes, Burialls, Oblations, Confessions, Visitations of the sick, nor in any

other Customs and benefits belonging to them: In recognition^d therefore to that mother Church of *All-Hallows*, this Church of *S. Sepulchers* was by the said Bishops Decree to give xxx d. yearly on the Feast day of *All Saints*, and either the Prior of this House or some one for him to be there present at that time: which Church and Canons of *All-Hallows* were united to that of our Lady, when it

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was made Collegiate by the abovesaid Earl, as I have already shewed. But whether there were ever any formall Charter of the Foundation hereof, made by either of the before specified Earls, is hard to say; if so, 'tis perisht, I believe; wherefore for want thereof, and of its recitall by any *Inspecimus*, we are now utterly without knowledge of what it was at first endowed with; but probable it is, that those lands, or the greatest part of them, which lye adjacent to the site hereof, were then given thereto. Its other possessions (so far as I have authority to guide me) I shall here enumerate

The Church of **Snitsfield** given^e by *Hugh fil. Ricardi*; Certain lands lying betwixt **Tunstall**, and **Stochull** (near **Warwick**) by^e *Geffrey de Vinea*; A stone-house and some particular ground in **Warwick** by^e *William* the son of *Gilbert Nutricius*; Those grounds called **Lebenhull**, situate on the North-west side of **Warwick**, by^e *Robert de Morton* in 29 H. 3. One yard land in **Lighthorne** confirm'd^d by *Nigell de Mundevill*, which his father gave when he bequeath'd his body to sepulture here; Certain lands in **Upton** by^e *Thomas de Arden*; The Church of **Hasele** confirm'd^d by *Thomas de Cherlecote* Lord of **Hasele**, having been given by some of his Ancestors. Certain lands in **Solihull** by^e *Sir William de Odingfells*; An annuity of 50 s. by^e *Margery de Nerburne*, given out of **Austrey**, in this shire: Certain lands in **Claverdon** by^e *Ela Longespe* Countess of **Warwick**, which she gave for the health of her soul, and for the soul of *Thomas* Earl of **Warwick** her husband, *William* Earl of **Salisbury**, her father, *Ela* her mother, *William* and *Richard* her brothers, and *Ida* her sister, sometime wife of *Walter fil. Roberti*.

Besides all these, there belong'd^d thereto five mess. one carucat of land, and x s. x d. yearly Rent, lying within the parish of **S. Clements**-**Danes** in the suburbs of **London**, together with the advouson of the said Church of **S. Clements**; all which the Prior and Canons of this House exchanged^d away unto *Walter Stapleton* Bishop of **Exeter**, to the use of his Bishoprick, for eight acres of land in **Snitsfield** before specified, with the advouson of the Church, in 17 E. 2. Which Church they had then License^d to hold appropriate to them and their successors, and did^d accordingly; so that, it seems, the former title they had thereto, by the grant of *Hugh fil. Ricardi*, either was not good, or else they had aliened it away soon after. It also seems, that much of the lands they had here at **Warwick**, was antiently Common; for by an Inquil.^s taken 9 H. 8. I find that they had inclosed foure hundred acres here, and depopulated one mess. whereunto eighty acres belonged. But over and above these lands had they sundry liberties and privileges, granted^d to them by King *Henry 2.* and *Richard 1.* and confirm'd by King *Hen. 3.* and *Edw. 3.* so great an esteem had they of that Order, as the Preamble of King *Henry 3.* Charter implies; *scil. pro reverentia S. Dominici Sepulchri*.

And by the Survey^w taken in 26 H. 8. it appears, that besides the Rectories of **Snitsfield** and **Haseley** above specified, there belong'd to this Monastery, the Church of **Gretham in Com. Rutl.** antiently of the Earl of **Warwick's** advouson, though when given thereto I am not very certain; all which, with the rest of its possessions, lying in **Warwick**, **Hatton**, **Claver-**

don, **Church-Latford**, **Austrey**, **Snitsfield**, **Pinley**, **Solihull**, and **Fenni-Compton**, were then rated at no more than x li. x s. ii d. over and above all reprises: which undervalue, exposing it to dissolution by the Statute of 27 H. 8. *Robert Radford*, the then Prior, had a Pension of 5 li. per annum granted^e to him by the King for his maintenance during life.

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D. Joh. VVarwic Canon. Pult. f. 10
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Frater *Rob. VVotton Canon.* Carp. f. 10
15. Jan. 1473. 2. f. 42.

Frater *Rob. Ichington* 12. Mort. f. 9
Maii 1493. b.

After which till 38 H. 8. the site of this Religious House, with the lands in **Warwick** belonging thereto, continued in the Crown; but then, by the Kings Letters Patent^y bearing date 24. Septemb. it was granted to *Thomas Hawkins* alias *Fisher* Gentleman, and his heirs, to be held in Socage of the Castle of **Warwick**, by the Rent of xxvi s. ix d. ob. per annum. Which *Thomas* accumulated a vast estate in Monastery and Church lands, the most whereof were wasted by his Son, as will appear when I come to the particular places where they lay: And therefore, having been, in his time, a man so eminent and active, it will not be amiss to say something historically of him.

As for his parentage, all that I can say is from the relation of an aged Gentleman^z sometime the honour of this County for his singular knowledge in Antiquities; viz. that his true name was *Hawkins*, and that his father, being by profession one that sold Fish by retail at the Mercate Crosse in **Warwick**, was thereupon called *Fisher* by most people. This *Thomas* as he had good naturall parts, so wanted he not convenient education in learning; for I find, that being a servant^a to *John Dudley* (heretofore Earl of **Warwick** and Duke of **Northumberland**) then Visc. *Lisle*, he was by him constituted^b high Steward and Bailiff of his Mannour of **Wibworth-Beauchamp in Com. Wetc.** 4. Maii 34 H. 8. and for his exercise of that Office during life, had an Annuity^c of vi li. xiii s. iv d. granted to him, which Queen *Mary* in 1. of her reign confirmed^d. In 38 H. 8. (as I have said) he obtain'd the site of this Priory, with the lands adjacent; In 1 E. 6. the Lordships of **Wibshops-Ichington**, **Lachebroke**, **Chadshunt**, and **Cepdon** in this County, of the then Bishop of **Cobentry** and **Leichfield**, with the advouson of the Church of **Fenni-Compton**; In 2 E. 6. he purchast^e from the Bishop of **Exeter** (of whom in

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Sutton I have spoke) the Mannours of **Chadham** and **Thorney** in **Suffe**, as also of **Horsley**, and **Tyting** in **Surrey**, the Rectory of **South-Pens**, with the Mannour of **Fernefelds** in **Wexingham** (alias **Haxingham**) in **Com. Midd.** with the advowsons of the Rectories and Vicaridges of **Chadham**, **Thorney**, **Horsley**, **South-Pens**, **Fernefelds**, and **Haringham**; all which were confirm'd by King E. 6. in 3. of his reign; about which time he also purchas't from the Crown the Chantry of **Aston juxta Birmingham**, with all the lands & revenues thereto belonging, situate in this County, **Leic.** and **Staff.** shires: as also lands in **Wington** belonging to the Colledge of **Stratford super Avon**, with the Mannour of **Dracote** in this shire, belonging to the Colledge of **Newark** in **Leicester**; And, about the same time, joyned with **Thomas Dabridgecourt** in the buying of much more Chantry land; of which in this County these were part; viz. a Chapell in **Birmingham** with lands, &c. thereto belonging; the Chantries of **Dervate-end juxta Birmingham**; of **Hurley**, **Sutton-Colfield**, and **Hill-Morton**; lands in **Lapworth** belonging to the Gild of **Henley**; lands in **Longley** pertaining to the Gild of **Aston Cantlow**; the Chantry of **Alipath**; as also **Marlers** in **Cobentree** with the lands to them belonging; besides a multitude in other places, given originally for the maintenance of **Obits**, **Anniversaries**, **Lamps** and **Lights** in Churches, and the like: The Chapell of **Widford**, as also that of **Ullarton juxta Polestworth**, with the lands to them belonging; the Rectory of **Pillerton-Hercy**, with the advowson of the Vicaridge, and lands in **Warwick** belonging to a Gild there.

In 6 E. 6. he had a grant of the Bailiwick of **Banbury**, in **Orfordsh.** being made Collector of the Ks. revenue within that Borough and Hundred; as also Governour of the Castle, having a fee of **Lxvi s. viii d. per an.** for exercising the office of Steward, and keeping the K. Court within that Mannour. In 4 Eliz. he purchas't the Mannour of **Herberbury**, and divers lands in other parts of this County, which were sometime belonging to the Monasteries of **Run-Caton**, **Kensworth**, and the Preceptory of **Balshall**. And being thus enricht with such ample possessions, he pull'd to the ground this Monastery, and raised in the place of it a very fair Houle, as is yet to be seen; which, being finished about the 8. year of Queen **Eliz.** reign, he made his principall seat, giving it a new name (somewhat alluding to his own) viz. **Hawkins-nest**, or **Hawks-nest**, by reason of its situation, having a pleasant grove of loftie Elmes, almost environing it; adorning the windows with his Armes; and likewise with the Armes of the Dukes of **Somerset** and **Northumberland**, expressing his name by a *Rebus* upon the timber work, as the T. R. with a Dolphin betwixt the Letters, do import

For his publique employments, besides what I have already mentioned, I shall speak of them from tradition. Having been first a servant to **John Visc. Lisle**, from thence he arrived to be Secretary to the D. of **Somerset** (Protector to K. E. 6.) and wanting not personall valour, was Colonel of a Regiment in the English Army, under the conduct of the said Duke and Earl of **Warwick** at **Spinkborough** field, in **Scotland**, in which battail the English had the day; where he taking the Cholours of some eminent person, in which a **Griffon** was depicted, had a grant by the said Duke

that he should thenceforth, in memory of that notable exploit, bear the same in his Armes within a *Border Verrey*, which the Duke added thereto, in relation to one of the quarterings of his own coat (viz. **Beauchamp** of **Witch**) as an honourable Badge for that service. I have also heard, that when the before specified Duke of **Northumb.** out of his ambition to get the whole sway of all into his power, had obtain'd a designation from King E. 6. that the Lady **Jane Grey** should succeed him in the Throne (as I have elsewhere intimated) with whom he had matcht his fourth son, Sir **Gulford Dudley**; he, apprehending that some stirrs might arise thereupon, by reason that the Kings, two sisters were thereby excludet, privately conveyed a vast summe of money to the hands of this **Fisher** (in whom he reposed great confidence, as having been formerly his servant) to the end that Forces might be the better raysed in these parts, as occasion should require; which money was by him hidden in **Bishops-Ichington** pool; and that the Duke sayling of his ends, and losing his head (as is well known) **Fisher** became questioned, by authority from Queen **Mary**, for that money; but denying it stoutly, and put upon the Rack, was so extremely tormented, that his fingers were pull'd out of the joynts, yet would never reveal it.

After which he lived till 19 Eliz. and then^m on m Esc. 29. Jan. 12. anno 1576. departing this life, was interred at the upper end of **S. Maryes** Church in **Warwick**, where his Monument is yet to be seen, leaving **Edward** his son and heir xxx. years of age, whose inheritance left him by his father, was no lesse than what is now worth 3000 li. per an. as I have heard; but as such possessions (I mean Church lands, and the like) which were originally given to the maintenance of Gods service, wanting that blessing of continuance to the posterity of those that obtain them, as for the most part others have; doe often shiftr their owners, so we find it here; for the substance of all that had been thus rak't together, with so much care and industry, by the Father, was in a short time wastet by the Son, who lavish't it out so fast, as that foreseeing his own ruin he betook himself to the course of unthriftr, which hastned it on the sooner; for making a fraudulent conveyance to deceive Sergeant **Puckring**, to whom in 23 Eliz. he had soldⁿ this fair seat and lands thereabout, he was by him so prosecuted in the Star-Chamber, that, had not the Earl of **Leicester** interposed, his Fine would have been very grievous; for prevention whereof he, at length, consented, that an Act of Parliament to confirm the estate to the said Sergeant **Puckring** (then Lord Keeper of the great Seal) should be made; and being yet intangled with debts was committed Prisoner to the Fleet, where he remained all the dayes of his life: which conveyance, from the before specified **Edward Fisher**, being to^o **George Chowne** and others 1. Octob. 23 Eliz. they pass't away their right therein to the said Sergeant **Puckring** 13. Octob. 24 Eliz.

This Sergeant **Puckring**, being Speaker^q in the Parliament of 28. Eliz. upon answer to Queen **Eliz.** proposall, as to some expedient whereby the life of the Queen of Scots might be saved, urged that the Sentence given against her should be put in execution. In 36 Eliz. he was Knighted^r, and dyed in 38. whereupon M^r **Cambden** in his *Annals* of that time hath this expression, *Infra hunc*

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annum nonnulli insignioris nota & nobilitatis, ex hujus vite statione evocati fuerunt, & quibus inprimis memorandi *Joh. Puckeringus* magni Angliae Sigilli Custos, qui ob famularum sordes, & corruptelas in Ecclesiasticis beneficiis mundinendis, ipse, vir integer, apud Ecclesiasticos haud bene audivit: But he left issue *Thomas* his son and heir, afterwards made Knight and Baronet, a Gentleman much accomplished with learning, and observation by travail in forrain parts, in his younger years; who afterwards lived here in great esteem, for his prudence, having been elected Burgeis for *Warwick*, or some other place, in sundry Parliaments; and departing this life 20 Martii anno 1636. left only one daughter, called *Jane*, to inherit this with other fair possessions; who, besides her weakness of body, hath been attended with some misfortunes, whereof, for brevity, I pass by the mention; and dyed lately without issue; whereupon *Sir Henry Newton*, son to *Sir Adam Newton* of *Charlton* in *Com. Cantii* Baronet, nephew to the said *Sir Thomas Puckering*, is, by his said uncle's designation, become heir to this and the greatest part of his estate

The next place of note for antiquity, lying within the precincts of *Warwick*, is the Hospitall of *S. Michael*, situate on the North side of the town, at the lower end of that street called *Saltsford*, neer the Chapell of *S. Michael* before spoken of. This being founded by *Roger* Earl of *Warwick*, about the later end of *H. 1.* or beginning of King *Stephen's* time, had, besides what it was then endowed withall, little given thereto, other than those obventions and Tythes of the assarts of *Wedgenok*, as also of the paunage and venison, by *Waleran* Earl of *Warwick*; so that the whole revenue thereof, by the Survey taken in 26 *H. 8.* was certified to amount unto no more than *x li. ii s. iv d.* over and above reprises; all which issued out of lands in *Warwick*, excepting *vi s. viii d.* yearly Rent of Assize for something that belong'd thereto situate in *Aven-Deslet*; out of which *xxvi s.* was annually payd to certain Leprous persons residing there, towards their maintenance. But by another Survey made in 37 *H. 8.* I find that the revenue thereof, over and above all reprises amounted to *x li. xix s. x d.* And that it was founded by a King, to give Almes weekly to poor people, as also to harbour them; Howbeit at that time there being no Master there resident, the same was demised by Lease, with all the Rents and profits thereto belonging, unto one *Richard Fisher*, paying therefore yearly *x li.* which *Richard* did then weekly distribute *8 d.* to the poor, and found four beds for their lodging, giving *viii d.* a week to a certain poor woman attending on the poor men, and making their beds. But at this time the poor people, there resident, are onely women, and *viii.* in number, having *iv li.* per annum distributed amongst them out of the Priory lands (late *Sir Thomas Puckering's*) at *Michaelmasse* and our Lady-day by equall portions. A Catalogue of its Guardians (scil. such as I have found) are here inserted, with the times of their admission to that charge, and the names of those by whom they were constituted.

Patroni

Guardiani.

D. Episc.

Frater Henricus de Cobynton 3. Kal. Julii 1300. Giff. f. 45 a.

Frater Rogerus Bertram, solus tunc frater in eadem domo existens.

D. Will. de Lichfeld Vicar. Rem. f. 9. l. de Walsperdon, prid. Non. Maii 1308.

Confratres ejusdem Hospit.

Frater Thom. de Olouthon 3. Maid. f. 3 a.

Thom. de Bellocampo Co. Warw.

Id. Aug. 1315.

D. Nich. de Souham 4. Junii 1339. woff. vol. f. 12. b.

Frater Will. de Knytcote 10 Sept. 1343. 1b. vol. 2. 58. b.

Regin. Dod Pbr. 7. Jan. 1361. St. Germ. 112. b.

D. Joh. Kekenwich 10. Apr. 1388. wak. f. 52.

Walt. Lambard 11. Nov. 1410. Peus. f. 26.

Ric. de Bellocampo Co. Warw.

D. Will. Blakemore Cap. 22. Morg. vol. 1. f. 32. a.

Junii 1425. Will. Berkswell Cler. 15. Pnt. f. 12 b.

Martii 1431. D. Thomas Went Cap. 28. Carp. vol. f. 82. b.

Ric. Nevill Co. Warwici.

Apr. 1450. D. Thom. Clerke Cap. 20. 1b. f. 155.

D. Henricus Rex Anglie.

Sept. 1460. Williel. Herryson Cler. 28. Gyg. f. 1 a.

Phil. & Mar. Rex & Regina Angl.

Sept. 1501. D. Ric. Judson Pbr. 21. Off. Heath f. 22. a.

1556. D. Will. Mason. Pbr. 2. 1b. f. 27.

Off. 1557.

The Hospitall of S. Iohn Baptist.

IN the Suburb on the East part of the town, is there a street called *Smyth's street*, where the Jews long since resided; neer unto which stood the Hospitall of *S. Iohn Baptist*, founded by *Will.* Earl of *Warwick* in *H. 2.* time, for entertainment and reception of strangers and travellers, as well as those that were poor and infirm. What endowment it had at first I am not certain, but in anno 1291. 19 E. 1. I find it certified, that there was a carucate of land and a Dove-house pertaining thereto, the land then valued at *x s.* and the Dove-house at *ii s.* howbeit the Record doth not expresse where it did lye. Something there was belonging to it, situate in *Witchford*, in this County; viz. one mess. and half a yard land, given by *Francis de Dicheford* Lord of that Mannour, besides certain small proportions of errable land by other private men; as also in *Wilton*, which, considering that the Donors were mean persons, I forbear to mention. But in 6 E. 3. *Sir Iohn de Bishopdon* Knight, having obtained License from *Henry* Earl of *Lancaster*, chief Lord of the Fee, gave the advouson of the moiety of the Church of *Morton-Merhall*, in this County, thereto; which moiety was appropriated accordingly by *Wolstan* Bishop of *Worcester*; in consideration whereof the Master and Brethren of this Hospitall, by their publique Instrument, bearing date on the Feast day of *S. Iohn Port Latine*, granted for them and their

y Lel. II. vol. 4. f. 165.

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a woff. vol. 2. f. 13. b.

b MS. in Scacc. pen. Rem. R.

c Ex ut. exemp. penes And Stoughton.

d Ex aut. penes Cat Scacc. in бага de Catesbr

e Ex aut. penes Cat Scacc. in бага de Catesbr

f Pat. 6 E. 3. p. 2. m. 1.

g woff. vol. 2. f. 13. b.

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their successors unto the said Sir John and his heirs for ever, the service of two Priests, Friars of the said Hospitall, dayly to celebrate divine service there, for the good estate of him and Dame Beatrice his wife, during their lives, and afterwards for their soules, and for the soules of their Ancestors, heirs, and all the faithfull departed; which two Friars the said Sir John and Dame Beatrice and their heirs should yearly make choise of out of the rest of the Friars of this Hospitall, for the performance of that service. And in 19 E. 3. Thomas de Beauchamp Earl of Warwick gave the advouson of the other moitie of this Church of, **Morton**; which was also appropriated thereto by Reginald Bryan Bishop of Worcester 16 Apr. anno 1359. 33 E. 3.

So that in 37 H. 8. it was certified¹, that the totall of all the revenues belonging thereto, were xix li. xvii s. iiii d. ob. over and above all reprises; and that it was founded to maintain one Master, two Chaplains, and two poor folks there continually; as also to keep Hospitality: But at the time of that Survey^m was there no such thing, one Anthony Stoughton, servant to the Queen (a younger branch of the Stoughton's of Stoughton, an ancient family in Surrey) having obtain'd a grant thereof from the King for his life; yet the Chappell was then standing, and the lead thereof prized at xii li. scil. 4 li. the foudre. When it was seized into the Kings hands, or upon what ground I cannot well resolve, in regard the Statute for dissolution of the small Houses in 27 H. 8. extended onely to Monks, Canons, and Nuns; and that the same King by his Letters Patentⁿ bearing date xx. Decemb. 32. of his reign, granted an estate for life therein to Anthony Stoughton above specified, unless it were by Surrender; because such Hospitalls were not dissolved by Act of Parliament till 37 H. 8. How it was therefore in this particular I shall not farther trouble my self to guess; but if the King had not a found title thereto, when he granted that estate for life to Anthony Stoughton, the Act of Parliament in 37. of his reign did make it good; after which I find, that Queen Eliz. by her Letters Patent^o dated 25. Junii 5. Eliz. granted the inheritance thereof to the said Anthony, and his heirs male, who dyed^p seized of it 9 Dec. 17 Eliz. leaving issue William his son and heir, then 31. years of age, father of Anthony the present possessor thereof.

Patroni

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Henr. Bobby frater ejusdem domus 5. Cal. Jan. 1336.

Frater Phil. de Besford 7. Kal. Martii 1343.

Joh. de Kelingwick confrater, 9. Apr. 1363.

Joh. Hadham confrater ult. Aug. 1404.

D. Ricardus Leyland 8. Oct. 1461.

Frater W. Valt. Strange 17. Maii 1494.

The Black Friars.

IN the Suburbe on the West side of Warwick stood the House of Friars Preachers, commonly called Black Friars. This Order was begun^u by St. Dominick a Spaniard in the time of Pope Innocent the III, who being at first a Canon, with a few that he chose to be his companions, instituted a new Rule of strict and holy living; and least they should grow sluggish in the service of God by staying at home, in imitation of our blessed Saviour, he appointed them to travail far and wide to preach the Gospell, their Habite being a white coat with a black cloak over it; (as in the following page may be seen) which Order Honorius the III. (who succeeded Pope Innocent) confirmed; and Gregory the ix. canonized him for a Saint.

In anno^r 1221. (20 H. 3.) they first came into England, and towards the later end of H. 3. reign, settled here at Warwick, John de Plessers being then Earl. It seems that they afterwards enlarged their mansion; for I find, that in 9 E. 2. they purchast^t of Avicia de Pilardynon a certain piece of ground, containing Clx. foot in length, and C. foot in breadth adjoining thereto, for that purpose, and had the Kings pardonⁿ for so doing. The like pardonⁿ had they in 18 E. 3. for ten acres of land lying here in Warwick, acquired of John de Peito the younger; as also for half an acre more of Thomas Beauchamp Earl of Warwick, situate neer their habitation and to enlarge the same.

To this House were the Botelers of Sudley, and the Monforts of Colshill Benefactors^x; so likewise was William Harewell sometime of Motton-Wawen in this County Esquire, as appears by an Indenture^y made 9. Oct. 16. H. 7. between Thomas Latimer D^r of Divinity, Prior of the Friars Preachers here, and the said William: For, in consideration of xl li. sterling, which he gave to the repair of their Church, and other necessities, they covenanted, that there should be a perpetuall Chantry by one of the Friars thereof, to sing Masse at the Altar of St. Peter of Millain in the said Church, betwixt the houres of nine and ten every day, for the good estate of the said William and Agnes his wife, whilst they lived, and for their souls after their departure hence; as also for all Christen souls; and that during their lives, there should be every day said, by the Priest who was to perform that service, after Confiteor and Miserereatur, turning his face to the people, a Pater noster and Ave, for the prosperity of the said William and Agnes; and after their decease, for the souls of the said William and Agnes, and all Christen souls: As also turning his face to the people De profundis clamavi, with this Orison, Inclina Domine aurem tuam ad preces nostras; which Masse to be called WWilliam Harewell's Masse.

But this House was surrendered into the Kings hands by Deed^z, dated Oct. xx. 30 H. 8. whereunto these names are subscribed.

Frater Thomas Norman, Joh. Watts.
Ord. Prad. Warw. Prior. Ric. Perso.
Ric. Walton Sacrista. Joh. Tove.
Thomas Bachalaun. Rog. Peche.
Nich. Alexander Sub-Prior.

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Which being *Mendicants*, had no *Pensions* allowed unto them during life, as the Monks and Canons had: The site whereof, and all that belong'd thereto, was by the Kings Letters a Patent bearing date 5 Jan. 5 E. 6. granted, *inter alia*, to John Duke of *Northumberland* and his heirs; and that it was soon after demolish't we need not doubt; so that what became of the ground whereon it stood, after it eschaet'd to Queen Mary, by

his attainder, is not worth while to enquire.

The Gilds.

OF *Gilds*, or *Fraternities*, there were at first two in *Warwick*, but afterward (for ought I see) they were both jyn'd together. The one of these was in honour of the *Holy Trinity*, and the *Blessed*



Dominicanus.

Virgin, and the other of *S. George* the Martyr, both begun in 6 R. 2. the former by *Will. Hobkyns*, *John Cooke*, *Will. Lyndraper*, *Ric. Martin*, *Will. de la Chaumbre*, *Tho. Pavye*, *John Mountford*, *Tho. Raidy*, *John Hukyn*, *Ric. de Chestre*, *John Hering*, *Rob. Brown*, and *Rob. Wulden*, all Inhabitants of *Warwick*; for which they had the Ks. License^b, bearing date 2. *Mai* the same year; the place of their association being the Church of our Lady, formerly mentioned. And within ten years after had the Brethren thereof License^c, to purchase vi Mess. iii Tofts, xii Cottages, viii shops, xxxviii acres of land and a half, iii acres and iii Rods of Meadow ground, and 30 s. Rent in *Warwick*, to find three Priests to sing Masse daily in the said Church of our Lady for the good estate of the said K. *Ric.* of his Q. and of his Mother; as also of *T. Beauchamp* E. of *Warwick*, and *Margaret* his wife, *Richard* their son, and of *Sr. Will. Beauchamp* Kt. during their lives in this world; and for their Souls after their departure hence, and the souls of *E. 3. K. of England*, *Edm. P. of Wales*, Father to the said K. *Ric. 2. Thomas* sometime E. of *Warwick*, and *Kath.* his wife, and all the Faithfull deceased.

The other of these *Gilds* (*viz.* of *S. George*) was begun the same year, by *Rob. de Dynelay*, *Will. Russell*, and *Hugh Cooke*, of *Warwick*, by virtue of the said Ks. License^d bearing date 20 April. whereby they had power to receive others also of this Borough into their Fraternity, and to build and found a Chantry for two Priests to sing Masse every day in a Chapell over the Gate called *Hongyn-gate* in *Warwick*, for the good estate of the said King *Richard* & Queen *Anne* his Consort, and of the said King's Mother, as also of *Michaell de la Poole*, and all the Brethren and Sisters of the said *Gild*, during their lives in this world, and for their Souls after their departure hence, as also for the souls of *K. E. 3. Edm. P. of Wales*, Father to *K. Ric. 2.* and other the Ks. Progenitors, and all the Faithfull departed; whereunto likewise *Tho. Beauchamp* then E. of *Warwick* had license to give the Advowson of the Church of *S. James*, situate over the said Gate.

The same year did the Brethren of this *Gild* purchase^e two Mess. one Toft and a Quarry in *Warwick*, for the use thereof. But that *Gild* of the *Holy Trinity* became at length united^f to this of *S. George*, though the direct time of such their conjunction I have not found; for in 10 H. 6. it so appears^g; and that *Tho. Escop Baker* was Master thereof. In 26 H. 8. I find^h, that there were five Priests belonging thereunto, each whereof had Cvi s. per ann. Stipend, which amounted to 26 l. 13 s. 4 d. per ann. But by the Surveyⁱ taken, in 37 H. 8. it is evident, that the Revenue thereof amounted to xxxiii l. x s. v d. out of which was yearly paid to four Priests celebrating Divine Service xxi l. vi s. viii d. *viz.* Cvi s. viii d. a peice. To *Ric. Hawes* gent. Auditor thereof xiii s. iii d. per ann. To *Ric. Ward* Collector of the Rents xl s. per ann. To eight poor people of the same *Gild* viii d. a week of ancient custome, amounting to xxxiii s. viii d. per ann. And to two of the Canons celebrating Divine Service in the Quire of the Collegiate Church here at *Warwick* ii l. vi s. viii d. per ann.

Of which foure Priests, two did then sing Masse in the said Church of our Lady, and the other two in the two Chapells built over the several Gates

of *Warwick*. *viz.* that of the East gate of *S. Peter*, and the West *S. James*, having their Colledge^k or mansion on the Northside the said Chapell of *S. James*. But the remainder of the Revenues, saving what was disposed of as abovesaid, was employed towards repairing the great Bridge, here in *Warwick* over *Avon*, containing 13 Arches, and of the High-waies about the town. Howbeit in 36 H. 8. the Master and Brethren thereof sold^l parcell of the lands belonging thereto, for which they received the summe of 39 l. 13 s. 4 d. which summe they bestowed^m, partly for obtaining the Coll. Church of our Lady in *Warwick*, from the K. to be made use of as a Parish Church, and partly for the erecting of a new School within this Town.

All that I farther find relating to this *Gild*, is, that after the general dissolution of such Fraternities by Act of Parl. in 37. H. 8. the Hall belonging thereto, situate on the North-side the West-gate, was grantedⁿ unto *Sr. Nic. le Strange* Kt. and his heirs by K. E. 6. 23 *Julii* in 4 of his reign; and that it being afterwards acquired by *Rob. Dudley* E. of *Leicester*, was in 28 *Eliz.* made an^o Hospitall by him for 12 men besides the Master; *scil.* impotent persons, not having above 5 li. per ann. of their own, and such as either had been or should be maimed in the Warrs in the said Qs. service, her Heirs and Successors, especially under the conduct of the said Earl or his Heirs, or had been servants and tenants to him and his Heirs, and born in the Counties of *Warwick* or *Glouc.* or having their dwelling there for five years before: And in case there happen to be none such hurt in the Warrs, then other poor of *Henlsworth*, *Warwick*, *Stretford* super *Avon* in this County, or of *Wotton* under *Edge* or *Crlingham* in *Gloucestersh.* to be recommended by the Minister and Churchwardens where they last had their aboad; which poor men are to have Liveries (*viz.* Gowns of blew cloth, with a Ragged staff embroydered on the left sleeve) and not to go into the Town without them.

But besides this Hospital of the E. of *Leicester's* Foundation, is there another without the said West gate, in part of the buildings sometime belonging to the before specified *Gild*, wherein are viii poor women who have xxxiii s. viii d. payable amongst them by even portions (once a quarter) out of *Sir Thomas Puckering's* estate; which women doe also receive clothing for two years in *December*, from the Bayliff of *Warwick* and Minister of *S. Maries*, provided for them out of the summe of viii li. per ann. payable out of *Sir Tho. Puckering's* estate for that purpose; and for the like clothing of the poor in *St. Michaels* Hospitall; and the third year have they the said summe of viii li. shared equally amongst them. Two other Houses for poor people which have Trades, did the said *Sir Tho. Puckering* build of fair ashler stone, within this Borough; *viz.* the one in *Jolce-pool* lane, antiently called *Wall-ditch*, and the other in a lane leading towards the West gate from the Mercate place, on the first whereof is this Inscription in capitall letters,

Domunculas hanc Thomas Puckering Miles & Baronettus benevolus, utpote amici, vicinique in hunc Burgum affectu motus, (cujus meliorem statum resq; secundiores ex animo optat) sibiq; in hac parte Executoris munere fungi optimum

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ratus, dum esset ætatis adhuc media, suis sumptibus in proprio fundo extrui curavit, industriæque (sine qua urbes Burgique marcescunt) excitanda, adaugendaque perpetuo dedicavit, *An. salutis MDCxxxiii.*

And on the other, the very same, excepting the ar, which is *An. salutis MDCXXXV.*

HAVING now discovered what I can on the North side the Bridge, I come to that part of the Suburb lying South of it; where first I will begin with *St. Nicholas Church*, within the precincts of which Parish, not onely all that part of *Warwick*, situate on the South side of *Avon*, stands, together with *Witton*, now a depopulated place; but also the Eastern suburbe on the North of *Avon* antiently called *Cotes*, and now *Coten-end*; with *Woodlote* and *Stockhull*, of all which I purpose to speak particularly by and by.

As to the exact time when this Church was first founded, I cannot directly point; but do conclude, that if it were not a little before the Norman Conquest, it was immediatly after; for that which is at present the Chancell, in the Saxons time was the Quire to the house of Nuns situate where this Church and Church-yard now are; which Nunnery being destroyed by *Canutus* the Dane in *an. 1016*, (as in my story of *Earl Wolgeat* I have already intimated) was again rebuilt, as it seems; for it appears, that *Henry de Newburgh*, the first E. of *Warwick* of the Norman line, gave unto the Nunns here serving God, for the health of his soul, and for the souls of *Margaret* his wife, *Roger* his Son, *E. Robert* his brother, and all his Ancestors, the town of *Clopton*. After which they continued not long; for I find that *Earl Roger*, son and successor to the said *Henry* in *23 H. 1*, upon the endowment of the Collegiat Church of our Lady before spoken of, then newly by him founded, granted *inter alia*, this Church of *St. Nicholas* to the Canons thereof *ad eorum vitæ necessarios*, for those are the words of his Charter.

In *an. 1291* (19 E. 1.) this Church was valued at xviii Marks and a halfe, having three Rectors then belonging thereto; and in 14 E. 3, at xviii Marks, the tithe Hay with the small tithes being rated at xiii Marks: But it was antiently appropriated to the Collegiat Church of our Lady, and the fruits thereof divided into three portions; To the one of which, the Dean of the said Coll. Church presented; and to the second and third the two Prebends. In 41 E. 3. the Cure was served by two Priests, which were presentable by the said Dean and Canons to the Bp. of *Worcester*, by whom they were to receive Institution, one of those Priests having charge of all the parishioners on the South side the Bridge, and the other of those on the North; which Priest, to whom the said South part appertained, had the South part of the Quire, and the other the North, in the celebration of all divine Offices; and each of them ten Marks *per an.* Salary, payd at the Feast of *St. Michael* and the *Annunciation* of our Lady, by equal portions, by the Treasurer of the Collegiat Church before specified. Howbeit, notwithstanding the Appropriation above mentioned, such was the neglect of those that had the Government of that Coll. Church, that the benefit of this and others, which of right ought to have been enjoyed accordingly, was withheld, so

that in 22 R. 2. it became again united thereunto; whereupon *Tideman* then Bp. of *Worcester*, by his Instrument bearing date at *War-tlebury 15 Junii an. 1401.* (2 H. 4) ordained a Vicaridge here, assigning to it a certain proportion of Tithes and Oblations, as by the same more fully appeareth.

But after this there was a new Composition, or Ordination made by *John Carpenter* Bp. of *Worcester*, bearing date at *Northwike 4 Feb. an. 1461* (1 E. 4) whereby there were xx Marks sterling *per an.* to be paid quarterly, viz. at *Michaelmasse*, *Christmasse*, the *Annuntiation* of our Lady, and the *Nativity* of *St. Joh Baptist*, by the said Dean and Canons to the Vicar; with vi s. viii d. *per an.* more at *Michaelmasse*, in lieu of a house for his habitation; In consideration whereof, the Vicar for the time being, was to find a fitting Priest, at his own charge, to assist him in the celebration of Divine Service in that Church; which Vicaridge in 26 H. 8. was certified to consist in that Annuity of xiii li, vi s. viii d. the Rectory being then valued at xx l. vi s. viii d. *per an.* which with the Advowson of the Vicaridge coming to the Crown, by the dissolution of the said Coll. Church, was 15 Maii 27 H. 8. granted by the K. to the Burgeses of *Warwick* and their successors, for so were the Inhabitants then stiled.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.

Incumbentes &c.

- Rob. Capellanus Comitis Giff. f. 25
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- Rob. de Northampton Ric. V. Vincomb. Pbr. x. lb. f. 382.
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Maria Warw. Joh. de London Cler. 26. lb. b.
Cal. Oct. 1294.
- W. de Bellocampo Co. Henr. de Sotton Subdiac. lb. f. 415.
Warw. 9. Cal. Oct. 1297.
- D. Episc. per lapsum. Ric. Brid Cler. 15 Cal. lb. f. 451.
Apr. 1299.
- D. Rad: de Hengham. Nich. Horn. Diac. in fe- Geyn. f. 1.
sto S. Trin. 1303. a.
- Præbendarius Eccl: Nic. de Yerdley Pbr. 2. Ren. f. 77.
Coll. b. M. Warw. Non. Feb. 1312
- Canon. Eccles. B. M. Will. de Vigorn. Cler. 3. Cob. f. 11.
Warw. Id. Julii 1325. a.
- Adam de Herewynton Rog. de la Felde Pbr. Non. Hem. f. 1.
Præbend. in Eccl. Oct. 1338.
- Col. B. M. Warw. D. Rad. de Aston Pbr. 3. lb. f. 19.
Id. Dec. 1338.
- Decan. Eccl. Coll. B. Rob. fil. Joh. in le Gate ac- wolst. vol. 1.
M. Warw. col. 9. Junii 1339, f. 12. b.
- Præb. de Comton in Ric. de Braundeston Cap. lb. f. 17.
Eccl. Col. Warw. 17 Julii 1339.
- Adam de Herwynton Phil. de Sapercote Pbr. 24 lb. vol. 2.
Præb. Aug. 1341 50. a.
- Joh. de Walecote Patr. V. Will. Iweyn accol. 19, lb. f. 18.
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- Joh. de Bokingham Adam Carles 12 Jan. lb. f. 9.
Præb. 1345
- Joh. de Vvapenbury Joh. Yldesley 13 Octob. Thor. f. 16.
Canon. in Eccles. 1350.
- Coll. V. Warw. Henr. de Langeton Pbr. Br. vol. 1.
V. Will. de Southam Pbr. 7. lb. f. 38. 35. a.
- Decan. V. Warw. V. Will. de Bernyngton Pbr. lb. f. 39.
Præb. de Cump-ton. 4 April. 1362.

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b Carp. vol
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Morg. vol. 1.f.30.b.	D. Simon Oldenhale 26 Martii 1425	Ric. Roe Cler. 29 Nov. 1616.
Carp. vol. 1. f.124.a.	D. Joh. Belle Cap. 24 Decemb. 1454	
ib.f.137.a.	Rich. Cokke Cap. ult. Apr. 1456	
ib.f.152.b. Decan. & Cap. Eccl. Col. VVarw.	D. Rgc. Leyland Cap. 2. Martii 1460	
ib.f.164.b.	D. Joh. Munton sen. 8 Oct. 1461.	
llc.f.153.	Tho. Crosby Cap. 9 Oct. 1493.	
eron.f.40	D. Joh. Green Pbr. 3 Sept. 1528.	
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In this Church was there anciently a Chantry, founded by Rob. le Purser of **Warwick** in 17 E. 2. unto which, by the Ks. speciall license, he gave five Marks and xxi d. per an. Rent issuing out of a Mess. and certain lands lying here in **Warwick**; but in 10 E. 3. John le Purser, Sonn and Heir to Robert the Founder, being a servant to Tho. Beauchamp E. of **Warwick**, granted this Chantry, with the Rents thereto belonging, unto the said Earl, to be removed into the Castle, and there to continue for ever, and to be presentable by him the said Earl and his Heirs.

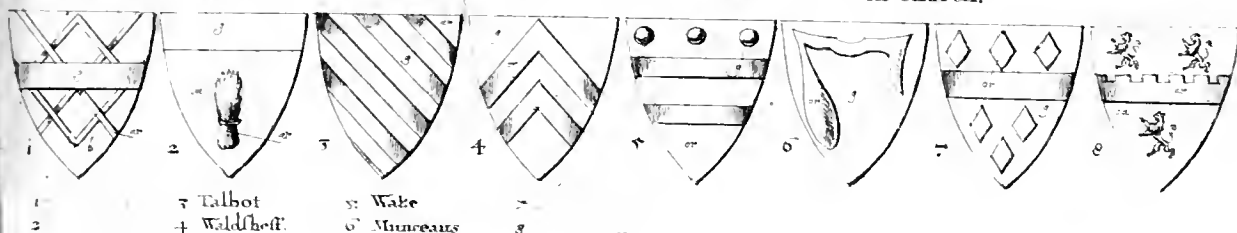
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In the North Windows of the Church.



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In this part of the Suburbe there was also a House of **Templars** founded, and endowed with Lands by Roger E. of **Warwick** in H. 1. histime, which afterwards came to the Preceptory of **Balshall** in this County, and in 9 E. 2. were certify'd to be of the yearly value of xliii s. viii d. the Arable being Clx Acres, then rated at iii d. an acre, the Meadowing xxiv acres at iii s. an acre; certain Pasture ground, at xx s. per an, a Water-mill at xvi s. viii d. per an. Pleas and Perquisites of Court xx s. per an. one Croft at v s. per an. and twenty foure Freeholders paying 4 li. 12 s. 7 d. yearly rent.

In this Temple was there a Chantry for the ancient Earles of **Warwick**, and the Revenue thereof certify'd at lxxvi s. viii d. per an. But upon the suppression of that Order, all the Lands which they here enjoy'd, came to the **Hospitalars** (as in **Balshall** I shall manifest) and continued in their hands till that generall Deluge in 30 H. 8. swept them away: After which, these their Possessions, as parcell of the Preceptory of **Balshall**, were granted in 3 E. 6. to John Dudley E. of **Warwick**, and Jane his wife and their Heirs, and since that have returned to the Crown by the attainder of the said John in 1 M. but how they are now disposed of, I have not thought worth my enquiry.

Having compleady done with the Borough, I shall now take notice of the Hamlets belonging to **Warwick**: viz. **Long-Bridge**, **Ston-Cotton-end**, **Stochill**, **Levenhull**, and **Woodlow**, some whereof have been many years since depopulated; beginning with **Long-bridge**, which is in the Parish of **St. Maries**.

Long-Bridge.

This being situate near a narrow Foot-Bridge, which standeth over a small Torrent, coming from **Bunbrook**, thence assumed its name: Howbeit, I do not discern that it was ever a Mannor of itself; but that the Lands therein did, part belong to the Monastier of **Thelesford**, part to the Collegiat Church of **Warwick**, part to the **Hospitalars**, part to the Priory of **Chaucumbe** in **Porthamptonshire**, and the rest to particular persons: Nor have I seen it so much as mentioned in Record till 4. E. 1. that one John de **Honele** was presented before the Justices Itinerant, as an Inhabitant thereof, for withdrawing his suit from the County and Hundred Court.

p Pat. 37. H. 8. p. 3. q Esc. 4. et 1. p. h. 6. f Pat. 7. E. 6. p. xi. r Inq. per Hundr. penes Camer. S. 46.

Miton.

This is situate well neare a mile above **Warwick**, on the Southern bank of **Avon**, but there is now no more left of it than a Grove of Elms in the place where the Village stood. In the Conquerors time the E. of **Meilent** was possessor of the greatest part of it, viz. two hides, the third then belonging to **S. Maries Church** in **Warwick**; which two hides are certify'd in two places; viz amongst the E. of **Meilent's** Lands, and amongst those of **Turchill de Warwick**; in the first whereof he is said to hold them of the

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King, and in the later, of *Turchill's Fee*: but that it is one and the self same Land which is meant thereby, is evident by these testimonies; first that the two Mills there, are mentioned in both; secondly the value, viz. vi l. and lastly in the one *Algarus Comes* is said to have been owner thereof in *Edw.* the Confessors daies, and in the other *Edwinus Comes* (the sonn and heir of Earl *Algar*) which makes no difference, in regard that the said *Edwine* succeeded his Father in that Inheritance. In that Record^w it is variously written, *Mulfone* and *Mofstone*, so that for the Etymologie of the name I do not well know what to say, except it be British, *Mloy* in that language signifying the same with *Major*, and *Mwyo* *humectatio sive madefactio*; in either of which senses, for ought I see, it might have its originall denomination; First as being greater than *Cotes*, (which was, the next Village lying near *Warwick*) or secondly by reason of the moist situation of it, standing on the bank of *Avon* somewhat flat and low.

That this came to *Henry de Newburgh*, the first E. of *Warwick* of the Norman line; either with the residue of *Turchill's* Lands, or by some accord with the E. of *Spellent* (his brother) there is no doubt at all to be made, forasmuch as it appears that his posterity enjoy'd it:

Ex Rec. x. gift. Col. de Warw. y. w. f. 9. a.
In those dayes there was a Chapell here, wherein several Canons officiated, unto which *Roger E. of Warwick*. Sonn to the said *Henry*, did, about the beginning of *K. Stephens* time, grant ten Acres of his demesn land in this place, and five acres of Arable, with a house, and half an acre of Meadow; and did besides, confirm the gift of eight acres, which *Wil. fil. Godardi* past thereto. That it continued to the succeeding Earls. I need not stand to prove, forasmuch as it was a member^z of *Warwick*; but it hath been long since^a depopulated.

Hethcote.

Adjoining to Milton field, on the South part, do lye certain Grounds called by the name of Hethcote, which Walter Power gave^b to the Coll. Church of Warwick in 2. H. 4. by the name of the Mannour of Hethcote, to the intent that the Dean and Canons of that Coll. Church should annuallie solemnize two Obits, one for the Soul of Margaret his late wife, and the other for his own. After the dissolution of which Church, was it granted^c by the name of the Leasow called Hethcote to George Trefham gent. and Edw. Twyniko and their Heirs in 37 H. 8. and from the said George to^d Will. Morcote, who in 6. E. 6. dyed^e seized of it, leaving Will. his Grandson, viz. sonn to John, his next Heir, and then 9 years of age.

Cotes.

This is that part of Warwick, which lyes on the East part of the town, beyond the little Brook coming from the Priory Mill, and is now called Coton-end. In Edw. the Confessors time Edwine E. of Mercia held^f it; but after the Norman Conquest, K. Will. had it in his own hand,

in whose time it was certified to contain one hide, there being then two Mills rated at C s. and the Woods containing 3 Furlongs in length and as much in breadth. In the Conq. Survey^g it is written *Cotes*, which in our old English signifies the same with *Domus*. It seems that upon the advancement of *Henry de Newburgh* to the Earldome of *Warwick*, it was by the K. bestowed on him; for it appears^h that the same *Henry* gave certain lands lying here, to the Churches of our Lady and *Aliballows*, which *Rog.* his son and successor confirmedⁱ; adding his Grant^k of all the Tithes thereof, and C. acres of land in 23. H. 1. when he united those two Churches, making that of our Lady Collegiate: But there is no more to be said of it, forasmuch as it was so united to *Warwick*, that part thereof being in the possession of the Earls, which did not belong to the Colledge.

Stokebull.

ON the Northwest side of Warwick lyes Stokebull, now onely known by certain grounds bearing that name, but heretofore it hath been a petty Hamlet, as the name imports, Stoke signifying the same with Villa. The first mention I find thereof is in the foundation of the Collegiate Church of Warw. by E. Roger in H. 1 time, where he grants^l thereto the Tithes of certain Lands situate therein; so that there is no question but it came to Henry E. of Warwick, as all the rest of the lands thereabout did; viz. upon his advancement to that Earldome, or in augmentation of it, as I have elsewhere shewed: Howbeit till 14 E. 1. I have not seen any thing more thereof that is remarkable; but then was there a Fine levied^m of the moyetie of this Mannour by John le Lou and Amice his wife Plantiffs, and Philip le Lou and Margery his Wife deforc: whereby the said moyetie became settled upon the same John and Amice, and the Heires of Amice: And further than this have I no more to say of it, other than that it is in Rous hisⁿ Catalogue amongst the antiently depopulated Villages, whereof he makes so much complaint.

Levenbull.

This place, lying neer to the last, hath no habitation now thereon, yet do the Grounds retain the name; but what I have seen^o of it, is no more, than that Rob. de Morton, who stiles himself Dominus de Levenbull, by his Deed, whereupon a Fine was levied xv. Hill. 29 H. 3. granted to the Monastery of S. Sepulchers here in Warwick, totam terram illam extra Warrewyke, ex parte occidentali, que appellatur Levenbull; which it seems was a Purchase; for the Canons of that House gave fourty Marks of Silver in consideration of that Grant, and covenanted to pay to the said Robert and his Heirs 13 s. 4 d. per an. at the Feasts of S. Mich. and the Annunciation of our Lady, by even portions.

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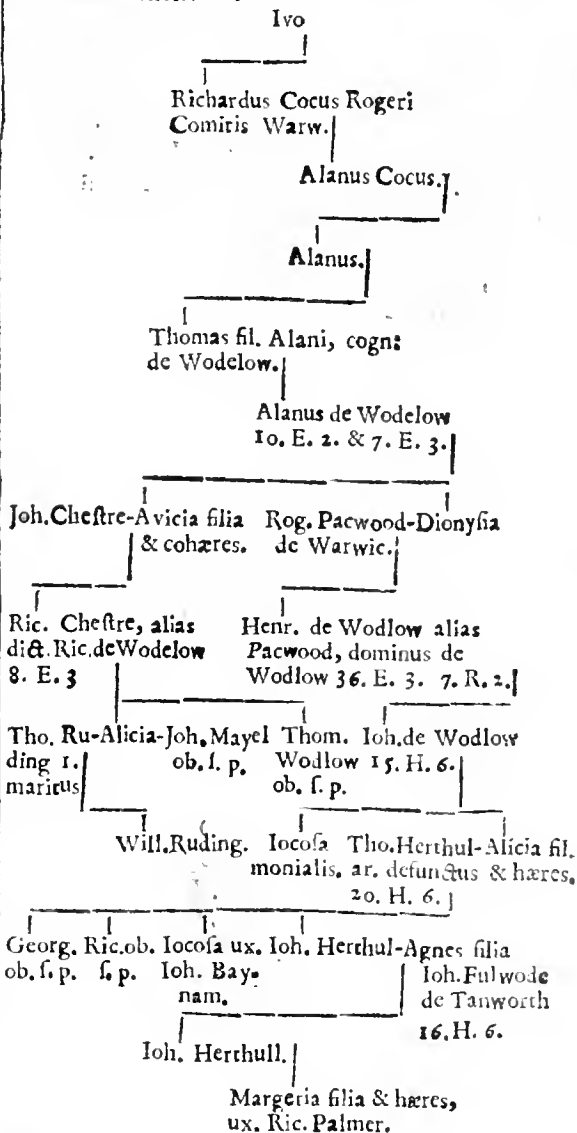
THE first mention I find of this place, is in that foundation of the Collegiat Church at **Warwick**, made by Earl Roger in 23. H. 1 where the Tithes of certain lands lying here, are given thereto; and in that grant^p it is called **Wodolau**: By which testimony, tis plain enough, that it was originally part of those possessions, which **Henry de Newburgh**, the first Earl after the Norman Conquest, had hereabouts; and there is no doubt (I think) to be made, but that it was a member of **Warwick**. In H. 1 time, one **Richard** the Son of **Tvo**, Cook to the before specified Earl Roger, held it; but having no grant thereof in writing, and leaving a Son called **Alan**, whom he had trained up in his own profession, the said **Alan** succeeding in that office as servant to **William E.** of **Warwick** (son to Earl Roger) obtained a special Charter^r from him, in H. 2 time, of this Lordship to himself and his Heirs, whereby the Metes and Bounds thereof are exactly set forth. By which Charter he also granted to the said **Alan** and his Heirs power to keep a Court of all his own proper Tenants, as well those residing in **Warwick** as at **Woodlow**, and to take Toll of them for all things that they should buy or sell within the Borough of **Warwick**: Ratifying moreover to him and his Heirs, the office of **Master Cook in his Kitchen**, which the said **Richard** his father heretofore held in his, and **E. Roger** his fathers time; with all Fees of his Kitchen belonging to the Master Cook, both, in liveryes and Hories, as the Elquiers of his household then had, and as the said **Richard** his father used to have in the days of the same Earl **Roger** and his the said Earl. And moreover granted unto him and his heires a yard land lying in **Cotes**, with whatsoever lands the said **Richard** his father held in **Warwick**, to hold therewith freely and quietly, &c. with **Tol** and **Team**, **Sach** and **Soc Infatheycol** and in free socage; paying yearly to the said Earl and his heires a pair of Gloves at **Easter** for all secular service, suit of Court, and demand whatsoever: for which grant and confirmation the said **Alan** gave unto him x s. in money, xij Geese, and a firkin of wine.

From this **Alan** descended the family of **Woodlow** (as the pedigree^{*} here inserted sheweth) so named in respect of their residence here, who bore^r for thir Armes **Gules, a fesse argent betwixt six crosses crosslet Or**, differing nothing from the coat of **Beauchamp E.** of **Warwick**, but in the colour of the fesse: Of which was one **Thomas de Woodlow** Feodary^r to **Ric. Beauchamp E.** of **Warwick**, for all his lands in this County, in 10. H. 4. And in 5. H. 5. one of his Councill.

In 15. H. 6. this Mannour, being entailed by **John Wodelow**, was setled upon **George Herthul**, his granchild, with divers remainders: but it seems that some of the **Herthulls** past away their right herein, to **Alice** the daughter of **Ric. Chester**, grandchild and heir (after the death of her brother **Thomas**) to **Avicia** one of the daughters and coheirs of **Alan de Wodelow**; for after the death of her second husband, *sc.* **John Mayell**, being in her free state of widowhood, by her deed^{*} bearing date at **Warwick** on the feast day of **S. Hillary** 27. H. 6. she granted the capital mess. of **Woodlow**,

with all the lands thereto belonging (excepting some that had been exchange'd away) to **John Brome** of **Warwick**; which **John** was he that became owner of **Badley-Clinton** in this County (as I shall there shew:) from whose son **Nich: Brome**, by **Lettice** the daughter of **Nich: Catesby**, his third wife, is descended^r **Robert Brome** Gent. now residing here, to whom the inheritance of this place still continues.

It seemes, that this was anciently a little village, though now reduc'd to one house; for I find it in the list of those places, whereof **John Rous**, in his complaint of the Depopulations in this County, doth make mention.



Chesterton.

HAVING now done with all the places of note within the precincts of **Warwick**, and following the river **Avon** about a mile and halfe lower, I find it increast by a petty torrent, which, coming from the Southeast, joyneth therewith. This brook riseth within the precincts of **Chesterton**, of which place being next in order to discourse, I shall observe, that antiently it had many Inhabitants, for no lesse than Lxxix families doth **Rous** make mention^r of, that there resided, which by depopulation were in his time reduced to three, but now are augmented to the number of xliii. Through this Lordship doth one of those famous **Roman ways** (whereof I have spoke) *scil.* **fron**, extend it self; upon which, as is apparent, hath been a Roman Fortification, and within the com-

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passé thereof divers old coynes digg'd up. That such fortified places had the name of *Cear-tre* by our Ancestors the Saxons; is evident enough; so that we need not look farther for an Etymologie of this Towns name, antiently written *Cearstretun*, and *Cestretun*, than the situation thereof is neer to that place.

Part of this Village being given^b by Earl *Leofrike* to the Monks of *Cobentre* upon the foundation of that Monastery (1. *Edm. Conf.*) was by the Conq. Survey^c certified to contain 1 hide and a half, and valued at L. s. By which Survey it also appears that *Henry de Fersers* (a great man at that time) had half a hide here, then held of him by one *Wazelinus* and valued at x. s. But the greatest proportion, viz 3. hides did *Ric. Forestarius* at that time hold, which was rated at C. s. and whereof 4 Theins^d were posselt in *Edm. the Conf. time*. This *Ric. Forestarius* is also called *Ric. Venator*, and *Ric. Chineu*. what he had here in *Chefferton* was a third^e part of the town; being given^f to him by *Will. the Conq.* together with other lands in Sergeanty; viz by the service of keeping the Forest of *Canoc* in *Staffordshire*, paying to the K. x marks yearly for the Bailiwick thereof; and for the said lands he so held. Which *Ric.* founded^g the Church here, endowing it with lands of two marks per an. value, and had issue one only daughter called *Margerie*,^h married to *Walter Crok*, who in 5. *Steph.* gaveⁱ 3. marks of gold to the K. pro rehabendo *Ministerio suo*, which I conclude to be for his office of Forester in the Forest of *Canok*; and xiiii. l. x. s. v. d. for the land of *Ric. Chinewe*, (his wifes father.)

To this *Walter* succeeded *Will.* his son^j and heir, who gave^k to the Monks of *Radmoze*, in the said Forest of *Canok* (afterwards translated to *Stonley* in this County) all his lands in *Witley* in *Com. Staff.* in consideration whereof he was made partaker of the whole benefit of their *Cister-tian* Order, and promised that his body should have sepulture in their Monastery. On the Canons of *Kenilworth* he conferred^l the Church of *Chefferton*, and granted^m to the Kts. *Templars* a yard land in this Lordship; but an ill fate attended him, for he was hang'dⁿ, though^o for what appears not; whereupon his lands were seized^p into the K. hands, who gave^q them in marriage to one *Rob. de Broc*, with *Margerie* his the said *Will.* sister. Which *Rob. de Broc*, being a man of note in his days, for he is called^r *Marescallus Angliae*, & *Forestarius de Canoc*, gave^s to the Monks of *Stonclep* a meis. and half a yard land lying in *Radway* in this County, and dyed^t in 5. *R. 1.* leaving issue *Margerie*^u his only daughter and heir, marryed^v to *Hugh de Loges*; who in 7. *R. 1.* payd^w lx marks fine towards the rayling that great sum of money for the Ks. redemption, for which he had the custody of the Forest of *Canok* with his house at *Orimbaldetun*, and the land of *Rob. de Broc*, whose daughter and heir he had wedded, rendred to him.

It seems that this *Hugh* was in armes against *K. John* in those turbulent times towards the end of his reign, for which his Castle of *Orimbaldetun* and Forestership of *Canok* were seized into the Ks. hands: for I find that the said King, by his Precept^x bearing date 1. *Dec. 17. Joh.* directed to *Thomas de Erdington*, appointed, that in case he found good pledges for his faithfull service to him, and sure custody of the Forest of *Canok*, with the said Castle, that then he should render them to

him; but he lived not above a year afterwards, as I guefs; for in 1. *H. 3.* the custody of his heir, called *Hugh*, was committed^y to *Will. de Cantilupe*, which *Hugh* held this Mannour of *Cestretun* and Forestership of *Canok* in sergeanty, as his Ancestors had done; and had suit^z with the Kts. *Templars* for that hide of land given to them, here, in *Chefferton*; whereof I have already spoke, but could not recover it. In 19. *H. 3.* he received a command^a from the K. to permit *Will. Fitz-Walkelin* to enter his Hart hounds at hunting the Stag in his Bayliwick. In 25. *H. 3.* he payd^b C. l. fine to the K. for some miscarriages in his said office of Forester. In 36. being a prisoner^c in *Warwick* gaol upon an Appeal prosecuted against him for killing of *Rog. le Straunge*, he was bayled. The next year following I find^d that the Shiriff of *Staffordshire* had command from the K. not to distrain him to take the order of Knighthood, except it did appear that he had other lands for which he ought to be a Kt. than those that were in Sergeanty. but he was the last of this family that held the Stewardship and Bayliwick of *Canok-Forest*; for it appears^e, that K. *H. 3.* disposed thereof to Sir *Thomas de Weseham* Kt. and his heirs, who past away the inheritance of it, in 12. *E. 1.* to *Philip de Montgomeri*, the K. confirming^f the grant.

This *Hugh de Loges* lived to be a very old^g man, and was not^h compos mentis before he dyed. It seemes he had conceived some displeasure against his son and heir, viz. *Ric. de Loges*, and therefore did endeavour to disheritⁱ him of this Lordship and other lands, selling^k this to the Kts. *Templars*; which *Richard* was a busy^l actor in that rebellion of the Barons in *H. 3.* time, being of the retinue^m to *Ralph Lord Basset*; in respect whereof, all his lands in this County and *Staff.* were seized on, and bestowedⁿ, inter alia, by the K. on *Thomas Corbet* of *Sitropshire*. 30. *Nov. 50. H. 3.* but submitting to the Decree called *Dictum de Kenilw.* as appears^o by *James de Audley's* undertaking for him therein, he being at the time when *Kenilworth* castle was rendred, with^p young *Sim. Montfort* in the Isle of *Ely*, and finding good sureties, viz. *Will. de Mortein*, and *Will. de la Rye* for his future fidelity, was received^q into the K. protection as his good subiect. And in *August* following, sc. 51. *H. 3.* found so much favour, that whereas his father had, to the disherison of him, aliened this Mannour of *Chefferton* to the *Templars*, the K. taking^r advantage of its being soe conveyed without License, forasmuch as it was held of him in Capite by Sergeanty, seized upon it, and in consideration of Cxx. marks Fine, reinvested^s him therein, promising that he would not permit the said *Hugh* to do any thing tending to the disheriting him of this, or any other lands so held; provided that he did conveniently maintain his said father during life, at that time old and weak, and not in his senses, as I have intimated.

After which in 3. *E. 1.* this *Ric. de Loges*, being very much indebted, obtained License from the K. that for rayling of some money, he might demise his lands for a certain time: but, it seems, that under colour of this liberty to set, he absolutely sold part of them; whereupon the Shiriff of this County had command^t to seize them into his hands for the Ks. use, sc. in 5. *E. 1.* in which year he was^u with the K. and his Army in *Wales*: what Agreement he made appears not, but certain it is that he reposselt them again: for in

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13. E. 1. being questioned by what authority he held a **Court-Let** here, and claimed Affize of Bread and Beere within this Lordship, he pleaded * Prescription, and had allowance of those privileges. In 14. E. 1. being then a K^t, he bore for his Armes *Arg. 3. piles gules, with a Buck trippint Or, in a canton azure*, as appears by his seal, and dyed in 21. E. 1. leaving Ric. his son and heir, then 28 years of age, who doing his homage had livery of his lands; but enjoy'd them not long: for in 28. E. 1. he departed this life, leaving one only daughter, called *Elizabeth*, his heir, then 4. years of age, whose marriage was granted by the K. the next ensuing year to *Nich. de Warrewyk*; Which *Nich.* matcht her unto his own son *Nicholas*, who did his fealty and had livery of her lands in 6. E. 2. which *Nich.* had issue *John de Warrewyk* his son and heir, who by the K. special command, entailed this Lordship in 9. E. 3. for default of issue by himselfe and *Margaret* his wife, upon *John de Sanderfed* of **Robbasson** and his heirs, the same *John* having married his mother.

During the time that this *John de Sanderfed* held it, he obtained a Charter of **Free Warren** in all his demesne lands here, to enjoy during his own life, and afterwards to the right heires thereof. But upon his death, in 27. E. 3. *John* the son of *Will. de Peito* became posselt thereof, by marriage with *Alianore* daughter and heir to *John* the son of the before specified *Nich. de Warwick*; from which time the Familie of *Peto* have had their principall seat here. Being therefore now to proceed with what I have found historically relating thereto, to the end the more light may be given, as well to what I have already spoke, touching the successive Possessors of this place, as to what I shall say of the rest, I have here inserted this ensuing Pedegree.

And because this family of *Peto* hath been so eminent in former times, as by what followes will appear, I shall ascend somewhat higher in my discourse thereof, than the time that I find them first posselt of **Chesterston**, especially considering that they had lands in this County before.

The first mention, I meet with of this name and Family in **Warwickshire**, is in 6. E. 1. Where *Ric. de Peito* is recorded to have been posselt of certain lands in **Dialton** *juxta Stratford super Avon*; which (I suppose) were those that he had from *Rose Trussell*, and which she purchased of *Walt. de Lodington*; for *Walt.* the son of *Will de Lodington* commenced suit against him, and against the other *Walter* for divers lands here, about that time. This *Ric.* being a man of the superiour ranck amongst the gentry of his time, was one of the Coroners in this County, and dyed in that office, 28. E. 1. as appears by the Writ for causing another to be chosen in his stead, in which he is called *Ric. de Pistavia*. To him succeeded *John*, a person learned in the Lawes, who by his eminencie in that profession (as tis most probable) was the first advancer of this Familie to those fair possessions, which qualified his descendants the better for such great and notable employments as thyafterwards had in the world. In 15. E. 2. and so every year after, during that Ks. time, he was constituted one of the Justices for Gaol-delivery in this County; so also in the first and second years of K. E. 3.

Ric. Chineu, cui Rex Will Cong. dedit tres partes de Chesterston.

Walt. Croc-Margeria filia
5. Steph. & haeres.

Will. Croc-Rachinilda *Rob. de Broc-Margeria*
suspensus, Marefc. Angl.

Hugo de Loges-Margeria filia &
7. R. 1. 1. H. 3. haeres.

Hugo de Loges 19. &
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Ric. de Pistavia *Ric. de Loges miles*, 50 H. 3.
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Joh. de Peito-Iohanna *Hugo de Ric. de Loges*
dictus senior filia Will. Loges obit 28. E. 1.
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jun. obit Peto 19 filia & hz. Warwick haeres.
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Langley.

Will. de-Isab. filia Thomas Ioh. de Peto-Elianora filia
Peto 18 H. 1. de Peto miles, obit & haeres.
E. 3. Bromwich 35. E. 3. 19. R. 2.

Will. de Peto-Iohanna filia Ioh. Rob. Corbet
obit 8. H. 4. de Thornbury mil. secundus
obit 6. H. 5. maritus.

Will. de Peto-Cath. filia Ioh. Gressly
miles obit 4. mil. 8. H. 6.
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Ioh. de Peto-Elianora filia
obit 3 H. 7. Rob. Mansfeld
32 H. 6.

Edw. Peto, obit-Goditha filia Thomæ
3 H. 7. Throgmorton mil. re-
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Petr. Peto Marg. filia-Ioh. Peto-Agnes filia
Card. Ioh. Baynam 18 H. 8. Ric. Cooke
mil. nupta 4 H. 8. 17 H. 7.

Ioh. Peto obit-Anna filia Ioh. Ferrers
5. & 6. Ph. & M. de Tamworth militis.

Humfr. Peto-Anna filia Basilii Feilding
obit 27 Eliz. de Newnham ar.

Will. Peto ar.-Elianora filia Walt. Aston
obit an. 1619 de Tixhall in com. Staff. mil.

Edw. Peto miles-Eliz. filia Adæ Newton
de Charlton in Com. Cantii
mil. & Bar.

Edw. Peto ar.-Eliz. filia Grevillii Verney
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b Pat. 12. E. 3. in d. m. 9.
c Claus. 14. E. 3. p. 1. m. 3.
d Pat. 14. E. 3. p. 2. m. 47.
Pat. 21 E. 3. p. 1. in d. m. 33.
Pat. 22 E. 3. p. 1. in d. m. 31.
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g Rot. penes S. Clark B.
h Ex vet. membr. penes curiam E. P.
In 3. he was^x one of the Justices appointed for conservation of the Peace. In 4. one^y of the K^s for this Shire in the Parl. then holden at *Westm.* at which time he was called *Job. de Peito senior*, in regard his eldest son bore that name, who before that time acted in sundry publick employments, as I shall shew by and by. In 9. E. 3. he was one^z of the two Commissioners constituted for the arraying of all men in this Shire, according to their estates and degrees; as also^a for conservation of the Peace according to the statute of *Portsmouth*. In^b 12. E. 3. one of the Justices for Goal delivery at *Warwick*. In^c 14. one of the Commissioners assigned for selling the Nones of Sheaf, Wool, and Lamb; as also for^d levying and collecting a Tenth, then granted unto the K. in Parliament; and in 21. and 22. E. 3. was in^e Commiss. for the Gaol delivery at *Cobentre*: but he wrote himself of *Drayton*, where he held^f lands of *John de Trussel* by the xth. part of a Knights fee. It seemes that in his age he travelled into those parts of *France* from whence his ancestors came, for I find^h that he dyed in *Gascon*, and left issue 2 sons, *John* and *Will.* both well advanced by good marriages; whereof *John* had to wife *Alice* the widow of *John de Langely*, one of the daughters and coheirs of *Isabel de Hules* (which *Isab.* was daughter and coheir to *Rog. de Herdebergh*, as in *Willie* I have already declared,) & *Will.* married *Margaret* daughter and heir to *Rob. de Langley*, (as in *Wolthamcote* I have shewed) whose posterity became heirs unto, at length, to *Geffery de Langley*, the principall branch of that family: But with *John*, called *Job. de Peito junior*, during his fathers life time, I will proceed.

The first mention I find of his publick employments, is in 6. E. 3. and then was he in Commissionⁱ, in this County, for assessing and collecting a xvth and xth granted to the K. in Parl. In^k 7. E. 3. he had the office of Eschaetor for the Counties of *Heref. Glouc. Worcester, Salop, Staff.* and the Marches of *Wales*, and substituted^l *John de Saundersted* (of *Wotton-Warren* in this shire) his deputy therein, for the Counties of *Salop Staff.* and Marches of *Wales*: which office this *John de Peito* held^m for 2. years. In 10. E. 3. the K. having a xth granted to him in the Parl. then held at *Spotttingham*, for support of his warrs against the Scots, he was appointedⁿ to be one of the Receivers thereof for this County; in which year the K. by his special Pat.^o exempted him from Knight-hood, during his life, except he himself should be willing thereto; and made him one^p of the Commissioners for to hear and determine matters of felony and misdemeanor in this Shire. The next ensuing year was he again assigned^q to be one of the Receivers of the xvth and xth then granted to the K. in Parl. and also one^r of the Commissioners in this County & *Leicestershire* for explaining the K. meaning in certain particulars handled in that Parl. In 15. E. 3. was he appointed^s one of the Assessors and Collectors of the Nones of Sheaf, Wool, and Lamb in this County, granted to the King in Parliament the preceding year. In 17. E. 3. he had a Pat.^t specially exempting him from the office of Sheriff, Eschaetor, or any other; as also for serving upon any Jury, without his own good will. In^u 20. E. 3. he should have attended the K. in person, over into *France*, with his Army; and for that purpose did array himself accordingly; but by a particular Pat. he had then leave to stay behind, and was also ex-

empted from contributing to the charge of that voyage: and not onely so, but at the special request of *William de Clinton* Earl of *Huntingdon*, had the Kings Letters Patents^w of priviledge granted to him, that he should not, during his life, be exposed to attend him in any warlike service, nor be charged with finding any men at Armes, Hoblers, or Archers, except he himselfe were willing thereto. This *John* was also a Lawyer as well as his father, and of Councel^x to *Wolstan* Bishop of *Worcester* in all his affairs relating to this Shire, and so likewise to the Prior and Monks of *Worcester*, with whom he became retained^y in 17. Edw. 3. and covenanted to be for them in all causes and upon all occasions, and not against them or their Monastery for any person whatsoever. To his second wife, hee wedded^z the Lady *Beatrice de Bishopsden*, widow of Sir *John de Bishopsden* Knight, but daughter^a and heir to *John de Sheldon*; and bearing a venerable respect to the Canons of *Kenilworth*, in this County; not only gave^b them the adyouson of the Church of *Locksley*, to be appropriated to the use of that Monastery, but lands of good value in *Locksley*; in consideration whereof, they assigned^c a certain Annuity to be paid to a Chantry Priest, which should sing Masse daily in the Chapel of our Lady, adjoyning to the Parish Church of *Sheldon*, for the good estate of him the said *John*, and the Lady *Beatr.* his wife, *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick*, and the Lady *Catherine* his wife, and *William de Clinton* Earl of *Huntingdon*, during their lives, and afterwards for the health of their soules; as when I come to *Sheldon* shall be more fully shewed.

In 7. Edw. 3. he bore^d for his Armes three *Maidenheads*, as his father had done; but afterwards, scil. 16. Edw. 3. he changed that coat, and gave^e upon a Cheveron, betwixt 6. Crosses *Crosslets fitchè*, 3 mullets; which armes he assumed (as I conceive) out of some special relation that he had to *William de Clinton* Earl of *Huntingdon* (of whom in *Parloke* I have spoke) who bore for his coat *Arg. 6 Crosses Crosslets fitchè sable, upon a cheif azure, two mullets Or, peirced igules*. But in 47. Edw. 3. he dyed^f without issue, leaving his brother *William* his heir, then lx. years of age. Which *William* having wedded the heir of *Langley* (as hath been said) was Sheriff^g of this County and *Leicestershire* in 14. Edw. 3. In^h 17. Edw. 3. there were divers Proctors of Cardinals, and others from the Court of *Rome*, as well English as forrainers, who by virtue of the Popes Bulls made out processe against sundry persons, much derogating from the King's royall power in this his Realm; whereupon Commissions were issued out to divers persons through *England*, for the finding them out, and arresting and bringing them before himself and his Councell; of which Commissioners this *William de Peito* wasⁱ one of those that were assigned, for this County, to that purpose. So also in^k 18. Edw. 3. to enquire, what persons were seized of lands to the value of *Cs. per annum*, and upwards to a thousand pounds, over and above all reprises, and to make certificate thereof to the King, And likewise in^l 21. Edw. 3. for levying the subsidy of Wools then granted to the King in Parliament towards the supporting his warrs with *France*. And,

w Pat. 20. E. 3. p. 1. m. 2.

Ex Te gift. 20 cat. the white booke penes D. & Cap. wigorn f. 181

z Ex autog. penes C. mer. Scac in baga o Caraby.

a E. 3. 4. E. 3. 7. 21

b Ex a log. p. nes D. Di by.

d Ex autog. penes C. Caring-ton.

e Ex autog. penes E. Pero eq. aur.

f E. 3. 47. 3. m. 28.

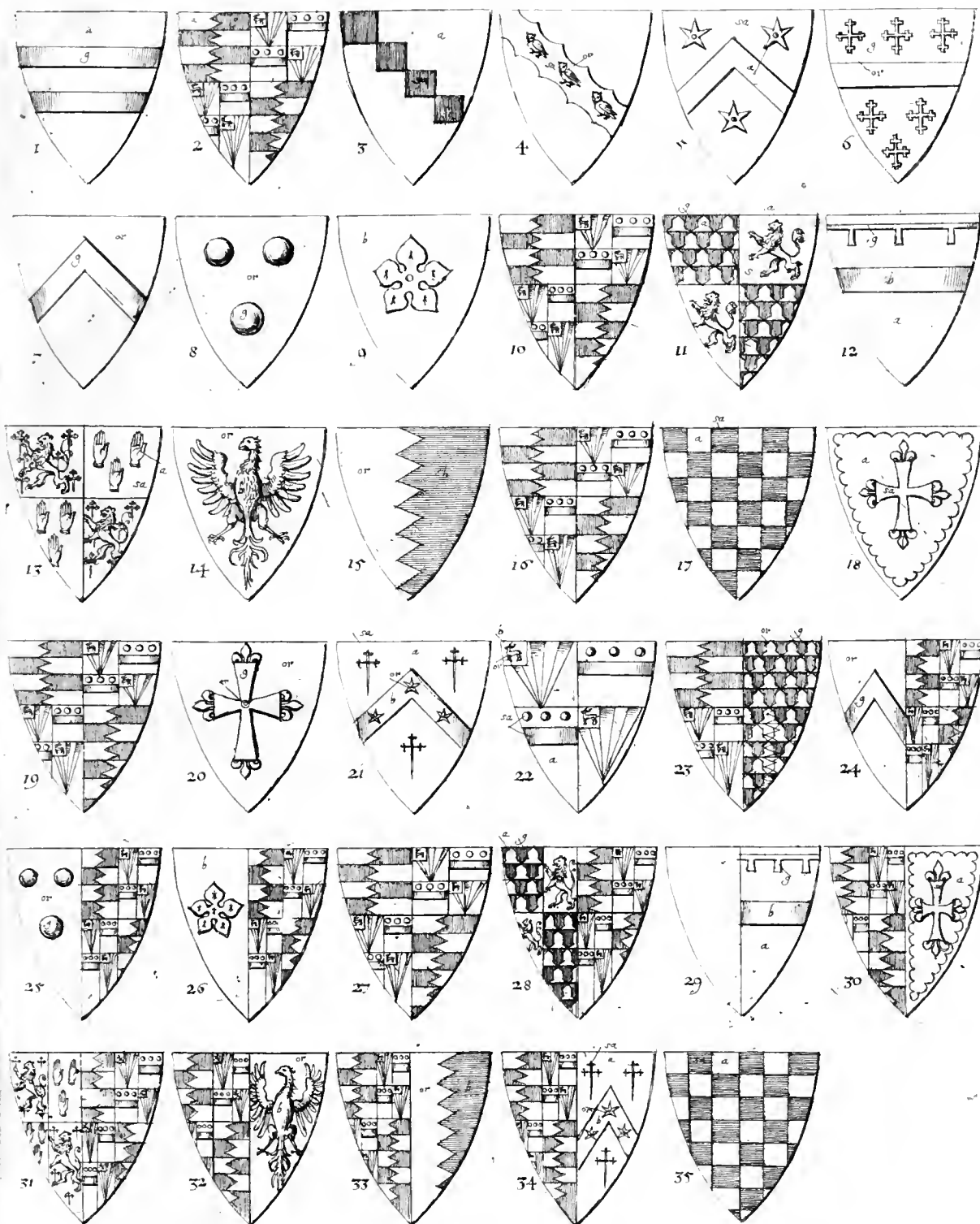
g Rot. 14. E. 3. Pat. E. 3. 2. in. m. 3.

k Pat. E. 3. p. 1. in d. m. 1.

l Rot. E. 3. m. 1.

and being a person learned in the Lawes, had in per an. issuing out of her Mannour of **Standon** 30 E. 3. a Grant^m from *Eliz. de Burghersh, Lady* in this County, for his good and lawfull Counsell in her affairs. of **Cypas**, one of the daughters and heirs to Sir *Theobald de Verdon*, of an Annuity of ten marks

In an olde Canton window of the hall at Chesterton.



1 Mauduit.

2 Peto quartering Loges and Langley

3 Savile

4 Shuthburgh

5 Beauchamp E. of Warw.

6 Stafford

8 Courtney

9 Afley.

10 Peto quartering Loges and Langley

11 Grelley and Wainey quartered.

12 Everingham.

13 De la Ware quartering

Manfield.

14 Montgomery

15 Edghaston.

16 Peto quartering Loges and Langley

17 Ellenbrig

18 Swinerton

19 Peto quartering Loges and Langley

20 Frevile.

21 John de Peto & E. 3.

22 Loges quartering Langley.

23 Peto empaling Ferrars.

24 Stafford empaling Peto

25 Courtney empaling

Peto.

26 Afley empaling Peto

27 Peto quartering Loges and Langley.

28 Grelley empaling Peto

29 Peto empaling Everingham

30 Peto empaling Swinerton

31 De la Ware empaling Peto

32 Peto empaling Mont.

33 Montgomery.

34 Peto empaling Edghaston

35 Peto empaling Peto.

36 Ellenbrig.

In 35 E. 3. he with his Sonns, *John* and *Thomas*, was attended upon *Raph E. of Stafford* in his Irish journey that year: unto which *Raph*, he was killed^o *Attornatus generalis*; but he varied from his Father in the bearing of his Arms, and took barry of 6 peices Arg. and Gules per pale in-

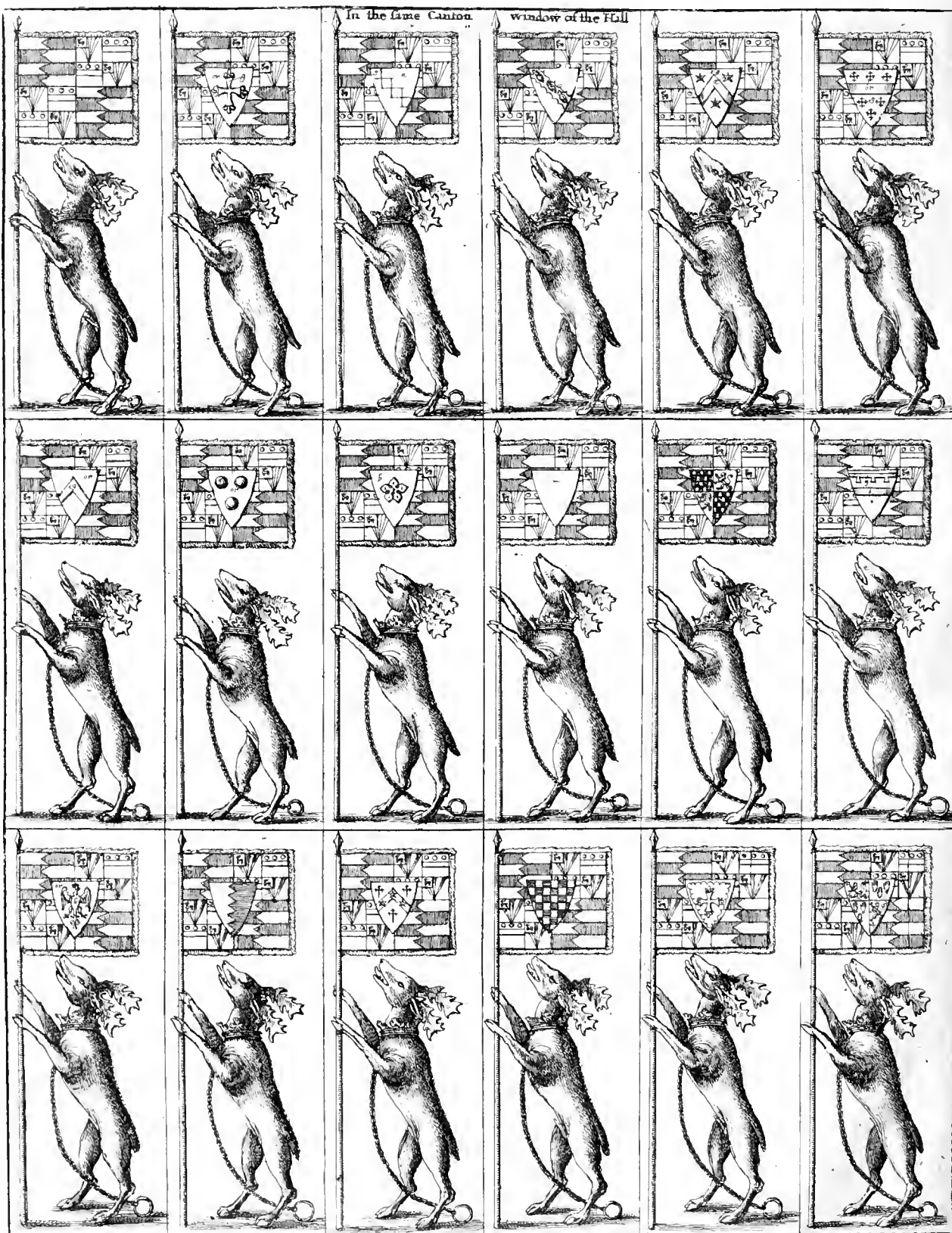
dented and counterchanged, as appeareth by his Seal^p; which Coat his Posterity have ever since retained. When he dyed, I am not certain, nor how long he lived after 4 R. 2. but he had issue^q *Will. John* and *Thomas*; which *William* married^r *Isabel* the daughter of *Henry de Bromwich*, and dyed

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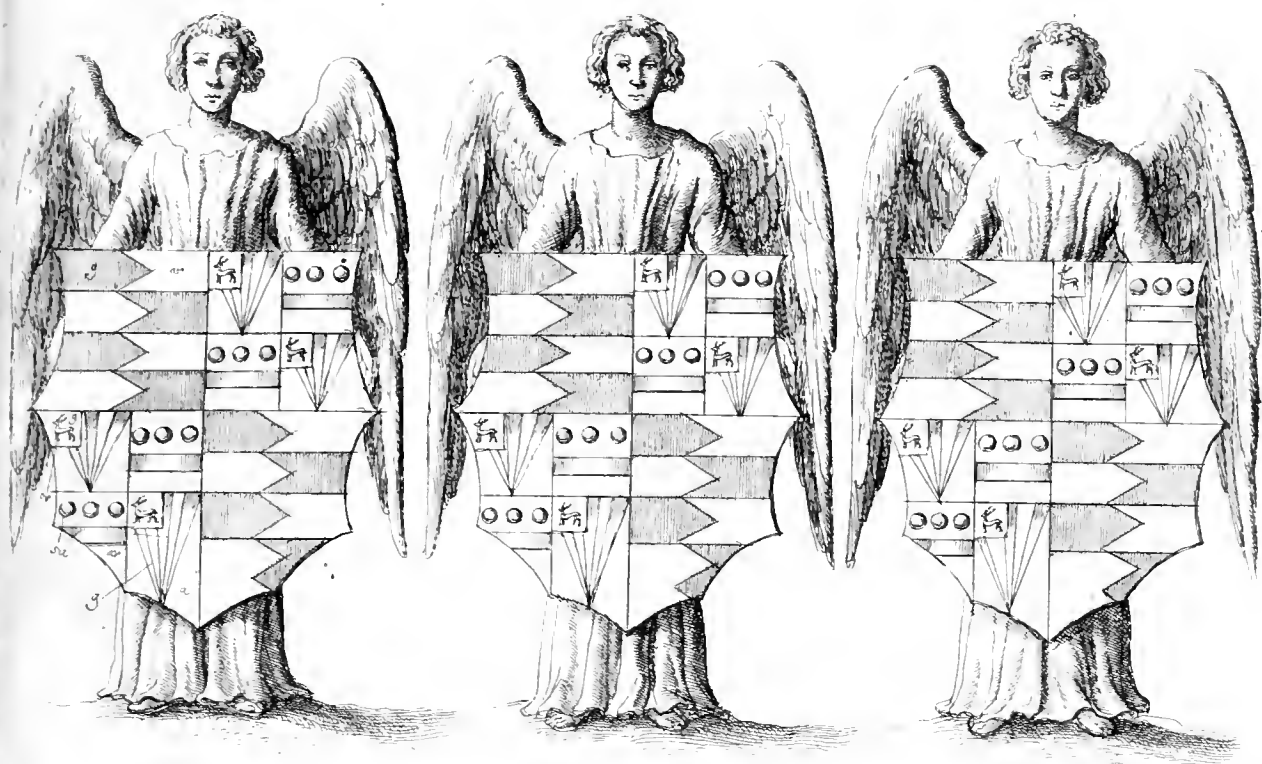
(as I suppose) shortly after, for I find little mention further of him: So that *John* was his Heir, and became the first Lord of **Chefferton** of this Family, by marriage with *Elleanor* daughter and heir of *John* the son and heir to *Nich. de Warwick* before specified; which *John*, being a Kt. in 38. E. 3 served afterwards as one of the Kts. for this Shire, in the several Parliaments of 42, 43, and 45 E. 3. held in those years at **Westminster** and **Winchester**, in which said 45 year he superintended the Assessment and Collection of the Subsidy for this County, then granted to the K. In 5. R. 2. he was also one of the Kts. for this Shire: and the same year a Commissioner for conservation of the Peace, and arresting of

the Rebels. In 7 and 10 R. 2. he was again Kt. for this shire; In 11 R. 2. Lieutenant to the Constable of **Dober-Castle**. In 12 he with Sir *John Lakenbith* Kt. were Lieutenants in the Court Military to the Constable and Marshall of **England**; so also in 15 R. 2. and dyed in 19 R. 2. leaving *Will.* his son and heir then 30 years of age, who did his Homage the same year, and had Livery of the lands of his Mothers Inheritance. Which *Will.* was in 21 R. 2. constituted one of the Commissioners for Assessing and gathering a xv. and tenth then granted to the K. in Parliament, and in 4 H. 4. also was a Commissioner of Array in this County.

f Rot. F. 11. R. 2. m. 12. g Pat. 4. H. 4. p. 2. in d. m.



In another window of the Hall
at Chesterton.



Regist. In 6. H. 4. he released all his right in the ad-
Coll. de volution of the Church of **Wolthamcote** to the
warw. Dean and Canons of the Collegiate Church of
170. **Warwick**, which **T. Beauchamp** E. of **Warwick**
(who in 15. R. 2. gave the same unto them) had
of the grant of Sir **John Peyto** Kt. (his father) in
38. E. 3. In consideration whereof the said Dean
and Canons did oblige themselves by Indenture,
that so soon as they should have notice of his
death, they would forthwith cause his body to be
brought unto **Warwick**, if he departed this life
within this County, and at their own charges in-
terre the same in the before specified Coll. Church,
in such place where he the said **Will.** should ap-
point, and keep his *Anniversary* on the day of his
death every year, registering his name in their
Martyrologe; as also pray for him and his ances-
tors, as Founders and Patrons of the said Church
at **Wolthamcote**; And moreover cause his grave
to be covered with a Monumentall stone, whereup-
on his Armes with his Epitaph should be graven,
according to the direction of him the said **Will.**
or his Counsel; whence I guess, that the raised
Monument in the North crosse of the Coll. Church
at **Warwick** was for this man, though some pain-
ting on the wall of late years directed Sir **Edw.**
Peyto (the heir of this family) in repairing it to
cause a new Inscription to be put thereon, inti-
mating it to be of **Edw.** 3. time. He wedded ^k **Joan**,
the daughter of Sir **Job. Thornbury** Kt. (who overli-
ving him, afterwards married to Sir **Rob. Corbet** Kt.)
and departed this life in 8. H. 4. leaving issue
Will. his son and heir, whose lands, by reason of
his minority, were in 10. H. 4. committed to

the custody of **John Knightley** the younger, untill
he came of full age.

In 3. H. 5. there was a purpose to have matcht o *Pat. 3. H.*
this young gentleman with **Eliz.** the daughter of 5. p. 2.
Sir **Rob. Franceys** Kt. but she lived not long, nei-
ther was he above xvi years of age at that time. p *Esc. 13.*
This **Will.** was one of those persons of quality, H. 4. m.
who, bearing ancient Arms from their Ancestors, 37.
had summons in 7. H. 5. to serve the K. in per-
son for defence of the Realm; and in 2. H. 6. be-
came retained with **Ric. Beauchamp** Earl of
Warwick for term of life, for which he had a Pen-
sion of xx marks per an. In 8. H. 6. he was knigh-
ted, and in 10. H. 6. retained by Indenture to
serve the K. in his French wars for half a year,
with xxx men at Armes himself accounted for one,
as also CL. Archers, well and sufficiently mounted,
armed, and arrayed according to their degrees; and
in consideration thereof to receive 2s. per diem
wages, for himself, and xii d. per diem for his men
at Armes, with the accustomed reward; viz. accor-
ding to the proportion of C. marks for xxx men at
Armes the quarter, and for each of his Archers
vid. per diem; it being then covenanted betwixt
them, that the K. should have the third part of all
he might get by the warr, and the third of the
thirds of whatsoever his retinue did gaine in that
Voyage, by Prisoners, gold, silver, or Jewells, and
such prizes that exceeded the value of x. marks, and
were not to be employed for victualling of the Ar-
my: And the said Sir **Will.** to make benefit of all
Prisoners, taken by him, or those of his retinue in
that Voyage, except Kings, Kings sons, or any of
the blood royall of **France**, or any of the
principal Commanders of the French Kings
Army,

Army, bearing the arms of **France**, or of the Constables or Marshalls of **France**, or those which were Adversors in, or consenting to the murder of **John D. of Burgoin**.

At that time he bore his own paternal Coat, quarter'd with **Lingley**, viz. *Arg. a Fesse sable with 3 pellets in Chief*; and for his Crest, upon a Torse a pair of wings, as is to be seen by the impression of his Seal. In 15 H. 6. he was Shiriffe of his County and **Leicester-shire**, and the next year following had a special Patent exempting him from the office of Shiriffe, Escheator, Coroner or any other; as also from serving on Juries; which favour the K. granted to him in recompensationem bonorum obsequiorum qua fidelis miles noster Will. Peito nobis in guerris nostris, & aliis impendit, & adhuc impendit, as the words thereof do import. In 17. H. 6. being again retained to serve the K. in his Warrs of **France** and **Normandy**, for halfe a year, where the said K. or his Council there, or his Lieutenant or Governour in that Realm, or the Duchy of **Normandy** should think most fit, he was to have 50 men at Arms, and 210 Archers, well and sufficiently mounted, armed, and arrayed; and in consideration thereof 2 s. per diem wages for himself, 12 d. per diem for each of his men at Arms, with the reward accustomed, and 6 d. for his Archers, as also the benefit of all Prisoners, as upon his former retainers; which Indenture bears date 25 May the same year. After which, viz. in June following he shipped over his forces, with divers other retained in like sort, and mustered by Sr. J. Montgomery K. Jo. Starlaw Treasurer of the Duchy of **Normandy** and Ric. Curson Esquires; and being thus honourably employed, spared not his own purse for advancement of the Ks. service, as the large summes of money taken up on trust, for which Sr. Will. Mountfort, Kt. John Curson Esq; Sr. John Gressly Kt. Will. Lucy, Rob. Francens, and John Pultney Esq; stood engaged with him in Statute a merchant do manifest.

Of this Sr. William I further find, that he was Lieutenant general of the Marshallship of **France**, under the famous **John Talbot E.** of **Shrewsbury** in An. 1448. 27. H. 6. and Captain of the Bastile before **Diepe**; but was there taken prisoner by the French, and put to ransom him self at a very great Fine, for raising whereof he had the K. Licence to mortgage this Lordship of **Chesterton**, with those of **Solo** and **Wylep** before specified; and in 30 H. 6. pawned them to Sr. Drew Barentine Kt. Walt. Mounttall and others for 390 li. In a Grant of his, that I have seen, he styles himself *Guillaume Peto chevalier maitre d'ostell de treshunt & puissant Prince Mons. le Duc de Somerset, general Gouverneur en France et Normandy*: But after this misfortune befell him at **Diepe**, I have not observed any thing very notable of him, so that 'tis like he retired from those publike services. He married Katherine the daughter of the before specified Sr. John Gressly Kt. about the 4 of H. 6. and departed this life in 4. E. 4. leaving issue John his Son and Heir, then 30 years of age; who in 32 H. 6. wedded Eleanor the daughter of Rob. Mansfeld; and had livery of his lands in 7 E. 4. at which time the K. respited his Homage: The next year following he payd 8 l. Ransom to the K. for this Mannour, held by grand Serjeanty to keep the Forrest of **Canok**, as I have

already said: But of him I have seen nothing further memorable, than that he rebuilt the ancient Mannour house of this Lordship, as the Armes in a great Canton Window of the Hall, which I have in pag. 377. represented, do shew: and that he dyed on the Even of the blessed Virgin *Assumpcion*, 3 H. 7. leaving issue Edward his Son and Heir then 30 years of age: which Edward had to wife Goditha the daughter of Thro. Throgmorton Esq; and departed this life at **Throgmorton** in Com. **Wigorn**: (her fathers houte) as it seems; for at **Fladbury** (which is the parish Church to it) he lieth buried, as his Monument, whereof this is a true shadow, witnesseth, having issue John 9 years old and upwards, and a younger soun called Peter a Cardinall in Q. Maries daies.



Which John, being thus in minority, was committed to the tuition of Rob. Throgmorton his Uncle, but afterwards had 2 wives; first Anne the daughter of R. Cooke, and secondly Margaret daughter to Sr. John Baynham Kt. and left issue John, who married Anne the daughter of Sr. John Ferrers of **Lamworth** Castle, about the 33 of H. 8. Which John dyed 11 Sep. 5. & 6. Ph. & M. leaving Humphrey his Son and Heir, then 26 years of age, who in 1. M. married Anne the daughter to Basil Fiellding of **Beltenham** Esq; and in 27 Eliz. dyed. To whom succeeded Will. and to him Sr. Edward &c. as the Pedegree before inserted sheweth.

Within the Precincts of **Chesterton** was there another Mannour, whereof one Gilbert le Harpout dyed seized in 32 E. 1. but whether this was that proportion that belong'd originally to the

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H. 6. p. 1.
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E. P.

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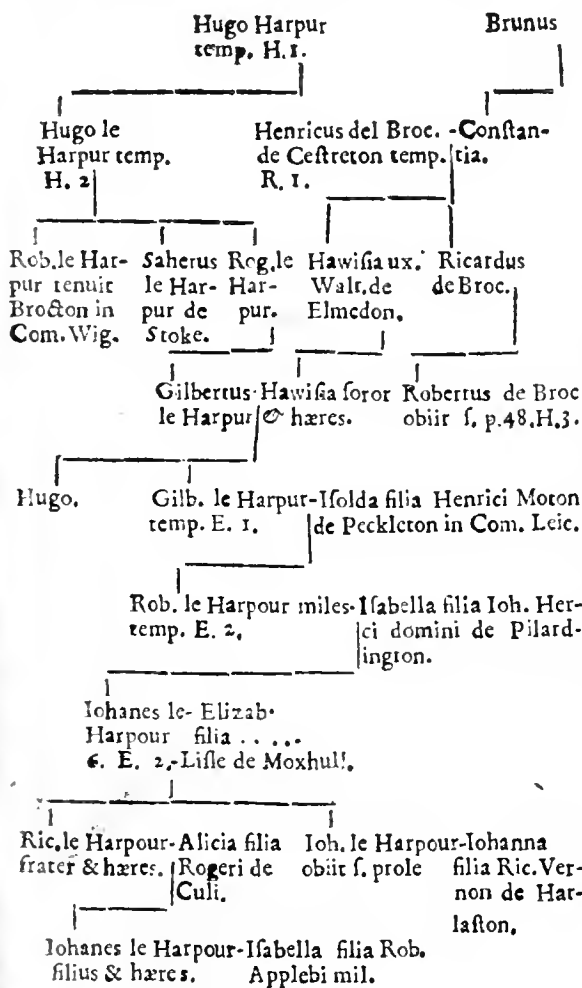
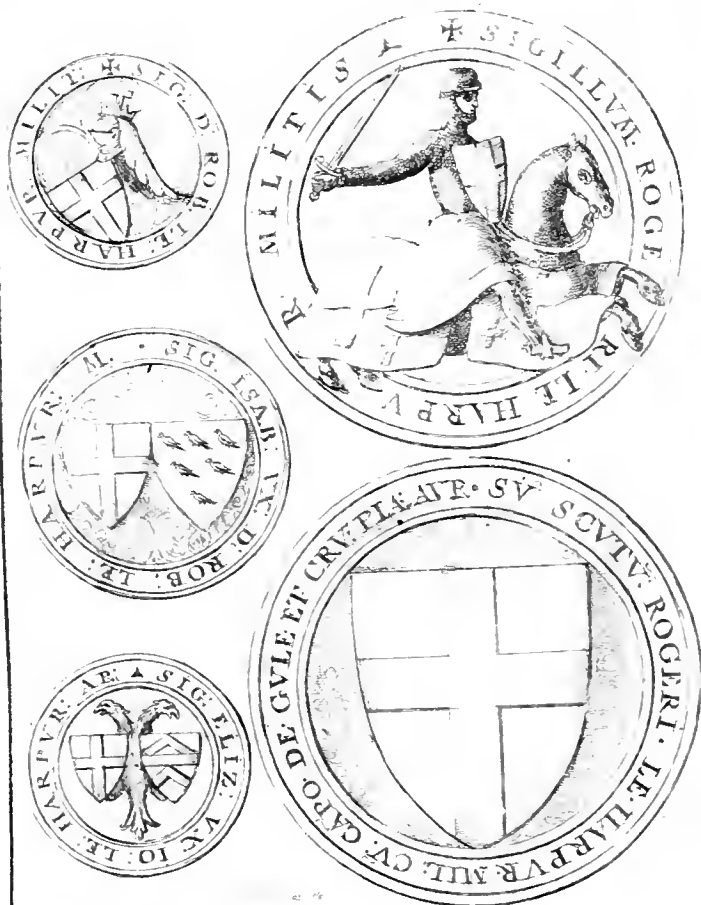
b E. 4.

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the Monks of **Coventre** in the Conquerors time, or that which **Henry de Feriers** then held (whereof I have already spoke) or both, is hard to say: Evident it is, that one **Geffrey le Brune** possessed certain lands here in **H. 2.** time, and had a Daughter named **Constance** wedded to **Henry del Broc**; from which **Henry** descended the same **Gilbert le Harpur**; but the said land did not all come to him by her, for it appears that **Brune** bestowed part of it on the **Templars**; and that **Jeffrey Fitz-Stephan**, the first Master of the Temple here in **England**, in **H. 2.** time, by the common consent of the rest of that Order in this Realm (here at **London**) gave that part so bestowed on them, to the said **Henry** and **Constance** and their Heirs, paying to the Knights **Templars** and their Successors 20 s. per Ann. Howbeit the rest that **Brune** had here, descended (as I conceive) to the said **Constance**; For I find that **Rob. fil. Odonis** (at that time Lord of **Herberbury**) confirmed it unto the said **Henry** and **Constance**, to enjoy as freely as the same **Brune** held it; the extent thereof being 4 Messuages, and 4 yard land, and held of his Heirs by the service of 20 s. payable at the Annuntiation of our Lady, and St. **Michael** the Archangell by even portions.

Descendants thus deduced by the learned **Cambden**, and the Seals of Arms of some of them so drawn from certain original Charters, by that judicious Antiquary (my worthy friend) **Sr. Tho. Shirley** Kt. as they are here expressed.



But the last of this Family that had to do here, was **John** the son of **John le Harpur**; who in 25 E. 3. past away all his lands in this place, as also what he had in **Pillardinton Hercey**, unto **Will de Peito** and his Heirs (so that since that time the Descendants of the said **Will** have enjoy'd them, together with the other Mannour here in **Cherterton** (whereof I have already spoke) Which **John** dying without issue, left **Richard** his Brother and Heir; and he **John**, from whom the Harpours late of **Ruthall** in **Staffordshire**, who flourish there in an eminent condition, for divers Ages, did descend; **Edward Harpur Esq;** being the immediate Heir male to them, and now living.

The Church (dedicated to **S. Giles**) was given to the Canons of **Kenilworth** by **Will. Croc** in **H. 2.** time, as I have already shewed; yet I find, that **K. Ric. 1.** by his Letters Pat. bearing date 10. April. 5. of his reign, presented thereunto one **Eustace** a Clerk, upon the vacancy thereof, by reason that **Rob. de Broc** (whose daughter and heir became wedded to **Hugh de Loges** before recited) was then dead, and his lands at that time, in respect of the Tenure in Sergeanty, in the **Ks.** hands. However the **K.** then presented, there is no doubt but that the right was in the said Canons of **Kenilworth**, and so continued till they past it away to **Rog. Molend B. of Cob.** and **Uch.** and his successors in 12 E. 1. After which, sc. in 19. E. 1. I find it valued at 24 Marks; and in 11. E. 2. that the **K.** in consideration of the Mannour of **Greneworth** in **Com. Midd.** which **Walt. Langton** then Bp. of **Coventre** and **Uch.** (as also **L. Treasurer** of **England**, and one of the Execu-

* Ex autog. penes Edw. Petro eq. aur.

b Esc. 43. E. 3.

c Ex autog. penes prelat. E. P. f MS. in Scac. t Pat. 11. E. 2. p. 2. m. 14.

p Regist. de Kenill. p. 157.

q Ex ipso autog. penes prelat. E. P.

r F. levat. off. Job. E. 12. E. 1.

f MS. in Scac.

t Pat. 11. E. 2. p. 2.

m. 14.

There was also a certain place here, held like-wise by the said **Gilbert le Harpur** of the **K.** by **Grand Sergeanty**; viz. to keep the Hay called **Teddlesley-Hey** within the Forrest of **Canoke** at his proper costs. And that the Ancestors of the same **Gilbert** had some possessions in this County, long before is very probable; for it appears that one **Hugh Harpur** was a witness to the Grant of certain lands made to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, by **Hugo fil. Richardi**, in the time of **K. H. 1.** From which **Hugh** I find the line of his

^w *Claus.* 45 ^x *Pat.* 11. ^F 2. ut *supra*.
^y *Claus.* 45. ^E 3. ^m 19.
 tors^w to K. E. 1) gave unto him, granted License
 to the said *Walter* and his Successors, that he or
 they might dispose and assigne the Advouson
 thereof, *inter alia*, in pure Almes to be appropri-
 ated for the founding of Chantries, and perfor-
 mance of other pious works for the soul of K. E.
 1. and his Ancestors Kings of **England**: but no
 performance^y was made thereof accordingly, the
 said Bp. as also his two Successors *Reg. de North-*
burgh and *Rob. de Sireton* retaining^z the same in
 their hands till 45 E. 3. that the K. being very much
 moved, directed his Precept¹ to the said *Roger de*
Sireton, bearing date 8 Aug. commanding
 him upon his Allegiance, that he should proceed
 in fullfilling the pious intention of K. E. his Fa-
 ther therein, before the Feast of St. *Michaell* en-
 suing.

^b *Pat.* 14. ^H 4. ^m 13
 That there was a new License^b granted by K.
 H. 4. bearing date 1 Dec. 14. H. 4 giving power
 to the then Bp. to bestow it upon the Vicars Cho-
 rall of *Wichfield*, and that the said Vicars should

appropriate the same, is evident; Howbeit the
 Record of its Appropriation I have not seen;
 but do suppose it was made by *John Burghill* Bp.
 of **Cobentre** and **Lich**, in H. 4. time, or begin-
 ing of H. 5. For upon the institution of the first
 Vicar thereto, *John Lacy* by name, 10 *Maii* an.
 1414. (2 H. 5.) the Vicaridge is there^d said to
 be *de novo ordinata*: which *John Lacy* is he (I
 suppose) whom the Record calls *John Prest*,
 who had the Ks. Letters Patents^c of pardon
 granted to him for receiving and harbouring St.
John Old Castle, Lord *Cobham*, here at **Chester-**
ton upon the Monday next following the Feast of
 St. *Peter ad vincula* (commonly called *Lammas*)
 in 3 H. 5. knowing him to be an Heretick, and
 holding divers opinions contrary to the Catholike
 Faith, for which he then stood indicted, as the
 Pat. importeth. But in 26 H. 8. the Vicar here
 had no more than 5 l. 6 s. 8 d. for his annuall sti-
 pend^f from the Vicars of *Wichfield*, to whom the
 Church was so appropriated, as I have shewed.

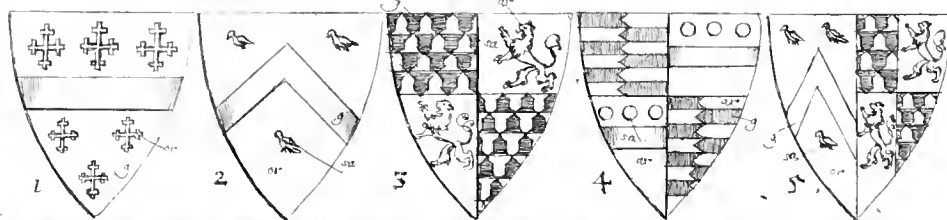
^d *Burghill*
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^c *Pat.* h.
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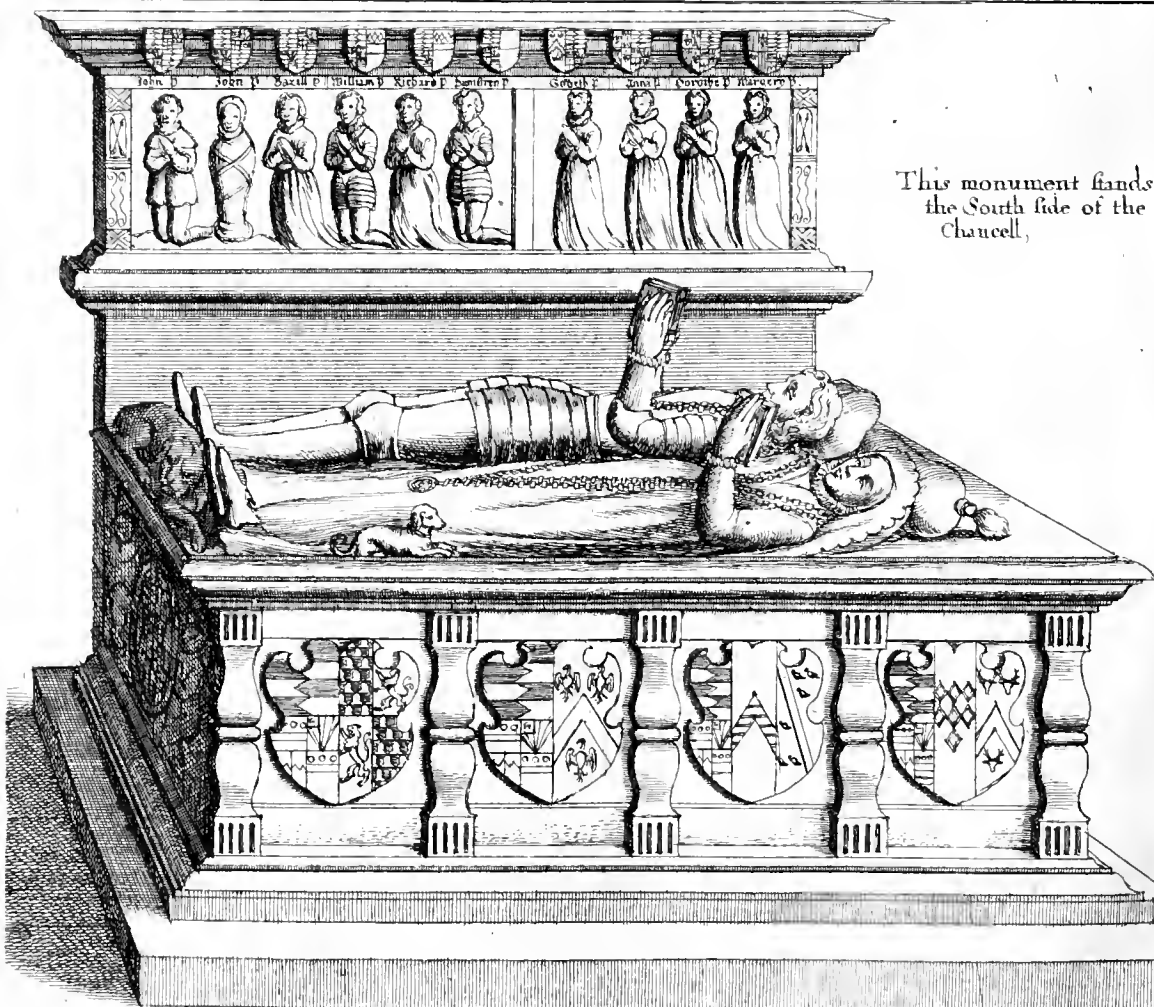
^f *MS.*
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Chesterton

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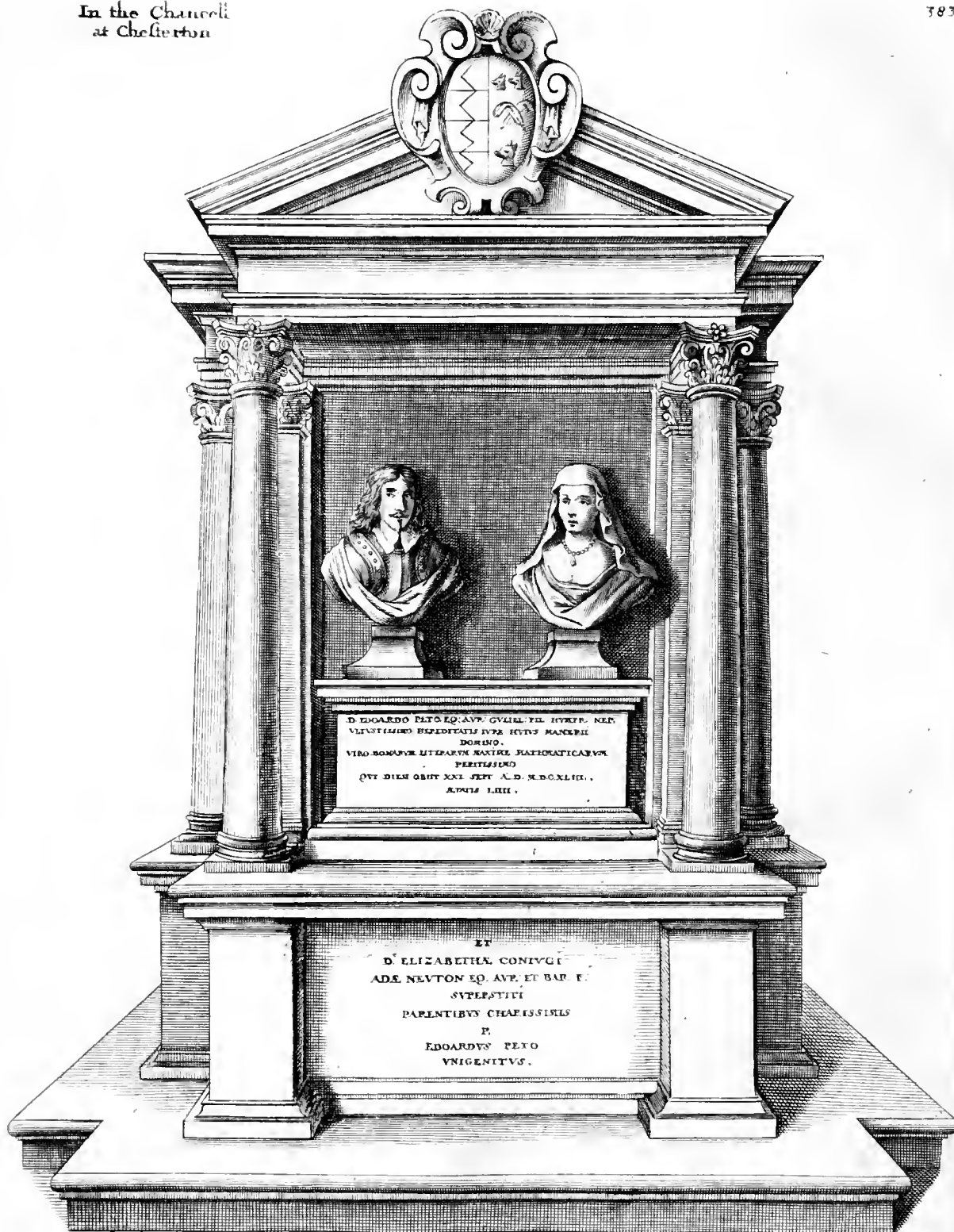


- 1 Beauchamp
- 2 Stafford of Pipe
- 3 Gresley quartering
walsleys
- 4 Pevto quartering
Langley
- 5 Stafford of Pipe em-
balming Gresley.



This monument stands on
 the South side of the
 Chancel.

Here lieth the bodies of *Humphrey Peto* & *Anna* his Wyfe the Wth
Humphrey deceased the xxxth of March 1589 and the said *Anna* Peto deceased the xxviiith of January 1604.
 Whole soules God graunt a ioyfull resurrection In God is our hope,



Isk. Stone delin. et fecit.

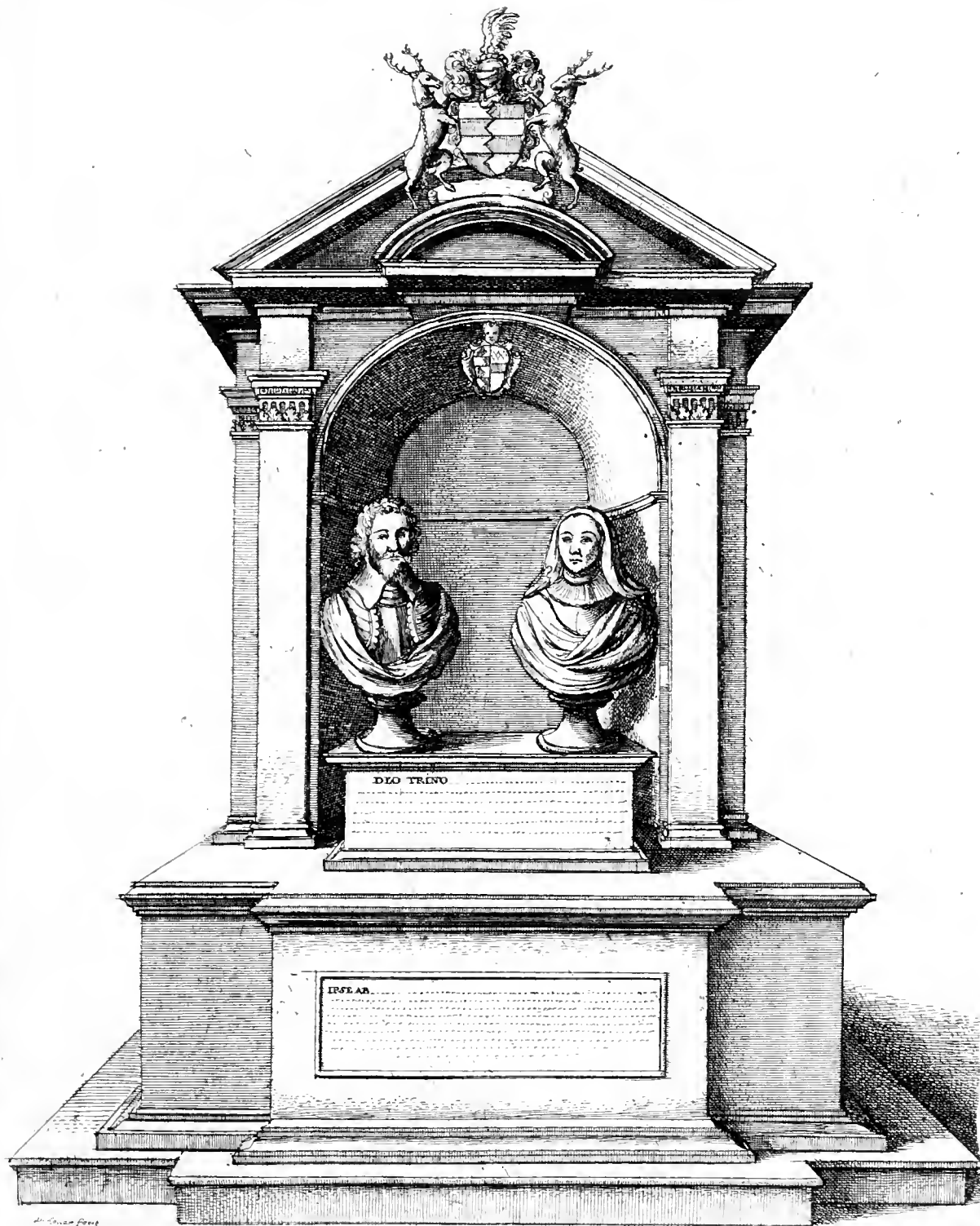
In the South Ile of the Church.

DEO TRINO ET VNI SACRVM.

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REGIS TEMPORIBVS HIC EQVETRE DIGNTATE FVNCTOR INDEVM PIETATE IN
EGENOS BENEFICENTIA SVORVM SVAVITATE IN OMNES FOLLICI IMITATORI
EDWARDVS FILIVS SVVS EQVVS AVATVS MOESTVS MOERENS.

M P C.

INSE AB ELLENORA FILIA D. GVALTERI ASTON MILITIS AMITA D GVALTERI
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GVLIELMY DEVOXIV ET IOHANNEM SEX AVTES FILLAS ELIZAB
ANNAM KATHERINAM MARGARETHAM IDITHAM ET ELIONORA
CONIVGE SVAMANTISS SVSCEPIT.
HIC MENSE DECEMB: ANNO AVLEBO CAPNEM FACTO
M D CIX: ILLA FEBRVAR: 15C XXXVI:
FATIS CONCESSERVNT.



Patroni Ecclesiaz.

Incumbentes &c.

Patroni Vicariz.

angl. f. 5. Dominus Rex.

Nich. de Guldeford Cler.
16 Oct. 1296.

Thomas de Clepton Pbr. 4
Cal. Sept. 1328.

John de Deping 6 Cal. Oct.
1328.

Rob. de Patrisha Pbr. 3.
Id. Maii 1340.

John de Northburgh Cler.
18 Cal. Martii 1341.

D. Episc. Cov. &
Lich.

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Lich.

John. Mondewill Cler. 15 Stret. f. 23.
April. 1375. a.

D. John. Lacy 10 Maii Burgh. f. 34.
1414. b.

Will. Ives Pbr. 19 Junii Heyw. f.
1426. 18. b.

Rob. Saxundale Pbr. 15. Ib. f. 40. b.
Feb 1441.

John. Welford Canonicus de Bos. f. 13. a.
Stone 3 April. 1452.

John. Audley Pbr. 13 Oct. Bowl. f. 20.
1453. b.

ortbb. f.
1. a.

f. 22. b.

f. 36. b.

f. 38. b.

Kingston, alias Little Chesterton.

THis, being in the parish of **Chesterton**, is also by depopulation reduced only to one House; but it was given^s by *Turchill de Warwick* to the Monks of **Abingdon** in *Will.* the Conq. time, *Simard* son to the said *Turchill* (then a youth) consenting thereto, and the K. himself confirming^h it. By the Conq. Surveyⁱ it was valued at C s. and certified to contain 1 hide, one *Alwol* having held it in *Edw.* the Conf. days. At the time of the said generall Survey, the Abbot of **Abingdon** had another hide of land in this place, rated at L s. pawn'd onely to him by the said *Turchill*, which (I suppose) was not redeem'd; for by an antient Roll^k, written about K. *John's* time, it appears that the Monks of **Abingdon** then posselt it, and that the extent thereof amounted to ix. carucats of land. But notwithstanding that this gift was soe confirm'd to the Monks by the Conq. yet did *Henry de Newburgh*, after he had, by the favour of K. *Will. Rufus*, in the beginning of his reign, obtained *Turchill's* lands in augmentation of his Earldome, lay his claim^l thereto; soe that *Rainaldus*, the then Abbot, was glad to give^m him a mark in gold to ratify their title. After which, *sc.* in 4. H. 1. the said Monks grantedⁿ it, in fee to one *Anskitell*, who held lands of them at **Madmarton** in *com. Oxon.* in exchange for those wherein the said *Anskitell*, upon this agreement, quitted his title: But^o forasmuch as that land at **Madmarton** had been taxed to the K. in all payments for 5 hides, and that this at **Chesterton** was asselt at no more than one, the said *Anskitell* allowed the Monks all the Tiche of his corne arising out of this.

To which *Anskitell*, in K. *John's* time, succeeded one Sir *Rob. de Kyngestune* Kt. in the possession of this place (whether by descent or otherwise is hard to say) which Sir *Rob.* gave^p some lands, lying here, unto *Will. de Arden* of **Robburne**, with *Avicia* his daughter in frank marriage: but in 36. H. 3. one *Will. de Ley* was owner^q of it, and held it of the Monks of **Abingdon** by the service of a Kts. fee. 'Tis not unlike, but that this *Will. de Ley* might be son to Sir *Rob. de Kyngestune*, and changed his name by residing at his Mannour of **Ley** in **Berkshire**, as was usuall enough in those times, when surnames were but in their infancy. To whom succeeded^r *Thomas de Ley*, who had a whole carucat of land here, and a virgat in demesne, with x Servants holding severall proportions of him under particular Rents, and certain servile employments: And to him *John de Leye*, who in 6. E. 3. obtain'd a Charter^s of **Free-warren** in all his demesne lands here, and at **Leye** in **Berksh.** which *John* in 12. E. 3. past^t away all his estate herein to *Thomas de Leye*, his brother, his Seal of Armes being 3. *lyons passant upon a bend cottized*: From which time till 3. R. 2. have I seen noe more mention of it; but then was it posselt^u by *Cath.* the widow of Sir *Thomas Besyles* Kt. daughter^v of *John* (son, as I suppose, of the said *Thomas Leye*) which Sir *T. Besyles* had issue Sir *Peter*, who dyed^w without children; whereupon *Rob. Craunford* son of *Margaret*, daughter of *Alice*, sister to *John*, father to the above specified *Catherine*, became his heir^y, and was 30 years of age 3. H. 6.

howbeit, soon after this, *viz.* in 10. H. 6. *John Verney* Clerk, Parson of **Bredon** in **Worcestersh.** with others, were certified^z to be Lords thereof (of which *John* I shall say more, in **Compton-Murdak**.) But it seemes, that he and the rest were onely Feoffees in trust for *Ric. Verney* esq. (afterwards Kt.) his brother, in those turbulent times; for I find, that in 25. H. 6. *Tho. Hugford* esq. *Nich. Rody*, and *Will. Berkswell* Clerk (to whom, belike, the other Feoffees past their interest) by their deed^a bearing date 10. *May*, released to the said *Ric. Verney*, and *Eliaore* his wife, all their right in this Mannour; the depopulation whereof, as may seem by *Rous* his complaint^a, hath been antient. From which Sir *Ric. Verney* descended Sir *Ric. Verney*, late of **Compton-Murdak** Kt. who, in our time, seled a considerable part thereof, together with the Mannour-House, upon *John Verney* his younger son, whose posterity do still enjoy it.

Tachebrooke Episcopi.

Following this petty stream I come next to **Tachebrook**, commonly called *Bishops Tachebrook*, for distinction from the other which is in this parish. In the Conq. time it was held^b by the Bp. of **Chester** (*id est* **Cob.** and **Uich.**) and contained 7. hides, having then 2. Mills rated at xii s. but all at vii l. being part of the possessions belonging to the Church of **St. Chad** at **Uichfeld**, as *Domesday book* witnesseth, wherein it is written **Tachebroc**. I can but guess at the Etymologie of the name; perhaps it might be from the Brittainish word *tegwch*, though there be so much difference in the orthography; for in pronuntiation there can be no great dissonance, and therefore considering that *tegwch* signifies the same that *pulchritudo* and *serenitas* doth, it may be applicable enough to this little brook, which is soe pure and clear a torrent.

To the successive Bishops of this Dioces it continued till E. 6. time; of which *Rog. Molend* in 43. H. 3. obtained a Charter^c of **Free warren** for himself and his successors in all his demesne lands here. In 7. E. 1. it appears^d, that the Bp. held 3 carucats of lands here in demesne; and that he had xix servants who workt^e 3 dayes a weeke for him through the whole year, and used to mow *ad magnam Precariam* (which I take to be his generall Reap, or some such day in Harvest.) That he had also 1x Cottiers who payd certain Rents, and did work in Harvest; as also six Freeholders that did the like, and a Court Leet, with Gallows; for which, together with Assize of Bread and Beer he pleaded Prescription in^f 13. E. 1. and had allowance of them: But in 1. E. 6. it was passed^g by *Ric. Sampson*, the then Bp. to *Thomas Fysher* esq. together with Bishops **Achington**, **Cepdon**, and **Chadshunt**, (asin Bishops **Achington** is shewed;) which alienation was confirm'd^h by the Dean and Chapter, as alsoⁱ by the K. who granted unto the said *T. Fysher* and his heirs certain Liberties to be exercised within the precincts of these Lordships (whereof I have also made mention in **Achington**;) which *T. Fysher* dyed^j seized thereof in 20. *Eliz.* leaving *Edw.* his son and heir, who sold it.

The Church (dedicated to **S. Chad**) hath for a long time been a Prebend^k of **Uichfeld**, and had a Vi-

z *Claus.* 25.
H. 6. in d.
m. 6.
a *Hist. MS.*
I. *Rous* p.
143.

b *Domesd.*
lib.

c *Cart.* 43.
H. 3. m. 4.
d *Inq. per*
H. *Not.*
C. f. 68. a

e *Rot. de*
Quon.

f *Ex*
Regist.
g *D. & C.*
Lich.

h *Pat.* 3.
E. 6. p. 6.

i *E. c.* 20.
Eliz.

k *Ex*
Regist.
l *D. & C.*
Lich.

car

Ex Reg.
g *Gift. de*
Abend
h *f. 122.*
b.
i *Domesd.*
lib.

k *Penes Cam-*
mer. Scac.
in *baga de*
Ragman.

l *Regist.*
de
m *Abend*
n *f. 137.*
a.
o *ib. c.*
159. a.

p *Ex autog.*
penes Cam-
mer. Scac.
in *baga de*
Catesby.
q *Testa de*
Nevill.

r *Inq. per*
H. *Not.*
C. f. 92. b.

s *Ex autog.*
penes
Grev. Ver-
ney eq. aur.
t *F. levat.*
o *ff. Pur.*
13. E. 3.

u *Ex autog.*
penes eun-
dem G.
Verney.
v *E. c.* 3.
H. 6.
x *n. 28.*
y *Rot. in*
Scac. penes
Rem. R.

car antiently endowed¹. In an. 1291. (19. E. 1.) it was valued^m at xxx marks, and in 26. H. 8. the Vicaridge at " Cxiii s. iiii d. per an.

Patroni Vicariar.

Incumbentes, &c.

Hugo Leyng Cap. 4. Id. Oct. 1327.
Ioh. de Stamford 3. Non. Julii 1345.
Will. de Stretford 7. Id. Nov. 1348.
Ric. de Dersfet Pbr. 7. Id. Julii 1349.
Hugo de Leeth Pbr. 16 Cal. Feb. 1353.
Rob. de
Barthol. Power Pbr. 11. Dec. 1390.
Will. atte Kirk Pbr. 8. Oct. 1391.
Henr. Rowyar Pbr 24. Apr. 1394.
D. Ric. Witherley Cap. 4 Sept. 1405.

Prebend. de Tachbrok in Eccl. Cath. Lich.

D. Episc Cov. & Lich.

Thomas Fysher ar.

Timoth. Wagstaff ar.

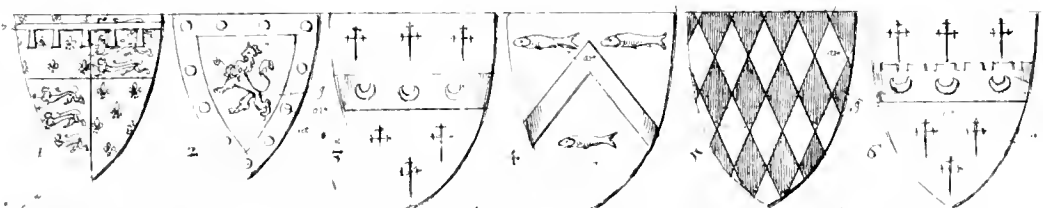
Eliz. Wagstaff vi-
dua.

Joh. Burwell Cap. 24. Apr. 1b. f. 17. b. 1406.
Ric. de Olughton Pbr. 10. Hyw. f. 12. Dec. 1423.
Joh. Jeykyn Cap. 21. Junii 1b. f. 15. b. 1425.
Will. Radchiff Pbr. 10 Dec. 1b. f. 40. a. 1440
Thomas Browell Pbr. 4. 1b. f. 43. a. Jan. 1444.
Ric. Waterton Pbr. 10 Ju- Bow. f. 20. a. nii 1453.

Thomas Compton Cap. 4. 1b. f. 25. b. Feb. 1457.
Ric. Walker Pbr. 29. Oct. 1b. f. 140. b. 1493.
Joh. Antrobus 11. Junii Sampf. & B. f. 6. b. 1575.
Narb. Williams Cler. 14. Morton bund. in cert. Feb. 1623.
Ric. Haruye Cler. in art. 1b. Magr. 26 Julii 1626.

D. Episc. Cov. & Lich.

Tachbroke.



1. Earle of Lancaster. 2. Ric. E. of Cornwall. 3. Olney. 4. Olney. 5. Fitzwilliams. 6. Olney.

Tachebrooke-Malory.

Though this be in the Hundred of **Knightslow**, yet because it is contained within the parish of **Bishops Tachebrook** I have referred it to be here spoken of. It is called **Tachebrook-Malory** for distinction from the other, in regard the **Malories** were antiently Lords thereof, as I shall shew anon, and in the Conq. time was certified^o to contain viii hides except one Virgate, all which were then posselt by the Earl of **Mellent**, and valued at xl s. but in Edw. the Conf. days one **Bilwin** was owner thereof.

By the said E. of **Mellent**, or **Robert E. of Leic.** his son, was **Raph Boteler** of **Overstep** first entrest of it, as it should seem; who granted it to **Geffrey de Clinton**, (Founder of the Castle and Priory at **Kenilworth** in H. 1. time) or to **Geffrey** his son; for by his gift^p of certain lands lying within this Lordship to the **Templers**, it appears that he was posselt thereof: But in the family of **Clinton** it continued not long; for **Henry de Clinton**, son to the last **Geffrey**, gave the whole Village with the Mill, and services of the Freeholders to the **Canons of Kenilworth**, in which grant it is written **Tachelesbroc**, (though in the Conq. Survey **Tacesbroc**.) It seems, that before the said grant from **Boteler** to **Clinton** was made, **Malory** had some estate in this Lordship past to him by **Boteler**; so that, in the beginning of **K. Johns** time, there growing dispute betwixt them touching their titles, they came at length to an Agreement, whereupon all was settled by a Fine in 3. Joh. in manner and

form following (by the consent of **Raph Boteler** heir to the beforementioned **Raph**, and superior Lord of the Fee; (viz. that the **Canons of Kenilworth** should quietly enjoy the one half of this Lordship, sc. that which lyes North, together with the antient Mannour house, and the Mill, holding it of the same **Henry de Clinton** and his heirs by the service of half a Ks. fee, the said **Henry** and his heirs holding it over by the like service of the before specified **Raph** and his heirs. And that all the rest of this Village should remain to **Henry Malory** and his heirs to be held of the same **Raph** and his heirs by the service of half a Ks. fee; at which time divers of the Tenants, here, held⁹ in Villenage, and being then present and privy to this Agreement, acknowledged themselves to be Villains.

This **Henry** was the son¹ of **Askitell Malore**, who forfeited¹ all his lands, in H. 2. time, for taking part with young **K. Henry** in that rebellion against his father; but by a Fine of lx. marks, which he the said **Henry** payd to the K. in 1. Joh. he had restitution¹ of them again. To the Monks of **Combe**, and **Canons of Kenilworth** he gave "certain lands in **Herberbury**, and the Nuns of **Polesworth** 3 yard land in **Osbaston** in com. **Leic.** But the succession of these **Malories**, for the time that they continued Lords of this place, can I not exactly point out: certain it is that the seat where they most resided was **Malton** on the **Wolds** in **Leicestersh.** though they were likewise owners of **Botler** in this County; in all which places, (sc. **Malton**, **Tachebroke**, and **Botler**) had **John Malory** a Charter^x of **Free-warren** granted

9 lb.

Rot. p. 1. Joh.

Reg. de Cumba 142. a. Rec. de K. mill. pag. 175.

w. Pat. 21. R. 2. p. 2. m. 10 per Insp. x. Cart. 9. E. 3. n. 10.

granted to him and his heirs dated 17. Nov. 9. E. 3. which *John* in 10. E. 3. had license^y to amortize one mess. with the appurtenances, lying within this Lordship, for maintenance of a Priest to sing Masse daylie in the Chapel of St. *James*, situate here in *Tachebroke*, for the health of his soul, and the soules of *Margery* his wife, with all the faithfull deceased. As for the two half Kts. fees, which *Boteler* thus had here, as abovesaid, they were by him and his heirs held² over of the Earls of *Leicester* (descendants from the E. of *Spellent* before specified) to whose Court Leet, held for the Honour of *Leicester* (the Inhabitants of this place (in token of the Royalty belonging to those Earls) did anciently use to appear²).

This Lordship continued in the family of *Mallore* till towards the later end of H. 6. time, if not longer. Whether any of them sold it to *Benedict Medley* (Clerk of the Signet to K. H. 7. as in *Whitnash* I have shewed) or from whom it was that the said *Benedict* purchased it, I am not sure; but apparent it is, that he dyed^b seized of it in 19. H. 7. leaving *Will.* his son and heir 23. years of age, who with *Raph Maxfield*, then Prior of *Kentilworth*, depopulated^c 8. mess. here, and converted CCCX. acres of land into pasture, which kept six Plows, so that now there is not above 4 Houses left in all the Village. After the dissolution of the Monasteries, that which the Canons of *Kentilworth* had here, was by Q. *Eliz.* in 4. of her reign, granted^d to *Barth. Brekesby* and *Edw. Downing*, who sold^e the same to *George Medley* esq. heir to the before specified *Benedict*; to whom succeeded *Henry Medley* esq. who dyed^f seized of the whole in 21. *Eliz.* leaving *Henry* his son and heir 14. years of age.

Naspes.

Within the parish of *Bps-Tachebrook* lyeth a place called *Naspes*, which hath not now above 4. houses in it, but anciently² it was more populous. The first mention I find^h of it is in 7. R. 1. where *Ric. des Aspes* paid one mark to the K. for seisin of his lands here; and in 9. E. 2. it was certifiedⁱ to be a Hamlet belonging unto *Tachebrook* before specified.

Barford.

Below *Tachebrook*, about 2 miles, this petty rivulet falls into *Abon*, on whose Southern bank, a little below, stands *Barford*, where is now a fair stone Bridg of many Arches. In the Conq. time *Will. fil. Corbucion* (of whom I shall speak in *Stodley*) held^k one hide here, of the K. valued at Ls. but in *Edw.* the Conf. days at xx s. being then posselt by *Saulf*. The residue of this town, at the same time held by one *Hugh* of *Osbernus fil. Ricardi*, was then certified^l to contain 4 hides and valued at xl s. having a Mill rated at ii s. in both which places it is written *Bereforde*.

I am of opinion, that from the said *Hugh* descended that family, who assumed their surname of this place, and the rather for that I find one of them in^m 23. andⁿ 24. H. 2. bearing the same Christen name: but whether *Amfridus de Bereford* mentioned in^o 26. H. 2. were the son of this *Hugh*, I cannot positively affirm; howbeit, that he was

the father of *Walter de Bereford* is most certain^p; which *Walter* left issue^q *Henry*, and a daughter called *Dionysia*^r married to *de Nasford* by whom she had issue^s *Henry de Nasford*, who became heir to his uncle, and so consequently Lord of this Mannour: From this family of *Bereford*, did descend (as I conceive) that male branch, who were Lords of *Whitnash* and *Shottswell* in this County. But in the line of *Nasford* this Lordship continued not above 4 generations; for to *Henry de Nasford*, abovespecified, succeeded *Will.* his coisyn and heir, who had issue *John*, which was the last of that name, as the descent here drawn doth shew

Hugo de Bereford, 23 H. 2.

Amfridus de Bereford, 26 H. 2.

Alicia fil. Rembaldi-Walt. de Bereford, -Dionysia, de Chericote. 19 R. 1. 8 H. 3.

Henr. fil. & haeres, 6 Ioh. ob. f. p.

Dionysia ux. de Nasford.

Henricus de Nasford, 10 H. 3.

Will. de Nasford junior, consanguineus & haeres Henrici de Nasford, 34 H. 3.

Joh. de Nasford, 7 E. 2.

Of these were Benefactors to the little Monastery of *Thelesford*, hard by; viz. *Walt. de Bereford* and *Alice* his wife, with *Henry* their son; as also^u *Will. de Nasford*, and *John* his son; which *John* confirmed^v what his ancestors had so given; and further added, that the Canons of that House should have free liberty of Fishing in the river of *Abon* every day in the week, except Sundays; viz. from *Le Mill* to his Mill pool; as also Common of pasture for their Cattell in the Common of *Bereford*. In 7. E. 1. upon that Inq. then taken, it appears^x, that the said *Will. de Nasford* was then Lord of this Mannour, and that he held it of *Theobald de Verdon* by the service of half a Kts. fee; who held it over of *Rob. de Mortimer* of *Ricards-Castle* (descended from *Osborne* before mentioned, as I have elsewhere shewed;) at which time the said *Will.* then had^y here in demesne two caruats of land, a watermill, and free fishing in *Abon* with a Court-Leet and Gallows; as also 4 Tenants holding 4 yard land by base service. And moreover it is evident that the Kts. *Templars* then held^z here, of his fee, one yard land; and the Canons^a of *Thelesford* xi. five whereof were given^b to them by *Alice* the wife of *Walter de Bereford*.

In 13. E. 1. the said *Will. de Nasford* claymed^c here, a Court-Leet, Gallows, Weyfs, with Affize of Bread and Beer by Prescription, all which were allowed: to whom succeeded *John* his son and heir, who being the last of that family (as I have intimated) was one of those that did partake^d with *Guy de Beauchamp* E. of *Warw.* and others, in the murder of *Piers de Gaveston*, for which offence he had his pardon^e in 7. E. 2. which *John*, about that time (it seems) past away this Lordship to the said Earl; for in 9 E. 2. *Thomas* E. of *Warw.* was certified^f to be Lord thereof, it being then

p Regist. Kenill. p. 158.

q Ex aut. penes T. Lucy de Chericote. eq. aur.

r Plac. apud Westm. term. 1. H. 3. rot. 20.

u Pat. 3. E. 2. m. 8. per Insp.

x Inq. H. 1. 63. b.

z S. 16. 2. 64. b. Ex aut. rog. in Hatton.

c Rot. 2. Quo m.

d Pat. 7. E. 2. 1. H. 3. c. 1. 1. 1. 1.

f Nom. 11.

then in the Kings hands, by reason of his minority: And yet afterwards in 14 E. 3. do I find, ⁸ that the same Earl had a grant thereof from *William de Clinton* Earl *Huntingdon*, unto himself and his heirs, with the reversion of certain lands, which *Julian* his wife held in dower of the Earl of *Pembroke*'s inheritance, his Charter bearing date here at *Bereford* the Sunday next after the Feast day of *S. Mathew* the Apostle: After which time it continued to the succeeding Earls of *Warwick*, as appears by sundry Authorities ^h, till all the rest of their possessions came to the Crown (as in my discourse of *Anne* Countess of *Warwick* is manifested) wherein it rested till 1 E. 6. but then, together with the Castle of *Warwick*, was granted ⁱ to *John Dudley* Earl of *Warwick*, and his heirs; upon whose attainder ^k in 1 M. it devolved again to the Crown, and was by Queen *Eliz.* in 4. of her reign, together with other lands, past ^l to *Ambrose Dudley* Earl of *Warwick*, and the heirs male of his body; whereof sayling it return'd to the Crown.

Here was also a reputed Mannour, within the precincts of this parish, belonging to the Collegiate Church of *Westbury* in *Gloucestershire*, though how or when it came thereto I have not found; but after the dissolution, viz. in 35. H. 8. the King sold ^m it to Sir *Raph Sadler* Knight, and his heirs; who (it seems) past it to *John* Earl of *Warwick*: for in 6 *Eliz.* the Qu. granted ⁿ it to *Ambrose* Earl of *Warwick*, and the heirs male of his body, in like sort as the other Mannour whereof I have already spoke.

The Church (dedicated to *S. Peter*) was, in *K. John*'s time, given ^o by *Henry de Bereford* to the Canons of *Thebesford*: but some Release did they make thereof to him again, or to his heirs: for in 4 E. 1. *Will. de Nasford* bestowed ^p the Advowson of it on the Monks of *Chebam*, for which grant they made him partaker of all their spirituall benefits.

In anno 1291. 19 E. 1. it was valued ^q at xi. marks, and in ^r 26. H. 8. at xii li. having never been appropriated.

Patroni Ecclesiar. Incumb. & temp. Instit.

M. Joh. de Norton 14. Cal.
Murtii 1280.
Will. de Wellesburn . . .
 1298.
Walt. Roos accolitus 1. Julii
 1339.
Joh. de Wengrave Pbr. 20.
 Oct. 1363.
Joh. Thorp 17. Sept. 1385.
Joh. Parkere penult. Nov.
 1395.
D. Rob. Forster Cap. 2.
 Nov. 1442.
M. Henr. Pantry 1. Jan.
 1457.
Ric. Hacker Cler. 17. Jan.
 1464.
D. Baldw. Hide Cap. 15.
 Aug. 1466.
D. Joh. Smyth Cap. 9. Nov.
 1468.
D. Will. Emkeston Cap. 22.
 Dec. 1470.

Abbas & Conventus
 de Evesham.

D. Rob. Adams in Art. Gyg. 2. f.
 Bacc. 1505. 46. a.]
Will. Landisdale Cap. penult. Jeron. f. 17.
 Sept. 1524. a.
D. Rob. Kendale Cap. 21. lb. f. 31. b.
 Oct. 1526.
Joh. Sewell Cler. 24. Mar. Heath. f.
 tii 1549. 13. b.

Rog. Barlo gen. ratione concess. Decan. & C. de Westbury in Com. Gloucest.

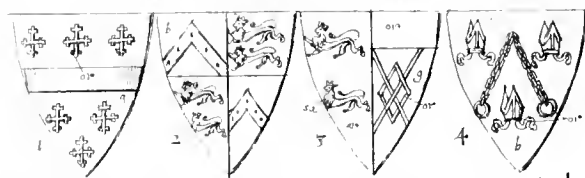
Steph. Hales, Civis Lond. gen.

Edw. Combes gen.

Rowley Warde ar.

D. Ric. Michel Cler. 13. lb. f. 32. a.
 Jan. 1558.
Jac. Wheler Cler. ult. Feb. Bull. f. 12. b.
 1576.
Magr. Tho. Warde Cler. 9. lb. f. 106. a.
 Jan. 1623.

Bereford.
 Armes in the Church windows



1 Beauchamp.
 2 Lodbroke and Catechy quartered.
 3 Catechy empaling Craunford.
 4 Evesham Abby.

Wasperton.

A Little below *Barfod* lyes *Wasperton*; one of the towns that *Earl Leofrik* gave ^t to the Monastery of *Cobentre* upon the first Foundation thereof (1 *Edw.* Conf.) which in the Conquerors Survey, was certified ^u to contain five hides and written *Wasmertone*, there being then a Mill rated at xx s. At that time also it yielded four Horse-load of Salt, and a thousand Eeles per annum, having woods of half a mile in length, and two furlongs in bredth, all being valued at lxx s. But in H. 2. dayes, the Monks of *Cobentre* past ^v away this Lordship to *Walter de Cherlecote* (of *Cherlecote* close by;) which grant was confirmed ^w by *K. R. 1.* and *King John*, and enjoyed accordingly the greatest part of H. 3. time; for in 36. H. 3. *William de Lucy*, (heir to the family of *Cherlecote*) was certified ^x to hold it of those Monks by the fourth part of a Knights fee: but by some Agreement made with this *William* (as it seems) they got it again; for in 41 H. 3. I find that they had *Free-warren* granted ^y to them therein, together with their other lands: And in 51 H. 3. in that ample Charter, ^z whereby their possessions, which they then peaceably enjoyed, were confirmed to them, it is, amongst the rest, there mentioned. I am of opinion, that the extent of the woods, which, by the Conq. Survey it was certified to contain, were wholly in *Backwood*, that being a member ^a thereof, and lying in the *Wood-land*.

In 7 E. 1. I find ^b, that the Monks of *Cobentre*, had two carucats of land here, in demeſn, and xxii. tenants holding xiv. yard land at will, and performing sundry servile labours in stead of Rent; as Plowing, Mowing, Reaping, making Hay, and the like, as well at *Cobentre* as here; as also 3. Cottiers, which paid some Rent in money, and did

f Cart. 19
 E. 2. n. 3. 1
 per Insp.

t Domeſd. lib.

Ex autog. penes T. Lu. cy eq. auct.

x Testa de Nevill.

y Cart. 41. H. 3. m. 4.

z Cart. 51 H. 3. m. 8. 1

Inq. per H. Nott. f. 64. b.

some work, according as the Prior should direct; And fishing in **Abon**, so far as their Lordship stretched. As for the priviledge of having a **Court-Leet** here, Gallows, Assize of Bread and Beer, Weyfs, and the like, which they had in all their Lordships, I need not so particularly enumerate them, having in **Cobentre** fully shew'd that they were allowed upon their claim in 13. E. 1. After the dissolution of which Monastery this Lordship continued in the Crown but a short time; for in 31 H. 8. the King by his Letters Patent dated 16. Apr. past it away to *William Whorwood* Esquier his Solicitor generall, and to *William Walter* and *Katherine* his wife, and their heirs: which *William Whorwood*, as it seems, releas't his interest to the said *William Walter*; for I find that *William Walter* of **Wambleton** in *Com. Surr.* Esquier dyed seized thereof 10. Sept. 29 Eliz. from whom it came to *Kath.* one of the daughters of *Sir William Walter* Knight, now the wife of *Sir Simon Fanshawe* Knight (as in **Winton** is more fully manifested.)

The Church (dedicated to *S. John Baptist*) was anciently a Chapell belonging to **Hampton Episcopi**, having always used to be presented to as a Vicaridge by the Parson of **Hampton**: which Vicaridge in 26 H. 8. was valued at 5 l. per annum.

Patroni Vicariæ.

Incumbentes.

Giff. f.
95. a.
Ib. f. 230. a.
Ren. f. 19.
b.
Wollf. f. 10.
b.
Ib. f. 13. b.
Br. vol. 1. f.
1. a.
Ib. f. 10. b.
Br. f. 22. a.
Wit. f. 15. b.
Wak. f. 23.
a.
Ib. f. 45. a.
Per. f. 36.
b.
10. f. 53. b.
Carp. vol.
1. f. 210. a.
Carp. vol.
2. f. 74. a.
Gyg. 2. f.
43. a.
Ib. f. 142.
b.
Jeron. f.
49. a.
Ib. f. 53. a.
Bell. f. 33. a.
Bull. f. 19. D. Episc. per laps.
a.

Reſtor Eccleſia de
Hampton Episc.

Galfr. de Hulle Cap. 2. Cal.
Sept. 1279.
Will. de Alrewyth Pbr. 2.
Id. Julii 1285.
D. Ric. de Stuford Cap. 7.
Id. Dec. 1309.
Rog. Parthelow Pbr. 2.
Maii 1339.
Henr. Dicon Pbr. 21. Junii
1339.
D. Joh. de Pebworth 17.
Sept. 1350.
Hen. Hymes Pbr. 17. Jan.
nii 1354.
Walt. Muleward Pbr. 10.
Junii 1357.
Ric. Purcas Cap. 12. Cal.
Aug. 1367.
Joh. Parkere Cap. 23. Oct.
1381.
Will. Stephens Pbr. 26. Jan.
1386.
Joh. Repyndon Cap. 27. Junii
1411.
Joh. Hanne Cap. 3. Martii
1412.
D. Joh. Bukley Cap. 17.
Martii 1466.
D. Will. Lynne Cap. 26.
Oct. 1475.
D. Thomas Lownde Cap. 20.
Junii 1505.
D. Joh. Swanson 21. Sept.
1515.
Magr. Will. Palden in decr.
Bacc. 14. Julii 1531.
D. Joh. Pole Pbr. 17. Maii
1532.
D. Thomas Wylson Pbr. 17.
Apr. 1543.
Hamo Leghe Cler. 8. Julii
1581.

Reſtor Eccl. de Ham- Will. Harvey Cler. 23. Apr. 1b. f. 58.
pton Episc. 1588.

Upon a Graveſtone in the Church is
this Inſcription.

*Hic jacet Thomas Croſſe, quondam Firmarius
de Waſperton, qui obiit XIII. die menſis Apri-
lis Anno D. MCCCCxxiii. Cujus anima pro-
pitietur Deus, Amen.*

Hethcote.

This is in the Pariſh of **Waſperton**, but whe-
ther it was ever a Village or not, I cannot af-
firm, howbeit the appellation ſhews, that there
hath been a Houſe at leaſt, the laſt ſyllable, viz.
Cote ſignifying as much: And it is probable that
the ground hath formerly been of a Heathy condi-
tion; for ſo doth the firſt part of its name intimate,
though now, by good huſbandry, it be of a better
kind. As it was originally a member of **Waſper-
ton**, ſo did it paſs therewith from the Monks of
Cobentre to *Walter* the ſon of *Thurſtan de Cherle-
cote*, being confirm'd by King *Richard 1.* but in
that grant it is called *Terra de Hethcote*, ſo that
it had not then the reputation of a Village. It
ſhould ſeem that it came not to the Monks of **Co-
bentre** again with **Waſperton**; but was given by
ſome of the *Lucyes* (deſcendants of the before ſpeci-
fied *Walter de Cherlecote*) unto the little Monaste-
ry of **Wheleſford**, cloſe by; yet when, or by which
of them I have not ſeen: Nether do I find more of
it, than that in 19 E. 1. it was certified that the
Prior of **Cobentre** had a portion of x s. per annum
out of it, which, by the Inquiſ. taken in 26 H.
8. doth appear to have been in lieu of Tiſhe-corn;
And that after the diſſolution of the ſaid Houſe of
Wheleſford it was granted to *Thomas Arden*,
and *William Walter*, and to the heirs of *William
Walter*, by the name of five ſeverall paſture
grounds, called **Hethcote**; ſince which time it hath
appertained to the poſterity of the ſaid *Will. Wal-
ter*, as **Waſperton** hath done.

Lighthorne.

A Little below **Waſperton**, **Abon** is ſome-
what increaſed with a torrent called **Whe-
leſford** brooke, which riſeth in **Lighthorne**, as the
Map will ſhew: Aſcending therefore to the head
of it, I firſt come to **Lighthorne**. In King *Edward*
the Confeſſors days *Raph* Earl of **Hereford** was
owner of this place; who being ruined by *Will.*
the Conquerour, as moſt of the Engliſh-men were,
it was beſtowed, with other lands in this Coun-
ty, upon *William Buenvaſſeth* a Norman; and
at the time of the generall Survey certified to con-
tain five hides, beſides the Incloſure, there being
at that time a Grove containing two furlongs in
length, and xx. perches in bredth, all which were
rated at vii li. But the direct time, or manner
how it came firſt to the family of *Mundevile* I have
not yet diſcovered, yet do believe it was very ear-
ly, that is to ſay in H. 1. time; for in H. 2. days
did *Nigel de Mundevile* confirm to the Canons of

of S. Sepulchers in **Warwick** a yard land lying in this Lordship, which his father bequeathed to them, with his body to be buried in that Monastery, whose name (as I take it) was *Ranulph de Munneville*; for such a one lived in this County in H. 1. time, and was a witness^p to that Charter of Earl Roger 23 H. 1. whereby he founded the Collegiate Church at **Warwick**; as also to his grant^q of **Salford** to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, about the same time; And, by what afterwards appears, 'tis most certain, that *Henry de Newburgh*, the first Earl of **Warwick** of the Norman line, had these lands of *William Buerwasteth* by Agreement or otherwise, and thereof enfeoff^t *Mundevile*, together with **Berkswell**, to hold by the service of one Knights fee; for of a Knights fee was he enfeoff^t in H. 1. time, and by the service of one Knights fee was *Richard de Mundevile* certified^u to hold this Lordship and **Berkswell** of the Earl of **Warwick** in 20 H. 3. in both which he had **Free-warren**^v granted to him, as also in *Thorp-Mundevile* in Com. Northampton. by the Kings Charter dated at **Clarendon** 19 Nov. 37 H. 3.

As for the name I find it variously written in ancient Records; viz. **Ustethorne**, **Ustethirn**, **Ustethirn**, **Ustethirne**, and in *Domesday-book* **Ustecorne**, where doubtless some Letters are mistaken; for I am confident that the last syllable should be **hirne**, which in our old English signifies a corner; and by what I guess at the former syllable, viz. **Ust**, which is the same with *Cadaver*, I suppose that it had originally its name from some sepulture of dead bodies there.

Of these *Mundeviles* I shall say more in **Berkswell**, because that was their seat, the before-specified *Richard* being the last of them that had to do in this County; for in 6 E. 1. he pass^w away his interest in the reversion of these Mannours to *Will. Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, reserving onely an estate for life to himself and *Maud* his wife, and the longer liver of them; in consideration whereof the said Earl granted^x to them his Mannour of **Waples** to enjoy during that terme. In 7. E. 1. it appears^y that the said *Richard* and his wife so held it for life, and that there was then a certain Park^z here containing four acres, and five carucats of land, held by the Lord in demesne; as also xxi Tenants holding ten yard land and a fourth part, performing sundry servile works, and Freeholders^a holding two yard land and a half under certain Rents, and doing suit to his three weeks Court; And likewise that what the Canons of S. Sepulchers in **Warwick** had here, was then^b held by Freeholders, paying severall Rents. After which, viz. in 13 E. 1. the before-specified *Richard de Mundevill* challenged a **Court-Leet** here with Assize of Bread and Beer by^c Prescription; but it being found that the King was in possession of those liberties, he was amerc^d, for that claim. Which *Richard* and his wife were dead before the 29 E. 1. as it seems; for by the Inquisi^d taken after the death of *Maud de Beauchamp*, widow to *William de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, I find that she dyed seized of this Mannour, *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, (her son and heir) being then of full age.

Upon the death of which *Guy*, scil. 9 E. 2. it was (inter alia) assigned^e to *Alice* his Countess in dower: and after the attainder^f of *Thomas Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick** in 22 R. 2. given^g by the King to *Thomas Holland* Duke of **Surrey**:

But the deposition of King R. 2. shortly after ensuing, annihilated that grant; so that in 2 H. 4. the said Earl dying^h seized thereof, it was assigned toⁱ *Margaret* his Countess as part of her dower, and continued to the successive Earls till it came to the Crown with the rest of their lands (as in **Warwick** I have shewed) After which I find^k that King H. 8. made a Lease of it in 21. of his reign, for xx. years to *Roger Wigston* Esquier: and in 35. by his Letters Patent^l dated 9. Apr. in consideration of 536 li. 18 s. 11 d. sold it to *Sir Thomas Pope* Knight and his heirs, together with the advowson of the Church: and the next year following granted^m to him the said *Thomas* and his heirs all the lands lying within this town, and formerly belonging to the Priory of S. Sepulchers at **Warwick**; which are at this day possessⁿ by his descendant, viz. *Sir Thomas Pope* of **Wroxton** in **Oxfordshire**, (a younger son to the late Earl of **Downe**.)

In anno 1291. 19 E. 1. the Church (dedicated to S. Laurence) was valued^o at xxvi. marks, and in^p 26 H. 8. at xv li. vi s. viii d.

Patroni Ecclesiar.

Incumbentes.

Guido de Bellocampo Comes Warw.
D. Rex ratione custodiæ terre & heredit. *Guidonis Com. Warw.*

Magr. Henr. de Hampton
Pbr. 15. Julii 1307.
Joh. de Asheberghe Cler. 10. Cal. Maii 1327.

Thomas de Bellocampo Co. Warw.

D. Will. de Chilmeresh Diac. 4. Julii 1331.
Joh. de Blockley Pbr. 7. Aug. 1349.

Thomas de Bellocampo Co. Warw.
Henr. Rex Anglia ratione minoris ætatis. Ric. filii & heredit. *Thomas Com. Warw.*

Rob. Childe Cap. 1. Dec. 1382.
Will. Kydermyster 18. Junii 1402.

Ric. de Bellocampo Com. Warw.
Attornati Ricardi Comit. Warw.
D. Henr. 6. Rex Angli.

Thomas Taylard Cap. 19. Julii 1431.
D. Joh. Nowell Cap. 13. Martii 1437.
Thomas Canke Cap. 23. Junii 1460.

Henr. 7. Rex Anglia.
Leonardus Worsey gen. ratione advoc. sibi concess. per D. Regem.

Will. Benet Cler. 19. Aug. 1494.
D. Alanus Hynske 6. Aug. 1501.
D. Will. Benet Pbr. 21. Apr. 1541.

Thomas Pope miles.
Will. Pope de Wroxton in Com. Oxon.

D. Joh. Vernam Pbr. 20. Apr. 1548.
Rad. Lees Cler. 24. Jan. 1602.

In a South window of the Chancell these Armes.

Chequy Or and Azure a^z
Cheveron ermine.
Gules a fesse betwixt 6. Croffe Croflets Or.

old Earls of **Warwick**,
Beauchamp E. of **Warw.**

Of these Incumbents, *John de Blockley* in 37 E. 3. intended the foundation of a Chantry here,

and to have endowed it with lands of good value, as may seem by the return of a Writ^p of *Ad quod dampnum* to that purpose; but I do not discern that it was done accordingly.

Morton-Merbull.

Following this petty stream, it leads me next to **Morton-Morrell**; for so it is vulgarly called, but more truly **Morton-Merbull**, in regard that the town is divided into two parts, whereof the one, *scil.* where the Church stands, is called **Morton** from the low moorish ground adjoining thereto, and the other, distant from it about a quarter of a mile, **Merebull**. In^q the Conquerors time there was no distinction at all in it, the whole bearing the name of **Morton** being then possess'd by the Earl of **Melent**, and containing five hides, which were valued at xli but before the Norman invasion one *Der-man* owned it. That most of the lands in this County, which the said Earl of **Melent** then had came to **Henry de Newburgh** Earl of **Warwick** (his brother) is very clear, the moiety of this town being part, the other half descending to his own posterity (I mean the Earls of **Leicester**) with the residue: but to whom or when these Earls granted either of their shares away, is not otherwise to be known (I think) than by circumstances; for till about the beginning of E. 1. time there is little discovery to be made by Record, unless that which is mentioned^r in 20 H. 3. of *Agatha Trusbut* her holding one Knights fee of the Earl of **Warwick** in **Morton** or meant of this **Morton**.

It seems that the Earl of **Warwick's** half was first granted^f to **John Fitz Alan** of **Wolfrinton**; which **John** was certified^t to hold it of **William Mauduit** Earl of **Warwick** in 52 H. 3. by the service of half a Knights fee: by whom I suppose it was that **Thomas Trimenell** became enfeoffed thereof; for it is evident^u that the said **Thomas** possess'd it in 4 E. 1. but shortly after **Eustace de Hacche** in right of **Avicia** his wife, widowⁿ to the said **Thomas**, and held it of the heirs of the same **John Fitz Alan** by the service of half a Knights fee, paying a pair of gilt Spurs or vi d. yearly, as the Record^z of 7 E. 1. manifesteth; In which is also shewed, that the same **Eustace** then had here in **Morton**, two carucats of land in demesne, and was Patron of half the Church: and that he had four Tenants holding yard land of him, by performing certain base services, 5. Cottiers and 6. Freeholders; as also a **Court-Leet**, and weyfs: And moreover that he had in **Merebull** 6. Tenants holding 6. yard land under the like servile employments; but depopulation^r, since, hath shrunk the Inhabitants into a lesse number. The same Record^z calls it **Sale-Morton**, by way of distinction from the severall other **Mortons** in this County; but I cannot well guess at the reason, unless it should be from one of that name residing there, which possibly may be; for one **John Sale** was a Tenant to the same **Eustace** for part of his lands in **Merebull** at that time.

As for that half belonging to the Earl of **Leicester**, it was by one of those Earls given^a to an Ancestor of **William de Bishopsden**, and by the same **William** to **Henry de Harecourt**, or one of his Predecessors, to hold by the service of the fourth part of a Knights fee, and 1 d. which **Henry** in 7

E. 1. held two carucats of land, here, in demesne, and had ix Freeholders and 8 tenants, who held land in servage of him. At the same time the Knights **Templars** of **Walshall**^b held certain lands here, which were given to them by **Roger Earl of Warwick**, as I believe; for it appears by the Account^c of their possessions in this shire in 31 H. 2. that they had them of the Earl of **Warwick's** grant. Of which **Henry de Harecourt** I find^d, that he was slain here at **Morton**, and left issue^e one only daughter called **Margaret**, first^f married to **John Pipe**, and^g afterwards to **John de Saundrestede**; which **John de Saundrestede** and she, in 22 E. 3. levied a Fine^h of this Mannour; whereby, for want of issue of his body by her, it was entailed upon **Henry de Pipe**, her grandchild (as the descent in **Erdrington** will shew) and **Ingrith** his wife, and the issue of their two bodies, the remainder to the right heirs of the said **Margaret**. During the time that the said **John de Saundrestede** had to do here, he obtained a Charterⁱ of **Free-warren** in all his demesne lands in this place, whereof the future possessors were to take benefit after the decease of him and his said wife: But touching the descendants of the same **Henry** and **Ingrith**, resolving to speak more in **Erdrington**, I will now proceed in observing what else I find memorable of this place, in order of time, relating to the successive Lords thereof.

In 7 E. 1. the same **Eustace de Hacche** was a Knight^k, being then meniall^l servant to the King. In 10. E. 1. he had **Free-warren**^m granted to him in all his demesne lands here, and at **Chester-ton** in this County; as also at **Hacche** in **Wiltshire**, (which shews that there was his chief seat.) In 9ⁿ and 21^o E. 1. he was in Comiss. for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**. In^p 22. he attended **Edmund** Earl of **Lancaster** in an expedition into **Gasconie** for the Kings service. In 24. he received command^q with the rest of the great men, to attend the King at **Carleol** on the xv. of the **Nativity** of **S. John Baptist**, to march with his Army into **Scotland** against **Robert de Brus** then assuming the title of King in that Realm. In^r 26 E. 1. he was at that memorable Battail of **Falkirk** in **Scotland**; and being summoned^s to Parliament amongst the Barons in 27, 28, 30, 32, and 33 E. 1. dyed^t in 34 E. 1. leaving **Julian** the wife of **John Hunsford** his daughter^u and heir, then of full age. After the decease of which **Eustace**, viz. the next ensuing year, was there a Fine^v levied betwixt the said **Avicia**, and **Nich. Trimenell** and **Margerie** his wife, whereby this Mannour, then passing by the name of **Morton-D'aubeny**, became settled upon the said **Avicia** for life, and after her decease upon the same **Nicholas** and **Margerie**, and the heirs male of their two bodies.

But whether the said **Avicia** were an heir or not, I am not certain; neither have I yet found whose daughter she was; howbeit her paternall coat was three **Lyons rampant**, as appears by her Seal^x, wherein the Armes of **Thomas Trimenell** and Sir **Eustace de Hacche**, her two husbands, are also set, all meeting in point, which was the usuall way in those ancient times of expressing the husbands Armes before empaling came in use (**Trimenells** coat being a **Crosse engrailed**, and **debruised with a bendlet**, and that of **Hacche** the like **Crosse engrailed**;) which **Nich. Trimenell** was the son^y of **Thomas**; and being also a Knight^z, had issue **John**, who had the like dignity^a, and served **K. Edw. 3.** in his

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E. 3. n. 6.

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t Esc. 52.
H. 3.

u Inq. per
Hundr. penes
Camer.
Seacc.

w Ex autog.
penes
W. Shel-
don. ar.

x Inq. per
H. Not.
Esc. ut supra.

y Hist. MS.
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z Inq. per
H. Not.
Esc. f. 66.
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b Ib. f. 60.

c Cod. A.
in Scac.
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h xv. M.
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his Scottish wars, where he behaved himself so gallantly, that, for that very respect (as the Patent^b expresseth) the King was pleased to pardon him a very great misdemeanour; viz. the drawing of his knife at the publique Assizes held at **Coventre**, before *Ric. de Wilughby* and other the Kings Justices there sitting, to the great terrour of the people then present. Which Sir *John* in 19 E. 3. sold^c this Mannour of *Morton D'aubeny*, with the advouson of the moytie of the Church to *Thomas Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**: To whose posterity it continued till all the possessions of that great Earldome came to the Crown, in 3 H. 7. as it **Warwick** is manifested. After which it was granted^d by K.E. 6. to *John Dudley* Earl of **Warwick**, who had the Castle of **Warwick**, and divers Mannours in this County, formerly belonging to those Earls: which *John* after he was advanced to be Duke of **Northumberland**, past^e it away to *John Coleburne* gent. 28. Oct. 6 E. 6. who dyed^f seized thereof 13. Junii 1. M. leaving *John* his son and heir two years of age; which *John* had issue Sir *Edmund Coleburne* Knight, who sold it to *Richard Murden* gent. which *Richard* left issue one onely daughter called *Mary* wedded to Sir *Stephen Harvey* Knight of the Bath, by whom she had two sons, viz. *Francis* and *Richard*, both dead unmarried; and five daughters, viz. *Mary*, *Elizab.* *Sara*, *Elianore*, and *Stephana*.

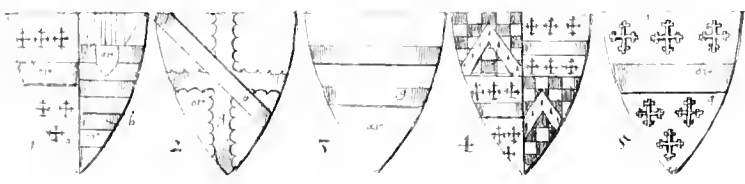
The Church (dedicated to the *Holy Crosse*) being in an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) valued^g at xv. marks, was then divided betwixt two Rectors. In 6 E. 3. Sir *John de Bishopdon* Kt. gave^h the advouson of his moytie thereof to the Hospitall of *S. John Baptist* in **Warwick**, which was appropriatedⁱ thereto 16. Apr. anno 1359. 33 E. 3. there being a Pension^k of 2 s. per annum thereupon reserved to the said Bishop and his successors. The other moytie was intended to have been appropriated to

the Nuns of **Winley** in this County, who had obtained the Kings License for that purpose, as appears by a Petition^l exhibited to *W* then Bishop of **Worcester**, by one *Rob. de Holand* in their behalf; but whether it were so appropriated or not I cannot say.

1 Ex vet. membr. p. n. 5 T Lucy eq. ant.

Patroni medietatis Ecclesie.	Incumbentes.
	<i>Magr. Joh. de S. Brigida</i> Giff. f. 113.
	<i>Pbr. Non. Martii</i> 1280. a.
<i>D. Eustachius de la Hacche miles.</i>	<i>Alanus de Barkeby</i> 15. Cal. 1b. f. 175. a. Junii 1282.
	<i>R. Clericus D. Petri de Leicester & Subdiac. Id.</i> Jun. 1283.
<i>Gilbertus de Kirkeby. Clericus.</i>	<i>Rad. de Kirkeby</i> 7. Cal. 1b. f. 202. b. Martii 1283.
	<i>Rob. Tancard Subdiac.</i> 4. 1b. f. 296. b. Cal. Nov. 1288.
<i>D. Eustachius de Hacche.</i>	<i>Joh. Trimenell Cler.</i> 5. Cal. 1b. f. 350. b. Martii 1291.
.....	<i>Achardus de Longo Prato</i> 1b. f. 370. b. 1293.
<i>Rad. de Kirkeby.</i>	<i>Thomas de Iccumbe</i> 16. 1b. f. 383. a. Cal. Nov. 1294.
<i>Eustach. de Hacche miles.</i>	<i>Magr. W. de Coventre</i> 2. 1b. f. 451. b. Cal. Apr. 1299.
<i>Rad. de Kirkeby.</i>	<i>Rob. de Wylewys Cler.</i> 16. 1b. f. 462. b. Cal. Jan. 1300.
.....	<i>Will. Brett accolitus</i> 2. Id. Geyn. f. 15. b. Junii 1303.
<i>Nich. Trimenell.</i>	<i>Rad. de Snellestone Pbr.</i> 16. Maid. f. 8. a. Kal. Julii 1314.
<i>Joh. fil. D. Nich. de Trimenell.</i>	<i>D. Andreas de Herberbury</i> Cob. f. 28. b. Cap. 11. Kal. Maii 1322.
<i>Magr. & Confratres Hosp. S. Joh. Warw.</i>	<i>D. Thom. de Goldesdone</i> Wollst. vol. 2. f. 29. b. Pbr. 26. Oct. 1339.

Morton-Morrell.



- 1 Beauchamp E. of Warw. empaling Mortime.
- 2 Brumwell.
- 3 Mortimer.
- 4 Beauchamp and Neu burghe quartered
- 5 Beauchamp.

Monumentall Inscriptions in the Chancell, on the South side.

Elizabeth Infant daughter of *Stephen Harvy* of *Milton-Malsoures*, in the County of *Northampton.* Esq. by *Mary* his wife sole daughter and heir of *Richard Murden* Esq. Lord of this town Obiit Julii 3. 1623.

Memoria Justorum non labilis.

Richardus Murden de *Morton-Morrell* Armiger, qui vita simul & Provincia Vicecomitis *Warwicensis* excessit Oct. xxx. M. DC. xxxv. Et *Maria* uxor ipsius, filia *Thome Woodard* de *Butlers-Merston* in eodem agro armigeri; Quorum filiam & unicam heredem *Mariam* duxit *Stephanus Harvey* *Northamptoniensis*, ex honorando ordine *Balnearium* Eques. Expectamus adventum Domini *Jesu Christi*.

Qui legis in propriam discede paratior urnam; Mature cineres qui sapit, ille sapit.

Newbold-Pacy.

About a mile lower, lyes **Newbold**, commonly called **Newbold-Pacy**, for distinction from those other **Newbold's** already spoke of in **Knightslow-Hundred**, in regard that the family of **Pacy** were antiently Lords thereof. This was one of those towns which *Hasculf Musard* (of whom I have spoke in **Lemington-Hastang**) had of the Conquerors gift; at the time of whose generall Survey *Hunfridus*, progenitor to the family of *Hastang*, held it; the extent thereof being then certified^m at five hides, and the value C s. Whether it was *Atropus Hastang*, the son of *Hunfridus* above specified, or the second *Atropus* that enfeoffed

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Pacy thereof, I cannot certainly determine, but that it was one of ther is not to be doubted; for it appears ^{Reg. de Nostell in bibl. Hatt. f. 134.} that *Adam de Pasci* posselt it in *K. John's* time; which *Adam* had issue ^{p Rot. F. 2. H. 3. p. 1. m. 6. in d. q Regist. de Nostell f. 334.} *Robert*, who in 2 H. 3. was one of the Sureties ^{r Inq. per H. Nott. c. f. 60. b.} for *Robert Marmion* the younger, that he should faithfully keep the Castle of *Lamwoyth* in this County, for the Kings use, and deliver it up to him, if occasion should be: which *Robert* had issue ^{f 1b. f. 61. a.} *Will.* the father of another *Robert*, and of *Will.* (as I take it) who in 7 E. 1. was certified ^{r Claus. 28 E. 1. m. 7. in cedula.} to hold this Mannour of *Robert de Hastings* by the service of one Knights fee, having then in demesn only half an acre of land, and xiv. Tenants occupying 8. yard land, for which they were to perform divers servile employments: As also 5. Cottiers and 3. Freeholders, holding severall proportions.

At the same time I find ^{u Plac. de B. term. Mich. 3. E. 2. rot. 133. w Esc. 21 E. 3. n. 7. x Hist. MS. 1. Rous p. 143. y Pat. 7 E. 6. p. 6. z Regist. de Nostell f. 143. a. a MS. in Scac. b { Thor. f. 15. c { f. 15. d { a.} that the Knights *Templars* had 8. yard land in this Lordship; viz. 4. in demesn, and 4. held in villenage; all which were granted to them by *Eustache Fitz-Hugh* and *Clement Fitz-Robert*. Of this *Will. de Pacy* it appears ^{e Regist. de Penf. penes D. & Cap. Wigorn. f. 14. a.} that being impleaded by the Canons of *Postell* in 28. E. 1. touching the Advowion of the Church here at *Pewbold*, he obtained a Mandate from the King, directed to the Justices of the Common pleas, commanding them not to take any advantage of his absence, in regard he was then employed in his service. To which *Will.* succeeded ^{f Claus. 28 E. 1. m. 7. in cedula.} *Ric. de Pacy*, of whom I find no mention after ^{u Plac. de B. term. Mich. 3. E. 2. rot. 133. w Esc. 21 E. 3. n. 7. x Hist. MS. 1. Rous p. 143. y Pat. 7 E. 6. p. 6. z Regist. de Nostell f. 143. a. a MS. in Scac. b { Thor. f. 15. c { f. 15. d { a.} the 1. of E. 3. nor after that time any thing considerable in reference to what that family had here, saving that it was antiently depopulated. But that which the *Templars* had here was in 7 E. 6. passed out of the Crown to *Thomas Lucy* Esquier, and his heirs.

The Church being given ^{e Regist. de Penf. penes D. & Cap. Wigorn. f. 14. a.} to the Canons of *Postell*, in *Com. Ebor.* by *Atropus Hastings* in H. 1. time, was in anno 1291. 19 E. 1. valued ^{f Claus. 28 E. 1. m. 7. in cedula.} at 13. marks: After which it came to the Provost and Scholars of *Queens Colledge* in *Driford*, who obtained an Appropriation thereof from the Pope, whereupon the Vicaridge was endowed, as appears by the Bishops Instrument ^{f Claus. 28 E. 1. m. 7. in cedula.} bearing date at *London* 20. Oct. anno 1349. (23 E. 3.) who reserved a Pension of half a mark to himself and his successors, to be paid yearly at Christmasse out of the fruits of the Rectory; which Pension was augmented as it seems; for I find that in anno 1350. the said Provost and Scholars by their publique Deed dated 10. Febr. granted to *John Thoresby* then Bishop of *Exeter* and his successors, in respect of that Appropriation, xx s. per annum.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.

Incumbentes.

Prior & Conv. S. Oswaldi de Nostell. ^{f Claus. 28 E. 1. m. 7. in cedula.} *Adam de Sengrave* Cler. prid. Cal. Nov. 1321. *Joh. de Sybeston* Cap. 13. Cal. Feb. 1324.

Patroni Vicariæ.

Joh. Grover Pbr. 3. Julii 1395. *D. Joh. Severie* Pbr. 19. Junii 1402. *D. Will. Seman* Pbr. 2. Maii 1404. *D. Joh. Leyr* Pbr. 29. Dec. 1408. *D. Will. Gerard* Cap. 6. Martii 1431.

D. VWill. Beverle Cap. 12. Dec. 1438. *D. Joh. Graunge* Cap. 2. Martii 1444. *D. Rob. Lord* 20. Julii 1460. *D. Thomas Hewse* Cap. 20. Nov. 1470. *D. Nich. Burton* Cap. 11. Maii 1473. *D. Joh. Pynchware* in art. Bacc. 10. Martii 1478. *D. Joh. Tiptote* 16. Oct. 1490. *Joh. Broden* 20. Maii 1512. *D. Ambr. Hylton* in Art. Magr. 6. Junii 1532. *Georgius VVarwic.* Cler. in Art. Magr. 4. Jan. 1594. *Thomas Richardson* Cleric. Art. Magr. 22. Decemb. 1624.

Ashorne.

This Hamlet is in the Parish of *Pewbold-Pacy*, and, doubtlesse, had that name originally, (though corruptness in pronounciation hath somewhat altered it) by reason of its Eastern situation from *Pewbold*; for the later syllable now written *horne*, was at first *hyrne*, which being an old English word signifies a corner; and the former viz. *Am* was *Cae* and proceedeth from the word *Cast*, as *Caeby* which is usually called *Ashby*.

As it is of *Pewbold* Parish, so was it formerly a member thereof, being held of the *Hastang's*, who were Lords of the whole; but which of them first past it away I have not seen; howbeit, inasmuch as I find that the family of *Balaunce* were posselt of it for divers descents; and that *Rog. Balaunce* levied a Fine of lands here, in 7 R. 1. (wherein it is written *Wastorne*) I may without much rashnesse conclude, that they were Lords thereof as antiently. The next that I meet with, of that name, is *VWill. Balaunce*, whose service for one Knights fee, held of *Robert Hastings*, part whereof I conclude to be for this place, was in 12 H. 3. remitted, he being then servant to *Stephen de Lucy*. From which *VWill.* descended *Thomas*, who in 7 E. 1. held this Lordship of *Robert de Hastings* by the service of half a Knights fee, and had at that time two carucats of land here in demesn; as also nine Tenants holding four yard land in servage. At that time I also find, that one *Hugh de Bromle* and *Avicia* his wife held certain lands here of the said *Robert de Hastings* by the third part of a Knights fee; and that he had one carucat in demesn, and four tenants holding one yard land and a fourth part: As also that the same *Hugh* gave one yard land here to the Monks of *Wordestey*, which at that time the Bishop of *Chesster* held of them; and likewise that the Freres of *Theldeston* then held one yard land here, of the same *Hugh*, for xii d. and half a pound of Cummin: Of which family was *Nich. Balaunce* the last male branch that had to do here; which *Nich.* had issue *Joane*, married to *John Veffy* of *Brentingthorp* in *Com.*, who by their Deed bearing date at *Cobentre* on the

Feast

Feast day of *S^t Dunstane* 32 E. 3. granted this Mannour to *Thomas Beauchamp* E. of *Warwick*, and *John Whateley* and their heirs : which *John Whateley* by his Release¹, dated on Munday next after the Feast of *S^t Martin* ensuing, quitted to the said Earl and his heirs all his interest therein : To whom it continued till 8 H. 6. that *Richard Beauchamp* then Earl of *Warwick* gave^m it to his Chantry at *Onyes-Cliffe*, whereof I have already taken notice. Which Chantry, with all the Mannours, messuages, lands &c. thereto belonging, being grantedⁿ by *Thomas Moore* and *Roger Higham*, the last Chantry Priests thereof, unto *Sir Andrew Flamock* Knight and his heirs, as their deed dated 4. Junii 1 E. 6. manifesteth, this Mannour then past to him thereby ; but what is become of it since, I have not seen.

Thelesford Priory.

UPON the Southern bank of this torrent, within lesse than a flight shoot of its conjunction with *Avon*, stood a little Monastery, somewhat neer the Road-way leading from *Wellesburne* towards *Warwick*, as it thwarteth the Foord ; which was founded, in H. 3. time, by *Sir Will. Lucy* of *Cherlecote* Knight to the honour of God, *S. John Baptist*, and *S. Radegund* ; the persons profest here, being of the Order of the *holy Trinity for redemption of Captives*. But before I further proceed to speak of the particular endowment which it had, I must first first say something of the same *S. Radegund*, and then briefly take notice of the originall and first occasion of this Order. She was the daughter^o of *Bertarius* King of *Thuring*, and wife to *Clotharius*, the fift King of *France* of the *Merovignian* line, who dyed in the year of Christ 564. and being a Lady much devoted^p to prayer and Almesdeeds, often fastings, and chastening her self with hair-cloth (which she wore under her royall apparell) as she one day walk't alone in the Garden of her Palace, hearing the voices of Prisoners in fetters imploring pitty to them, she betook herself to Prayer ; whereupon their fetters burst in sunder, and they became loosed (as saith my Author.) This *Radegund* took the habit^r of Religion at the hands of *S. Medard* Bishop of *Soyon*, and founded^t a Monastery for Nuns at *Poictiers*, in honour of the holy Crosse, whereof she was Abbess, living there in great sanctity, daily ministring relief to poor people, and departed this life on the Ides of *August* ; in which Abby she had sepulture^t, and was canonized for a Saint.

But of this Order^t of the *holy Trinity for Redemption of Captives*, is *S. John de Muta* (born at *Faulcon* in *Provence* anno 1154.) said to be the Founder ; who being Student in the University of *Paris*, where he attained to the degree of Doctor, grew so famous for his learning and holiness of life, that divers eminent Prelates came to be his assistants at his first Masse ; in the performance whereof, at the Elevation of the Host, an Angell cloathed in white appeared before him, bearing a Crosse of red and blew upon his brest, having also his hands a Crosse layd upon the heads of two slaves that kneeled down by his side : From which time God revealed unto him, how he would be served in the foundation of a new Religious Order ; inciting him to leave all his goods, to forsake the present

world, and to retire himself into the Desert ; which he accordingly did, and distributing all that he had to the poor, resorted to an holy Anachorite called *Felix de Valois*, who lived in an Hermitage within the Dioces of *Meaux* (six leagues distant from *Paris*) called *Cerfroy*, in Latine *Cervus frigidus*, in regard that there, at the foot of a little hill was a fair clear and cold Fountain, within which a white Hart used to come for refreshment. Which two devout Hermites beganⁿ, within this solitary place, an Order of the *holy Trinity for the Redemption of Captives*, about the year of grace M. CXCIV. where they continued for the space of three years, living in great austerity from any company of men ; and being on a day in Prayer, were inspired of God to goe to *Rome*, there to declare their intentions to his Holiness, and to receive from his hands the Habit and Rule of the Order which they desired to institute ; for the better effecting whereof, they had Letters testimoniall from the Bishop of *Paris*, making mention of the vision which the said *John de Muta* had at the time that he first celebrated Masse.

When they came to *Rome* they were courteously received^w by Pope *Innocent* the 3. who forthwith celebrating the holy Masse on the 28. of *Jan.* being the Octaves of *S^t. Anne*, did, at the time of his elevation of the Host, behold the like vision of an Angell cloathed in white as aforesaid, with two Captives chain'd ; whereof the one was a Christian, the other a Moore : After which he assembled his Cardinalls, and made known what he had seen, and sent for the Anachorites, declaring also to them, that the Spirit of God did conduct them to those their designs, and that he was the onely Author of the Order they would institute : whereupon he gave them white^x Robes, with a Crosse red and blew (as on the following page is to be seen) declaring to them the mystery of his vision ; *scil.* the white Robe representing the candour of an innocent life, and the purity of conscience : The three colours, *scil.* of the habite and Crosse, signifying the three persons of the holy Trinity, the white the *Father Eternall* ; the blew, which was the traverse of the Crosse, the *Son in his Passion* ; and the red, the *Charity of the holy Ghost* ; and the two Prisoners bound and fettered, had relation to the *redemption of Captives* ; appointing that this Institution should be called *The Order of the holy Trinity for the Redemption of Captives* ; and that all the possessions, which they should enjoy, might be equally divided into three parts ; *viz.* the one for the entertainment and reception of Religious persons, the other to relieve the poor, and the third to redeem Christians kept Captive by the Infidells.

Having now done with the Order, I come to this particular place, founded^y by *Sir William de Lucy*, who stiles^z himself *Filius Walteri de Cherlecote*, and sometimes *Walteri militis de Cherlecote*, id est of *Sir Walter de Cherlecote* Knight. Which *William* gave, as the words of his Charter^a import, to God, *S^t. John Baptist* and *S. Radegund* the Virgin, xiii. acres of his demesn land belonging to *Cherlecote*, and next adjoyning to the way which leads from *Cherlecote* to *Testesford-bridge*, on the west part the torrent called *Testesford* ; with the Meadow ground belonging to the said xiii. acres : As also all that land lying Eastward of the said way and bounded on the other side with certain errable ground, which heretofore belonged to

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Trinitarians.

Gerald de Cherlecote, in pure and perpetual Almes, free and discharged from all secular service and demand, to build thereupon a Church to the honour of the before specified Saints, and an Hospitall for the relief of poor people, receipt of Pilgrims, and sustentance of Religious men there serving God for ever. Adding^b to this his gift the advowson of the Church at *Cherlecote*; and confirming half a yard land in *Cherlecote*, which *Cecily* his mother had granted thereto.

Having signified thus much as to its Foundation, I will now enumerate the severall Benefactors that the Canons of this Priory had, beginning with the posterity of the pious Founder; whereof *Foulk de Lucy*, his grandchild, was the first, who gave them leave^c to inclose a way which interposed betwixt the Church of *Wellesford* and their habitation. To him succeeded Sir *William de Lucy* Knight, which *William* gave^d them liberty to inclose two acres of land lying neer to their House, and joyn them to the

the Court thereof; as also a certain parcell of ground called the *Hay*, lying at the head of those two acres along by the brook called *Thelesford brook*, so far as the breadth of those two acres extended. In *Bereford* much was given^e thereto; *scil.* by *Alice* the wife of *Walter de Bereford*, and daughter to *Reinbold de Cherlecote*, five yard land. By *Philip de Kynton* a good proportion, which he had purchased of *Henry de Bereford* and others. By *Henry de Bereford* the Church^e of *Bereford*, and certain lands within that Lordship. By *Will. de Nuford*, sometime Lord of *Bereford*, the fishing^e in *Abon* from *Le-Millne* to his own Mill pool, with liberty to make a Pound upon their land at *Bereford*, to keep in such cattell as should trespass upon them; as also three yard land called the Free hide, exempt from *Warth and Scutage* and all secular services; and to have free ingress and egress to and from the Common of pasture at *Bereford* for their cattell.

By ^h *Richard Milore* son to *William Milore* of *Stirkby* in *Leicester-shire*, certain lands in the same *Stirkby*, with the advowson of the Church; as also the Chapells of *Whilton* and *Pakinton* in that County. By ⁱ *William Putot*, a yard land with a messuage and 4. acres lying in *Athorne*; in consideration whereof he and his tenants were to be quitted from paying any small Tithes for their lands in *Stewbold*; as also of *Chirchescot*. By ^k *William de Odingells* certain lands lying within his Lordship of *Solithull*, at a place called *Hunde-shale*. By ^l *William de Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick* three parcells of errable land, the one called *Cley-pits*, the second *Mozercoft*, and the third *Ferny-furlong*, with Common thereto belonging when the fields are open. By ^m *Roger de Cherlecote* all his lands and tenements in *Hethcote*, viz. from *Godelwyneschich* above *Hethcote* along to *Stewbold* brook; and from the torrent which runneth through the midst of *Hethcote* to *Stewbold* brook in breadth unto the way leading from *Stewbold* towards *Warwick*. Divers petty grants of sundry others, for brevity, I omit. Which endowments by severall persons so conferred; enlarged the revenues belonging to this Monastery so much, as that the Canons built their Church a new about the beginning of *Edward 1.* time, as may seem by the Consecrationⁿ thereof upon the day of the translation of *S. Thomas* the Martyr Anno 1285. 13 E. 1. which was solemnly performed by *Godfrey Giffard* the reverend Bⁿ. of *Worcester*, who then preach^t upon this Text: *Domus tua decet, &c.*

The Benefactors that it afterwards had were these. In 28 E. 3. *Thomas Lucy* then Lord of *Cherlecote* and *Philippa* his wife, who gaveⁿ certain lands in *Cherlecote* to these Friars that they should celebrate divine service, and pray devoutly for the soul of *William de Clinton* sometime Earl of *Huntingdon*; as also for the souls of the said *Thomas* and *Philippa*. In 18 R. 2. Sir *William Lucy* Knight, *Roger Strange*, and *John* Vicar of the Church of *Willesburne* gaveⁿ unto them one mels. xl. acres of land, and vi. acres of meadow, lying in *Athorne*, and *Stewbold-Pacy*; and in 7 H. 7. Sir *William Lucy*, then Lord of *Cherlecote* releas^t to them certain Priviledges which he and his Ancestors had in *Thelesford*; viz. Toll, Tack, Stallage, and *Blashed*. Other passages, as had relation to this Hou^e of *Thelesford*, from the S. A. *Lucyes* I shall mention anon, when I speak of that family in *Cherlecote*.

Upon the Survey^t taken in 26 H. 8. the value of

all that belong^d thereto, over and above reprises, was certified to be no more than xxiv li. xix s. yet through the Kings favour, (or rather for that it was of so small consequence) the dissolution thereof was forborn in 27 H. 8. when the rest of the lesser Hou^s went to wrack; so that till 30 H. 8. it stood: but then, following the example of others, the poor Friars here, by their publique^t Instrument dated 26. Octob. 30 H. 8. surrendered it up to the K^e. use; the names of those that subscribed thereto, being *Edw. Davie* Minister, *Frater Jacobus Brown*, *Will. Lacie*, and *Nich. Turnar*. Of which the Prior (*scil.* *Edward Davie*) had a Pensionⁿ of 5 li. per ann. granted to him during life; but the rest nothing.

After this *scil.* 7 Julii 35 H. 8. the King, in consideration of 648 li. 19 s. 02 d. soldⁿ the site thereof, together with a thicket of trees neer adjoining to the Hou^s, containing seven Acres, and called by the name of *Thelesford-grove*; as also certain lands in *Cherlecote* and *Wasperton* belonging thereto, unto *William Whorwood* Esquier, and *William Walter*, to be held in Capite, by the C. part of a Knights fee, under severall Rents: Since which it is, by purchase, come again to the *Lucies* of *Cherlecote*.

Ministri Domus de Thelesford.

<i>Frater^e Elias</i> 31 H. 3.	<i>Williel.^e de Clarindon</i>	x Pat. 3
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<i>Henricus^e 2 E. 2</i>	<i>Johannes^e Brokeden</i>	8. per In-
<i>Thomas^e de Offinton</i>	7 H. 7.	spex.
3 E. 3.	<i>Edmundus^e Alceyter</i>	y Morton;
<i>Thomas^e de Cherlecote</i>	26 H. 8.	f. 68. b.
28 E. 3.	<i>Edw.^e Davy</i> 30 H. 8.	z Pat. 3

Charlecote.

Anon passing on scarce a mile lower leaveth *Charlecote* upon its Eastern bank, whereof one *Saxi* was posses^t before the Norman invasion, but afterwards the Earl of *Mellent*. By the Conquerors Survey^s it was certified to contain three hides, having two Mills prized at xxi s. the whole being rated at iv li. In that Record it is written *Terlecote*, and had its appellation originally from some antient possessor thereof in the Saxons time, as I guess, *Ceorle* being a name then in use as we find in some antient Authors^b. In those days it was of the parish of *Willesburne* (hard by) as when I speak of the Church shall be shewed; and came doublets to *Henry de Newburgh* Earl of *Warwick* with most of those lands which were the said Earl of *Mellent's* (his brother) in this Shire; whose son and heir, viz. *Roger* Earl of *Warwick* in 23 H. 1 gave^t to his Collegiate Church of *Warwick*, then newly by him founded, half a hide of land lying here, with the Tithe of the whole Lordship, and of the two Mills before specified.

By the same Earl *Roger*, was *Thurstan de Montfort* (a great man in those days) enfeoff^t of large possessions in this County, as in *Waldesfort* I shall manifest; whose son *Henry de Montfort*, with *Alice de Harecourt* the widow of *Robert de Montfort* his elder brother, gave to *Walter* the son of *Thurstan de Cherlecote* all this Village of *Cherlecote*; which grant King R. 1. by his Letters^k Patent bearing date at *Doboy* 6. Decemb. confirmed to the same *Walter* and his heirs, adding divers immunities and priviledges thereto; all which were ratified^t by King *John* in 5. of his reign. 'Tis not unlike but that the said *Thurstan de Cherlecote* was a younger son unto the before specified

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Thurstan de Montfort; for that he was paternally a *Montfort* the MS. History^m of *Worral* importeth; and that the same *Thurstan* was his father, not onely the likelihood in point of time, but his Christen name doth very much argue.

From this *Walter de Cherlecote* (who was aⁿ Kt.) by *Cecily* his wife, descended *William* that assumed the surname of *Lucy*; which makes me think that she was an heir to some branch of that family; for it hath antiently been usuall enough with the descendants of great heirs to relinquish their paternall names, and take the Mothers, as M^r *Cambden*^o doth sufficiently manifest. Which *William* had a confirmation^p of this Lordship made to him by *Thurstan de Montfort* son and heir of *Henry de Montfort* above specified; whereby it appears that upon the originall grant, made to *Walter* his father, the summe of ten pounds of silver was annually reserved from him and his heirs, to be payd at the Feasts of St. *Michaell* and the *Annunciation* of our Lady by equall portions; at the time of which confirmation made, he the said *William* did his homage for this place. This *William* was^a in Armes with the Barons against King *John*; but returning to his allegiance in 1 H. 3. had his lands, seized upon for that offence, restored^b to him, as appears by the Kings Mandate to the Sheriffs of *Gloucester*, *Gloucester*, *Warwick*, and *Leicester* shires, within which Countyes his estate lay. In 6 H. 3. he had the Kings Letters Patent^c of confirmation made to him, of the Hundred of *Winton*, originally granted^d to *Walter* the son of *Thurstan de Cherlecote* by King H. 2. and ratified by King *John*, but had been seized^e upon by King H. 3. with the demesns of the Crown, and such Eilchaets as had hapned.

In 18 H. 3. *Walter de Lascey* (a great Baron in that age) confer'd upon this *William* and his heirs the Stewardship of all his lands that he then had, or that he might have in *England*, with two carucats, part of the demesns belonging to his Castle of *Ludelaw*. In consideration of which two carucates the said *William* and his heirs were to be Constables of that Castle for the safe custody thereof; and to maintain for ever a Priest, a Porter, and two Centinells there, as formerly had been used, except at such times as the said *Walter de Lascey* himself, or his heirs, should come thither; and then he and his heires to remain in the outer ward, during their stay there: But for the times of hostility it was agreed, that the said *Walter* and his heirs should fortify and defend it themselves at their own costs, and the said *William* and his heirs to remain in the same outer Ward whilst it should be so fortified. And further that the said *William* and his heirs might take the like rates taxt upon Bread and Beer in the town of *Ludelaw*, in the absence of the said *Walter* and his heirs, which he had used to have, or ought to receive when he was there in person: As also that the repair, which he and his heirs should make there, upon occasion, to be by the view of two honest men, and at the charge of the same *Walter* and his heirs: And that he & they, should have sufficient provision of fewell in the woods belonging thereto, as other Constables thereof used to have. And further that whensoever the said *William* or his heirs, by the command of the said *Walter* and his heirs, or his or their Bayliffs should be called to any place, where the said *Walter* or his heirs were to hold their Courts, receive Accompts, or upon other oc-

casions, that he and they should have entertainment for themselves and their Horses, during their abode there for that purpose, at the charge of the said *Walter* and his heirs: which Agreement^f beareth date at *Trlm* in *Ireland* 1. August 18 H. 3.

This *William de Lucy* was a Knight^g in 17 H. 3. and Executor^h to his brother *Stephen de Lucy*, by whose death he had a great personall estate. In 20 H. 3. the Custodyⁱ of this County and *Leicester* shire was committed to his charge, together with the strong Castle of *Kenilworth* 23. Apr. in which trust he continued^k for the space of 3. years: And in 25 H. 3. was he joyned in^l Commission with the then Shiriff, viz. *Philip de Ascells*, and some others, for viewing all the Castles of this County, and certifying the defects in every of them under their Seales to the King. In 26 H. 3. the before recited *Walter de Lascey* sealed a^m bond unto him of *CCCLxxii li.* Sterling, in consideration that he should discharge all his debts owing to any Jews in *England*, except those of *Hereford*, and *Driford*; which sum was to be paid by *Lxxx li. per annum*, untill it might be discharged; and in case of making default, the said *Walter* and his heirs were to abide such Ecclesiasticall censure, and the like Penance, if need were, as the Archbishop of *Canterbury* with the Bishops of *Salisbury* and *Bath* should impose on them that were debtors to those who were signed with the Crosse, according to the Constitution of Pope *Honorius*, the said *William de Lucy* being so signed. And inⁿ 28 H. 3. did *Roys de Verdon* (of whom in *Brandon* I have spoken) agree with him for *Cxx li.* to discharge all the debts which the said *Walter de Lascey* and *John de Verdon*, with *Margerie* his wife, then owed to the Jews, except to those of *Hereford*, unto whom the said *William* was bound to pay 80 li. due to them from the same *John de Verdon*.

This *William de Lucy* was he that founded^o the Monastery of *Chellesford*, whereof I have lately spoke; and had a Chapell within his Mannour-house here at *Cherlecote*, allowed^p unto him for himself, his wife and family, by *Roger de Cherlecote* Parson of the Church of *Cherlecote*, with reservation of his obedience to the mother Church of *Cherlecote*, as touching all Oblations, and access thereto with his said wife and family, upon seven Festivall days in the year; viz. *Christmasse*, *Candlemasse*, *Easter*, the *Ascension*, *Whitsontide*, *S. Leonard*, and *All-Hallows*. He bore for his Armes *Verry three Lucies hauriant d'Argent*, as may seem by the impression of one^q of his Seales: but by another^r, there is nothing of *Verry* at all. He married two wives, viz. *Isabell*^s daughter to *Abfalon de Aldermoneston*, with whom he had certain lands given^t to him by *Gervase* then Abbot of *Perthore*. The second was *Maud*^u, sister and one of the coheirs to *John Cotele*, of whose inheritance he had the Mannour^w of *Be-reuton* in *Hants* shire: and departed^x this life about 32 H. 3. leaving issue^y Sir *William Lucy* Knight his son and heir; of whom I find nothing memorable but his marriage, which was with a great heir; viz. *Amicia*^z daughter and heir to *Will. de Furches*, and heir also to *William Fitz Warin*: by whom he had issue *Fouk*^a de *Lucy*, of the retinue^b to *Peter de Montfort*, one of the rebellious Barons that took up Armes against the King, in 48 H. 3. (of whom in *Belbeseft* I have spoke) & was in such favour with them for his activeness in those times, that being indebted to one *Elyas le Blund* a Jew of *London*, in

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in a great sum of money, which himself and his Ancestors had taken up at interest, he procured a speciall Mandate^c (dated 7. Maii 49 H. 3.) directed unto the Commissioners, unto whom the estates of the Jews, then seized upon, were intrusted, to deliver up the bonds and to discharge him thereof, acquitting him of all interest money due thereupon, but reserving the payment of the principall into the Exchequer; for at that time those Barons had^d the Kings person in their custody, whom they took Prisoner in the battail of **Lewes**, and made use of his great Seal and all other Regall authority in his name.

But what a dismall fate attended them, though they prospered for a while, that which I have said in **Benilwozth** will plainly manifest; the sum whereof is, that being utterly vanquish'd, soon after, at **Evesham**, their estates thereupon became confiscate, most of which were given away to those that had firmly stuck to the King, amongst whom **Robert Walerand** had^e this of our **Fouk de Lucy**; howbeit, by that favourable Decree called **Dictum de Benilwozth**, being admitted to Composition, he reenjoy'd it again; and for CC. marks of silver obtained^f from **Peter de Montfort**, son and heir to the before specified **Peter**, a discharge of that xli. per annum Rent, reserved out of this Lordship upon the originall grant thereof to his Ancestor (as hath been already noted;) paying only for the future, a pair of gilt Spurs or 4d. at Christmasse only, to the said **Peter** and his heirs for all services whatsoever: All which was certified^g into the Exchequer by that notable Inquis. of 7 E. 1. and moreover that he then held here two Water-mills, and two Carucats of land in demesne, together with the whole Mannour, except six yard land called the **Hullelond**: As also, that he had xxii. Tenants which held 42. yard land at will, performing severall services, *scil.* Plowing, Reaping, Mowing, making Hay, Harrowing, carrying Wood, and the like; and paying certain yearly Rent in money: And likewise a **Court-Leet**^h, with other liberties, granted to his Ancestors by King **Ric. 1.** and confirm'd by King **John**; which **Court-Leet** was not to be kept but in the presence of the Kings Bayliffe, as the said Charter testifieth.

This **Fouk** was a speciall lover of good Horses, as it should seem; for in 11 E. 1. he gaveⁱ xli. marks to two Londoners, that were Merchants of Horses, for a black Horse; about which time a fat Oxe was sold^k but for xvi s. In 13 E. 1. being questioned by what authority he held a **Court-Leet** here, and had Assize of Bread and Beer, Gallows, *Infangthef*, weyfs, &c. he produced King **John's** Charter^l above mentioned: but the Jury then found, that he and his Ancestors had kept their **Court-Leet** without the presence of the Ks. Bayliff, and so he did at that time, notwithstanding the said Charter, for which respect he had a day assigned him to make good his claim. In 14 E. 1. he was constituted^m one of the Justices for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**: Inⁿ 15 E. 1. one of the 4. Knights to take care that the Articles for conservation of the Peace, according to the Statute of **Winchester**, should be observed in this County: And the same^o year, as also in^p 17 E. 1. again one of the Justices for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**. He was a Benefactor to the Canons of **Thelystord**, as I have already there shewed; and dyed in^q 31 E. 1. leaving issue, by **Petroneill**^r his wife, **William Lucy** his son^s and heir then 26. years of

age, who had livery^t of his lands the same year: which **Will.** was a Kt.^u in 2 E. 2. if not sooner, and bore for his Arms *Gules semé of Crosslets with three Lucies hauriant d'Argent* as by his Seal appears.

Whose publique employments were as followeth; viz. Knight for this Shire in the Parliament held at **Westminster** in^v 6 E. 2. In that at **Bozke**^w 15 E. 1. Again at **Westminster**^x 17 E. 2. In that of **Bozthampton**^y 2 E. 3. and of **Westminster**^z in 10 E. 3. For the Gaol-delivery at **Warwick** he was in Commission in^a 10, 16, 17. and 19 E. 2. For conservation of the Peace according to the Statute of **Winchester** in^b 13 E. 2. In 15 E. 2. a for choosing Foot-Souldiers, and conducting them to **New-Castle** upon **Tine** to march against the Scots: so also^c in 16. at which time the number so conducted were, in this County, full CCC. In^d 18 E. 2. for ordering of those Knights, Esquiers, and other Souldiers, which were to serve on Horseback, with the K. in his Warrs of **Gascon**. And in^e 19 E. 2. for conservation of the Peace according to the Statute of **Winchester**. To the Canons of **Thelystord** he was also a Benefactor^f as other of his Ancestors had been. And by **Elizabeth**^g his wife left issue **William** his son and heir, who in 15 E. 2. was^h in that Welch expedition for the Kings service; and inⁱ 18 E. 3. a Knight, being then in Commission (with others) to enquire within this County, and to certify the names of all persons who had Lands and Rents to the value of an *£s.* and upwards to a thousand pounds per annum, deducting the services and necessary reprises. In 19 E. 3. he received Summons^j, with many other persons of quality, to prepare himself with Horle and Armes, by the Feast of **S^t Laurence**, for to wait upon the K. in his French expedition.

This^k was the time when that notable battail of **Cressy** (whereof our Historians make relation) was fought, he being of the retinue^l of **Thomas Beauchamp** Earl of **Warwick**, but exempted from attendance at that time: being then joyn'd in^m Commission with the Shiriff, and some others to array Clv. Archers in this County for the Kings service: but after the 22 E. 3. I find no mention of him. By **Elizabeth** his wife he left issueⁿ **Thomas Lucy**, who had two wives; viz. **Elizabeth** and **Philippa**; which **Philippa** in 28 E. 3. joyned with him in a grant^o of certain errable land, lying here in **Cherlerote**, to the Canons of **Thelystord**, to the intent that they should celebrate Divine Service, and pray devoutly there, for the soul of **William de Clinton** Earl of **Huntingdon**; as also for the souls of them the said **Thomas** and **Philippa**.

This **Thomas** had issue^p **William Lucy**, who being a Knight^q in 5 R. 2. was the same year retained, by Indenture, ^r with **John of Gaunt** Duke of **Lancaster** King of **Castile**, &c. to serve him with one Esquier for terme of his life, aswell in times of Warr as Peace; for which service to have xx li. per an. besides his dyet: and in 1 H. 4. was one^s of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held at **Westminster**.

To him succeeded **Thomas** his son and heir, retained^t also with the said D. of **Lanc.** for terme of life, to serve him aswell in times of Peace as Warr; for which he was to have x. marks per an. wages. This **Thomas** being a Kt.^u in 7 H. 4. served^v the same year for this County in the Parl. then held. In 8 H. 4. he was constituted^w a Shiriff of this and **Leicester-shire**, and having been of the retinue^x to **Richard de Beauchamp** Earl of **Warwick**, for which he had

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z Claus. 2 E. 2. in d. m. 24.

a Claus. 2 E. 3. in d. m. 26.

b Claus. 10 E. 3. in d. m. 25.

c Pat. de iustem an in dorso.

d Pat. 15 F. 2. p. 2. m. 8.

e Pat. 16 E. 2. p. 2. m. 19.

f Pat. 18 E. 2. p. 1. m. 6.

g Pat. 19 E. 2. p. 1. m. 1.

h Ex autog. penes i prefat. T. L.

k Pat. 15 E. 2. p. 2. m. 30.

l Pat. 13 E. 3. p. 2. in d. m. 17.

m Rot. Franc. 19 E. 3. m. 3.

n T. Walf. p. 156.

o Rot. Franc. 20 E. 3. in d. m. 15.

p Lib. 29 m. m. 15.

q Ex autog. penes r eund. T. L.

s Pat. 22 E. 3. p. 2. m. 8.

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v Pat. 22 R. 2. p. 2. m. 8.

w Claus. 1 H. 4. in d. m. 21.

x Pat. 22 R. 2. p. 2. m. 37.

y Claus. 8 H. 4. in d. m. 7.

z Rot. F. 8 H. 4. m. 21.

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xx li. per annum Fee, wedded ^c Alice the onely daughter of Sir William Hugford; but by the death without issue of Margerie, daughter to William son and heir to the said William at length his ^d heir; by whom he had a fair inheritance of lands, lying in the Counties of ^e Bedford and Salop. ^f and departed ^g this life 28. Julii 3 H. 5. leaving William his ^h son and heir 13. years of age; the said Alice taking to husband ⁱ Richard Archer (of Danworth) Esquier within 8. weeks after his said decease.

This William was during his minority, in Ward to ^k John Beeler of Werrington in Com. Lanc. Esquier, and in 2 H. 6. upon the death of Eliz. the widow of Sir John Clinton Knight, found Cosen and ^l heir to her; viz. son of Alice Hugford, daughter of Margerie, son of James Pabenham, son of Joan, sister of William, father of William, father to the said Elizabeth. In 12 H. 6. I find him listed in ^m the Catalogue of those men of note in this Shire, that made oath for performance of such particular things as were determined of in the Parliament held at Westminster that year. In 14 H. 6. he was constituted Sheriff ⁿ of this County and Leicester-shire; so also in ^o 28 H. 6. and the same year join'd in Commission ^p with the Lord Grey of Groby, and others for treating with the people about a loan to the King. So likewise ^q in 31 H. 6. with Humfrey Duke of Buck. and others for that purpose. It seemes that he adhered to the House of Poike in those turbulent times, when so much blood was spilt in that quarrell with the Lancastrians: for in 38 H. 6. he had a Protection for ^r himself and all his goods from the Earls of March and Warwick, which bears date 18. Julii, and departed ^s this life in 6 E. 4. leaving, by Elianore ^t his wife, daughter ^u to Reginald Lord Grey of Ruthin William his son and heir 26. years of age; who in 7 E. 4. doing fealty ^v for the Mannour of Habersham in Com. Buck. held of the K. as of his Honour of Pevecrell; as also for the Mannour of Shrewley, in this County, held also of the King as of his Duchy of Lancaster had his homage respited ^w.

This William was one of the Commissioners for conservation of the Peace in this County in ^x 11, 12, 13 and 14 E. 4. in which fourteenth year he had, for some great and speciall considerations the gift ^y of an *Cleli*. bestowed upon him by the King, out of the profits of this County and Leicester-shire, being the same year made Sheriff ^z of these Counties. In 20 E. 4. I find ^a that he was a Knight. In 1 H. 7. created ^b Knight of the Bath at the Queens Coronation. In 6 H. 7. constituted ^c one of the Commissioners of Array in this County for setting forth men in defence of the Realm against Charles the 8. King of France then threatening an invasion thereof; being also in Commission ^d for Conservation of the Peace in this Shire at the same time. In 7 H. 7. he quitted ^e to the Canons of Thelesford those liberties which he and his Ancestors used to have in Thelesford; viz. Toll, Tack, Stallage and Bloodshed, (as in Thelesford I have shewed;) And by his Testament ^f, bearing date 2. Julii anno 1492. in the same 7th year of King H. 7. bequeathed his body to be buried in the Chancell of the Parish-Church of Stratford super Avon, in this County. To eight Churches next adjoining to Cherlecote; viz. Hampton, Wasperston, Weresford, Petwold, Wellesburne, Loxley, Alveston, and Shitburne, he gave ^g vi s. viii d. a

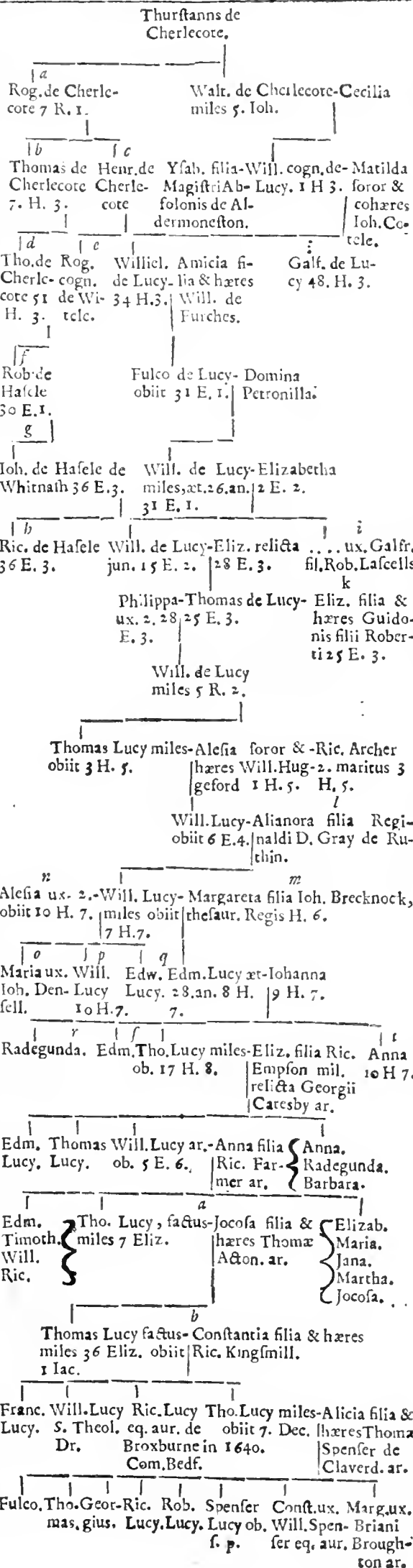
piece. To the reparation of the high Altar in the Church of Cherlecote vi li. xiii s. x d.; and an acre of his demein lands in Cherlecote to be forever at the disposition of the Church-Wardens there, for the behoof of the same Church. To the House of Thelesford for the observation of his Exequies ^h xl s. To the Nuns of Winley for the like ⁱ xl s. To the Canons and Vicars of the Collegiate-Church in Warwick, for the like, ^j xx s. To the Warden and Priests of Stratford, for the like, ^k xx s. And, constituting ^l Sir Edward Raleigh Knight, Robert Throkmorton, and Thomas Breton Esquiers his Executors, departed ^m this life 3. Julii the same year, leaving issue Edmund ⁿ his son and heir 28. years of age, with William, Henry, and Humfry his younger sons ^o, and Mary a daughter ^p. And of the Lady Alice, his widow, I find, that by her Testament ^q, dated ult. Sept. 1494. 10 H. 7. she bequeathed her body to sepulture within the Chancell of the said Collegiate Church of the Holy Trinity in Stratford super Avon, before the high Altar, on the left side her said husband.

To the before specified Sir William succeeded the said Edmund Lucy, his son and heir by ^r Margaret his first wife: which Edmund was a Commander ^s in King H. 7. Army at the battail of Stoke (juxta Newark) in the second year of that Kings reign: and in Aprill 7. H. 7. retained ^t by Indenture to serve the said King in his Warrs for one whole year, with two men at Armes, having with him his Custrell ^u and his Page, and three Demilances, xxx. Archers on foot, and vi. Bills, of good and able persons; taking for himself, and his men at Armes ^v xviii d. per diem wages; for his Demilances ^w ix d. per diem; and Archers, and Bills ^x vi d. per diem: this being the time ^y that King Henry took his voyage into France, and besieged Bulloin till a truce was taken. In 10 H. 7. (20. Sept.) he had Summons ^z, amongst divers others of great quality, to attend the King in person upon the Feast day of All Saints, the same year, ready fitted to be made Knight of the Bath, with Henry the Kings son, who was also to be at the same time created Duke of Poike: But it seems he did not accordingly appear; for in Aprill following, his Testament ^a bears date, wherein he is stiled Esquier, by which Testament he bequeathed his body to be buried in our Lady Chapel, within the Monastery of Thelesford, on the North side of his mother Margaret Lucy. To the said House of Thelesford he bequeathed a Crosse of silver and gilt, of ten pounds value, to be bought by his Executors. Forty marks he appointed to be spent and given on the day of his buriall, by the hands of his Executors to Priests, Clerks, and poor people: And also willed, that at his Months mind xii. poor men, holding Torches, should have each of them a black Gown and hood, and ^b iv d. in money: Likewise, that his Anniversary should be kept at Thelesford, for the space of xx. years after his death, and ^c xl s. spent thereat, for Dirige overnight, Masses, and to poor people.

He further willed, that one Priest, of the same Order of those at Thelesford, should sing in the said Chapell for his soul, for the souls of Jane his wife, and Sir William Lucy Knight his father, and all Christen souls by the space of six years next after his decease: And that the same Priest should have yearly for so doing, during the said six years, 8. marks to be payd by the hands of his Executors: And that a Marble Stone of 7. foot in length, and 4. foot

4. foot in breadth, with the Armes of himself and his wife, and their portraictures, together with an Inscription, might be laid upon his grave. Of which Testament he constituted Sir *Reginald Bray* Kt. (a great man in that time) to be Supervisor. When he dyed I am not certain; but the Probate thereof bears date 19 *Maii* anno 1498. 13 H. 7. By *Jane* his wife he left issue *Thomas*, one of the Sewers to K. H. 8. in the first year of his reign: which *Thomas* had by the Ks. Letters Pat. bearing date 21. *Sept.* the same year, the custody of all the lands belonging to *George Catesby* (of *Amby-Legers* in *Com. North-hampst.*) eq. then deceased, to hold during the minority of *Will. Catesby*, his son and heir; and took to wife *Eliz.* the widow of the said *George*, daughter to Sir *Ric. Empson* of *Caston-Pelton* in that County.

This *Thomas* was a Knight in 6 H. 8. but how long before I am not certain; and in 16 H. 8. Sheriff of this County and *Leicester*. By his Testament bearing date ult. *Julii* 17 H. 8. he bequeathed his body to be buried in the *Gray-Friers* at *London*; appointing, that within a year after his decease, there should be a stone laid upon his grave, with the portraiture of himself, his Lady, and children, and his Armes at the 4. corners thereof; as also such an Inscript. as his Executors should devise, to the intent that good people might have remembrance to pray for his soul, and all Christen souls (for those are his words.) He also willed, that a Priest should be found, by his said Executors, to say Masse, and to pray for his soul in the Parish-Church of *Cherlecore*, or *Amby*, for the space of 3. whole years after his decease; and left issue by the said *Eliz.* 3. sons; *Will. Thomas*, and *Edmund*; and 3. daughters, scil. *Anne*, *Radegund*, and *Barbara*. To *Thomas* he gave the Mannour of *Clebybrook* in *Com. Lesc.* and to the heirs male of his body, with remainder to his son *Edmund*, to whom he bequeathed the Mannours of *Bekering*, and *Sharpenho* in *Seginho* and *Richmont* in *Bedfordsh.* with remainder to his son *Thomas* for want of issue male of the said *Edmund*; and departing this life on the 3. of *Sept.* 1525. (17 H. 8.) was buried before the Altars in the *Gray-Friers* Church before specified; which Church is yet standing, and now commonly known by the name of *Christ Church* near *Smithfield* in the Suburbs of *London*; but if you look there for his Tombe stone, it is not to be found: For of *Cxiv.* persons that were buried there, whereof *John Stow* makes mention, reciting the name of each that had a Monument; amongst which is *Margaret*, daughter to *Philip K.* of *France*, and wife to K. E. 1. *Isabell* wife to K. E. 2. *Joan Q.* of *Scotts*, daughter to K. E. 2. with divers of the English Nobility, and other persons of special quality; and in particular the name of this Sir *T. Lucy*, there is not now one to be seen: And if you desire to know what is become of their Tombes, hearken to what the same Author says; viz. *All these, and five times so many more have been buried there, whose Monuments are wholly defaced: for there were ix. Tombes of Alabaſter and Marble, environ'd with strikes of iron, in the Quire; and one Tombe in the body of the Church, also coped with iron, all pulled down; besides Cxl. grave-stones of Marble; all sold for fifty pounds, or thereabouts, by Sir Martin Bows, Goldsmith and Alderman of London.*



a Cartul. Warw. Com. f. 88. a.

b Ex aut. log. p. n. T. Lucy eq. aur.

d Cart. 51 H. 3. m. 47. c Ex autog. penes Car. D. Caring-ton.

f Cartul. Warw. Com. f. 90. b.

g Ex aut. log. p. n. Will. Bolton

i Ex autog. penes eund. T. Lucy. k Ex autog. penes Cam-mer. Scacc. in бага de Catesby.

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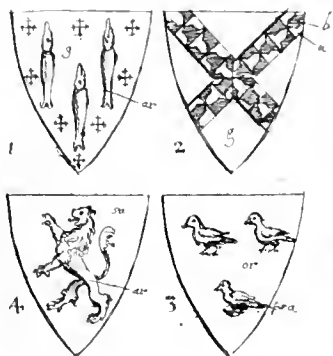
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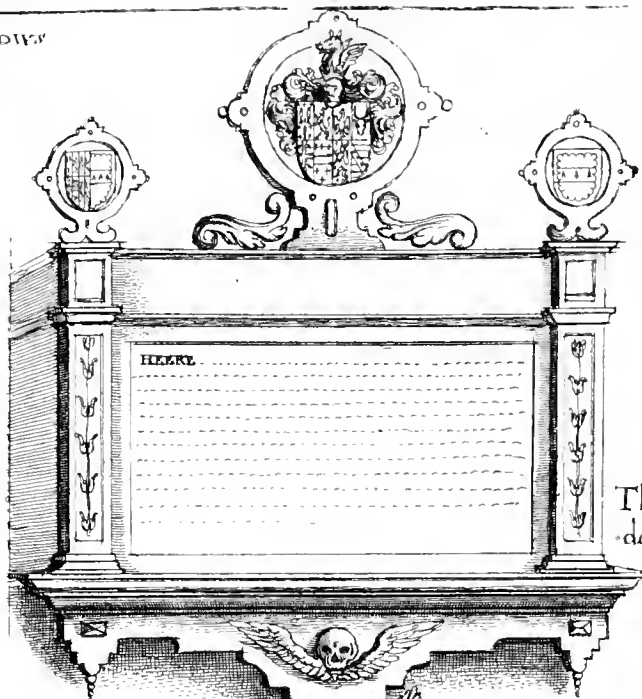
r Ex aut. log. in Scacc. ut supra. Horne Q. 22.

s MS. in Officio Arm. [M. 18]

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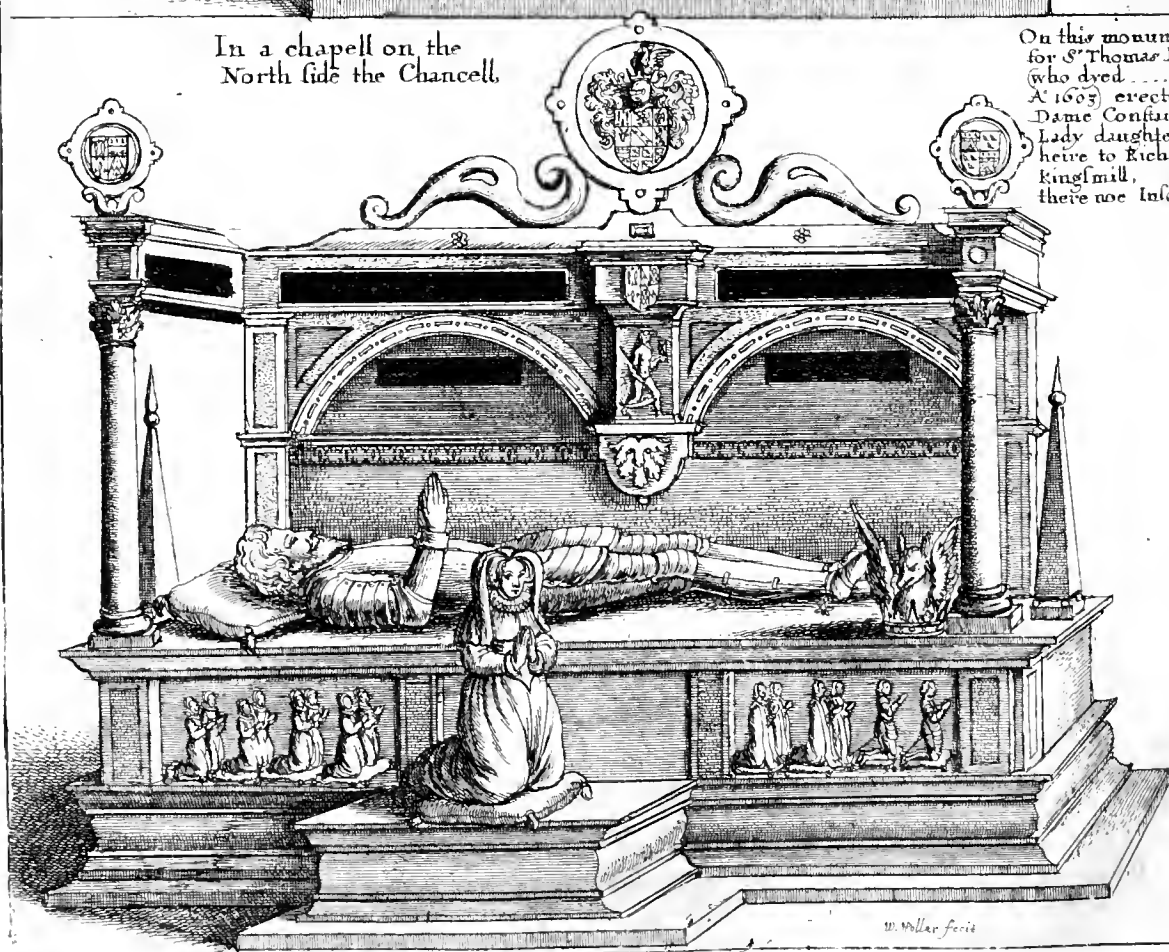
- 1 Lucy
- 2 Willington
- 3 Corbet
- 4 S. Theobald de Verdon.



This monument standeth on the South side the Chancell. See the Epitaph on the next page.



In a chapel on the North side the Chancell.



On this monument for S. Thomas Lug k^t who dyed A 1603 erected by Dame Constance his Lady daughter and heire to Richard Kingmill, is there noe Inscription.

Of *William Lucy*, son and heir to the said Sir *Thomas*, I find that he wedded *Anne* the daughter of *Richard Farmer* esquier, and dyed 5 E. 6. leaving issue *Thomas* his son and heir (afterwards a Knight) *Richard*, *William*, *Timothy*, and *Edward*; and these daughters; viz. *Alice*, *Mary*, *Jane*, *Martha*, and *Joyce*: which Sir *Thomas* in 1 Eliz. built the House here at *Cherlecote*, of brick, as it now stands. But of his descendants I shall need to say no more, than what the Pedegree here inserted, together with their Monumentall Intercriptions do shew.

That which I have else to take notice of, relating to this place, is, that it is one of the towns whereof our Countreyman *Rous*, temp. *Edw. 4.* complained of, for Depopulation: And that the Church in H. 1. time, being a Chapell of *Willesburne*, was by *Simon* Bishop of *Worcester* then confirmed to the Canons of *Kenilworth*, having been annexed to the said Church of our Lady in *Willesburne* by *Henry de Newburgh*, the first Earl of *Warwick* of the Norman line, as appears by the Confirmation thereof, made by *William* Earl of *Warwick*, grandchild to the same *Henry*, in H. 2. time. What agreement was made, touching it, with the said Canons of *Kenilworth* by the *Cherlecotes* (who were anciently Lords of this Manour, as I have shewed) hath not yet appeared to me; but some such thing there was; for otherwise could not *William de Lucy*, Founder of the Monastery of *Thebesford* in H. 3. time, have given the advowson thereof, as he did, to the Canons of that House. It seems there was a portion of xx s. per annum then reserved to the Priory of *Kenilworth*; for so much doe I find that they had out of this Chapell in anno 1291. (19 E. 1.)

In 14 E. 1. it was valued at 4 marks: And by a Certificate upon an Inquisition taken in 12 H. 7. it appears, that upon the grant thereof to the said House of *Thebesford*, by *William de Lucy* before specified, it was appropriated to that Monastery; but that *Robert*, Prior in E. 1. time, gave the right of Presentation to the Vicaridge, unto *Folk de Lucy* then Lord of *Cherlecote* and his heirs; with whom it continued till about the beginning of H. 7. time; that Sir *Will. Lucy* Kt. bestowed the same patronage upon the Canons of *Thebesford*, and their successors, *Edmund* his son and heir confirming the grant. At the time of this Inquisition taken the Vicaridge was found to be of xii. marks per annum

value, being endowed with all Oblations and Obventions, Tithes come only excepted; and that the Vicar there, was lyable to find Bread, Wine, and Wax for the daily Celebration of Divine Offices, and in every usuall Visitation to pay w^d. towards the expences of the Ordinary.

Patroni Vicaria. Incumb. & temp. Instit.

	<i>Joh. de Wilee Cler.</i> 18. Kal. G ^o f. 7. a.
	Dec. 1268.
<i>Fulco de Lucie.</i>	<i>Joh. de Wyk Pbr.</i> Id. Julii 1b. f. 230. a.
	1285.
<i>Will. de Lucie.</i>	<i>Rob. de Syleby Pbr.</i> 2. Id. G ^o f. 37. b.
	Julii 1306.
<i>Attornati Faldwini de Bercford mil.</i>	<i>D. Rob. Pardu</i> 11. Cal. Jan. wit. f. 14. b.
	1366.
<i>Baldw. de Bercford miles.</i>	<i>Will. Manning. Pbr.</i> 17. w ^o f. 11. a.
	Off. 1378.
	<i>Joh. Cook Pbr.</i> penult. Off. 1b. f. 44. b.
	1386.
	<i>Will. Onne Cap.</i> 17. Junii 1b. f. 91. a.
	1431.
<i>Will. Lucie ar.</i>	<i>D. Thomas Buschebury Pbr.</i> Bowch. f. 14. a.
	2. Martii 1435.
	<i>D. Steph. Heyward Cap.</i> 24. Carp. vol. 1. f. 183. a.
	Nov. 1463.
	<i>D. Will. Smyth Cap.</i> 26. Carp. vol. 2. f. 74. b.
	Off. 1475.
<i>Will. Lucie ar.</i>	<i>D. Tho. Suarte Cap.</i> 12. Alc. f. 120. a.
	Dec. 1483.
	<i>D. Will. Blamford Cap.</i> 16. 1b. f. 154. a.
	Febr. 1485.
<i>Minister & Confratres de Thelesford.</i>	<i>Joh. Wilson Confrater Domus</i> G ^o f. vol. 2. f. 37. b.
	de Thelesford 29. Julii 1504.
	<i>Joh. Brokeden Pbr.</i> 23. Jun. 1b. f. 138. b.
	1515.
<i>Ric. Verney ar. & D. Eliz. Lucy ux. ejus, nuper ux. Th. Lucy mil. defuncti.</i>	<i>D. Andreas Warburton Pbr.</i> Jeron. f. 67. b.
	24. Maii 1534.
<i>Tho. Lucie ar.</i>	<i>D. Nich. Smith Cler.</i> 23. Heath. f. 36. b.
	Julii 1562.
	<i>Joh. Davies Cler.</i> 21. Aug. Bull. f. 14. a.
	1577.
<i>Tho. Lucy miles.</i>	<i>Ric. Southam Cler.</i> 25. 1b. f. 21. b.
	Maii 1582.
<i>Thomas Lucy miles.</i>	<i>Mich. Wood Cler.</i> 10. Aug. 1b. f. 99. b.
	1619.

HERE ENTOMBED LYETH the Lady *Joyce Lucy* wife of Sir *Thomas Lucy* of *Cherlecote*, in the County of *Warwick* Knight, daughter and heir of *Thomas Aston* of *Sutton* in the County of *Worcester* esquire, who departed out of this wretched world to her heavenly kingdom, the tenth day of February, in the year of our Lord God 1595. and of her age lx. and three: All the time of her life a true and faithfull servant of her good God, never detected of any crime or vice; in religion most sound; in love to her husband most faithfull and true; in friendship most constant; To what in trust was committed to her most secret; In wisdom excellling; in governing of her house and bringing up of youth in the feare of God that did converse with her, most rare and singular. A great maintainer of hospitality; greatly esteemed of her betters; misliked of none unlesse of the envious. When all is spoken that can be

said, a woman so furnished and garnished with vertue as not to be bettered, and hardly to be equalled by any. As she lived most virtuously, so she dyed most godly. Set down by him that best did know what hath been written to be true.

Thomas Lucy.

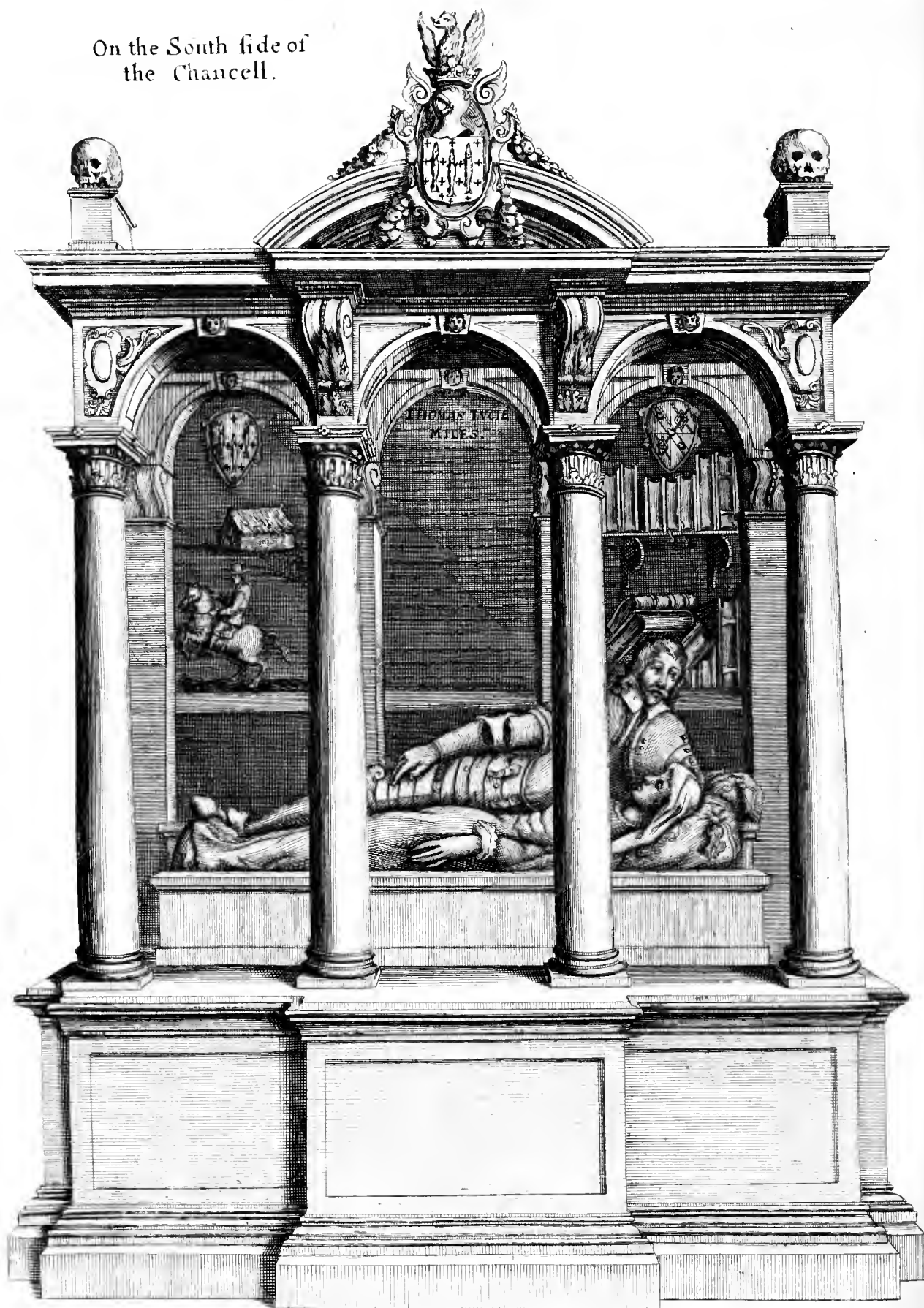
On grave stones of marble in the body of the Church.

Dicitur Edmundus Wykham quondam
filius Thome Wykham generosi
cuius anime propitiatur Deus.

Dicitur Dominus Johannes Baresker
quondam Capellanus istius Ecclesie
cuius anime propitiatur Deus, Amen.

THOMAS

On the South side of
the Chancell.



P. Ombart, sculpsit Londini.

THOMAS LUCIE
MILES.

AGRI VARVICENSIS DECUS ET
DELICIÆ, antiquissimâ oriundus familiâ,
virtute nihil duxit antiquius: quâ maioribus suis
etiam per illustribus emicuit (si fas dicere) major, &
illustrior. Quantus extiterit in illum patria amor,
quanta illius in patriam pietas, publica regni comitia

(quibus saepenumero popularis illum ardor inservit)
abundè perhibent. Rei familiari splendidissima, nemo
aut melius prospexit aut minùs servit: prominentibus
indies liberalitate & magnificentiâ qua frugalitas
condiderat Patrem familias præstitit qualem per-
pauci. Famulorum, si quem morbus corripuerat &
ipse statim male habuit, adhibuit medicum, suis
sumptibus restituit. Qui pater in hero erga servos,
facile iudices quid fuerit in patre erga suavissimam
prolem,

prolem, in marito erga dilectissimam uxorem! Mensa (qua nunquam non opipera) bonus quisq; gratissimus accubuit, praesertim si Theologiam sapuit, & musas imbibit: quarum ipse sitientior dubium an scientior fuerit. Musaeum certe animatum audit: Neque minus benigna pauperculis janua: Cui famem omnibus eximent, qui valedixit etiam benedixit. Multas operas, praecipue ne nihil agentes male agerent quotidie exercuit. Multis opidulis etiam planstra cibarium quotannis transfudit. Bellatorem equum, qui apud illum plurimus, et nusquam loci pluris, nusquam generosior animi gratia saepiuscule pressit, cui nisi callidius fuisset quam sibi moderatus (nam equo intentior lasit intestina) nondum ille, quo fuimus felices, & quo non alter fuit in terris felicius, fuisset in caelis felicissimus. Nobis autem occidit, sibiq; exortus est, Decembris viii. anno Dom. M.DC. XXXX.

Etatis sua Lvi.

ET ALICIA UXOR IPSIUS
FILIA ET HAERES Thoma Spenser de Claverdon armigeri. Cujus eximias virtutes prohibet hoc marmore (quod nec illas capit) nimia superstitis modestia. Hoc solum patitur fuisse conjugis dum erat in vivis observantissimam; posuisse mortuo hoc quaecunque monumentum; factumq; pra amore atq; mœore (uti ceruis) marmoreum.

A little below **Cherlecofe**, is **Abon** increased by the confluence of another Torrent, which hath its rise from the Eastern side of this Hundred, as the Map will shew: But such is the hillyness of that part, wanting the like streames to water it, which in most other places are to be seen, as that the situation of the towns cannot be observed as elsewhere: Taking notice therefore of them, by those other eminent marks, as may best demonstrate how they lye, wherein that mountainous tract, called **Edge-Hill** will stand me in much stead, I shall begin with **Herdwick-Priors**, in which Parish are contained the Villages of **Priors-Persiton**, and **Shukbozongh-inferior**.

Herdwick-Priors.

This was one of those xxiv towns, which Earl **Leofrike** gave to the Monks of **Cobentre** in **Edward** the Confessors days, when he founded that Monastery, as in **Cobentre** I have manifested; and in the Conquerors Survey is certified^o to contain xv. hides, then valued at x li. In that Record it is written **Herdwiche**; but touching the Etymologie of its name I need not here speak, having already in **Herdwick** *juxta* **Lemington** delivered my opinion, all places of the same denomination proceeding from the like cause. There is not much to be said of this Lordship, in regard that it continued to the Monks of **Cobentre** so long as that Monastery stood, which Monks had **Free-warren** granted^p to them in all their demesne lands here in 41 H. 3. viz 5. carucats, as appears by that Inquisit^o of 7 E. 1. the rest being held by Tenants, whereof xxix. were such as occupied 17. yard land, for which they payd certain particular Rents, and performed divers servile duties: Besides which **Free-warren**, they had also at that time a **Court-Leaf** and Gallows.

But after the dissolution of the Monasteries, it was by the Ks. Letters Patent dated 25. Apr. 34

H. 8. granted unto Sir **Edm. Knightley** Kt. and to the heirs male of his body, with remainder to **Valentine Knightley** his brother, &c. with **Offchurch**, as I have there more fully shewed. Which Sir **Edm.** dying 12. Sept. in the same 34. year of H. 8. without issue male, his brother **Valentine** (then a Knight) became possessor thereof; who, by a speciall Patent dated 4 & 5 Ph. & M. had License^t to alien it unto Sir **John Spenser** Knight, and **Edward Griffin** Attorney generall to the Queen, and their heirs: but nothing was done therein, as it should seem: For in 8 Eliz. the said Sir **Valentine** dyed^u seized thereof, leaving **Richard** his son and heir of full age; which **Richard** sold it in Q. Eliz. time to one **Raph Blount** (an ancient servant to Sir **Valentine**) which **Raph** had issue **Richard**, who inclosed all that belong'd to the Mannour, and then sold it to Sir **William Samuel** of **Cipton** in **Com. Dorset** Knight, who gave it to **Arthur** a younger son, that sold it to **William** Lord **Spenser**, whose younger son **Robert** is the present owner thereof.

The Church belonging to the Monks of **Cobentre**, and of their patronage; as Lords of the Mannour, was by **Roger Molend** Bishop of **Cobentre** and **Uichfield** appropriated^w to them in An. 1260. (44 H. 3.) being endowed^x with two carucates of land. In Anno 1291. 19 E. 1. it was valued^y at xxvii. marks, and the Vicaridge at lx s. but in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was rated^z at xxiii li. xvi s. over and above xxvi s. viii d. yearly paid out thereof to the Monks of **Cobentre**, and iv s. for Synodalls.

Patroni Vicarie.

Incumbentes.

<i>Will. de Bourton</i> Pbr. 1. Feb. 1313.	<i>Langt. f. 38. a.</i>
<i>Rid. de Suham</i> Diac. 3. Id. Martii 1333.	<i>Northb. f. 27. b.</i>
<i>Joh. Bokerville</i> Cap. xvi. Cal. Dec. 1354.	<i>Ib. f. 59. a.</i>
<i>Will. de Welnesford</i> Cal. Dec. 1363.	<i>Sweet. f. 12. a.</i>
<i>Joh. Reynbolt</i> Pbr. 25. Apr. 1384.	<i>Ib. f. 31. b.</i>
<i>Ric. Jekell</i> 7. Julii 1410.	<i>Burgh. f. 25. b.</i>
<i>Joh. Frankelene</i> 25. Sept. 1410.	<i>Ib. f. 26. a.</i>
<i>Walt. Moell</i> 17. Aug. 1413.	<i>Ib. f. 33. b.</i>
<i>Ric. Stayton</i> Cap. 8. Junii 1423.	<i>Heyw. f. 11. a.</i>
<i>Ric. Whitelombe</i> Pbr. 5. Dec. 1428.	<i>Ib. f. 22. a.</i>
<i>D. Joh. Hulle</i> Pbr. 22. Oct. 1431.	<i>Ib. f. 26. b.</i>
<i>Joh. James</i> Pbr. 19. Oct. 1432.	<i>Ibid. f. 29. a.</i>
<i>Thomas Pedyne</i> Pbr. 8. Junii 1433.	<i>Ibid. f. 31. a.</i>
<i>Ric. Styler</i> 6. Julii 1433.	<i>Ibid.</i>
<i>Robert Lemyg</i> 1. Jan. 1454.	<i>Bowl. f. 10. b.</i>
<i>Magr. Tho. Jones</i> in utroq; jure Bacc. 25. Sept. 1500.	<i>Ib. f. 205. a.</i>
<i>Tho. Orton</i> in decret. Bac. 8. Oct. 1501.	<i>Ib. f. 206. b.</i>

Prior & Conv. de
Cobentre.

Sampf. &
B. f. 9. b.

1b. f. 11. b.

Bentham
bund. H.

Sampf. &
B. f. 43. a.

Oulton
bund. F.

Henr. Waver, aliàs
Over de Civit. Co-
ventria Grocer.

Ric. Atkyns, hac vice,
ex concess. Ric. O-
ver.

Rob. Spenser miles, Ba-
ro de Wormleighton.

D. Thomas Jackson Cler.
20. Jan. 1556.
Bernardus Massy in art.
Magr. 25. Oct. 1558.
Thurstanus Mooseley 26.
Maii 1562.
Leonardus Harison Cler.
24. Junii 1569.

Georgius Hale Cler. 3. Sept.
1604.

Catesby, and his heirs, all his lands in Over-
Shukborough and Pether-Shukborough, with
the Court-Leet. But more of this Pether-
Shukborough I have not seen, till 3. Eliz. that
Thomas Shukborough Esquier was found¹ to dye
seized thereof; from whom it is descended unto Sir
Richard Shukborough, now living, together with
Over-Shukborough, as I have there shewed.

1 Esc. 3.
Eliz.

In a window of the Church
these Armes.

1. Azure a fesse Ermine betwixt
6. Cranes heads erased Arg. } Spenser.

2. Spenser empaling
Kitson. } viz. Sable 3. Lucies hau-
rissant d'argent, with a Lyon
rampant betwixt 2.
Annulets upon a chief Or.

Merston-Priors.

THIS, being in the Parish of Herdwick-Priors,
was with it, amongst divers other Lordships,
given to the Monks of Coventre by Earl Leofrike
in Edw. the Confessors days: yet is there no par-
ticular mention of it in the Conquerors Survey, it
being there involved with Herdwick. Which
Monks in 41 H. 3. had a Charter^a of Free-war-
ren extending to all their demesne lands here as, it
did to the rest of their Mannours: And in 7 E. 1.
had xxxviii. Tenants, who held 23. yard land in
this place, paying severall Rents and performing
divers services, scil. Plowing, Mowing, Reaping,
and the like; all which used to do suit to the Priors
Court twice in the year. After the dissolution of
that Monastery, it was granted^c out of the Crown,
with Herdwick, &c. to Sir Edmund Knightley
Knight, and hath ever since passed therewith; be-
ing now posselt by the Lord Spencer.

The Chapell, as a member also of Herdwick,
was appropriated^d to the Monks of Coventre.

Shukborough-Inferior.

IN the Conquerors time Ric. Forestarius held^e
half a hide here, then valued at xx s. after-
wards, as by an authentique Record^f appears, re-
puted for three yard land. From which Richard
(who is there called Ric. Chenen) it descended, by
Margerie his daughter and heir to William Crok,
and so by Margerie the sister of William, son to
the said William, to Robert de Brok, who by a fair
Charter^g (with his portraiture in his Seal on Horle-
back) wherein he calls himself Domini Regis An-
glie Marescallus, gave^h to Roger Helie, aliàs de
Bentley this land in Succberge: From whom de-
scended John de Bentley, who in 28 E. 1. was cer-
tifiedⁱ to hold one hide of land here of Richard de
Loges, lineall heir unto Robert de Broc, (as in
Chesterton is shewed:) And from him William de
Bentley, Lord of Bentley in Com. Staff. who in
47 E. 3. granted^k to John, the son of William de

IN the Conquerors time part of this town, being
in the Earl of Mellent's possession^m; viz. one
hide and a half, which one Gislebertus held of him,
was valued at iv li. x s. and then written Wilmere-
stone: Another part, but much greater, did Tur-
chill de Warwick thenⁿ possesse, which was certi-
fied to contain three hides, and rated at x li. one
Warrinus being at that time his undertenant for it.
In that place it is written Wilmerestone: A third
portion, here, did one William hold^o at the
same time of Goisfrid de Manneville, viz. half a
hide and a fourth part, valued at xv s. and there it
is written Wimelestone: which makes me conje-
cture that the denomination thereof might origi-
nally proceed from the name of its owner, scil.
Wimere, or some such name.

Whether it were by King Henry the first imme-
diately disposed of to Geoffrey de Clinton, his Cham-
berlain and Treasurer (of whose advancement I
have in Kentworth made mention) or to Henry de
Newburgh Earl of Warwick, and by him gran-
ted to the said Geoffrey, I am not certain: howbeit,
that the said Geoffrey enjoy'd it, is clear enough from
what I shall shortly manifest; for Geoffrey de Clin-
ton, son to that Geoffrey, gave^p the Church of this
place to the Monastery of Kentworth, and af-
terwards enfeoffed^q Ric. Walsh in the whole Man-
nour, to hold by the service of a Knights fee;
which grant Henry de Clinton, his son, ratified^r to
the said Richard and his heirs, in consideration
whereof he received viii. marks of silver; but
therein it is written Wilmelastune. This Richard
Walsh had issue^s Vill. and two daughters, scil.
Petronill and Sybill; which Villiam dyed with-
out issue, as I guesse; for the same Henry de Clin-
ton confirm'd^t this Mannour unto his said sister,
and their heirs, to hold by the like service of a
Knights fee, and quitted^u unto them their Re-
lief, for all which they gave him xxs. in silver.
What became of Sybill I know not; but Petronill
was wedded^w to Geoffrey Peche, about King Ric.
1. time, and^x had with her the inheritance hereof,
which continued to his posterity, in the male line,
till H. 4. time (whereof in Hampton in Arden I
have spoke.)

To Geoffrey succeeded Richard^y, and to him,
John^z, who in 7 E. 1. was certified^a to hold it
immediatly of Theobald de Nevill, by the service
of a Knights fee, and he of Richard de Harecourt,
and he of the Earl of Warwick: At which time
the said John had here two carucates of land in
demesne, and xiii. Tenants holding 7. yard land
and a half, besides 3. Freeholders; as also a Court-
Leet. It was then likewise found, that John
Passelew held of the said John Peche two carucates
of land, here, by the service of half a Knights fee:
which John Passelew had xiv. Tenants holding se-
verall proportions thereof; (but in that Record it

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r Regi. de
Kenilw.
3. & 1. f.

s E. 4. u.
t Regi. de
Kenilw.
3. & 1. f.

u E. 4. u.
v Regi. de
Kenilw.
3. & 1. f.

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Kenilw.
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Kenilw.
3. & 1. f.

is written *Wylmelechstone*.) For which Court-leet, together with Assise of Bread and Beer he pleaded^b Prescription in 12 E. 1.

Of this family did divers bear the name of *John*; to one of which in 28 E. 3. there was a Charter^c of *Free-warren* granted in all his demesne lands here. After which *viz.* in 12 H. 4. this Mannour, with divers other, was by a Fine^d then levied, setled upon *Catherine* the widow of the last Sir *John Peche* for terme of life; and after her decease upon *William Mountfort* of *Colthill*, and *Margaret* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies, with remainder to the right heirs of the said *Margaret*, she being daughter and heir to the before specified Sir *John Peche* (as in *Hampton in Arden* is manifested.) From which Sir *William* descended Sir *Sim. Montfort* Knight (as in *Colthill* I have shewed) who being attainted^e in 10 H. 7. forfeited this Lordship with the rest of his lands; the inheritance whereof was granted^f out of the Crown 7. *Mai* 13 H. 7. to *Will. Cope* Esquire, Cofe-ner of the household to the K. to be held in Socage, paying *xv.* marks *per annum* into the Exchequer. Which *Will. Cope* in 14 H. 7. depopulated *xii.* messs. and 3. Cottages here, as was certified by one Inquis.^g and inclosed *CC. xl.* acres of land: And Sir *Edw. Raleigh* Knight wasted *vi.* messuages more. After which, *viz.* 3. Sept. 22 H. 7. the said *Will. Cope* sold^h this Lordship to *John Spenser* Esquier, who soon after began the structureⁱ of a fair Mannour-house, wherein, when that Inquis. was taken he had his residence, with *lx.* persons of his family, being a good Benefactor to the Church in Ornaments and other things. From which *John* descended Sir *Robert Spenser* Knight created^k Baron *Spenser* of this *Wormleighton* 21. *Julii* 1. *Jac.* whole grandchild, *viz.* *Henry Lord Spenser*, now, *scil. an.* 1640. enjoys it.

The Church (dedicated to *S. Peter*) being^l given to the Canons of *Kenilworth*, in King *Stephens* time, by *Geffrey de Clinton*, son to *Geffrey* the Founder of that Monastery, was confirmed^m to them by *Richard Peche* Bishop of *Coventre*, in H. 2. time: Out of which *Geffrey Muschamp*, Bishop in King *John's* time, gaveⁿ unto those Canons a Pension of *xl s.* *per annum* to be received during the life of *Adam de Kelinton* the then Incumbent: And granted^o, that, after his decease or resignation, two parts of the fruits and profits belonging thereto, as well in lands and Rents, as obventions of the Church-yard and Altar, should be appropriated to that Monastery; and the third part wholly redound^p to the Vicar. Some question there grew afterwards betwixt the Lord of this Mannour, and the Canons of *Kenilworth*, touching the advowson thereof; but in 23 H. 3. they grew to an Agreement, at which time *Richard Peche* quitted his^q interest thereto.

In *Anno* 1291. 19 E. 1. the Rectory, so appropriated, was valued^r at *xv.* marks, and the Vicaridge at *x s.* But in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was rated^s at *vi li. xiii s. iv d.*

Patroni Vicariæ.

Incumbentes.

Prior & Conventus de Kenilworth.

Roger de Shuscombe Pbr. 16. Cal. Jan. 1305.
Nich. de Radeway 7. Cal. Oct. 1328.
Adam de Thorp 4. Cal. Sept. 1337.

Prior & Conventus de Kenilworth.

John Spenser de Aldthorp in Com. Northampton. miles.

Rob. Spenser miles, Baro Spenser.

Adam de Thorp-Mundevill 1b. f. 47. a. Cap. 7. Id. Dec. 1348.
Will. le Hunt Cap. 13. Cal. 1b. f. 54. a. Jan. 1350.
Will. de Lavington Pbr. 29. Strett. f. 23. a. Sept. 1375.
Ric. de Rossale Pbr. 23. Ju- Sk. f. 4. b. nii 1389.
Will. Bacon 4. Apr. 1b. f. 12. b. 1396.
John. Bagworth Pbr. 27. 1b. f. 13. b. Jan. 1397.
Adam Merston Cap. 23. Burgh. f. 10. b. Nov. 1402.
Will. Merston Cap. 25. Febr. 1b. f. 18. b. 1406.
Alanus Thame penult. Aug. 1b. f. 23. b. 1409.
John. Bekenyll 19. Nov. Heyw. f. 20. a. 1427.
Thom. Halle Pbr. 16. Mar- Bowl. f. 140. a. tii 1492.
D. John. Symonds 2. Maii Bl. f. 8. b. 1518.
John. Awgood Cler. 6. Aug. Sampf. & B. f. 1. b. 1554.
D. Thom. Knight Pbr. 21. 1b. f. 9. b. Oct. 1556.
Thom. Tayler Cler. 16. Apr. 1b. f. 46. a. 1575.
Georgius Hale Cler. 29. Eund. B. Martii 1586.
Will. West Cler. 9. Sept. Overton bund. F. 1604.

Wormleighton.
Arms in the Church window.



1. Beauchamp. 5. Poding.
4. Spenser of Hordell
empaling Poding.

Fenny Compton.

IN the valley below *Wormleighton*, South-west-wards, stands *Fenny Compton*, which takes its name from the situation, *Combe* and *Cumbe*, in our old English, signifying a hollow place or deep valley, (as in *Cumbe*, I have already shewed) and *Fen* dirt.

In the Conquerors time part of it was posselt by^t the Earl of *Spellent*, and part by *Turchil de Warwick*. That which the Earl of *Spellent* then had here (wherein the Church stood) was by the generall Survey^u, then made, certified to contain 4. hides and 3. virgats of land, which were valued at *iv li. Gislebertus* (who held part of *Wormleighton* of the said Earl) being his Tenant thereto. Howbeit that which *Turchil de Warwick* had, was somewhat more, and held^w of him also by two undertenants, *viz.* *Almarus*, who occupied two hides thereof, rated at *xl s.* and *Rogerius* 3. hides and one virgate, valued a *L s.* all which had been the freehold of *Ordric, Alwin*, and

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U^lsi in King Edward the Confessors dayes. But I cannot directly discover the time, when this Earl of **Mellent** (who was advanc^t to the Earldome of **Leicester** by King H. 1.) enfeofft **Raph Boteler** in his part of this Lordship; yet that he so did is out of doubt: for in that confirmation^s made by the same King to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, of those lands and Churches wherewith their Monastery was endowed, the Church of this **Cumpton** is specified, and said to be *de feodo Radulfi Pincerne de Legrecstria*, so that it is clear enough that **Butler** had it in his time.

The next possessor thereof, that I find^r, was **Bigot**, to whom, questionlesse, the before specified **Raph Boteler** granted it: for in H. 2. time **Gilbert le Bigoth**, his son, releasing^r to those Canons his right in the advouson of this Church, acknowledges^a that it was *de elemosina patris*, given to them by his father. At that time also the said **Gilb.** quit claimed^b his title and interest to one hide of land lying here, which his Ancestors had bestowed on them; in consideration whereof he^c reserved the service of the fift part of a Kts. fee to be performed by the Incumbent in the said Church on behalf of the before specified Canons. This **Gilbert** in 20 H. 2. answered^d *vi li.* to the K. for his lands here; which as it should seem, was by way of composition for his offence in adhering to those that were in Rebellion against the King on the part of young **Henry**; but in that^e Record he is called **Gilbertus Picot**. In 5 H. 3. there was a Fine^f levied of the third part of a Kts. fee here, betwixt **Cecil** the widow of **Gilb. Bigot**, & **Ric. Bigot**, she clayming the said third part as her dowrie; in which Record it is written **Fenni-Cumpton**, that being the first time I find it distinguished by such addition.

Of **Bigot's** portion, intending to say more anon, I now come to speak of **Turchill's** share; the passages whereof, though I cannot, by direct steps, exactly trace; yet am I satisfied in what road it went; viz. to the Earl of **Warwick**, (as the rest of **Turchill's** lands did) who enfeofft **Turchill's** posterity thereof, to hold of his descendants by half a Knights fee: From whom (viz. one of the **Ardens**) the Canons of **Trentham** in **Staffordshire**, having a grant thereof, past it to **Richard Peche** (Lord of **Wormleighton**, whereof I last spoke) to hold by the same service: all which may be inferred from that Inquis. taken in 7 E. 1. whereof I shall make further mention by and by, though in 20 H. 3. the Record^g expresses no other than that the said **Ric. Peche** held it immediatly of the Earl of **Warwick**; Nor that^h of 36 H. 3. than that the heirs of **Ric. Peche** held it of **Thomas de Arden**, and he of the Earl, without any mention of the Prior of **Trentham**. But, about the beginning of E. 1. time, upon an Agreementⁱ made betwixt **Richard** Prior of **Trentham**, and the Lady **Hawisia**, widow of **Richard Peche**, the title of the Canons of **Trentham** begins to appear; for I thereby find, that the said Canons, at the especiall request of **William** Bishop of **Posworth**, Sir **Hugh de Arden** Knight, and other great men, granted to the said **Hawise** the Wardship of these lands at **Fenni-Cumpton**, and the Relief of **John** her son, when he should accomplish his full age: which **John**, in 7 E. 1. was certified^k to hold this Lordship, of the Prior of **Trentham**, by the service of half a Knights fee; the said Prior holding it of **Thomas de Arden**, and he of the Earl of **Warwick**, having one carucate of land in demesne, and 5. Villains holding three yardland; for

which they payd severall Rents, and performed suit to his Court. At the same time it was likewise found, that the Prior of **Clatercote** held one carucate of land in demesne of the same **T. de Arden**, by the service of the fourth part of a Knights fee; and that the said Prior had also 4. Freeholders, who held severall other portions.

I now return to **Bigod**. By this Record^l doth it also appear, that **Robert Bigod** (descended from **Gilbert** before specified) held his part of this town of **Raph le Boteler**, by the service of half a Knights fee, and he of the Earl of **Leicester**: and that the said **Robert** then had .xii. Freeholders holding severall proportions of land under particular Rents, and suit of Court: And moreover^m that the Prior of **Clatercote** held two carucats of land of him in pure Almes, whereof no Scutage was to be payd for more than one virgate: which **Robert** and all his Tenants used to make their appearanceⁿ at the Earl of **Leicester's** Court-Leet. But after this I find no more mention at all of these **Bigots**; so that I presume, that what they had here, was by them sold to **Peche**: for in 13 E. 1. **John Peche** claimed^o by Prescription a Court-Leet in this his Lordship, together with Assize of Bread and Beer, which were allowed. From which family it went to **Montfort** by a daughter and heir, as in **Hampton in Arden**, where the Descent is drawn, may be seen: And by the attainder^p of Sir **Simon Montfort** (10 H. 7.) eschaeted to the Crown; out of which it was granted^q, together with **Wormleighton**, unto **William Cape Esquier**, Treasurer of the household to the K. 7. Maii 13 H. 7. And past, as I think, from **Cope** to **Spenser** (with **Wormleighton**;) for in 13 H. 8. **John Spenser** posselt^r it: But in 22 H. 8. a Fine was levied thereof, betwixt **Richard Willis** gentleman plaintiff, and **Margery Belingham**, widow, late wife of Sir **Robert Belingham** Knight, daughter and heir to **John Beaunfiz** of **Walthall**, deforciant: from which **Richard** is descended **George Willis** now Lord thereof, an. scil. 1640.

That which the Canons of **Clatercote** had here, was granted^s out of the Crown in 30 H. 8. unto **William Petre** D^r of Law, and to the heirs male of his body, together with the site of that Monastery, and Mannour of **Clatercote**. And in 36 H. 8. by another Patent^t to the same **William** and his heirs, by the name of Sir **William Petre** Knight. But the next year following, upon exchange^u of lands made with the said Sir **William Petre**, the King had it again; and by his Letters Patent^v dated xi. Dec. 37 H. 8. granted it, *inter alia*, to the Colledge of **Christ-Church** in **Oxford**, of his own foundation, to hold in pure Almes.

That the Church (dedicated to S. **Clare**) was given^w to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, by **Bigot**, in H. 1. time, I have already intimated; which grant **Richard Peche** Bishop of **Cobentre** confirmed^x temp. H. 2. And **Geffrey Muschamp** (Bishop in King **John's** time) assigned^y xxx s. Pension to them, yearly, out of the fruits thereof, which **Alex. de Savensby** (his successor) shortly after confirmed^z. After which till 12 E. 1. the advouson thereof continued to those Canons; but then did they passe^a it to **Roger Molend** Bishop of **Cobentre** and **Wichfield**. In anno 1291. 19 E. 1. it was valued^b at xi. marks; And in^c 26 H. 8. at xv li. viii s. ii d. over and above viii s. allowed for Procurations and Synodalls.

Amongst the Incumbents here, 'tis worth observation, that **Aimer**, brother to King H. 3. by the mothers

x Reg. de Kenilw. p. 144.

y Ibid. p. 157.

d Rot. P. c 20 H. 2

f Craft. Mich.

g Testa de Nevill.

i Ex Coll. W. Burton.

k 107. p. v H. Nort. c 7 E. 1. f. 96. a.

1 Ibid. b.

m Ibid. n f. 97

o Rot. d Quo W

p E. 1. 7.

q Pat. H. 7. 2.

r Pat. Rec. 1. 3. 8.

s Term Pasch.

t Pat. H. 8. p. 6.

u Pat. H. 8. 7.

v Pat. H. 8. 3.

x Pat. H. 8. 8.

y c. 8.

z n. per Insp.

a Rot. Kenilw. 7.

b Ibid. 6.

c Fleu. off. Bag.

d S. in Sc.

e S. per ne. A.

f eq. ant. 46.

Ex autog. mothers side, was presented to this Church by the
penes D. & Cap. Lich. Canons of **Kentwosht**, and instituted Parson there-
of (being afterwards Bishop of **Winchester**, and by
g Godw. de Godwyn called **Ethelmare**.)

Patroni Ecclesiar.

Incumbentes.

Ex autog. penes D. & Cap. Lich. Northb. f. 29. b. ib. f. 32. b.	Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.	D. Aymer, frater Regis uterinus. f. dat. Walt. de Wodehouse Cler. 8. Cal. Maii 1336. Thom. Trailly Pbr. 15. Cal. Apr. 1337. Thom. Darrell Cler. 8. Id. Oct. 1338. Roger. de Saperton Pbr. 4. Cal. Nov. 1349. Will. Lampe Cap. 4. Cal. Nov. 1350. Ric. Pencrich Pbr. 4 Oct. 1378 Ioh. Lagger Cap. ult Oct. 1404 Tho. Chesterfeld in Decret. Bac. 27 Nov. 1425 Rog. Walle Cler. 18 Sept. 1444 Thom. Lye Cler. 26 Maii 1445 Ric. Bowier Pbr. ult. Febr. 1448. Rob. Baguley Cap. 1 Febr. 1451. Magr. Joh. Jolyff Pbr. 7. Dec. 1452. Joh. Clone, in Decr. Bac. (tenere in Comendat) 2 Jan. 1455. Mr. Rolandus Lee Decret. Dr. 1. Oct. 1526. D. John Hopkins Cler. 1533. Mr. Will. Dawson Cler. 28. Junii 1547. Thomas Nicholson 8. Sept. 1575. Rad. Wylding Cler. 16. Aug. 1617. Randolphus Hancock Cler. 25. Martii. 1627.
ibid.		
ibid. f. xx. b. ib. f. 53. b.	Dominus Episc. Cov. & Lich.	
ibid. f. 25. ib. f. 14. b. ib. f. 16. b. ib. f. 42. b. ib. f. 43. a. ib. f. 8. a. ib. f. 13. a.		
ib. f. 2. b.	D. Rex ratione temporal. Cov. & Lich. Episc. & c.	
ib. f. 11. b.	D. Episcopus.	
ib. f. 1. f. ib. a.	D. Rex, ratione temporal. Cov. & Lich. Episc. & c.	
ib. f. 12. a.	Edw. Littleton de Piletnall in Com. Staff. ar. hac vice, ratione concess. Cov. & Lich. Episc.	
ib. f. 16. b.	Thomas Fysher.	
ib. f. 1. f. ib. a.	Ric. Venor, & Edw. Morcot.	
ib. f. 1. f. ib. a.	Jac. Horsley gen.	

Monumentall inscriptions in the Church.

Upon a Marble whereon is the portraiture
of a man in brasse.

Of your charite pray for the soul of Richard Willis gentleman, lord of the Mannour of Fenny-Compton, and one of the Kings Justices of peace in the County of Warwick. And Joane his wife. Which Richard deceased the viii day of February in the yeare of our Lord M. D. XXXI. Of whose souls Jesu have mercy, Amen.

This Joane was the daughter to one of the
Graunts of **Smutterfeld**.

On another Marble.

Here lyeth buried the body of Ambrose Willis of Fenny-Compton in the County of Warwick Gentleman, the son of William Willis who lyeth buried at Priors-Marion; which William was the son of Richard Willis & Joane his wife, both lying buried under the stone adoyning. Which Ambrose had by Amye his wife eight sonnes all deceased in thet infancy, but one sonne named Richard; and one daughter, named Anne yet living. He deceased the tenth day of June Anno Domini Millefimo quingentesimo nonagesimo.

This Amye was the daughter of Richard Colles of Little-Preston in the County of Northampton Esquier.

On another.

Here lyeth buried the body of Richard Willis of Fenny-Compton in the County of Warwick gentleman, son of Ambrose Willis deceased. Which said Richard had by Hester his wife five children; that is to say George, William, Richard, Judith, and Mary, all now living, who deceased the tenth day of June 1597.

This Hester was the daughter of George Chambré of Willamscote in the County of Oxford Esquier.

In the East window of the North Ile
these Armes.

Sable a Fesse engrailed betwixt three Helmets
Argent.

Derfet.

Come next to **Derfet**, a parish somewhat spacious; but that part wherein the Church stands is commonly called **Burton-Dasset**; the Hamlets belonging thereto being these; viz. Great **Dasset**, **Hardwick**, **Knightscofe**, and **Portfend**. In the Conquerors time the Earl of **Mellent** had *x*. hides within the compasse of this place, which was the Freehold of three Thanes before the Norman invasion, and then esteemed to be worth *x li.* but at the generall Survey no more than *viii li.* and there written **Derfeto**. The residue was then certified to contain *xv.* hides, which **Harold**, son to **Raph** Earl of **Hereford** held; and so did in **Edward** the Confessors dayes; at which time it was valued at *xvi li.* but by the Conquerors Survey at *xx li.* where it is written **Derfetone**: In each of which parts there was at that time a Priest, and, in likelihood, some Chapell besides the mother Church; yet I presume the Mother-Church then stood where it now doth, *scil.* in that part belonging to **Harold**.

From this **Harold** did paternally descend the line of **Sudley** (taking their surname from **Sudley** in **Gloucestershire**, their principall seat;) of which family, for that they were Founders of the Monastery of **Crobury**, within the precincts of **Chilbertscoton** in this County, I reserve what I have to

say historically, till I come to **Giff** in that parish, where they resided. It seems that the same part of this town held by the E. of **Mellent**, as above said, came also to the **Sudley's**; for it appears by good authorities, that they were possessors of the whole, and so continued, till by an heir generall, it descended, to **Boteler**, as I shall manifest in due place: But when it was past from the said Earl, or any of his posterity, I have not seen; neither can I guess at the direct time, otherwise than to conclude it to have been somewhat antient: and yet do I make a question, whether it were before the xxth of H. 3. for upon collection of the Aid then levied, it is certified^k, that **Robert Munduit** held one Knights fee and a half, here, of the Earl of **Warwick**, unto whom most of the lands and fees, which were the Earl of **Mellent's** in this County, devolved. At which time it was also found, that **Raph de Suthley** answered for a Knights fee in this place. But by anotherⁿ Record, not above xi. years after, it appears, that **Raph de Suthley** accounted for two Knights fees here, which proportion the heirs of the said **Raph** held^o in 36 H. 3.

For the etymologie of the name, considering how variously it hath been written in ancient time; viz. **Derecto**, **Derectone**, **Derecth**, and **Dozcestre**, I shall onely deliver my fancy; viz. that, being a hilly place, it was originally a receptacle for Beasts of Chase, wherewith this land, before it grew populous, did much abound; which kind, we know, do much delight in Mountainous grounds, as this is; So that I suppose, it might, by reason thereof, at first, be called **Deocest** with the Saxons, which betokeneth a place where wild Beasts have their abode: but I leave it as a conjecture.

As for that part of the town, called **Burton-Dasset**, it is by way of distinction from the other; of which addition I have exprest my conceipt where I discourse of **Burton-Hastings** in **Unknightlow-Hundred**; wherunto I shall adde, that 'tis probable it might proceed from the Saxon word **beoþg**, which signifieth the same with **Collis**, the situation thereof upon a little hill favouring this my conceipt. But I now come to what I find, memorable in relation to this place. In 51 H. 3. **Barthol. de Suthley**, being then Lord thereof, had a Charter granted^p to him and his heirs for a **Mercate** to be kept every Friday, weekly, here; and a **Fair** annually for three days, viz. the Eve of **S^t James** the Apostle, and two days after. And in 7 E. 1. **John de Suthley** was certified^q to be Lord hereof, where it is written **Magna Derect**, but said to be a member of **Suthley**^r; as also to be held by him of the King in **Capite**, with his Barony, by the service of two Knights fees. And that he had at that time here **Lui**, servants holding xix. yard land and a half, paying severall Rents and performing divers servile labours; with xxv. Freeholders, holding 24. yard land and a half. And moreover it there appears^s, that the Chief Chanter of the Church of **Lichfield**, held here at that time a fourth part of one yard land, and the Canons of **Orbury** two yard land, one whereof the Church was endowed with: As also, that the **Templars** of **Balshall** then had xi. Tenants here, who held four yard land, paying severall Rents, and performing severall servile labours. The Liberties and Priviledges which the said **John de Suthley** then had^t in this Lordship were the **Mercate** and **Faire**, whereof I have already toucht, **Free-warren**, **Court-Leet**, **Gal-**

lows, **Cuckstool**, and **Pillory**, with **Affize of Bread and Beer**: All which together with weyfs; as also to be quit of Murther, and suit to the Hundred and County Court, he claimed^u, partly by Prescription, and partly by Charter; but it being then found, that for Murther he used to partake with the Hundred, he was amerced for that undue claim, the rest of his Challenge being fully allowed.

Which **John de Sudley** became a speciall Benefactor to the Monastery of **Orbury** (of his Ancestors foundation) by the grant of lands and other advantages thereunto out of this place, as I shall punctually shew, when I come to speak of that Religious House. I often find in Record^w that this town is called **Cheping-Derfet**; the reason whereof is because of the **Mercate**: for **Cheping** with our Ancestors did signify the same that buying and selling doth with us; whence it is, that **Cheping-Porton**, in **Driford-shire**, **Cheptingham** in **Wilt-shire**, and **Chepstow** in **Monmouth-shire** had their names. But the last of the **Sudley's**, that had to doe here, was Sir **John de Sudley** Knight, who dying^x without issue in 41 E. 3. left **Thomas Boteler**, son of **Joan**, his eldest sister, then dead; and **Margerie** his younger sister his^y heirs: whereby, as also by the death^z of the said **Margerie** afterwards without issue, the said **Thomas** became possessor^a of this and all the rest of **Sudley's** lands: which **Thomas**, being afterwards a Knight^b dyed seized of this Mannour jointly with **Alice** his wife (daughter to Sir **John Beauchamp** of **Powpke**) 21. Sept. 22 R. 2. then leaving **John** his son and heir xiv. years of age; who in 8 H. 4. confirmed^c the estate for life therein, which had been granted by certain Fees unto the said **Alice**, she being at that time married^d to Sir **John Dalyngrugge** Knight.

This **John**, and **William** his brother were sons to Sir **Thomas Boteler** by his first wife; but both dyed without issue, as it seems; for upon the death of the abovespecified **Alice** in 21 H. 6. Sir **Raph Boteler** Knight, was then found^e to be heir unto her (and begotten by the said Sir **Thomas**) being then xl. years of age: which Sir **Raph** became a man of great note in H. 6. time, as it seems; for I find, that^f being Knight for the Body to the King he was made his Standard-bearer 28. Martii 17 H. 6. And by Letters Patent^g dated at **Westminster** x. Sept. 20 H. 6. created Lord **Sudley**, with the grant of CC. marks *per annum* to himself and his heirs for the better maintenance of that dignity. He was also constituted^h Lord Treasurer of **England** 7. Julii 22 H. 6. which office he held about three years: but in 13 E. 4. he departedⁱ this life, leaving Sir **John Norbury** Knight, and **William Belknap** his heirs: which Sir **John Norbury** was son^k of Sir **Henry Norbury** Knight, by **Elizabeth**; and **Will. Belknap** son^l of **Hamond Belknap** by **Joan**, sisters to the said **Raph**; for he left no^m issue male, Sir **Thomas Butler**, his only sonⁿ, dying in his life time: which Sir **John Norbury** and **William Belknap** in 16 E. 4. had livery^o of all the lands descended to them by the death of the abovespecified Sir **Raph Boteler**: The partition^p whereof was made betwixt the said Sir **John**, and **Edward Belknap** Esquier, son of **Henry**, brother and heir to **William Belknap** aforesaid in 13 H. 7. whereby this Mannour, *inter alia*, became assigned to **Belknap**: for in 2 R. 3. **William** dyed^q without issue, leaving **Henry Belknap** his brother and heir 50. years of age: which **Henry**, by his Testament^r da-

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ted 25. Junii anno 1488. 3 H. 7. bequeathed his body to be buried in the Chapell of our Lady at **Wekle** in **Souther**. It seemes he lived there; for by the same Testament he gave to the high Altar in that Church x. d. in lieu of his Tithes forgotten, and not paid; and departed this life 10 Julii following, leaving the said Sir **Edward** his son and heir xvii. years of age; who became a man of much publique action: for in 2 H. 7. he was one of the Commanders in the Kings Army at the Battail of **Stoke**: In 6. a Commissioner of Array in this County. In 12. a Commander in the Battail of **Blackheath** in **Kent**, against the Western Rebels. In 17. he had the custody of **Warwick-Castle** committed to his charge, being at that time Squier of the Body to the King. And from 8 H. 7. for the most part during all that Kings reign, was in Commission for the Peace in this County, as appears upon the severall renewings thereof; and sometimes for Gaol delivery. In consideration of whose acceptable services, the said King, by a special Patent dated 14. Apr. 24. of his reign, granted him immunity from being troubled or questioned for that Inclosure and depopulation, which he had made in this Lordship, contrary to the Statute in the third of his reign.

He was also Squier of the Body to King H. 8. being in the first of his reign again constituted Constable of **Warwick-Castle**; (for he resided at **Wetton** subius **Wethale** in this County, as it seems by what I have there manifested.) And in 8. a Knight. The Depopulation, and Inclosure that he made within this Lordship, scil. in 14 H. 7. was of xii. mess. and CCCLv. acres of land; unto every of which messuages 24. acres belonged: But by the Inquis. then taken, I find it certified, that this decay of tillage was no prejudice, but benefit to the publique: for whereas before that time they were able to entertain but xx. strangers, upon occasion, they could afterwards entertain Lx. as well: And that the Church and ornaments were then in better condition than before, having since cost the Parish CCli. That there were also xxi. Ploughs maintained in the Parish: And whereas before the Inclosure they had but one Priest, then were there 2. and many Clerks performing divine service every Holy day by Note, and divers times with Prick-song, none such having been kept before, by reason of the disability of the Parishioners. That the Benefice was better, and more of value to the Incumbent than when the lands did lye in tillage by iii li. or thereabouts. That the Children of the Parish were better taught, and better Houses kept; and that there were then within the precincts of the same Parish Cxli. Communicants.

By his Testament, bearing date 23. Martii anno 1520. 12 H. 8. he bequeathed his body to sepulture in the **Black-Friers** near **Ludgate**, in case he departed this life in **London**; but if in **Warwickshire**, then to be buried in the **Charterhouse** near **Cobentre**: And also appointed that **John Cotes**, with whom he had exchanged the Mannour of **Whitchurch**, in this County, for other lands, should receive x. marks yearly to him and his heirs out of this Mannour, till his Executors, or his heirs had clearly discharged the said **John** and his heirs, of and for the Rent of xiii. Quarters of Wheat, and xiii. Quarters of Barley, and part Masselin against the Nuns of **Whitley** and their successors, granted to their Predecessors by Sir **Peter de Montfort**, sometime Lord of that Mannour: And

died by a pestilentiall aire in **France** 26. Martii the same year, without issue, being at that time a Captain in the English Army there; leaving **Anthony Coke**, son of **John Coke**, by **Elizabeth** his sister; **Mary** wife of **Gerard Danet Elquier**, and **Alice** the wife of **William Shelley** (his two other sisters) his heirs. I have not as yet seen when or how the division was made betwixt these coheirs; but I presume that **Shelley's** part came shortly after to Sir **Edm. Wotton** Knight (son of Sir **Rob. Wotton** by **Anne** another sister to the said Sir **Edm. Belknap**;) for I find that the same Sir **Edward** was seized of the third part of this Mannour in 29 H. 8. From whom descended **Edward**, created Lord **Wotton** 13. Martii Jac. And that **Gerard Danet** being Squier of the Body to King H. 8. had issue Sir **John Danet** Knight, father of **Leonard Danet**, that sold his interest here to **Peter Temple Elquier** in 2 Eliz. whose posterity do still enjoy it.

The Church (dedicated to **All Saints**) being given to the Canons of **Erdbury** by **Raph de Sudley** (Founder of that Monastery) was appropriated thereunto by **Geffrey Muschamp** Bishop of **Cobentre** in King **John's** time, and endowed with one carucate of land; the Vicaridge being ordained in anno 1232. 16 H. 3. by **Alex. de Savensby** Bishop of **Cobentre** and **Wichfeld**. In anno 1291. 19 E. 1. the Rectory was valued at xxiv marks; but the Vicaridge had another endowment in H. 7. time; so that in 26 H. 8. upon the valuation then made, it was rated at xiv li.

Patroni Vicariae. Incumbentes, &c.

	Rad. de Derfet Pbr. die Purific. 1301.	Langt. f. 6. b.
Prior & Conv. de Erdbury & Dominus Joh. de Sudley miles.	D. Will. de Knistecote Pbr. 14. Cal. Dec. 1311.	Ib. f. 37. a.
	Rad. de Derfet Pbr. 8. Julii 1314.	Ib. f. 38. b.
	Thomas de Willoughby Pbr. 16. Cal. Nov. 1323.	Northb. f. 19. a.
Pr. & C. de Erdbury, & D. Edm. de Beresford.	Hugo de Brok Pbr. 2. Nov. Oct. 1332.	Ib. f. 27. a.
	Ric. de Beresby Cap. 4. Non. Julii 1349.	Ib. f. 49. a. c.
Pr. & Conv. de Erdbury, & Alianora de Sudley.	Hugo de Claydon Cap. 14. Cal. Aug. 1358.	Ib. f. 62. a.
	Will. Adams Pbr. 14. Jan. 1358.	Stret. f. 4. a.
Pr. & Conv. de Erdbury & D. Alicia Boteler Domina de Sudley.	Joh. Harris 14. Sept. 1421.	Heyw. f. 6. b.
	Henr. Greene penult. Febr. 1425.	Ib. f. 17. a.
	Ric. Leventhorpe 12. Dec. 1439.	Ib. f. 38. b.
Pr. & C. de Erdbury, & D. Rad. Boteler miles D. de Sudley.	Thomas Conway Pbr. 16. Jan. 1448.	Bo. f. 7. b.
D. Episc. per lapsum.	D. Ranulphus Goldsmyth Cap. 9. Nov. 1541.	Str. & P. f. 18. a.
Anth. Cooke miles.	Ric. Powle Cler. 18. Aug. 1564.	Bentham bund. H.
Edw. Dominus Wotton.	John. Tayler Cler. 27. Feb. 1607.	Overton bund. F.
Thom. Andrews de Derfet gen. ex conc. Maria Mynne de Hayes in Comit. Midd. vid.	Thomas Freman in art. Bac. 9. Apr. 1613.	Neale bund. A.

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Rot. 31.

n Esc. 1
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p Pat. 2
Eliz. p. 6.

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Ibid.

Thomas Temple miles Joh. Reignolds Cler. 20.
& Bar. Julii 1619.
D. Thomas Wotton Joh. Craige Cler. 21. Jan.
Baro de Marleigh. 1629.

Monumentall inscriptions in the Church.

Upon a Marble, where have been two
portraitures in brasse.

Here under this Stone lyeth the body of Peter
Temple Esquire, who departed out of this world
at Stow in the County of Buckingham the
xxviiith day of May Anno whose
soule God hath in his blessed keeping.

Fixt in the wall betwixt two
Corinthian Pillars.

Here under lyeth the body of John Temple of Stow
in the County of Buck. Esquire, one of the Lords of
this Mannour, And Susan his wife, who was the
daughter and heir of Thomas Spenser of Everton in
the County of Northampton Esquire, who had issue
six sons and six daughters, as here may appear. The
said John Temple deceased the ninth day of May
1603. being of age Lxi. years, and the said Susan
deceased the day of being of the age of
..... years

Cum liberis hic plurimos?

Cum hic amicos plurimos,

Et plurimas pecunias,

Vix scire cur reliquerit?

Tempellus ad plures abiit.

In the East window of the Chancell these Armes,
Or two barrs gules. } *Sudley.*

I will now proceed with the Hamlets, begin-
ning with *Herdwick*; for that which is called
Great *Dasset* is involved with *Burton-Dasset* (a-
lias *Cheping-Dasset*) whereof I have already
spoke.

Herdwick.

This, being a member of *Derret*, is not parti-
cularly mentioned in *Domesday* book; but was
then reckoned in the number of hides, which are
there certified for that place. In H. 2. time *Raph*
de Sudley (part of whose possessions it was, as
belonging to *Derret*) gave some quantity of
what he had here to the *Templars*, which in 31
H. 2. was valued at xl s. per annum. And in 7 E.
1. rated at 4. yard land, being then held by xi.
Tenants, (as in *Dasset* I have already intimated:)
But of the residue did the *Sudley's* continue owners,
John de Sudley in 9 E. 2. being certified Lord
thereof, together with *Dasset*, and as a member
of the same. Howbeit that which the *Templars* had
here, came to the *Hospitalars* in E. 2. time, as all
their other lands did; and soe continued in their
possession till the generall dissolution of the Reli-
gious Houses in 30 H. 8. that they were brought to
the Crown. After which in 7 E. 6. these lands in
Herdwick were granted to *Edward Aglionby* of
Walsall, and *Henry Hugford* of *Solihull* gent.
and their heirs, who, within the compass of the
same year, past them to *Wotton* Esquire.
There hath antiently been a Chapell here, dedi-

cated to S. Leonard, but now it is ruinous, the Vil-
lage being totally depopulated.

Knightcote.

This was heretofore also a member of *Dasset*,
and so not particularly taken notice of in the
Conquerors Survey. The first mention that I find
of it is in H. 3. time, and then was there one *Si-*
mon de Knightcote, son to *Raph de Knightcote* owner
of it: which *Raph*, or some of his Ancestors,
being (doubtlesse) enfeoffed thereof by one of the
Sudleys, assumed, it seems, their surname from
hence, by reason of their residence here, and had a
Chapell in this Village: But the inheritance here-
of descended to *Joan Dycon* of *Derret*, as daugh-
ter and heir to *Julian*, daughter to the abovesaid
Symon de Knightcote. Which *Joan* past away all
the right she had in the Mannour of *Knightcote*
(for by that name it was then stiled) to *William*
the son of *William Sutton* and *Amicia* his wife and
to the heirs of the said *William*, by her deed bearing
date on the Feast day of S. James the Apostle
24 E. 3. who kept his estate therein but a while;
for on the Feast day of S. Mathew the Apostle next
ensuing, he granted it to *William de Peyto* and
his heirs, and levied a Fine thereupon in 27 E. 3.
Which *William* in 3. R. 2. granted to *Laurence*
Dive of *Herlaston* in Com. Northampt. all his right
in this Village; who the self same year past it
unto Sir *Henry Arden* Knight, *Robert Burgoyllon*
and others, and their heirs, as Feoffees, (it seems)
to the use of *Thomas Puresey*: for it appears, that
very shortly after they quitted their right therein to
the said *Thomas*: which *Thomas* in 10 H. 7. con-
veyed it unto *Will. Hussy* Esquire, with certain
other lands in *Wellesborough* in Com. Leic. and
Folkhill within the Liberties of *Coventre*, in ex-
change for that Mannour in *Fenny-Drapton* in
Com. Leicesters, called *Hussy's* Mannour. The
next possessor whereof, that I have met with,
was Sir *Walter Smyth* Knight, of whom I have
spoke in *Shirford*, and *Fletchamsted*; whose
grand-child, Sir *John Smyth* of *Crabbet* in *Suffex*,
now enjoys it.

Northend.

This is likewise a part of *Dasset*, and original-
ly had its name from the Northern situation
thereof from thence; there being nothing at all
memorable therein other than a Chapell, which
it hath antiently had.

Aven-Dasset.

Southwards from *Burton-Dasset*, stands *Aven-*
Dasset; but whither it was originally a mem-
ber thereof, and part of what the Earl of *Gloucestre*
held there in the Conquerors time, is hard to de-
termine, without farther light than I have yet had.
The most antient possessor of it, that I find, was
William Giffard, a Retainer to *Roger* Earl of *War-*
wick in King *Stephens* time, as may be observed
from his so frequent being a witness to that Earls
Charters,

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Rem. R.

a Inq. per
H. Nott.
Eccl. 85. a.

b Non. Vill.

c Pat. 7 E.
6. p. 11.

d Ib. p. 12.

Charters, and a Benefactor to the *Templars*, by the gift of some lands here, as may seem by that Account⁹ of their possessions taken in 31 H. 2. where it is written *Aine Mercet*. To him succeeded *Andrew Giffard* (though not immediately) whose heir in 36 H. 3. was found^r to hold one Kts. fee here of *Roes de Verdun*, and the of the Earl of *Warwick*. But in 7 E. 1. *Murgerie de Cantilupe* was certified^r to be owner of this Mannour, and to hold it of *Theobald de Verdon*, by the service of one Kts. fee, having then one Carucate of land, and a half, here in demeln, and 5 yard land besides, which was held by divers Tenants, who payd certain Rents and performed severall services for the same. From which *Murgerie* descended *Walter de Cantilupe*, Lord^r thereof in 9 E. 2. it being then reputed as a Hamlet of *Farnborough*; which *Walter* was Parson^u of *Sutfield*, and became posselt of this Mannour by the grant^u of Sir *John de Cantilupe* his Brother. But in 12 E. 2. the same *Walt. de Cantilupe* past^x away the inheritance thereof, together with the advoulon of the Church, unto *Christiane de Bishopden*, widow of Sir *Will. de Bishopden* Kt. reserving to himself an estate for life only.

Which *Christiane*, by her Deed^r, bearing date the Tuesday next after the Feast of St. *Valentine* the Martyr 13 E. 2. sold her said estate in reversion, herein, to Sir *John Peché*, the elder, Kt. and his heirs: to whose posterity it continued as long as their male line lasted, and afterwards came to the *Montforts* of *Colshill*, with the rest of *Peché's* lands, by the marriage of a Daughter and heir (as in *Hampton in Arden* shall be shewed;) And by the attainder of Sir *Simon Montfort* Kt. in 10 H. 7. to the Crown. Out of which it was passed, 25 Aug. 12 H. 7. to *Gerald* Earl of *Bill-dare* and *Eliz.* St. *John* his wife, and to the heirs male of their two bodies lawfully begotten: which Earl and his Lady had a Charter^a of *Freewarren* granted to them in all their demeln lands here, dated 20 Julii 18 H. 7. But leaving issue^b Sir *James Fitz-Gerald* Kt. attainted in 28 H. 8. it elchaeted again to the Crown; and by K. E. 6: 15 Dec. in the fourth year of his reign, was granted^c to Sir *Raph Sadler* Kt. Master of the great Wardrobe, and *Laurence Wenington* Gent. and to the heirs of the said Sir *Raph*, to be held in Socage: who by their Deed^d bearing date 6 Febr. next ensuing, sold it to *John Woodward* of *Butlers-Sperston* and his heirs; from whom is descended *Richard Woodward* Gent. the present owner thereof.

The Church (dedicated to St. *Iohn Bapt.*) had^e antiently two yard land belonging thereto; and in an. 1291. 19 E. 1. was valued^f at xii marks; but in 26 H. 8. at xiii l. xviii s. viii d.

Patroni Ecclesie Incumbentes, &c.

D. Walt. de Cantilupo. } *Joh. de Lapworth* Pbr. 3. Id. Martii 1302.
 } *Thomas Betoun de Snytfeld* Cap. 12. Cal. Oct. 1316.
 } *Hugo de Brok* 10 Aug. 1332
 } *Joh. Richard* Cap. 14. Cal. Apr. 1342.
 } *Rag. Ennok* Cap. 9. Cal. Junii 1349.
 } *Ric. Boule* Cler. 2. Non. Julii 1351.
 } *Ric. Cnock* Pbr. 17. Cal. Nov. 1352.
 Thomas Alysaundre D. de Aven Derfet.

D. Joh. Peché miles.

D. Joh. Ward, & D. Joh. Vicar. de Hampton in Ardena.

Katherina De la Bere Domina de Hampton in Arden. } *Will. Mountfort* miles D. de Colshill.

Thom. Grefswould & Ric. Haversham domicelli, Patroni hac vice.

D. Will. Mountfort miles.

D. Baldw. Mountfort miles.

Henr. 7 Rex Angl.

Henr. 8 Rex Angl.

Thom. Rowley, ex conc. Sim. Rawleghe ar.

Joh. Bywater de London Haberdasher. } *Joh. Bowwater* Mercator Stapule.

Joh. atte Nash Pbr. 2 Id. Dec. 1361. } *Ric. atte Well* Accol. Cal. Martii 1364.
 } *Gandinus* 18 Maii 1381.

Thom. Elden Cap. 2. Dec. 1408. } *Joh. Hyll* 8 Martii 1410.
 } *Alex. Benet* Cap. 20 Junii 1412.
 } *Joh. Exeter* Cap. 25 Junii 1416.
 } *Rad. Molyngton* Cap. 2. Julii 1428.

D. Will. Curson 5 Aug. 1430.

Thom. Gaynton Pbr. 28 Oct. 1439. } *D. Ric. Bryan* 25 Ian. 1440.

Joh. Rastell in Art. Mag. 29 Aug. 1547.

Christoph. Fisher Pbr. 6. Maii 1500. } *D. Thomas Dalifone* Cap. 1507.

D. Henr. Hulse Cap. 24. Maii 1541.

Thom. Rowley Cler. 18. Dec 1577.

Thomas Pollard Cler. 15. Dec. 1617. } *Wil. Fowler* Cler. 24. Feb. 1623
 } *Franc. Stanton* Cler. in Art. Mag. 6 Ian. 1629.

Arms in the East Window of the Chancell,

Azure 3 Flower de } *Durvassall*.
 Lucas Or. }
 Arg. upon a chief } *Clinton* of
 Azure 2 flower } *Colshill*,
 de Lucas Or. }

Farnborough.

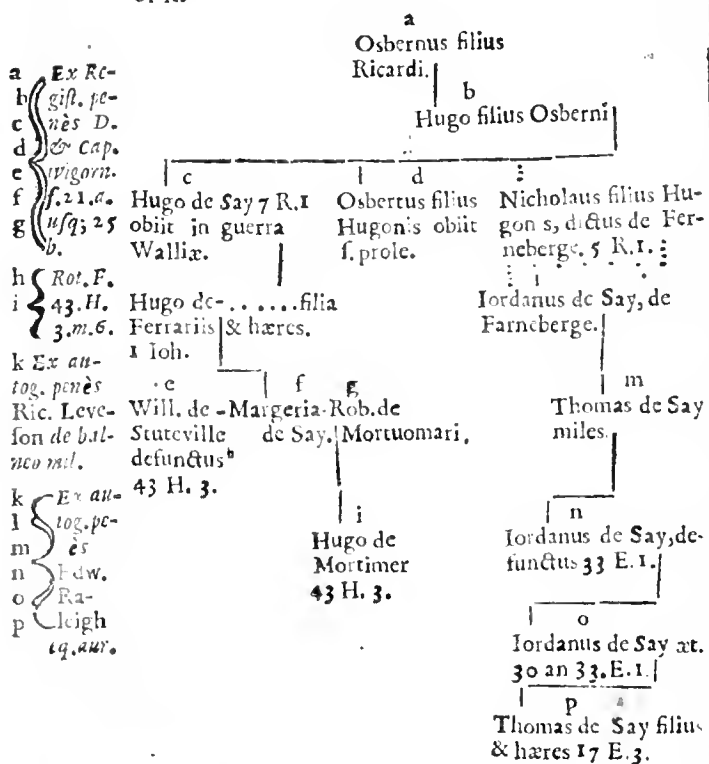
UPON the same ledge of Hills stands *Farnborough*, whereof the onely mention made in the Conq^r. Survey, is under the title of the Bishop of *Chester's* lands in this County, where it is certified, that the said Bishop then held 3 hides in this place, which is in that Record written *Ferneberge*; and, probably, had at first that name from the naturall disposition of the soil to bear *Ferne*, the later syllable *Berge* signifying in our old English a little Hill, as we see the ground, whereon the town stands, is. Before the Norman invasion it was^h the freehold of one *Stori*, and by the generall Survey valued at C s. but at that time, for the most part, involved with *Spollington*, as I guess: for the posterity of *Osbernus* fil. *Ricardi* (which *Osbernus* was then posselt of *Spollington*) were chief Lords of the Fee here: whose Grandchild,

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Hugh,

g } *Domesday* lib.

Hugh, assumed the Sirname of *Say*; from whom descended *Margerie*, who being heir to *Ricardus-Castle in com. Heref.* and other great possessions, brought them to the line of *Mortimer*, as the descent here inserted will shew; which I have thus drawn, chiefly to demonstrate that the Family of *Say*, long since Lords of this Mannour, was assuredly from that stock, though I cannot directly shew, where or when it brancht out. But by what authorities I have seen, relating to the owners of this place, I think it likely enough to have been, as I have here exprest, in as much as there is no disproportion in time to argue the improbability of it.



Having thus given my Reader the best advantage I can, for discerning how the succession of this Lordship hath gone, whilst it continued in the line of *Say*, I shall now briefly take notice of what I have found memorable, relating either to it, or to the persons who were owners of it. In 13 *Job.* amongst the Kts. fees belonging to *Ricardus-Castle*, which lay in this County, *Herbert de Muchegros* was certified^a to hold a fourth part of a Kts. fee, and *Rob. de Mongumery* (perhaps it sh^d be *Mortuomari*) the eighth part, here in *Ferneberge*. But in 20 H. 3. the extent^b of the Fees lying here, and then held by *Will. de Statteville* in right of that Castle, was one Kts. fee and a fourth part; which Kts. fee in 36 H. 3. was certified^c to be held by *Thomas de Say*, and the same fourth part by *Nicholas de Say*.

Touching these *Says of Farnborough*, I find that *Jordan*, the first, was^d in that Rebellion with the Barons against K. *John*, but returning to obedience in 1 H. 3. being then with *Rob. Marmion* (of whom he held his lands) had his estate restored^e to him, which lay in this County and *Worcestershire*: and that *Thomas*, son to the first *Jordan*, was a Kt. (of whom I shall say something when I come to speak of the Church:) as also that *Jordan* his son was Lord of *Farnborough* in 7 E. 1. and then certified^f to hold it of *Robert de Mortimer* (son of *Hugh*) by the service of one Kts. fee, having^g at that time two carucates of land in demesne and 5 Freeholders: which *Jordan* dyed^h in 33 E. 1.

leaving *Jordan* his son and heir 30 years of age, who by his Deed, bearing date at *Worcester* on Sunday being the Feast day of St. *Edmund* the K. in 11 E. 2. granted to *John de Rale of Farnborough* and his heirs the advowson of this Parish Church; unto which Deed, instead of his own Seal, was the Seal of the Bayliff of the City of *Worcester* affixed, with this expression, *Et quia Sigillum meum non est cognitum, Sigillum Ballivi Civitatis Wigorn: presentibus apponi procuravi, & est appensum per Will. Lee.*

But it was not long after this, that the said *John de Rale* purchased the whole Mannour of the same *Jordan de Say*: for in 15 E. 2. he levied a Fine^a thereof to him the said *John* and *Joan* his wife, and to the heirs of *John*: which *John* is in the list^b of those Esquires, whose names in 17 E. 2. amongst the Knights and men at Arms of this County, were returned into the Chancery; whence I conclude that he resided here at that time: but in 1 E. 3. he was^c a Kt. and bore for his Arms *Argent semé of Crosslets gules, with a cross molein sable*, as appeareth^d by the impression of his Seal, which coat his posterity have retained, even until this day. It seems he was originally descended from the *Raleighs* of *Devonshire*: for in 14 E. 3. he writes^e himself of *Charles* in that County: but he had lands in *Farnborough*, by purchase, in 8 E. 2. from *Margerie* the Widow of *Philip de Fillongle*, Daughter^f of *Avicia*, wife to *Will. de Halton of Farnborough*, which *Avicia* was Daughter^h to *Nicholas de Say*. Of *Joan*, wife to the above specified Sir *John de Rale*, I findⁱ that she was a *Gray*, though of what family I am not very certain; by whom he had issue *John*, Father to *Thomas*; upon which *Thomas*, and the issue of his body by *Eliz.* Daughter to *Robert de Evesham*, was this Lordship entailed^k in 17 E. 3. After which, viz. the same year, did *Amicia* the Widow to the before mentioned *Jordan de Say*, and *Thomas de Say* son and heir to the said *Jordan*, release unto the above specified *Thomas de Ralegh* all their right and claim therein, as appears by their deed bearing date at *Salisbury* on the Feast day of St. *Benedict* the Abbot.

This *Thomas de Ralegh* was a man of much publick employment: For in 47 E. 3. I find him in Commission for the levying and collecting a Fifteenth and Tenth. In 4 R. 2. Sheriff of this County and *Leicestershire*. In the sixth, joyn'd in Commission^o with *Thomas Earl of Warwick* and other persons of quality for conservation of the Peace and resistance of the Rebels in this Shire (*Jack Straw* and his fellows being then up in Arms.) In 12 R. 2. he bore the Office of Sheriff^p again for this County and *Leicestershire*, so also in 15 R. 2. being in Commission^r for the Peace at other times; and departed^s this life in 21 R. 2. leaving *Thomas* his son and heir xvii. years of age, who in 3 H. 4. had livery^t of his lands, which *Thomas* wedded^u *Joan* the Daughter and heir to *Will. Lord Astley* of *Astley* in this County; and resided with her at *Astley*, as it seems: for by his Testament, bearing date there upon Wednesday next after the Feast of St. *Luke* the Evang. in 6 H. 4. he bequeathed his body to sepulture in the Quire of the Collegiate Church of our Lady at *Astley*, and x li. of silver to the same Church, to the end that his *Obit* should be perpetually there observed, and his name written in the Martyrologe: And also gave xlii l. xlii s. iii d. for the providing

q Lib. rub. f. 155.

r Testa de N.

t Claus. u 1 H. 3. p. 1. m. 23.

w Inq. per H. Not &c f. 120. b. x lib. f. 122. a.

y Esc. E. 1. n.

z Ex tog. per prefat. Level.

a Cras. ris.

b Ex H. Fe. ar.

c E. au. ris. to. p. c. n. p. at. g. E. v. h. R. i. ch.

k F. mal. xv. m. 16 E. Recor. xv. f. 17 E.

l claus. E. 3. d. m. 1.

m Ro. F. 47 E. m. 1. n Ro. F. 4 R. m. 23.

o Pat. R. 2. p. 1. d. m. 28.

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q Ro. F. 15 R. 2. m. 25.

r Pat. R. 3. p. 1. d. m. 23.

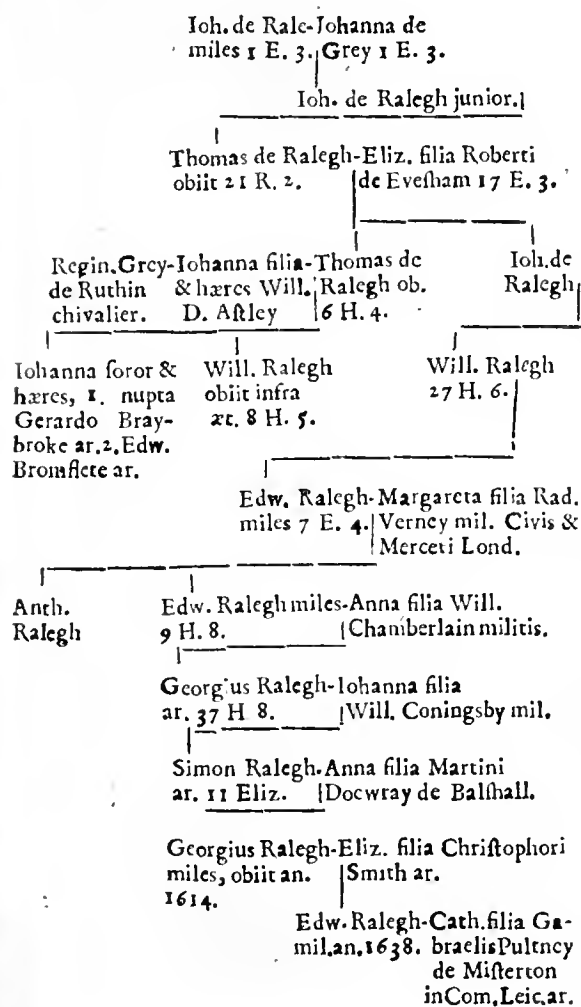
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viding of one Priest, to celebrate divine service there for his soul, for the space of three years after his decease. To the poor xx. marks. To his Brother *John Raleigh* two Gowns, To the Bayliff of *Farnborough* xiii s. iii. To the Church of St. *Botolph*, here at *Farnborough* xl s. To the Lord of *Astley* a Bowl with a Cover of silver; and to *Joan Lady Astley* (his wife) a Diamond, and a Boul of silver with a cover. To every yeoman of the Lord of *Astley's* household vi s. viii d. To every Groom there iii s. iii d. and to *Will. Raleigh* his son, a Sword harness'd with silver; as also a Dagger, and a wood knife. And departed this life in the same sixth year of H. 4. leaving issue *Will.* his son and heir, but xii months old; as also a Daughter called *Joan*, afterwards marry'd, first to *Gerard Braybroke* Esq. and secondly to *Edw. Bromsflete*: which *Edward*, by the death of the said *Will. Raleigh* in his minority 8 H. 5. was in his wives right Lord of this Mannour, and here resided in 10 H. 6.

What particular agreement, with the said *Joan* or her posterity, was made by the male branch of this family (of *Raleigh*) I find not: but certain it is, that they came to be owners of this Lordship again, it continuing to their posterity even till this very day: the first of them that had any publick employment in this Shire, being *Sir Edw. Raleigh* Kt. son of *Will.* son of *John*, a younger Brother to the last *Thomas*, as the descent here placed will shew.



Which *Sir Edw.* bore the office of Shirriff, for this County and *Leicestershire*, in 7 E. 4. and being a Justice of Peace from 1 E. 5. till 18 H. 7. was at sometimes in Commission for arraying of men, and for the Gaol delivery at *Warwick*. In

1 H. 8. he was Steward to the K. for his Mannours of *Sutcliffe*, and *Beasley* in this County: And by his Testament, bearing date 20 Junii 1509. (1 H. 8.) bequeathed his body to be buried in the Chapel of our Lady, here at *Farnborough*, directing that the sum of CCCli. should be raised out of his estate, lying in the Counties of *Heref.* and *Glouc.* to purchase lands of x li. per an. value, to be amortized to the Chantry in the said Chapel of our Lady: and that the Chantry Priest there, should be a well disposed D. of Divinity to Preach the word of God; as also to pray for him the said *Sir Edw.* his wife, with all his Ancestors and Successors, and all Christen souls. By which Testament he gave xxx l. for to build the South side of the Cloister at *Combe*, and for Glasing it: To the Abbot there he bequeathed xx s. To every Priest vi s. viii d. To every Monk profess, and no Priest iii s. iii d. All which were therefore to keep the yearly *Obit* of him the said *Sir Edw.* and *Margaret* his wife; as also of *Will. Raleigh* and *Eliz.* his wife, *Raph Verney* and *Emme* his wife, Fathers and Mothers of them the said *Sir Edw.* and *Margaret*. To the *Dominican Friars* at *Warwick* he gave x s. To the *Friars Minors* at *Cobentre* x s. To the *White Friars* at *Cobentre* x s. and to the *Augustine Friars* at *Atherston* x s. Which *Margaret* was Daughter to *Sir Raph Verney* Kt. Citizen and Mercer of *London*; by whom he had issue *Sir Edw. Raleigh* Kt. Father of *George*; who by his Testament dated 2 Apr. an. 1546. (37 H. 8.) bequeathed his body to be buried in the Chancell of the Church of *Ogburne-George*, if it should fortune him to dye there.

Concerning the Church, here, (dedicated to St. *Botolph*) I find, that *Nicholas* the Son of *Hugh de Fernberge*, in Ric. 1. time, made a grant, that in case it happened he should sell or pawn any of his lands to the Canons of *Clatercote*, or any other Religious House, it might be no prejudice to the Church of this place in their Tithes arising out of any Cattrell depasturing thereon: And that *Sir Thomas de Say* Kt. in H. 3. time, granted to *Thomas de Wymundham*, then Parson thereof, the homage and service of *Will. de Williamscothe*, uncle to him the said *Sir Thomas*, and of his heirs, for 1. mess. and 1 yard land, which he the said *Will.* held of him here in *Farnborough*.

In an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) this Rectory was valued at xi. marks; and in 11 E. 2. the advowson thereof was granted by *Jordan de Say* (Lord of the Mannour) unto *John de Raleigh*, and his heirs. After which, viz. in 13 E. 3. I find, that *Sir Will. Shreshull* Kt. purchased it, of *Thomas de Hulhampton* Kt. and *Margaret* his wife; but how they had *John de Rale's* title therein, I know not: And the next year following granted it to the Canons of *Lilthull* in com. *Salop.* and their Successors; which Canons obtained an appropriation thereof from *Roger de Northburgh* Bishop of *Cob.* and *Lich.* 3 Non. Martii an. 1345. 19 E. 3. the Vicaridge being endowed the xii Cal. of Dec. following, and a Pension of v. sol. per an granted to the Dean and Chapter of *Lich.* and their Successors, by the said Canons of *Lilthull* out of the fruits of the same Rectory: But the said endowment was made void, as it seems; for it appears that by an Instrument, bearing date x. Kal. Julii 1367 (41 E. 3.) upon a Petition exhibited to the Abbot of *Lilthull* by the Canons of that House, setting forth how short their maintenance

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tenance was, the said Abbot, by the consent and License of *Rob. de Stretton*, then Bishop of *Eob.* and *Lich.* granted all the profits thereof unto them, for augmentation of their dyet and clothing; though what was thereupon reserved for the Vicar I have not seen: which Vicaridge in 26 H. 8. was rated at *Cxxii. s.* over and above *viii. s.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Sinodals*.

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Patroni Ecclesiar. Incumbentes, &c.

Langt. f. 34. D. Episc. per lap- Will. de Pichford Pbr. craft.
b. sum. Apost. Petri & Pauli 1307.
Northl. f. Gals. de Cornwayl Petrus de Norton Pbr. 16.
18. b. miles. Kal. Martii 1323.
Patroni Vicarior.
Ib. f. 43. b. Job. de Waverton Cap. 2. Cal.
Dec. 1345.
Ib. f. 56. a. Rog. de Whithinton Cap. Id.
Jan. 1352.
Stret. f. 10. a. Job. Morys Cap. 5. Id. Nov.
1361.
Ib. f. 12. a. Will. Power Pbr. 4. Id. Nov.
1363.
Ib. f. 13. b. Rob. de Kinton Pbr. Non. Mar-
tii 1364.
Ib. f. 22. b. Thomas atte Nafhe Pbr. 2.
Aug. 1375.
Ib. f. 23. a. Hugo de Wardyngton Pbr.
Non. Apr. 1367.
Sk. f. 6. b. Ric. Celle Pbr. 25. Nov. 1391.
Arund. f. Job. Grover Cap. 22. Nov.
142. b. 1414.
Hymw. f. 19. Abbas & Conq. de Thomas Alseoth Pbr. 12. Martii
a. Lilthull. 1427.
Ib. f. 29. a. Job. Stoke Cap. 8. Oct. 1432.
Ib. f. 34. b. Job. Kinge Pbr. 16. Apr. 1436
Ib. f. 39. a. Job. Edwards Pbr. 1440
Ib. f. 42. a. Petrus Green Pbr. 17. Jan.
1443.
Ib. b. Ric. Kele 19. Dec. 1444.
Bo. f. 9. b. Job. Westourne Pbr. 11. Dec.
1449.
Bowl. f. 9. a. Will. Bradbury Cap. 22. Nov.
1453.
Ib. f. 21. a. Job. Uleby Cap. 28. Sept.
1454.
Str. & P. f. Henr. Syddall Diac. 24. Martii.
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Ib. f. 13. a. D. Hugo Lache Cap. 6. Dec.
1534.
Samp. f. 41 Dominus Rex. D. Thomas Cotton. Cap. 8. Ju-
b. nii 1546.
Ib. f. 43. a. Thomas Rowley Cler. 4. Junii
1569.
Ib. f. 47. b. Symon Ralegh Thomas Warde Cler. 23. Mar-
arm. tii 1577.
Ib. f. 48. a. Will. Hobson Cler. 2. Julii
1581.
Morton Edw. Ralegh miles Samp. Gayge Cler. in art. Bac.
bund. in- 6. Julii 1620.
cert. Cancellarius, Ma- Tom. Goselow S. Theol. Bac.
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Mollington.

Here is but part of this town in *Warwick-
shire*, the rest lying in *Oxfordshire*, where-
with I am not to meddle. That which is certified
by the Conq. Survey^r to be in this County, was
then rated at v. hides, which were valued at *lx. s.*
and possessed by *Osbernus fil. Ricardi* (of whom in
Aston Cantilupe I have spoke;) but before the
Norman invasion belonged unto the Mother of
Leuvinus de Ninnueham: From the descendants
of which *Osbernus* the one half thereof came to
Juliana de S. Remigio, who bestowed^a it upon
the Canons of *Kenilworth* about K. H. 2. time;
to whom it continued till the dissolution of that
Monastery; but then coming to the Crown, was
purchased by *Fouk Woodhull* Gent. in 37 H. 8.
who had a grant^b thereof, bearing date 12. Junii
the same year, to himself and his heirs, to hold in
Capite by the xth part of a Kts. fee, paying x s.
ix d. ob. yearly Rent. Which *Fouk* had issue
Leonard, and he *John*^d that dyed^c seized of it
30 Jan. 30 Eliz. leaving *Anthony* his son and
heir, then of full age.

But the other part came to *Thomas de Arden*
of *Rotley*, or his Ancestor, by grant from some of
the descendants of the before specified *Osbernus*,
to hold by the half of a Kts. fee: for by the Re-
cord^f of 36 H. 3. it appeareth, that *Agnes* Cag-
thelme then held it of the said *Thomas*, and he
of *Ricards-Castle*; From which *Agnes* it di-
volved to *Alanore de Clare*, who in 1 E. 2. held
it of the heirs of *Ricards-Castle* by the like
service; and in 5 E. 3. dyed^h seized of it, leaving
John her son and heir 22 years of age. After which,
John de Herdwike in 20 E. 3. heldⁱ it by the
third part of a Kts. fee (at which time the Prior
of *Kenilworth*'s, part answered for no more:) but
in 13 R. 2. it went for half^k a Kts. fee, as for-
merly. Howbeit, in 18 R. 2. *Edm. Waldeyve* was
found^l to dye seized thereof, and that he held it in
right of *Margaret* his wife, as of her inheritance,
leaving *Thomas* his son and heir *xiiiij.* years of
age: But how to derive the title that these had
from each other, is past my skill, except I had the
sight of private evidence: And as much am I to
seek in the discovery of its succession till of late:
for after this till H. 8. time, I have not seen ought
else thereof: neither then do I find any more, but
two Fines, the one levied^m in 1 H. 8. betwixt Sir
Nicholas Vaus Kt. and others Plaintiffs, and Sir
Thomas Brandon Kt. and *Eliz.* his wife defendants,
of the fourth part: the other inⁿ 24 H. 8. of the
moitie thereof, betwixt *Rob. Dormer*, and others
Plaintiffs, and *Rog. Beket* and others deforc. but
to what uses I know not. The next owner there-
of, that I meet with, was^o *Henry Keble*, who, by
his last Will and Testament, settled^p it (*inter alia*)
upon *George Keble* his Grandchild, and the heirs
Male of his body, with remainder to Sir *Will.*
Blount Lord *Montjoy*, and the Lady *Alice* his
wife; which Lord *Montjoy* and *Alice* had issue
Will. their son and heir.

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a Regist.
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b Pat. 3
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c Esc. 1.
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d Esc. 2.
Eliz.

f Testa
N.

g Esc. 1.
2 n. 19.

h Esc. 5.
3 n. 21

i Rot. p. 2
S. Cla. c
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k Esc. 1.
R. 2. n. 1.

l Esc. 1.
R. 2. n. 1.

m Ter.
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o Esc. 32
p Esc. 32

In the Church windows are no Arms, by rea-
son the whole fabrick hath of late times been re-
built.

Shotswell.

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Passing over the vally from **Spolington**, Westwards, I come next to **Shotswell**, situate on that brow, or ledge, which beareth the name of **Edge-hill** for many miles: But of this place I find nothing at all by particular name in the Conq^{ts}. Survey^u; and therefore do conclude that it was then involved with **Warminsteron**, at that time certified to contain a greater number of hides, than of it self it would have been found to do, as I suppose: the reason of this my conjecture arising, partly from the consideration of its adjacency to **Warminsteron** and partly for that it hath been, with **Warminsteron**, of the Earl of **Warwick**: fee: From one of which Earls it was granted to the Ancestor of **John de Dyve**, who had fair lands in **Orfordsh.** hard by; and from **Dyve** to the Progenitor of **Rob. Fitzwith** (*id est filius Guidonis*;) and from **Fitzwith** to **Wandard**, as may seem by that notable Record^r of 7 E. 1. But when these passages were I cannot certainly tel; yet do believe them to have been very antient; for I find that **Robert Wandard** had to do here, in K. John's time; and that his Fathers name^r was **Will.** of whom there is mention^u in 16 H. 2. Betwixt which **Robert** and the Abbot of **Preaur**, in **Pormandy**, there was a Fine^r levied in 5 H. 3. touching the advouson of this Church; whereby it being settled upon the said **Robert**, he granted an yearly *Pension* of x s. to the Church of **Warminsteron** of the Patronage of the said Abbot, to be forever received of the Parsons incumbent there.

As for the name, I find it in antient time somewhat variously written; viz. **Shottelwell**, **Shetelwell**, **Shetelweld**, and **Shettelwelle**; but do suppose that it proceeded originally from one *Sho* (for that was an appellation in use before the Norman Conquest) and a fair Spring issuing out of the Hill there, and called by his name. But of these **Wandards** were there more that bore the name of **Robert** than one, as it seems: for in 40 H. 3. I find, that amongst many others, who by the K. speciall Pat. had respite of their Knight-hood untill Christmas in that year, **Robert de W. n. liri** is certified to be one, being of this County. It is very like that this **Robert** is he, who in 7 E. 1. held what he had here of **John Fitzwith**, by the service of half a Knights fee; at which time the said **John**, being Superior Lord, had one Carucate of land in demesne, and two servants; the Canons^r of **Clatercote** 7 yard land, and the Canons^r of **Studley** a Carucate, and six Cotages, which were given^o to them by **Will. de Cantilupe**, and which he the said **Will.** had by acquisition from **Eustace de Morstein** and **John Wandard**.

This **Rob. Wandard** (sometimes also written **Wandak**;) was a Knight^e in 15 E. 1. and Coroner to the King in this County, as appears by his Writ^r of discharge from that office in 27 E. 1. and had issue **Thomas**, who, about the beginning of E. 2. time (as I judge) sold this Mannour of **Shotswell** to **Will. de Beresford**: for in 9 E. 2. the said **Will.** is certified^e to be Lord thereof; but the Fine thereupon was not levied^r till 12 E. 2. Which **Will.** dyed^r seized of it in 20 E. 2. leaving **Edmund** his son and heir 28 years of age. But of this family of **Beresford** I shall speak further when I come to **Langlep** in **Hemlingford**

Hundred. In 9 E. 3. the said **Edmund** had a Charter^r of **Free-Warren** granted to him (*inter alia*) in all his demesne lands here: the like Charter^r had **Sir Baldwin de Beresford** Kt. in 4 R. 2. Which **Sir Baldwin**, as it seems, past away his estate in this Mannour to **Sir John Beauchamp** of **Holt** Kt. but not direct y; for the Fine^r whereby it became veiled in the said **Sir John** and **Joan** his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies, was levied by one **Richard de la Felde**, a Priest, and others (who were Feeffees) in 49 E. 3. This **Sir John Beauchamp** is he, who was attainted in the Parl. o' xi R. 2. and put to death (of whom I have already spoke in **Bobenhull**;) **John** his son and heir being at that time but xi years of age; whose wardship, with the custody of this Mannour, was by the said K. 11 Feb. 12 R. 2. granted^r to **Thomas Beauchamp** Earl of **Warwick**: which **John**, being afterwards a Kt. dyed^r seized of this Mannour in 8 H. 5. leaving **Margaret** the wife of **John Poncefof** his Daughter^r and heir, who afterwards became the wife^o of **John VV. yham**.

But the next possessors hereof, that I find, were **John Ash on** of **Somerton** in **Orfordshire**, and **John Blount** of **Wyginton** in the same County; viz. in 10 H. 6. perhaps by marriage with some coheirs to the before specified **Margaret**. It seems that the greatest part there came at length to the said **John Ash on**; and that it was by him granted^r to **James le Botiller** Earl of **Dymund**, whose son and heir; viz. **James Boteler**, created^r Earl of **Ulster** 8 July 27 H. 6. following the fate of the Lancastrian House, whereunto he adhered in those times of civil dissention, became attainted^r in the Parl. held at **Westminster** 1 E. 4. and put to death at **Bewcastle**, having no issue. After which K. **Edw.** by his Letters^r P. dated 16 Sept. in the second year of his reign, in consideration of the good and acceptable service, which **Ric. Harecourt** Esq. had performed unto **Richard D.** of **York**. Father to the said King; as also to the K. himself, granted it unto him the said **Richard** and **Edith** his wife, and to the issue male of their two bodies: Howbeit, I do not perceive that the whole Mannour past by that Pat. for in 12 E. 4. there was a Fine^r levied of a third part thereof with the third part of divers other Mannours in **Orford** and **Worcester** shires whereby it became settled upon **Thomas Croft** Esq. and **Eliz.** his wife, with remainder to the right heirs of the said **Eliz.** by which it should seem that she was a coheir to the lands formerly belonging to **Sir John Beauchamp** beforementioned, in regard that the third part of the Mannour of **Holt** in com. **Wigorn.** is settled (*inter alia*) therewith.

After which, viz. in 4 H. 8. **John Crofte** and **Eliz.** his wife levied a Fine^r of the moytie of this Mannour, to **Simon Rice** Citizen and Mercer of **London**, and others; but to what uses I know not. Neither can I say to what uses that Fine did inure, which was levied^r of this Mannour in 10 H. 8. between **John Trevelthen** and others Plaintiffs, and **Margaret Boleyn** widow Deforc. Howbeit, for certain, that Fine levied thereof 29 H. 8. betwixt **Thomas Pope**, Esq. Pl. and **Ric. Fermour** and others Deforc. was to the use of the said **Thomas Pope**, and his heirs; for even to these very times his posterity do enjoy the same, together with another Mannour here, which appertained to the dissolved Monastery of **Studley**; for by that name it past^r from the Crown in 31 H.

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i Cart. 4. R.
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l Claus. 12.
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m Est. 8.
n H. 5.
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8. unto the same *Thomas* and the heirs male of hisbody, he being then a Knight, and Treasurer of the Court of Augmentation.

Touching the Church (dedicated to *S. Laurence*) I have already shewed, that the advouson thereof was vested² in *Robert Wandard*, and his heirs, by the Monks of *Picau* in *Normandy*; whereupon a Pension of *x s. per annum*, became settled² out of the fruits thereof to be payd to the Parson of *Warmington* and his successors. In anno 1291. 19 E. 1. it being valued^b at viii. marks, was afterward granted to the Monastery of *Lavenden* in *Com. Buck.* about the beginning of E. 3. time, as it should seem by the Presentations thereto; but not appropriated till 2 R. 2. and then Pope *Urban* the 6. by his Bull^c dated at *Rome* on the Ides of *November*, granted unto the Canons of that House liberty to take the fruits thereof to their own peculiar use; the same year *Simon de Sudbury* Archbishop of *Cant.* ordaining^d the Vicaridge, which in 26 H. 8. was valued^e at Cxiii s. iv d.

Patroni Ecclesiæ. Incumbentes.

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Northb. f.
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Sireu. f. 16.
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lb. f. 28. b.
Skf. 10. a.

Heyw. f. 37.
a.
lb. f. 41. b.

Bo. f. 12.
a.

Samp. f. 41.
b.
Samp. &
B. f. 8. a.

Benham
bund. H.
lb. f. 47. a.

Morton
bund. in-
cert.
Ibid.

Rob. de Wandak mi-
les.

Abbas & Conv. de
Lavenden.

Patroni Vicariæ.

Abb. & Conv. de La-
venden.

D. Thomas Pope mi-
les.

Will. Chancy de Edg-
cote in Com. Nort-
hampt. ar. ex con-
cess. T. Pope mil.

Joh. Pope ar.
Edw. Grevill gen. ex
concess. Joh. Pope ar.

Will. Pope de Wrox-
ton mil. de baln. &
Bar.

Rob. de Shotewell Cler.
..... 1287.

Joh. Stene Cler. Id. Junii
1349.

Joh. de Kneton Pbr. 6. Cal.
Jun. 1355.

Joh. de Lathbury Pbr. 14.
Cal. Oct. 1367.

Thomas le Rowe Pbr. 22.
Maii 1381.

Thomas Jeffus Pbr. 4. Mar-
tii 1394.

Thomas Wotton Pbr. 26.
Oct. 1438.

Thom. Wyllingham Canon.
de Lavenden 9. Apr.
1443.

Will. Turvey Canon. de La-
venden ult. Julii 1451.

D. Joh. Vernam Cler. 22.
Junii 1456.

D. Will. Rowse Cler. 20.
Oct. 1554.

Ric. Key Cler. 7. Feb. 1562.
Will. Key Cler. 12. Oct.
1576.

Rob. Periver in Art. Magr.
8. Febr. 1620.

Ric. Hartwell Cler. in art.
Magr. 19. Maii 1627.

tion originally sprung from some ancient possessor thereof in the Saxons time; perhaps *Weremundus*, for that appellation was then usuall.

This, as most of the lands, which the said Earl had in *Warwickshire* came to *Henry de Newburgh* Earl of *Warwick* (brother to the same E. of *Mellent*) but by what Agreement appears not; w^{ch} *Henry* gave^e it wholly, excepting the Hamlets be-
longing thereto, to the Monks of *Picau*, in *Normandy*; who built a Cell here, and sent over part of their Covent to reside therein, and to be subordinate to their House of *Picau*; of which Cell the said Earl *Henry* is reputed^h to have been Founder: which Religious House stood about the midst of the town, as the Inhabitants, by tradition, do affirm. This grant so made to *Picau* by Earl *Henry*, was in *Edw. 1.* time confirmedⁱ by *William de Beauchamp* then Earl of *Warwick*, it being then found that there were xx. Tenants here, that held their lands by a servile tenure; viz. each one providing a Labourer one day every week, for the Lord's im-
ployment, or to give *1 d. ob.* for every day in the week, which would amount to *x d.* and so in the year to *xliii s. iv d.* And that every one of them should plow for the Lord thrice in the year, or give *x s. per annum* and mow his meadowing or give *x d.* As also that every yard land should find two men for 3. days in Harvest, or give for every day in stede of a man iij. d. which comes to *xxx s.* in the year: That they should carry the Lords Hay, or give *xl d.* That each man should perform one dayes carriage in Harvest, or give *xl d.* That they should make the Lords Hay, or give *x d.* Rake his corne or give *x d.* Harrow each of them one day with a single Horse, or give *x d.* And lastly carry once in the year at *Warwick*, or give *xl d.* Howbeit afterwards I find^k, that this whole town payd only a marke per annum to the Earls of *Warwick* at two termes, viz. *Candlemas*, and *Whitsontide* for all services.

But this Mannour so belonging to *Picau* grew afterwards reputed^l to be parcell of the possessions pertaining to the Priory of *Tostes* in *Normandy* (which Religious House was founded by those for-
raign Monks after they had the grant^m of the Mannour of *Tostes* by *Rob. E.* of *Mellent* before men-
tioned) the Monks here, being either recalled into *Normandy*, or transmitted to *Tostes*: And upon the seizure of those lands which the *Priors-Alien* had in *England* (whereof in *Wolston* I have fully spoke) was in 33 E. 3. committed to the custodyⁿ of *John de Herdemyk*: Howbeit afterwards, the King allowing some favour to the Monks of those Cells, the Prior of *Tostes* had permission to^o ferm it; who whilst he was Tenant there-
to, made much waft^p here, by falling CC. Ashes, prized then at *xx li.* the yearly value thereof being about that time rated^q at *xxix li. xi s. vi d. per annum.*

Certain it is, that the frequent seizures of such lands, by reason of the Warrs with *France*, made those forraign Monks willing enough to sell their interest in them, during those troubles at least; as may appear by the passing them away, aswell to divers Lay persons, as unto some Religious Houses in *England* about this time: amongst which this Mannour of *Warmington*, as also that of *Tostes*, with some others, was by those Monks of *Picau* granted^r to *Lewys Clifford* for life, with remainder to *Lewys*, his son, for life also, upon a certain Rent reserved to the King during the continuance of those warrs.

Warmington.

More than a mile Northwards, on the side of *Medg-Hill*; stands *Warmington*, which in the Conquerors time, being posselt by the Earl of *Mellent*, contained xv. hides and a half; two whereof were held by a certain Knight of the said Earl, and valued at *xx s.* and the residue rated at *x li.* all which had been the Freehold of one *Azor* before the Norman invasion. In that Survey^s it is written *Wermintone* in one place, and *Warmintone* in another; but I presume that its denomina-

f Domest.
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g Cart. 10
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h Rot. 101
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i Cartul.
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k lb. f. 1
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l Rot. F. 3
E. 3. m. 9

m Cart. 3
E. 1. n. 6

n Rot. F. 3
E. 3. m. 9

o Esc. 2
P 2. n. 8

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He was the sonⁱ to *Roger de Bellomont* (a person of great esteem with *King William* the first when he was but Duke of *Normandy*, being one of^k his prime Councillers) by *Adelina* daughter of *Walleran*, and sister to *Hugh* Earl of *Wexelant*: after the death of which *Hugh* without issue, he^m obtained the Castle of *Wexelant* from the King of *France* for a summe of money, and succeeded him in the title of Earl. Of his speciall valour in that famous Battail with Duke *William*, whereby he got the Crown of *England*: hearken to what *Guil. Pictavenfis* saith "—— *Tyro quidam Normannus*, *Rogarii de Bellomonte filius*, *Hugonis de Melleto*

Mellento Comitibus, ex Adelina sorore, nepos & haeres, primum illo die primum experiens, egit quod aternandum esset laude, cum legione quam in dextro cornu duxit, irruens, ac sternens magna cum audacia. No mervail therefore then, that, besides his inheritance in **Normandy**, he obtained from the Conqueror ingentia pradia in Anglia, as *W. Malmesb.* observes: Amongst which this Village of **Arlescote** being part, he devoutly bestowed it on the Monks of **Preaur**, before specified, together with the Mannour of **Toffes** in **Dorset**; as also the Church and Tithes of **Cherlenton** in *Com.* Of which Monastery at **Preaur** *Humfry de Vetus* grandfather to this **Robert**, began the Foundation; whereof *Roger de Bellomont*, his son (father to our Earl of **Wessex**) was so great a lover, that he not onely perfected the work, but plentifully endowed it; and afterwards bidding farewell to the vain pleasures of this transitory world, became himself a Monk therein, choosing it for his sepulture.

But I return to **Robert** Earl of **Wessex**, who was a man of an haughty spirit, as it seems: for in *an. 1090. sc. 3. Will. Rufi.* being exceedingly puffed up with rewards and promises by the King, he came to **Roan**, and boldly required of **Robert Curthose** D. of **Normandy**, the Castle of **Abberp.** To whom the Duke answered, that he had given to his father the Castle of **Bizon** for it, which was an equall exchange: whereupon he replied, I allow not of that bargain, but what your father gave to my father, that will I have, otherwise, by *S. Nicholas*, I shall do that which will displease you. At which words the Duke growing very angry, caused him to be layd hold on and imprisoned; whereof so soon as the crafty old man, his father, heard, he sent the Duke a Present, hasting afterwards himself to him, and with fine flattering expressions obtained his sons liberty. Being a faithfull adherent to King **Henry** 1. against his brother **Robert Curthose** before specified, he was thereupon advanced to the Earldom of **Leicester**, in **England**; and had also other rich gifts: but how he got that Earldom let us hear *Ordericus Vitalis* tell. *Urbs Legrecstria* quatuor dominos habuerat (saith he) *Regem & Episcopum Lincolnie*, *Simonemq; Comitem*, & *Yvonem* Hugonis filium, *Præfatus autem Consul de Mellento*, per partem *Yvonis*, qui municeps erat & *Vice-Comes*, & *firmiter Regis*, callide intravit; & auxilio Regis, suaq; calliditate totam sibi civitatem mancipavit, & inde Consul in Anglia factus, omnes Regni proceres divitiis & potestate præcessit, & per omnes parentes suos transcendit.

Now what the particulars of this cunning and deceitfull dealing were, I shall briefly here rehearse. This **Robert**, having begun a Rebellion in **England**, wherein he had done much mischief by firing some Houses of his neighbours; and being, through the Kings excessive indignation towards him, fined at a vast summe, made his addressee to this Earl of **Wessex**; qui p accipiens erat inter Consiliarios Regis (saith my Author) hoping by his means to obtain some favour; who subtilly advised him to perform a long Pilgrimage, for effecting whereof he would help him to 500. marks of silver, keeping his lands in pawn for xv. years; with promise, that at the end of that terme, they should be wholly restored to **Robert** his son; and not onely so, but that he would give him his brothers daughter (viz. **Henry** Earl of **Warwick**) in marriage: For the performance

of which Agreement the Earl of **Wessex** gave his oath, the King himself also assenting thereto: But in this Pilgrimage **Robert** departing the world, his son neither enjoy'd the woman, as was promised, nor any of his paternall inheritance.

Other particulars I shall for brevity omit, winding up my discourse with this Satiricall Character of an eminent Author of that time hath of him. *Euit igitur Robertus Consul de Mellento in sapientissimus omnium, hinc usq; in degentium. Euit scientia clarus, ingenio versipellus, prudentia insuperabilis, consilio profundus, sapientia magnus: Possessiones igitur magnas & varias, quas vulgò vocant Honores; urbes & Castella, Vicos, & Villas, & flumina, & silvas prædictis adquisierat instrumentis. Erant autem Honores ejus non solum in Anglia, verum & in Normannia, & in Francia: pro libitu igitur suo Reges Francorum & Anglorum nunc concordem uniebantur, nunc discordes præliabantur. Si adversus aliquem insurgebat contritus humiliabatur; si proesse volebat gloriosus exaltabatur: Hinc thesauri copia, auri scil. & argenti, gemmarum & palliorum incredibiliter ei confluebat. Cum igitur in summo statu gloria sua degeret, contigit quendam alium Consulem sponsam ei, tam factione quam dolosis viribus arripuisse; unde in senectute sua mente turbatus, & angaria obnubilatus, in tenebras mæroris incidit; nec usq; ad mortem se letum vel ylaem sensit. Cum igitur post dies dolori dedicatos in infirmitatem mori præstantiam incidisset, rogatus est ab Archiepiscopo & Sacerdotibus cum ei Confessionis purgatorium impenderent officium, ut terras quas vi vel arte multis abstulerat, pœnitens redderet, & erratum lacrimis lavaret. Quibus respondens ait. Si terras quas aggregavi multifariam divisero, quid miser filiis meis relinquam? Cui contra Ministri Domini, Sufficiens filiis tuis hæreditates pristinae, & quas juxta terras adquisisti, cætera redde, alicquin animam devovisti Gehennæ. Respondit autem consul. Filiis omnia tradam; ipsi pro salute defuncti misericorditer agant: Eo autem defuncto filii ejus magis injustè congregata, injustè studuerunt augere, quam aliquid pro salute paterna distribuere. Liqueat igitur summam viri sapientiam, in fine quasi laus canitur, non solum in summam stultitiam, sed in cecam devenisse insaniam.*

This great man wedded **Isabell** daughter to **Hugh** Earl of **Normandy**; by whom he had issue **Robert** that succeeded him in the Earldome of **Leicester**, and **Walleran** Earl of **Wessex**, both twins, with another son called **Hugh**, surnamed **Pauper**, Earl of **Bedford**, and divers daughters; one whereof, viz. **Elizabeth** was a Concubine to King **H. 1.** And departing this life on the Nones of **June** anno 1118. (18 H. 1.) lyeth buried in the Monastery of **Preaur** before mentioned.

All that now rests, in relation to this place, is to enquire what became thereof after the generall dissolution in King **Hen.** 8. time; wherein I find, that it was (inter alia) past out of the Crown 17. Junii 34 H. 8. to **Ric. Andrews** gentleman and **Leonard Chamberlain** Esquier, and to the heirs of **Andrews**. As for the three virgates (in case **Walleran** and this be all one) it appears, that **Geoffrey de Linton** had them of the Earl of **Warwick**'s grant, and that he bestowed them on the Monks of **Stoneley** immediatly after the Foundation

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Joh. Reynold Pbr. 18. Aug.

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Thomas Reynford Pbr. 21.

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D. Alex. Baron 18. Nov.

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D. Olverus Wiganne Cap.

18. Apr. 1505.

D. Christoph. Sylburne Cler.

4. Feb. 1538.

D. Henr. Lake, alias Wise,

Cap. 14. Apr. 1546.

Rob. Pirry Cler. 13. Nov.

1578.

Thom. Brandon, alias Berry-

man Cler. 19. Feb. 1620.

it proceeded from the high situation of the place, the syllable *Up* signifying as much as *supra*: but the first mention that I find of it, is in H. 2. time (if not King Stephens) where one *Haraldus filius Gunfridi* maketh sale to *Godfrey de Arden* (a Monk of *Cobentre* and son to *Siward de Arden*) of certain lands lying here, to the use of that Monastery. After this, viz. in R. 1. time, as I guesse, did *Thomas de Arden* grant certain lands, lying in this place, to the Canons of *S. Sepulchers* in *Marwick*; in which deed it is written *Hoptone*. But there was anciently a family assuming their surname from their residence here, which held it of the *Ardens*; whereby 'tis evident, that from one of that line they were enfeoffed thereof. Of these one is called, *Rich. de Hpton*: and I have seen an ancient Roll wherein it appeareth, that *Roger de Hpton* held it of *Thomas de Arden* by the service of the tenth part of a Kts. fee: From which *Roger*, I presume, descended *John de Hpton*, certified to be Lord thereof in 9 E. 2. Howbeit, the services here due to the *Ardens*; and their heir, were granted away by *Thomas* (who sold this Lordship) unto *Guy de Gyllebrok*: which *Guy* past them to *Will. de Beauchamp* Earl of *Marwick*: so that afterwards it was held of the said Earl and his descendants.

But the next mention I find of this Mannour, is in 30 H. 6. where *W. Verney* Esquier, son and heir to *Robert Perry* of great *Wolfeord* in this County, by his Ded^e, bearing date 12. Feb. 30 H. 6. sold it to *R. Dalby* of *Brookhampton* gent. for *Lxxviii l. vi s. viii d.* sterling: which *Richard* enfeoffed the-^r of one *Morgan Kydwelly* Esq. and others, to certain uses; who sold it to *Will. Danvers* (afterwards K^t) which *Will.* depopulated i mess. and inclosed xxviii. acres of land, and CC. acres of pasture in this place: From whom is lineally descended *John Danvers* Esq. now Lord thereof.

Armes in a South window of the Chancell.

Gules a Fesse betwixt } Beauchamp Earl of
6. Crose Crosetts Or } Marwick.

Gules a Cheveron betwixt }
3. Cressants Arg. }

Upon a gravestone, in the body of
the Church, this Epitaph.

Of your charitie pray for the soule of
John Warner, the which deceased the xij
day of October, in the year of our Lord 1522.
On whose soule Jesu have mercy.

Upon the corner of Cog-Hill within this parish, is there a great Fortification, of a quadrangular forme. Containing about twelve acres as I guesse; unto which, in our memory, was found a Sword of brasse, and a Battail-axe; touching which kinde of weapons *M. Cambden* in *Comwall* maketh some mention. Of such and other Fortifications, made by the Romans, (as this doubtlesse was) *Polybius* in his xvii. book speakeeth. So also *Cesar de Bello Civili Lib. 3. n. 13.* — *Erat eo loco (saith he) fossa pedum xv. & vallus contra hostem in altitudinem pedum x; tantundemq; ejus valli agger in latitudinem patebat. Ab eo, intermisso spatio pedum DC. alter, conversus in contrariam partem, erat vallus, humiliore paulo munitione.* See also more of this subject in *Cesar de Bello Gallico Lib. 7.* So likewise in *Vegetius Lib. 4. cap. 28.*

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v Regis. Prior. de Cobentre penes Ma- gnum & B. f. 1. a.
This was heretofore posselt by the family of *Arden*, being originally a member of *Ratley*, and therefore is involved therewith in the Conquerors Survey, though it be not particularly mentioned. As for its name, there is no question but that

Radway.

This place, being situate on the skirt, and neer the passage up to Cog-Hill, had its name originally, as I guesse, from the red colour of the earth which sheweth it self at a good distance upon that road by reason of the ascending ground. In the Conquerors time it contained six hides, three whereof were then posselt by the Monks of *Cobentre*, and valued at L. s. two by Earl *Alberic*, (Progenitor to the Earl of *Orford*) rated at xx s. and one by *Ricardus Forestarius* (of whom I have spoke in *Chesherton*) valued at xxv s. in which Survey it is written *Radwot*, and *Rodelwele*. But upon some Agreement betwixt the said Monks of *Cob*, and the Bishop, that which they had here came to him, it seems; Two hides whereof did *Roger de Clinton* Bishop of *Cobentre* give in frank Almes to the Monks of *Radmore* in K. Steph. time; and the third, coming to *G. ffrey de Clinton* (of *Kenilworth*) was by him bestowed on the same Monks for the health of his soul, and the souls of his father and mother, and other his Ancestors: in acknowledgment of which favour they gave him C s. and to *Henry* his son a Bisantine.

Touching that which Earl *Alberic* had, it came to *Hugh Bigot* Earl of *Northfolk* in H. 2. time, in marriage, as I suppose, with *Julian* daughter to *Alberic de Vere* (the Kings Chamberlain) grandchild to the said Earl *Alberic*: for in 9. Joh. the Sherriff of this County received the Kings Precept to render the possession

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possession thereof to *Roger Bigot* Earl of *Posfolk* (son to the said *Hugh*) it having been seized into his hands upon wroug information, as part of the possessions of *Simon Montfort* Earl of *Leicester*, who was in rebellion about that time. It seems that it was afterwards seized again for the King as an *Eicheat*; for in 6 H. 3. the Shiriff of *Warwickshire* had a commandⁿ to make livery thereof to *Hugh Bigot* Earl of *Posfolk* son to the same *Roger*. I find it anciently accounted^o for half a Kts. fee; but the land it self, as is evident, being granted toundry persons, was part'y given^e to the Monks of *Stoneley*, or by those Monks purchast^d from the particular Freeholders (which Monks were translated from *Radmoze* thither, as in *Stoneley* I have shewed;) And partly to the Canons of *Crobury*; for it appears^r that *Raph de Sudley* beittowed on that Religious House one whole hide lying here, which in 7 E. 1. was rated^t at two yard land, and then held by 5. Tenants, who payd severall Rents, and performed severall servile labours; At which time the proportion that the Monks of *Stoneley* had here was esteemed^t at four carucates, whereof two they then held in demesn, the rest being in the hands of Tenants, who payd somewhat in Rents, and the rest in servile imployments for those Monks.

But the residueⁿ of this town, being vii. yard land and a half, was then posselt by *John de Morcote*, son^w of *Alan de Morcote*, who held it of *Richard de Loges*. This is that which in the Conquerors time was rated at one hide, and held by *Ric. Forestarius*, as I have already declared; whose right therein lineally descended to the family of *Loges*, as in *Chesterford* hath been shewed; and by *Hugh de Loges*, father to *Richard* above mentioned, was aliened^x to the said *Alan de Morcote*. In that part which the Monks of *Stoneley* had here, they had *Freewarren*^y granted to them in 12 E. 1. having a Grange within the precincts thereof, ^z called *Edge-Grange*: But it was not long ere they became Lords of more: for it is evident^a that in 14 E. 1. the above mentioned *John de Morcote* sold part of that he had unto them: Howbeit, the Abbots tenants here did anciently^b use to performe their suit at the *Court-Leet* held for the Honour of *Leicester*.

The residue of that which was of *Loges* his fee, and formerly posselt by the above specified *Alan de Morcote*, being^c 7. messuages, one toft, with 7. yard land and a half, was in 22 R. 2. granted by *Robert de Walden* of *Warwick* to the said Monks, to find a certain Wax Candle burning in the Conventuall Church of *Stoneley* every day at the Masse of our blessed Lady whilst the world should endure. Of these lands, after the dissolution of the Monasteries, a great part was disposed to purchasers; viz: *Edge-Grange* to^d *Ric. Andrews* gent. *Leonard Chamberlain* Esquire, and to the heirs of *Andrews*, in 34 H. 8. *Radway-Grange* (which is in the parish of *Bishops-Achington*) to^e *Francis Goodere* gent. and his heirs 13. Apr. 36 H. 8. And in 7 E. 6. another proportion to^f *Thomas* and *Hunsfry Cocks*, both brethren, and to the heirs of *Thomas*. But what hands they have past through since I know not.

The Church (dedicated to *S. Peter*) hath been anciently appropriated to the Monastery of *Stoneley*. In anno 1291. 19 E. 1. it was valued^g at two marks; and in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge^h at Cxii s. over and above viii s. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

Patroni Vicariæ.

Incumbentes.

Abbas & Conv. de Stoneley.

Will. Ebern. Cap. 12. Cal. Aug. 1321.	Langt. f. 79. b.
Thomas de Radway Cap. Id. Junii 1328.	Nortbb. f. 22 a.
Joh. le Glee's Pbr. 11. Cal. Oct. 1335.	Ib. f. 28. b.
Thomas Vesy Cap. 8. Cal. Sept. 1349.	Ib. f. 50. a.
Thomas Yous Pbr. 3. Non. Junii 1351.	Ib. f. 54. b.
Will. de Paylinton Pbr. 5. Cal. Julii 1354.	Ib. f. 58. a.
Thomas de Haluton Monachus 4. Junii 1378.	Stret. f. 24. b.
Joh. de Doncaster Monach. 12. Oct. 1384.	Ib. f. 32. b.
Edm. Chamberlain Cap. 8. Junii 1403.	Burgh. f. 12.
Will. Smyth Cap. ult. Nov. 1410.	Ib. f. 26. b.
Ric. Wutton Cap. 28. Sept. 1417.	Ball. f. 5. b.
Will. Reynolds Cap. 22. Dec. 1418.	Ib. f. 7. a.
Joh. Roulande 11. Martii 1424.	Heym. f. 14. a.
D. Thomas Harewode Cap. 24. Sept. 1427.	Ib. f. 19. b.
Joh. Fletcher Pbr. 13. Apr. 1429.	Ib. f. 22. b.
Henr. Andrew 8. Apr. 1432.	Ib. f. 27. a.
Nich. Swey 19. Jun. 1433.	Ib. f. 31. a.
Joh. Grover Pbr. 20. Nov. 1433.	Ib. f. 32. a.
Tho. Noel Pbr. 22. Jan. 1441.	Ib. f. 40. b.
Joh. Clerke ult. Julii 1443.	Ib. f. 41. b.
Joh. Smyth Pbr. 25. Apr. 1450.	Bo. f. 10. b.
Ric. Bishop 5. Martii 1498.	Bowl. f. 202. b.
D. Joh. Everson 5. Jun. 1506.	Bl. f. 4. b.
D. Ric. Jonsen Cap. 22. Junii 1529.	Ib. f. 15. b.
D. Will. Warner Cap. 11. Apr. 1536.	Str. & P. f. 14. a.
Thomas Mecock 6. Sept. 1554.	Samps. & B. f. 2. a.
Walt. Gyles 30. Maii 1575.	Ib. f. 46. a.
Jeremias Hill. Cler. 4. Oct. 1620.	Mort. bund. incert.

D. Maria Regina.
D. Eliz. Regina.
Jacobus Rex.

Tisoe.

Following the tract of *Edge-Hill*, it leads me next to *Tisoe*, which stands likewise at the skirt thereof, having within its precincts the Hamlets of *Westcote* and *Hyte-Herowpke*. This is a great Lordship, and contained xxiii. hides in the Conq. days, as appears by his generall Surveyⁱ, where it is written *Wichestoc*, being then rated at xxx li. and posselt by *Rob. de Stadford*, (a person of eminent note) at which time there was a Church: but before the Norman Invasion *Waga*, of whom in *Wotton* I shall speak, held it.

Continuing to the posterity of the said *Robert* for divers ages, I find^k; that in 7 E. 1. *Nich. de Stafford* held

i Domesd. lib.

k Inq. per H. Not. &c. f. 19. b.

held it, as part of his Barony, by the service of one Knights fee, having at that time two carucates in demesne, and xiii. Tenants occupying certain proportions of land under severall Rents, and divers particular services; viz. Plowing, Harrowing, Mowing, Threshing and the like. And that Robert de Stafford, son to the same Nicholas, held then also a good quantity of land here of his said father, upon which he had xix. tenants, who, occupying the greatest part thereof, performed the like servile duties as his father's Tenants d.d. At that time also it appears, that the Monks of **Worcester** had 3. yard land and a half within the precincts of this Lordship; The Nuns of **Bretwood** two yard land and a half; The Bishop of **Worcester** 4. yard land; The Canons of **Stone** 3. yard land, with the advowson of the Church; The Canons of **Benilworth** 5. yard land; The Canons of **Crobury** 2. carucates; and the *Templars* of **Balshall** 1. carucate, all of the fee and gift of the Barons of **Stafford**: All whose Tenants, except those to the Canons of **Benilworth**, and *Templars*, did their suit twice a year at the **Court-Leet** held at **Kinton** for that Hundred.

Which **Nicholas** Lord **Stafford**, in 13 E. 1. had **Free-warren** granted to him in all his demesne lands here: So also in 15 E. 3. had **Raph** Lord **Stafford**, grand-child to the same **Nicholas**, in consideration of his acceptable services (he being at that time Steward of the King's household) a weekly **Mercate** granted to him and his heirs therein upon the Tuesday, and a **Fair** yearly for four dayes; viz. on the Even and day of S. Peter ad Vincula (commonly called **Lammastide**) and two days following: As also a **Court-Leet**, with *Weyf. Sirey.* and divers other privileges. But in 12 H. 8. did **Edw. D. of Buck** pass away this Mannour to **Ric. B. of Winchester**, and others, to the use of Sir **Will. Compton** Kt. and his heirs; since which time they have enjoy'd it, the Earl of **Northampton** (whose descent in **Compton-Wynate** is inserted,) being now owner thereof.

That which the *Templars* had here was granted to them by **Rob. de Stafford**, and **Henry de Clinton**, being in 31 H. 2. valued at vi li. ii s. viii d. But coming afterwards to the Crown, with all other lands belonging to the Religious Houses, was in 7 E. 6. past out, by the name of a Mannour to **Edw. Aglionby** of **Balshall** gent. and **Henry Hugford** of **Solt-hull** gent. and their heirs by Letters Pat. dated 26. **May**, being now called **Temple-Tilsoe**, by way of distinction from the other Lordship.

Within the precinct of that Mannour in **Tilsoe**, now belonging to the E. of **Northampton**, (but anciently to the family of **Stafford** as I have shewed) there is cut upon the side of **Edg. Hill** the proportion of a **Horse** in a very large forme; which, by reason of the ruddy colour of the Earth, is called the **Red Horse**, and giveth denomination to that fruitful and pleasant Countrey thereabouts, commonly called **The vale of Red Horse**: The Trenches of which ground, where the shape of the said **Horse** is so cut out, being yearly scoured by a Free-holder in this Lordship, who holds certain lands there by that service.

The Church (dedicated to the *Assumption* of the B. Virgin) being given to the Canons of **Stone** by **Rob. de Stafford**, grandchild to the first **Robert** who lived in the Conq. time, was in an. 1291. 19 E. 1. valued at xxx. marks (and appropriated to those Canons by **Godfrey Giffard** B. of **Worcester**

in an. 1294. 22 E. 1. and in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge at x li.

Patroni Vicariæ. Incumbentes, &c.

	Hugo de Bidulph Cap. 12. Cal. 1249.	Giff. f. 4. a.
	D. Rob. de Codeshale Pbr. 5. Id. Sept. 1316.	Ma. f. 47.
	Joh. de Wotton Pbr. 6. Maii 1357.	Br. vol. 1. 22. a.
	Joh. Prymme Pbr. 8. Sept. 1369.	Lyn. f. 2.
	Joh. Bleech Cap. 3. Apr. 1426.	Morg. vol. 1. f. 37.
Prior & Conv. de Stanes.	Thom. Blome 19. Martii 1438.	Bourch. 55. b.
	D. Joh. Compland Cap. 1. Martii 1451.	Carp. vol. 1. f. 99.
	D. Joh. Lyngard Cap. 24. Maii 1462.	1b. vol. 1. 172. a.
	D. Walt. Busby Cap. 3. Sept. 1471.	Carp. vol. 2. f. 21. b.
	D. Ric. Hyndman 7. Sept. 1486.	Alt. f. 10. a.
	D. Ric. Shouldeult Dec. 1526.	Jeron. f. 1. b.
Will. Barnes gen.	Will. Edwards Cler. 23. Martii 1563.	Heath f. 1. a.

Monumentall Inscriptions.

Upon a Marble grave stone in the Chancell.

..... **Wro. Edmundi baronis de Stafford**

On another towards the North side of the Church.

Hic jacet dominus **Thomas Pastropp** qui mortem obiit xxix. Novemb. anno p. CCC. lxxv.

Westcote.

This place, lying Westwards from **Tilsoe**, was involved therewith at the time of the Conq. Survey; but till 3. Joh. I have not seen it mentioned in any Record, and then was there a Fine levied betwixt one **Alardus de Westcote**, and **Basilia de Mora**, of certain lands here, it being of her inheritance, as one of the three daughters and coheirs of **Rob. fitz Otes**, who was Lord of **Locksley** also, and held it of the Barons of **Stafford**; by one of which, either himself, or one of his Ancestors was, it seems, enfeoffed. Which said **Basilia**, being married to **Peter de Mora**, had issue 5. daughters; the eldest whereof was wife to **Raph le Falconer**, otherwise called **Raph de Mora**; the second to **Rob. de Offsworth**; the third to **Rob. Balance**; the fourth to **Paulyne Peyure**; and the fifth to one **Leonard** a Kt.

This **Raph le Falconer**, alias **de Mora**, had issue by her a son, named **Peter de Mora**; which **Peter**, about the 38 H. 3. past away all this Village of **Westcote** to the Canons of **Benilworth**; so that in 7 E. 1. the Prior of **Benilworth** was certified to be Lord thereof, holding it of the Baron of **Stafford** by the service of half a Kts. fee. But at the same time had the Hospitall of S. **John**, situate without the East gate at **Orford**, where **Magdalen Colledge** now stands, a carucate of land in this Village, and the Monks of **Stoncle** 1. yard land; which proportion, belonging to the said Hospitall, being purchased by the Master, Brethren, and sisters thereof, about the beginning of **Edw. 1.** reign, was in 13 E. 1. found to be 4. yard land. Upon the Foundation of which Colledge

11b. f. 100. a & b.

m Cart. 13 E. 1. m. 96.

n Cart. o 15. E. p 3. n. 14.

r F. leuat. T. Trin. 12. H. 8.

f MS. in off. fic. Arm. [L. 17.] f. 148. a.

r MS. in Scac. penes Rem. R. u Pat. 7 E. 6. p. 11.

w Carp. vol. 2. f. 25. b.

x MS. in Scac.

y Giff. f. 376. b.

z MS. f. 1. n. 5. S. A. 407. f. 10.

a Ex Re de Kenil. penes Ec. Grefw. 84.

b c f d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

i Ex ante penes W. Vicecom. Stafford.

j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

Colledge temp. H. 6. the lands here in **Westcote**, with the rest that belong'd to the above mentioned Hospitall, were transmitt'd thereto, as in **Willoughby** I have intimat'd. But that which the Canons of **Benilworth** had here, was in 34. H. 8. granted to **Ric. Andrews**, and **Leonard Chamberlain**, and the heirs of **Andrews**.

Kyte-Herdwike.

This being also a member of **Elthoe**, and poss'd there with by the ancient Barons of **Stafford**, was by **Rob. de Stafford**, Grandchild to the first **Robert**, given unto **Will. Giffard**; who bestowed the whole hide thereof upon the Canons of **Benilworth** in H. 2. time, in recompence for the wrongs he had done them, and for the pardon of his sins; which grant the said **Robert** confirm'd. But how or when **Giffard** parted with his interest here, I cannot shew; Howbeit in 36 H. 3. it appears, that the heir of **Raph de Mora** held half a Kts. fee in this place of **Robert de Stafford**: And in 7 E. 1. **Ric. de Bloys** was certified to be Lord of part thereof, which he held of the said Baron of **Stafford** by the service of two parts of a Kts. fee: and **John de Cantilupe** owner of another part of it, held it of the said Baron by the service of the third part of a Kts. fee, and 1 pound of Cumin. I have not found the true reason of its being called **Kyte-Herdwike**; but that it was usually so termed appears by severall Records. In 10 H. 6. **Will. Verney** of **Wolsoford** Esq. was Lord thereof, and held it by the third part of a Kts. fee. From whom it pass'd to **Ric. Dalby** of **Bokehampton**, as it seems; for the said **Richard** dyed seized thereof in 20 E. 4. leaving **Robert** his son and heir xxx years of age.

Compton-Winyate.

Further Southwards stands **Compton-Winyate**, being so called for distinction from the other **Comptons** in this County; having had that addition in respect that long since there was a Vineyard within the Lordship, as by tradition of the Inhabitants appeareth. And (as all others of the same name) was originally so called from its situation in a low and deep valley, the word **Com** in the British, and **Cumbe** in the Saxon importing no less. In the Conq. time it, being poss'd by **Turchill de Warwick**, contained viii. hides and one Virgate; two whereof were held by **Almarus** of the said **Turchill**, and valued at xl s. Three and a Virgate by one **Roger**, which were rated at L s. and the rest by **Almarus** prized at liii l.

That the greatest part of **Turchil's** lands came actually to **Henry de Newburgh**, the first Earl of **Warwick** of the Norman line; and that the residue, which the said **Turchil's** heirs enjoy'd, was by them held of the said Earl, and his descendants, is plain enough by what I have so often express'd: but whether the first that assumed his surname of this place was immediatly enfeoff'd thereof by one of those Earls, or by any of **Turchill's** posterity, I cannot positively affirm, in regard that the Record of 20 H. 3. and that of 36 H. 3. do not directly concur; the former of them

intimating, that the half Kts. fee, which **Philip de Comton** then had here, was by him held directly of the Earl; and the other, that it was held by **Thomas de Comton** (son of the same **Philip** I presume) of **Thomas de Arden** lineall heir to **Turchill**, and that he held it over of the Earl. Neither am I certain that this **Philip** was the first that became enfeoff'd thereof; for I find an **Arnulphus de Comton**, and likewise an **Osbertus de Comton** in 16 H. 2. As also **Waleranus de Comton** in R. 1. and beginning of **K. John's** time, all of this County; but whether these or any of them were of this place, is hard to determine.

The first mention I meet with of **Philip de Compton**, above specified, from whom I conclude this family to be descended, is in 5 Joh. or thereabouts: For **Will. Poer** Sheriff of this County in 4. 5. & 6 Joh. was witness with him to a grant of lands lying in **Elthoe**, made by **Ric. de Bereford**, and **Cecilia** his wife to the Canons of **Benilworth** at that time: the succession from which **Philip** is on the next page inserted, in order of time as Records do warrant it; but I have not adventured to knit them together, excepting where there is apparent proof.

In 7 E. 1. it was certified, that **Philip de Compton** (Grandchild, I presume to the former) was then Lord of this Manour, where it is written **Compton-Winyate**, and that he held it of **Thomas de Arden** by the service of half a Kts. fee, and he of the Earl of **Warwick**: At which time the said **Philip** had 2 carucates of land here in demein, and Freeholders, who held of him six yard land by severall Rents: As also 5 Tenants holding 3 yard land, paying certain Rent, and performing divers servile labours. It was likewise then certified, that the **Templars** had 3 Freeholders here, who were poss'd of two yard land, for which they paid a certain Rent, and did suit to their Court at **Warwick**.

Of the memorable employments that any of this Family had, I shall here briefly take notice as I find them recorded. **Robert de Compton** (grandchild to the last **Philip**) was in that expedition of **Wales** in 15 E. 2. In 6 E. 3. **John de Compton** was a Knight for this Shire in the Parl. then held at **Westm.** In 23 E. 3. **Thomas de Compton** of this place, being one of the Coroners in this Shire (an office of very great account in those days, which he held till 50 E. 3.) was also in the same 23 year of E. 3. joyn'd in Commission with sundry other persons of quality for assessing and collecting a xvth and xth. To him succeeded **Edmund**, a Coroner also, both in the beginning and later end of R. 2. time. But touching his descendants I have not seen much that is memorable till H. 8. time, that **Will. Compton** (son and heir to another **Edmund**) who was but xi years of age at his Father's death (which hapned in 8 H. 7.) being first a Page to **Henry Duke of York** (second son to **K. H. 7.**) afterwards, when he was King by the name of **Henry the 8th** became Groom of his Bedchamber; for I find him stiled **Garcio Camera** in the first year of his reign: Nay he quickly grew in such farther favour with that K. that he was the same year advanced to be chief Gentleman of his said Bedchamber; and within three years after, in consideration of his good and faithfull service, had a speciall grant to himself and his heirs of an honourable Augmentation to his Arms, out of the said King's own royall Ensigns and Devices; viz. a Lion passant guardant Or, and for his Crest a demi

c Rot. P. 16
H. 2.

d Reg. de
Kenilw. p.
15. & p.
120.

c Ib. p. 158.

f Inq. per
H. Not.
& c. f. 71. b.

g Ib. f. 72.
a.

h Pat. 15.
E. 2. p. 2. m.
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i Claus. 6.
E. 3. m. d.
m. 29.

l Claus.
k 50 H.
l 3. p. 1.
m. 20.

m Rot. F.
23. E. 3. p. 2
m. 13.

n Claus. 12.
R. 2. m. 22.

o Claus. 22.
R. 2. p. 2. m.
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p Efc. 9 H.
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q Ex Coll.
H. Ferrero

r Pat. 1. H.
8. p. 2. m. 13

s Life of
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the L.
Herb.
Polyd.
Virg.
p. 611. l. 29

Dragon erased gules, within a Coronet of gold, upon a corse Argent and vert, as by speciall Letters, under the same King's sign Manuall, bearing date at Westminster the 7th of Novemb. in the fourth year of his reign, and exemplified * by Thomas Wriothesley then Garter principall King of Arms, with his Seal and the Seal of his Office, the 14th of December following, appeareth. About which time, or soon after, he was Knighted, as is evident by that title attributed to him the next ensuing year, in a Patent for life of the Chancelourship of Ireland. But that office he held not long; for the Archbishop of Dublin had a grant^a thereof in 7 H. 8.

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† Pat. 5
H. 8. p. 2.

a Pat. 7. H.
8. p. 3.

Philippus de
Compton 5. loh.

Thomas de Cumpton

36 H. 3.

Philippus de Cumpton

7 E. 1.

Robertus de Cumpton

9 E. 2.

Rob. de Cumpton

15 E. 2.

Ioh. de Cumpton

6 E. 3.

Thomas de Cumpton

23 E. 3.

Edm. de Compton

12 R. 2.

Will. de Compton

10 H. 6.

Rob. Compton, defunctus

21 E. 4.

Edmundus Compton

obit 8 H. 7.

Will. Compton miles-Werburgia filia & ha-
eres Ioh. Brereton mil.

obit 20 H. 8. relicta Franciscei Chey-
ney mil.

Petrus Compton obit-Anna filia Georgii

30 Ian. 35. H. 8. Comitis Salopie.

Anna filia Ioh. Spen-Henricus Baro-Francisca filia Fran-
ser de Althorpe in com. Compton obit ciscie Comitis Hun-
Northampt. mil. 31 Eliz. tintonie, ux. 1.

Henr. Compton Will. Baro Comp.-Eliz. Tho- Margar-
miles de balneo. ton, creatus in Co-filia & mas uxor.
mitem Northamp. haeres Com-Henr.
2 Aug. 16 lac. obit Ioh. pton Baro-
24. Iunii. 7. Car. Spen- mil. nis
ser mil. Mor-
dant.

Spenser, Comes Northampt.-Maria filia Franciscei Beau-
occisus in praelio apud Hop-mont militis.
ton-Heath an. 1643.

Iacobus comes Northampt.
duxit Isabellam filiam &
coher. Ric. Sackville Comi-
tis Dorset.

Carolus }
Will. } mil.
Spenser }
Franciscus.
Henricus.

Anna.
Pene-
lope.

Life of
H. 8. as su-
per p. 37.

In the same year of that K. he led the Rere-
guard of the Kings Army at Cherouene, compo-

sed for the most part of the retinue belonging un-
to Richard Fox Bishop of Winchester, and Wol-
sey, then the King's Almoner, being about 800. in
number. In 10 H. 8. he was charged with pro-
viding of 50 Archers for the Kings service in his
Wars; In 16 H. 8. joyned, with the Marq.
Dorset to assist Thomas Howard Earl of Surrep-
in his expedition towards Scotland against the D.
of Albany, who then had invaded the North parts.
And in 17 H. 8. he had the title of *Barfarius Regis*.

This Sir Will. erected a fair Mannour house,
here at Compton, most of the brick used in that
structure being brought from Fulbroke where
a ruinous Castle was, whereof he had the custody
by the Kings grant and Keepership of the Park;
which Castle he pulled down, making use of the
materials for that building. In the Chapell with-
in this House was a costly window of rare work-
manship, the passion of our Saviour being therein
very lively represented; and in the lower part
thereof his own portraiture, as also that of his Lady,
both kneeling in their surcoats of Arms. The
Parke likewise, which is very large, was begun by
the same Sir Will. about the xi. year of H. 8. For
then had he License, not onely to impark cer-
tain grounds there, inclosed at that time; but to
include and lay to the same 2000 acres more of
land and wood, lying in Compton superior, and
Compton inferior (alias Compton Upneyatps)
for the use of himself and his heirs for ever. He
married Werburge the Daughter and heir of Sir
Joh. Brereton Kt. widow of Sir Francis Cheyney
Kt. And by his Testament bearing date 8 Martii
an. 1522. (14 H. 8.) bequeathed his body to be
buried here at Compton, with his Ancestors, and
appointed that his said Lady should likewise be
there interred; as also a Tomb of Alabaster made
by the discretion of his Executors for his Father
and set over his grave, with his Arms cut there-
upon; and the body of his Mother taken up where
she was buried, to be brought thither and layd by
his said Father. By which Testament he likewise
bequeathed to the King, from whom he acknow-
ledged that he had received all his preferment, a
little Chest of Ivory, whereof the lock was gilt,
with a Chels bord under the same, and a pair of
Tables upon it; and all such Jewels and treasure
as was inclosed therein; most humbly desiring his
highness to accept thereof as a remembrance of
him. He also bequeathed to the said King certain
Specialties to the summe of a thousand marks, be-
ing for money lent to Sir Thomas Bullein Kt. to
the intent that the K. would be so gracious to his
Lady and Children, as to permit his said Will to
be performed, as he there expresseth.

And moreover appointed, that his Executors
should found in his name two Chanteries, here at
Compton; and every Priest of the said Chanteries
to have yearly for his salary x marks, they being
to do dayly service in praying for the souls of the
King, Queen, and the Lady Anne Hastings; as
also for the souls of himself, his wife, his ancestors,
and all Christen souls; which Priests and every
of them to be presented to the Ordinary of the
Diocess, and he to make Institution and Inducti-
on accordingly: And if the said Priests or any
of them should dye, that then the Abbot of
Winchcomb, and his successors, to present cove-
nable Clerks within two months after the vacan-
cy: And in case he or his successors should fail,
that then the Abbot of Chesham to do the
same,

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u Polyd.
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678 a. 10.

w Pat. 17.
H. 8. p. 1.

x Let. I.
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2 f. 16

a Pat. 18
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b Viff.
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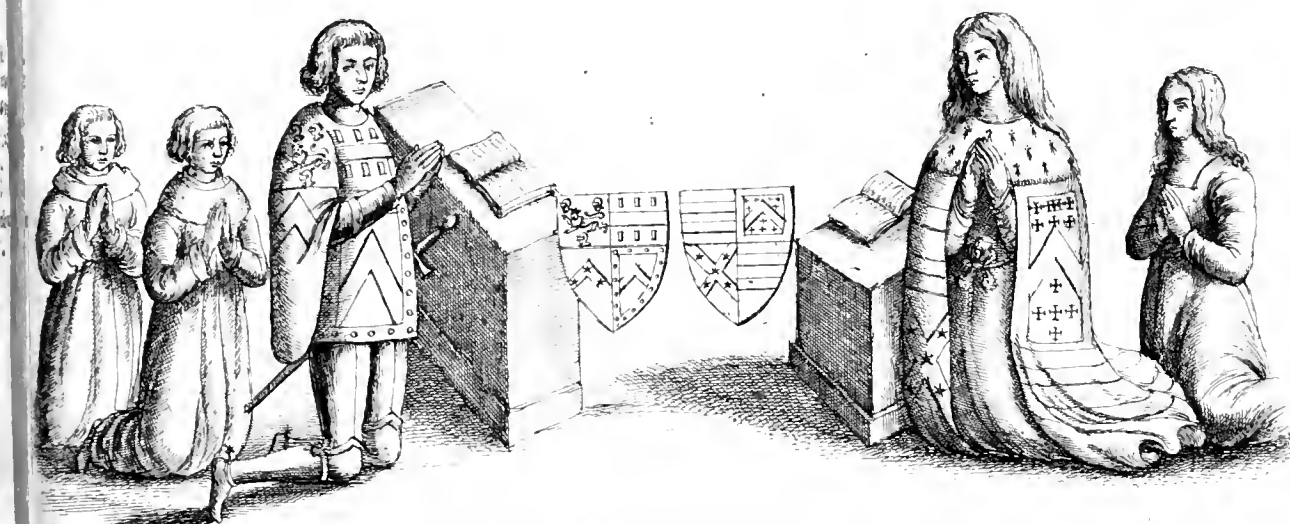
same, in such a forme as is above rehearsed. After which, about vi. years, he dyed of the sweating sicknesse; viz. in 20. H. 8. (being at that time of the Bedchamber to the King, who was also in great danger.) Touching the Probate of his Will, so potent a man was Cardinal Woolsey in those dayes, that S^r Henry Guilford, one of his Executors, professed openly, that he could not obtain it till he had paid a thousand Marks.

To which S^r Will. Compton succeeded Peter his son and heir, then in minority; whose wardship was committed to the said Cardinal. This Peter, marrying Anne the daughter to George Earl of Shrewsbury, dyed before he accomplished his full age, sc. 30. Jan. 35. H. 8. leaving issue Henry of the age of xlix. weeks and 5. dayes. Which Henry being Knighted in 8. Eliz. was summoned to Parl. amongst the Barons S. Mui 14. Eliz. and dyed in 31. Eliz. leaving issue by Frances his first wife, daughter to Francis Earl of Huntingdon Will. his son and heir, created Earl of Northampton 2. Aug. 16. Jac. Who being also President of the K. Councell in the Marches of Wales, one of the Knights of the most honourable Order of the Garter, and Lieutenant to the King in this County of Warwick, wedded

Eliz. the daughter and heir to S^r John Spenser K^t Alderman of London; and dyed an. 1630 (7. Car.) leaving issue Spenser Earl of Northampton his son and heir, whose marriage and issue the Pedegree, before inserted, sheweth.

The Church (dedicated to S.) had anciently two yard land belonging thereto; and in an. 1291. (19. E. 1.) was valued at viii. Marks; but in 26. H. 8. at x li. As for the fabrick thereof, it is now totally reduced to rubbish, having been demolished in an. 1646, when Compton house was garrison'd by the Parliament forces; the Monuments therein of the before specified S^r Will. Compton and his Lady, with that of Henry Lord Compton, his grandson, which were very beautifull and stately, being then utterly razed, and knockt in peices: so that in stead of them (whereof I was not so happy as to take notice whilst they stood) I shall here to the memory of that worthy person, who was the first rayser of this House to that lustre it hath since had (I mean, the before specified S^r Will. Compton) and honour of the Family, insert the portraictures of him, his Lady and Children, as they still remain (having been set up in his time) in the Chapell of of Balioll Colledge in Oxfoꝝ.

p Inq. per.
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q MS. in
Scac.
r MS. pend
SA. eq. ant.
f. 20. a.



Willielmus Compton miles, cum pia consorte sua hanc fenestram vitari fecit. A. Dni. 1530.

Patroni Ecclesie

Incumbentes &c.

f. 18. a. Robertus dominus de Compton. Thomas de Copton-Winzate Diac. 2. Kal. Martii 1304. Rog. Herbelot Accol. 23. Oct. 1330. Thomas de Clipston Cler. 20. Dec. 1343. Rob. le Ferour 19. Feb. 1347. Nobilis vir Radulfus Baro de Staff. Adam de Kyngesthorp Cler. 29. Sept. 1349. Rad. Comes Staffordie. Will. de Pirton Pbr. ult. Apr. 1359. Will. de Peyto ex concess. Rad. Comit. Staff. Will. Mannyng Pbr. 11. Sept. 1369. Adam Skil Pbr. 5. Dec. 1370. D. Joh. de Poite miles. D. Joh. Sulgrave 27. Julii 1390.

Edmundus de Compton dominus de Compton-Winzate. Agnera de Compton, relicta Edm. de Compton. Joh. Etyngdon Pbr. 7. Oct. 1395. Ada Merston Pbr. 1406 Cliff. f. 96. a. Joh. de Compton Cler. 1. Feb. 1411. Rev. f. 40. b. Joh. Norton in leg. Baec. 1b. f. 54. b. 22 Apr. 1413. Magr. Rob. Ryssenden 7. 1b. f. 64. a. Martii 1414. Joh. Banning 26. Nov. 1415. 1b. f. 74. b. Will. Boveton Cap. 28. Oct. 1416. 1b. f. 77. a. D. Rob. Rendur Cap. 1. Maii. 1452. Carp. vol. 1. f. 101. a. Magr. Joh. Paylady Cap. 17 Nov. 1460. 1b. f. 156. a. D. Joh. Newith Cap. 8 Apr. 1463. 1b. f. 171. a.

- 1b.f. 184. b { Magr. Ric. Dobbes 25 Feb. 1463.
 -b.f. 188. b Idem Rob. { D. Thomas Moleners Cap. 2 Apr. 1465.
 1b.f. 231. a { D. Joh. Smalebroke 25 Oct. 1468.
 Mort. f. 40a Discretus vir. Ed. D. Rob. Smyth Cap. 7 Febr. 1489.
 Ogs. vol. 2. Rob. Throgmorton D. Joh. Hawksford 17 Apr. 1498.
 f. 4. b ar. & alii seoffari terr. Will. Compton domini de Compton defuncti.
 1b.f. 34. a Will. Compton ar. D. Joh. Oliver, alias Smyth, 26 Apr. 1504.
 Bull. f. 83. b Will. dominus Rob. Hale Cler. 21 Julii Compton. 1607.

Brailles.

I come next to **Brailles**, within which parish are the Hamlets of **Chelmescote**, and **Winder-ton**. This Lordship is of a very large extent, yet antiently more spacious; for **Tantworth**, which is of itself a great one, was heretofore a member thereof, as in my discourse of that place is manifested; the whole, being certified by the Conq. Survey to contain 46. hides, having woods of 3. miles in length and 2. in breadth: All which then yielded to the K. yearly L^v wi h xx horse loads of salt, and then were in his own hands: But before the Conquest it was part of the possessions belonging to **Edwine** Earl of **Merca**. Which part, wherein the woods were so contained, I conclude to be **Tantworth**, whereof there is no expresse mention, by name, in the said general survey.

I am of opinion, that it was given to **Henry de Newburgh**, Earl of **Warwick**, by K. Will. the Conq. for clear^u it is that the said Earl possessed it. It should seeme, that in the grant thereof, the number of hides, which it contained, were exprest, and very likely the same that the general Survey before mentioned had recorded; but, that either the measure was too large, or that K. Stephen had a mind to get some mony from **Roger** Earl of **Warwick**, under that pretence; for it appears^w, that about the beginning of his reign, he put him to CC marks fine for the overplus of the hides in this Mannour. After which his posterity enjoy'd it, till K. **Henr.** 7. in 3. of his reign, got all the possessions belonging to that great Earldome, as in **Warwick** I have manifested.

In 31. H. 3. upon the agreement^x betwixt **John de Plessers** with **Will. Mauduit** and **Alice** his wife; it was (inter alia) settled upon the said **John** for life, he having wedded **Margery** the daughter and heir to **Thomas** Earl of **Warwick** (as in my story of the Earls hath been shewed) which **John** together with his said wife, the next ensuing year, obtained a Charter^y from the King, for a **Perccate** here upon the Munday every weeke; and a **Fair** to begin on the Even of **S^t George**, and to continue for the space of two dayes following. After which; viz. upon the death of **Will. Mauduit** Earl of **Warwick** in 52. H. 3. it was by agreement betwixt **Alice** his widow, and **Will. de Beauchamp** the succeeding Earl, assigned^z to her as part of her dower. But in 7. E. 1. was in the possession of the said **Will.** who then held^a in demesne

3. carucates of land here; as also a certain Park containing xxx acres, with **Warren** and other liberties. Which Earl had lx. yard land, here, held of him by sundry Tenants, under several rents, and certain particular services; whereof in regard that in those times the like was usual in most places, I will here give instance in one; viz. **Adam Underwood**; who holding one yard land, payd for the same 7 Bushells of Oats yearly, and a Hen; being to work for the Lord from the feast of **S^t Mich.** th'arch-Angell till **Lammass**, every other day except Saturday; viz. at mowing as long as that time should last; for which he was to have as much grasse as he could carry away with his Sicke: & at the end of Hay-harvest, he & the rest of his fellow Mowers to have the Lord's best Mutton, except one; or xvi^d in money; with the best Cheefe saving one, or vi^d in money; and the Cheefe-fat, wherein the said Cheefe was made, full of salt.

As also, that from the said Feast of **Lammass** till **Michaelmas**, he was to work two dayes in the week, and to come to the Lord's Reap, with all his household, except his wife and his Shepherd, and to mow down one land of **Corne**, being quit of all other work for that day. That he should likewise carry two Cart loads and a half of the Lords hay, with seven Cart load of Stones for three dayes, and gather Nuts for three dayes; And in case that the Lord should keepe his **Christmase** at this his Mannour of **Brailles**, he to find three of his horses meat for three nights. That he should plow thrice a year for the Lord; viz. 6. felloes, and do the same tillage within xx. miles: And moreover to make 3. Quarters of Malt; giving for every Hogg above a year old, i^d, and for every one under, a half penny. And lastly, that he, and the rest of the said Tenants here, should give xii. marks to the Lord, at **Michaelmasse** yearly, by way of Aid, and not marry his daughter; nec filium coronare (id est, nor make his son a Priest) without license from the Lord. [That being an usuall restraint, of old, in *Villanage tenures*, to the end that the Lord might not loose one of his villeins, by coming into holy Orders.]

As for the Freeholders here, I shall only mention some of them; viz. ^b **Nich. de Segrave**, who held at that time viii yard land of the Earl by the service of the sixth part of a Knights fee; **Theobald de Nevill**, and **Robert de Hastang** viii. yard land, by the service of a pair of gilt spurs; and **Peter de Montfort** xvi. yard land, by the 4th part of a Knights fee. At that time the Nuns of **Worhall** had^c one yard land here, which was given to them in pure Almes by **Willelan** Earl of **Warwick**. So also had the Canons of **Bentworth** 4. yard land, but that was in right of the Church, as part of its glebe. After this, viz. in 13. E. 1. **Will. de Beauchamp** Earl of **Warwick** claim'd^d by prescription to have certain priviledges here; viz. **Gallows**, with Affize of Bread and Beer, which were allowed: For it is a large and goodly Mannour, the yearly value whereof in 9 E. 2. being rated^e at no lesse than 93^l 05^s 04^d ob. q^s.

There is little else memorable touching this Mannour, so long as it continued to the Earls of **Warwick**: But shortly after it came to the Crown, as aforesaid, it was leased^f to **Richard Hungerford**, and **John Hopper** for xl. years; and afterwards; viz. in 21 H. 8. the fire thereof, and all the demesne lands, with the **Perccate** and **Fair**; as also the water-Mill and **Warren** of Coneyes, to **Will.**

^r Dome. d. lib.

^u Regist. Col. de Warw. f. 3. a

^w Rot. p. 5. Steph.

^x F. de div. Com. lxxv. 3. sept. Hill. 31. H. 3.

^y Cart. 32. H. 3. m. 2.

^z Cart. 52. H. 3. in d. m. 10.

^a Inq. per H. Noit. 6. f. 80. a

^b 1b. f. 4. &c.

^c 1b.

^d Rot. 6. Quon.

^e Rot. 9. E. 2. m. 1.

^f Pat. 1. H. 7. p. 2.

^g Pat. 1. H. 8. p. 1.

Will. Willington of *Bercheston* for *xxi.* years which *Will.* held it not out the whole terme, for in *30 H. 8.* there was another *Leafe* made thereof to *Will Rainsford*, one of the Gentlemen huishers to the King, for *xxi* years. And in *30 Henry 8.* the King past away the inheritance thereof to *Thomas Wymbush Esq;* and the Lady *Eliz. Talboys* his wife, and to the heirs of the said *Elizabeth*. Which *Thomas* and *Eliz.* in *1 E. 6.* sold it to *Will. Sheldon* of *Beoley* in *Com. Wigorn*: whose great grandchild, *William*, now enjoys it.

The Church (dedicated to *S. George*) was given to the Canons of *Kenilworth*, in King *H. 1.* time, by *Roger Earl of Warwick*, *Simon* then Bishop of *Worce.* confirming in the grant; whereupon in *R. 1.* time, ensued the endowment of the Vicaridge by *John de Constantii* Bishop of *Worce.* with all the Altarage, and small tythes, as well of the demelns, as of the lands held in bond service; together with the third sheaf: As also one yard land, with the housing and orchard belonging to it. After which, viz, in *an. 1291 (19 E. 1)* the profits belonging to the Rectory were estimated at *xx* marks and a half, and the Vicars portion at *xviii* marks: but in *26 H. 8.* the Vicaridge was rated at *xxii.*

Patroni Vicariæ.

Incumbentes, &c.

Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.
D. Rex ratione Vacacionis Priorat. de *Kenilw.*
Pr. & Conv. de K.
Magr. Richardus, temp. *R. 1.*
Magr. Alex. de Manestoke an. *1211.*
Magr. Hillarius Cler. *6.*
Joh.
Ric. de Tirinton. *9. Joh.*
D. Hugo de *Kenilworth Pbr.*
14. Cal. Nov. 1300.
Gilb. de Wythibroke Pbr. Id.
Sept. 1313.

Idem Pr. & C. de Kenilworth.

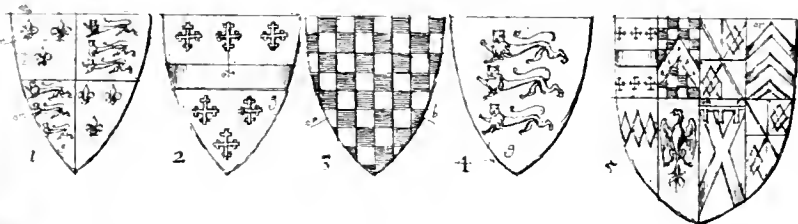
Wil. Gomer de Wood-
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ratione concess. Pr.
& C. de Kenilw.
Phil. & M. Rex
& Regina.
Joh. Tonly de Bur-
mington, & Joh.
Bishop de Brailes
gen.
Walt. Savage de
Broadway, Will.
Sheldon & Will.
Sheldon.
Barnabas Bishop.
Cancellarius, Ma-
gistri, & Scolar.
Univerf. Oxon. vir-
tute Actus Parl.

Magr. Joh. de Chelmundescote Cob. f. *107a*
Diac. 6. Cal. Apr. 1325.
Rog. White Pbr. 5. Martii. Br. vol. *1. f.*
1353. *8. a.*
Rob. Mile 16. Sept. 1360. Ib. f. *31. a.*
Will. de Bradway Pbr. 13. Dec. S. Germ. f.
1361. *112. a.*
D. Rob. Scharborleyn 22. Feb. Tid. f. *36. b.*
1398.
Joh. Penham cap. 7. Dec. 1419. Morg. vol.
D. Rob. Bandy 2. Apr. 1433. 2. f. *5. b.*
Magr. Thom. Taylard penult. S. Germ. f.
Feb. 1455. *249. b.*
D. Joh. Mud Cap. ult. Mar- Carp. vol. *1.*
1457. f. *135. b.*
Thom. Yardley Cap. 10. Aug. Ib. f. *210. b.*
1479. *Alc. f. 58. a.*
Magr. Hugo. Chysenall art. Ib. f. *150. b.*
Magr. 20. Sept. 1458.
D. Joh. Hill Cap. 3. Julii 1489 Mort. f. *30b*
Ric. Bishop Cler. 12. Mar- Bcll. f. *16. a*
1540.

Magr. Thomas Bastard S. Heath. f. *23.*
Theol. Bacc. 14. Dec. 1556. *b.*
Will. Tovey Cler. art. Magr. Bull. f. *25. b*
20. Junii 1584.
Andr. Dakers Cler. 26. Apr. Ib. f. *70. a.*
158.
Jac. Pallawyne Cler. S. Theol. Ib. f. *93. a.*
Bacc. Feb. 1611.
Gerardus Verrier Cler. art. Ib. f. *107. b*
Magr. 4. Aug. 1624.

Brayles

Arms in the Church windows.



1. France and England quarterly.
2. Beudump E. of Warwick.
3. Warren E. of Surrey
4. England.
5. Rich. Nevill E. of Warwick.

Monumentall Inscriptions in the Church,

HERE LIETH the body of John Davis Gentleman a faithfull lover of Gods Word, who departed this life the seventh day of March A^o domini 1609.

HERE LIETH the body of Helen Davis the wife of Thomas Davis, who was buried the 4th day of Aprill A^o domini 1621.

JOHN BISHOP gentleman, son of Barnabas Bishop who dyed the first of October 1627.

HERE LYETH buried the body of Helen Bishop, the wife of John Bishop of Brayles gent.; which Helen deceased the xxxth of December A^o domini 1588.

JOHN BISHOP Patron of this Church who lived 92 years in good credit, and made an happy end the third day of Aprill 1601. God grant him a glorious resurrection. Amen.

HERE LYETH the body of Robert Davis gent. eldest sonne of Richard Davis, who by an happy exchange forsooke the earth to enjoy heaven the first of Novembr 1625.

Epitaphium,

Reader should I best my prize
 I might too much wrong thine eyes;
 And reduce thee to that state,
 Which was Niobies sad fate:
 Let this suffice thee; here doth lye
 Stout Mats and wittie Mellicy;

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HERE LYETH the body of Elizabeth the daughter of Richard Davis gent. whose virtuous life is now her best and surviving monument, and plainly declareth her unto all, that she changed this life for a better the fifth of August, 1623.

E P I T A P H I U M.

WHAT FEMALE Sexe doth often sever
This Phoenix hath conjoyn'd together,
Virtue and beauty seldom greeting
In her congratulate their meeting:
Loe then interr'd within this place
The Virgins glory and the Maydens grace.

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n^{es} S. A.
eq. aur. f.
23 a.

In this Church of **Brilles** there was a *Gild* founded^a by *Ric. Nevill* Earl of **Warwick**, by the name of a *Warden*, *Brethren*, and *Sisters*, with two *Priests*, to celebrate divine service every day, and to pray for the souls of the said *Founders*: the renew whereof in 37 H. 8. was certified to be xviiith xiiith in^o ob. out of which a *Grammar School* was then here maintained. There was also here a *Chantry* of two *Priests*, of a much elder foundation; but because it relates most to **Chelmesote**, I purpose there to speak of it.

Chelmesote.

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OF this place I doe not find any mention till H. 3. time, it having been originally a member of **Brilles**. and posselt therewith by the old Earles of **Warwick**: but in 20. of that Kings reign *Roger de Crafe*, and *Sim. de Turvill* were certified^t to hold halfe a *Knights fee*, here, of the Earl of **Warwick**: and in 36 H. 3. *Rog. de Crafe* and *John Muce*. In that Record it is written **Chelmundescote**; whereby 'tis apparent, that it had at first its appellation from one *Ceolmunde* (an usual name in the Saxons time:) Howbeit afterwards was the family of *Hubaud* (whereof I shall discourse in **Ipsey**) posselt thereof; it being seized^t into the Kings hands in 50 H. 3. for the rebellion of *Henry Hubaud*, then in **Kenilworth** Castle against the King. But things being composed by the Decree called *Dictum de Kenilworth*, the same *Henry* enjoyed^u it again; and in 7. E. 1. was certified^v to hold it of the Earl of **Warwick** by the service of the fourth part of a *Knights fee*; at which time he had five yard land here in villenage. All which did his son, *John Hubaud* posselt, in 9 E. 2. But after that time, till about Lxx. years, I have seen no more of it, than that *Reginald Lord Grey of Ruthin* in 1 H. 4. conveyed^y it unto one *John Lee*: which *John* by certain *Feoffees*, past^z it to *Baldwin Boteler* in 10 H. 6. whose daughter and heir *Elizabeth* brought^a it in marriage unto *Eustace de Grenevil*, about the 38 of H. 6. Since which time the descendants of the said *Eustace* have enjoyed it till of late years.

I am of opinion, that the said *Eustace de Grenevil* began the depopulation thereof: for our countryman *Rous* (who lived in that time) com-

plaints of it, After which others followed his example; for by the *Inquis.* taken in 9 H. 8, it appears that *Henry Grenefeild* gent: depopulated 3. mess. and 1. Cottage, inclosing Cxx. acres of land; the Master and Brethren of the *Trinity* and *S. George* his *Gild* in **Warwick** 1. mess. with a carucate of land and a halfe, containing lx acres; and the *Chantry Priest* here at **Chelmesote** 1. mess. and 50 acres of land. From which *Henry Grenefeild* descended *Richard*, that died seized of this Mannour in 12 Jac. whose grandchild *Richard*, about 12 Car. sold it unto *Ric. Shukborough* of **Shukborough** Esq;.

Besides this Mannour already spoke of, is there another here, at least in reputation; for in 30 H. 8. *Will. Walter* was posselt^d thereof, in right^e of *Isabel* his wife: Which *Will.* demised the same to *Will. Villington* Esq; (of whom in **Warchelston** I have spoken;) who in 1 E. 6. converted^f 4 mess. here into cottages, as also 200 acres of arable land into pasture: And being seized in Fee-simple of one mess. and lx acres of land more, did the like by it. All which, by his last Will and Testament^g he bequeathed (*inter alia*) to his co-syn *Will. Barnes* and his heirs; upon condition that he should distribute certain summs of money to the poor of **Brilles**, **Shipston**, and **Tysoe**.

In the Chapell here at **Chelmesote**, there was a *Chantry* founded by one *Thomas de Pakinton* of **Brilles**, in an. 1322 (16 E. 2) as appears^h by a certain Agreement indented, made the 16 day of Jan. the same year, betwixt *Thomas Cobham* then Bishop of **Worcester**, the Prior and Convent of **Kenilw.** and *Gilb. de Wythbroke* Vicar of **Brilles** on the one part, and the said *Thomas de Pakinton* on the other part; whereby the same Prior and Convent, with the said Vicar of **Brilles** do grant liberty to the said *Thomas* and his heirs to provide a fit Priest for celebration of Divine service in the Chapell before-specified, and to maintain him at his and their proper charges: which Priest was to be presented to the Vicar of **Brilles**, for the time being, by the said *Thomas* and his assignes, making oath to be accountable unto him for all Tithes, obventions, and oblations there received, as due to the mother Church of **Brilles**: provided that he the said *Thomas*, with his Tenants and neighbours of **Chelmesote**, might have divine service in that Chapell, if they thought fit, so that they did perform all parochiall rites, and receive the Sacraments at the Church of **Brilles**: and in acknowledgement of their duty therein, to repair thither on *Christmasse day*, *Candlemasse*, *Good Friday*, *Easter day*, *Whitsunday*, *S. George* his day, and *All Saints*: as also on the day of the Dedication of the said Church of **Brilles**, there to hear divine service, and visit the said parish Church, except manifest and reasonable cause should appear to the contrary; and that on those days there should be no service at all in that Chapell; All which was confirmed^k by *Simon Mountacute* Bishop of **Worcester** in an. 1334. 8 E. 3.

But in 21 E. 3 the said *Thomas de Pakinton*, then Parson of **Spaple-Derham** in **Orfordshire**, by his Instrument^l dated Feb. 25. settling upon *Nich. Laumprey* of **Worston**, his nephew, the inheritance of four Messuages, and four yard land, lying in **Ober Brilles**, and of the Fee called *Se-grave's Fee*, together with *lxviij* ob. yearly Rent, issuing also out of certain lands there, did appoint, that with the profits of the said land and rent, two

b Hist. M.
1. Rous
144.
c Inq.
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d Mich.
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8. vol. 2

e Inq.
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f pop.
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g Ex 7.
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h Regi.
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D. &
Wigorn.
124. a. 6.

k Mea-
cure 94.

l Ex 10.
pen^{es} S.
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Priests should be perpetually maintained, to celebrate divine service dayly in the parish Church of **Brilles**, for his noble Lord **Thomas Beauchamp** Earl of **Warwick**, his ancestors, kindred, and heirs: As also for himself, his parents, kinsfolks, and their posterity, and for the souls of all faithfull people deceased. Howbeit, the compleat Ordination of this Chantry was not till the year 1348 (22 E. 3.) And then did^m the said **Thomas de Pakinton**, declaring himself to be the Founder of a Chantry consisting of four Priests, within the Parish of **Brilles**, appoint and direct, that they should celebrate divine service for his Lord the Earl of **Warwick**, his Countesse, children, and ancestors; as also for him the said **Thomas**, and all his ancestors and kinsfolke in manner following; viz. two of them, which were to inhabite near the said Chapel at **Chelmesfote** in the house there assigned for them, every day to sing the *Mattens* of our blessed Lady, and the *Mattens* of the day, with all Canonical hours distinctly, and openly; and to celebrate *Masse* dayly in manner and forme following, unlesse they should be hindred by sufficient cause; viz. One of them every Sunday, and on the great Festivalls; and on Munday the *Masse* of the holy Trinity, Tuesday of **S^t Thomas** the Martyr, Wednesday of **S^t Katherine** and **S^t Margaret**, Thursday of **Corpus Christi**, Fryday of the **Holy Crosse**, and Saturday of the *Annuntiation* of our Lady.

The other Priest to celebrate every day the *Masse* of *Requiem*, for the soules of all the faithfull departed this life: And in every *Masse*, except by reason of solemnizing the Festivall, he should be hindred, to say seven *Collets*; one of the celebration of the *Masse*; The second for him the said **Thomas de Pakinton**; viz. *Deus qui caritatis*, &c. The third also for him likewise, after he should be departed this World: *Deus cuius misericordia non est numerus*, *suscipe pro anima famuli tui* &c. The fourth of **S^t Thomas** the Martyr. The fifth of the *Annuntiation* of the blessed Virgin. The sixth for the soules of the deceased, beginning with *Inclina*. The seventh, the generall *Collet* which becometh thus, *Sanctissime Dei genetrix Maria*; especially naming therein the said Earl, his Countesse, and children: as also him the said **Thomas de Pakinton**, and all his kindred. And upon all Holy dayes and others, except the solemnity of the Festivall did hinder, to say a *Placebo* and *Dirige*, with commendation of the souls of the persons before spoken of, & for the souls of all the faithfull deceased. And likewise ordained, that the other two Priests should also live together near the said mother Church of **Brilles**, in the house assigned for them, and be daily present therein at *Mattens*, and all other Canonick houres, to joyne with the Priests belonging to the Church, except just cause and hinderance hapned: and dayly sing *Masse* at the Altar near his Father's grave, behaving themselves in *Masses*, and all other things in such sort as is directed for the two Priests at **Chelmesfote**: And moreover, that all these Priests, before their admission to these *Chanteries*, should take their corporal oaths before the Vicar of **Brilles**, for the time being, that they would preserve the mother Church of **Brilles** indemnified, and observe all other orders as aforesaid, to their utmost power. Which Ordination was confirmed accordingly by the Canons of **Kensworth**, as Rectors of the said Church of **Brilles**, as also by

John de Chelmesfote then Vicar of **Brilles**, the Earl of **Warwick**, and Bishop of **Exeter**.

Winderton.

THIS, being also a member of **Brilles**, is not very antiently (for ought I have seen) mentioned in Records; for the first time, that I meet with it, is in 20 H. 3. Where it appears^e that it was held of the Earl of **Warwick** by half a Knights Fee, one of the *D'Eivills*, of **Walton-Deivill** in this Countrey, being posselt thereof; and in 36 Henry 3. **Robert D'Eivill**.

It seemes that **D'Eivill** became first enfeofft thereof by **Roger de Clifford**; for by a pleading in 12 Edward 1. betwixt **Thomas de la More**, and **Hugh D'Eyvile**, the said **Thomas** called **Roger de Clifford** to warranty for the same: which **Roger** in 7 Edward 1. was certified^e to be Lord thereof, and to hold it of the said Earl by the service of half a Knights Fee; having then one carucate of land in demesne, and xix yard land held of him in Villenage.

To this **Roger de Clifford** succeeded another **Roger**, who wedded **Isabell**^e daughter and one of the coheirs to **Robert de Vipount**; and upon an agreement made with **John de Crumbwell**, husband to **Idonea**, widow of **Roger de Leyburne**, the other daughter and coheir of **Robert de Vipount**, past^e his interest in this Mannour to the said **Idonea** and her heirs, in exchange for some other lands: whereupon it became afterwards seized^u into the Kings hands for some misdemeanour committed by the said **John de Crumbwell**, in staying beyond Sea, contrary to the Kings command; yet such was the Kings respect to the said **Idonea**, that he permitted her to take the profit thereof towards her maintenance: but upon her death without issue, which hapned in 8 Edward 3. it devolved^x to **Edw. le Spenser**, son of **Hugh le Spenser** the younger, by virtue of an entail^e made in 15 E. 2. Howbeit, that which is here called the Mannour, was but the moytie of this Hamlet (as it seemes) the other moytie continuing in the family of **Clifford** still: for I find that in 14 Edw. 3. **Rob. de Clifford** Lord of **Westmerland**, gave^e to the Canons of **Baginmon** in **Shropshire** all his lands and Tenements lying here in **Winderton**, having the Earl of **Warwick**'s license^a for the same, of whom they were held: as also the King's^b which expresseth plainly that it was the half of this Village.

But that which was **Spenser's** Mannour came^c at length by descent to **Isabell** daughter of **Thomas** Lord **Despenser**, as sister^d and heir to her brother **Richard**; which **Isabell** first married to **Richard Beauchamp** Lord **Bergavenny** (afterwards made Earl of **Gloucester**) and secondly to **Richard Beauchamp** Earl of **Warwick**: After whose death she settled^e it (*inter alia*) upon **S^t Ralph Boteler** K^t and others, and their heirs, for the performance of her last Will, as she should make declaration of her mind therein, for the health and advantage of her soul: Yet it should seem, that notwithstanding this purpose of hers, it descended to her heire, and so consequently came to the Crowne, as the rest of the Earl of **Warwick's** Lands did; and was not granted

Pat. 1. M. away till 1 M. that the Queen disposed thereof to Michael Throkemorton Esquier and his heirs, who dyed & seized of it 1 Nov. 5. & 6. Ph. & M. leaving Francis his son and heir 7. years of age. As for what the Canons of Haghamon had here, or at least so much thereof as I have seen any authority for, it was past out of the Crown by Q. Eliz. unto John Dudley and John Ascough, and their heirs in 17. of her reign.

I shall now follow this hilly part of the Country no farther; but, returning more into the Vale, must take my course by those brooks and streams, which glide through the rest of this Hundred, till I have made a perfect view thereof: In observance of which order, I next come to that petty torrent, that hath its head within the precincts of **Dasset**; and so, dividing the Lordships of **Merston-Boteler & Kington**, creepeth along betwixt the two **Waltons**, as also the **Willesbourns**, neer unto which it joyneth with **Abon**.

Merston-Boteler.

i Domesd. lib. **T**His, being posselt by *Hugh de Gretemaismill* in the Conquerors time, had then a Church and two Mills, and containing x. hides was valued at xv li. But ere long after, *Raph Boteler* of **Oversley** had a grant thereof, as it seems; for, in King *Stephen's* time, he gave^k the Church to the Monastery of **Alcester**, of his foundation: And it may very well be presumed, that the above specified *Hugh de Gretemaismill* so conferred it upon *Boteler*, in regard that *Robert Blanchemains* Earl of **Leicester** wedded^l not his daughter and heir, called *Petro-nill*, till H. 2. time. But of this family of *Boteler* I shall speak historically in **Oversley**, therefore will I next take notice of what is most memorable in relation to this place in particular.

From the before specified *Raph*, it descended to *William le Boteler*; who in 7 E. 1. held it of the Earl of **Leicester** by the service of two Kts. fees, having then one **Watermill** here, and two carucates of land in demesne, and xxx. Tenants holding one yard land and a half, by payment of certain Rent, and performance of severall services; viz. Plowing, Reaping, carrying Corn and the like: As also x. Cottiers; but these didⁿ their suit to the **Court-leet** held for the Honour of **Leicester**.

In this town had^o *Raph de Ardern* also at that time seven yard land, which he held of *John Mallore*, and he of the said *William le Boteler*: Of which *Botelers* the last that had to do here was *Sir William le Boteler* Knight, who left issue *Eliz.* his daughter and heir, first married unto *Sir Robert de Ferrers* Knight, and afterwards to *Thomas Molington*, as by the descent in **Oversley** will appear. From which *Eliz.* it descended to *Nevill*, and afterwards to *Gascoign*, as **Oversley** did: and was by *Sir William Gascoign* Knight, (the fourth from him that married *Nevill's* heir) sold^p to *Thomas Lord Cromwell* in 29 H. 8. which *Thomas* being attainted^q in the Parl. begun at **Westminster** 30 H. 8. it eschaet^r to the Crown, and was thereupon granted^s to *Richard Fermour* and *Anne* his wife, and to *John Fermour* their son, and *Maud* his wife, and to the heirs male of the said *John*, by the Kings Letters Patent dated 23. Nov. 36 H. 8. But it seems that the said *John* dyed without issue male; for I find that *K. Edward 6.* in 7. of his reign, by his Patent^t bearing date 23. Junii, granted it

to *Peter Temple* of **Derket** in this County gent. and *Thomas Lee* of **Clatrecote** in the County of **Oxford** gentleman, and their heirs, to hold in **Capite** by the xlith part of a Knights fee. Which *Peter* sold away sundry parcells thereof to severall persons, about the beginning of Queen *Maryes* reign; amongst which *John Woodward* purchased^u the Mannour place, and a large proportion therewith. Which *John* dyed^v seized thereof 8. Nov. 2. & 3. Ph. & M. leaving *Richard* his son and heir 50. years of age; who dyed^w also seized thereof 14. Aug. 4. & 5. Ph. & M. leaving *John* his son and heir 26. years of age. But the greatest^x proportion besides^y viz. 1. melis. 1. Garden, 1. Orchard CCC. acres of land, x. acres of meadow, viii. acres of pasture, and L. acres of Heath & Furrs, was sold to *Tho. and Edward Savage* by the before specified *Peter Temple*, and *Thomas Lee*: which *Edward* dyed^z seized thereof in the life time of *Thomas*; and *Thomas* departed this life 1. Jan. 5. Eliz. leaving *John* his son and heir xxx. years of age.

The Church being given^a to the Monastery of **Alcester** by *Raph le Boteler*, Founder thereof in *K. Stephens* time, was in an. 1291. 19 E. 1. rated^b at xii. marks: at which time the Prior of **Ware** had a portion of the Tithes belonging thereto, valued at 1. mark. And in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was valued^c at viii li. iii s. iv d. the Rectory being appropriate^d to the Monks of **Alcester**, and then rated at^e xvii li.

Patroni Vicariz. Incumbentes, &c.

<i>Will. de Alencester Cap. in Vigil. b. Cath. Virg. 1268.</i>	<i>Giff. f. 12.</i>
<i>Rog. dictus le Boor Pbr. 7. Id. Apr. 1284.</i>	<i>ib. f. 12.</i>
<i>D. Milo de Cornecester Pbr. 3. Non. Jun. 1306.</i>	<i>Geyn. f. 2. b.</i>
<i>D. Joh. Enche Pbr. 15. Cal. Aug. 1337.</i>	<i>Hem. 100. a.</i>
<i>Phil de Wormynton Cap. 7. Julii 1339.</i>	<i>Wolst. 1. f. 12.</i>
<i>Ric. Wytkins Cap. 5. Dec. 1402.</i>	<i>Cliff. f. 12. a.</i>
<i>D. Thom. Sompner Cap. 15. Nov. 1416.</i>	<i>Pev. f. 12. b.</i>
<i>D. Will. Doninton Cap. penult. Junii 1420.</i>	<i>Carp. 1. f. 18. e.</i>
<i>D. Joh. Tamworth 27. Apr. 1464.</i>	<i>Morg. 1. f. 13.</i>
<i>D. Joh. Clerke Cap. 14. Jan. 1480.</i>	<i>Alc. f. 12. b.</i>
<i>Magr. Joh. Pryn in decret. Bacc. 5. Apr. 1521.</i>	<i>Jeron. 1. f. 13.</i>
<i>Thom. Woodward gen. Joh. Morse Cler. 11. Sept. 1583.</i>	<i>Bull. f. 12. b.</i>
<i>Ric. woodward gen. Rad. Wright Cler. 2. Martii 1590.</i>	<i>ib. f. 12. b.</i>
<i>Nich. Byfield Cler. 21. Jan. 1601.</i>	<i>ib. f. 12. b.</i>
<i>Joh. Palmer Cler. 2. Feb. 1603.</i>	<i>ib. f. 12. b.</i>
<i>Francisca Woodward Vidua. Rob. Rainebow Cler. 8. Jan. 1619.</i>	<i>ib. f. 12. b.</i>

Kington.

THis town, as it gives name to the Hundred, wherof I have spoke already at my entrance therein.

hereinto, so stands it about the center of it; and, for divers respects, as I shal anon observe, is a place as worthy of note, as any other in this part of the County. There are two places in the Conquerors Survey^e wherein the name of **Cintone** (which is all one with what we now call **Kington** or **Kine-ton**) is to be found; the one amongst the lands belonging to the Earl of **Mellent**; but I make a doubt whether that concerns this place, rather believing it to be **Kington** now an obscure Village lying neer **Claverdon**: The other amongst the lands of **Will. fil. Corbucion**, and then held by one **Ailmarus** being then certified to contain no more than two hides, besides the woods, estimated at half a mile in length, and 4. furlongs in breadth; all which was then valued but at x s. and had been the freehold of **Turchill de Warwick** in Edward the Confessors days.

But whether that were this **Kington**, I am as unsatisfied; believing rather this not to be at all mentioned in *Domesday*-book, as some other places of note; viz. **Alcester** and **Lamworth**, in this County, are not, though then in the Ks. hands, as I conclude those places were: for it appears by a very authentique Record^{*}, that it was ancient demesne; *id est* in the possession of King Edward the Confessor, or King William the Conquerour, and very likely of other Kings before those days; the name thereof importing no lesse. But the first certain mention that I find of it, is in the Register^f of **Kenilworth**, where it appears, that King H. 1. posselt it, and gave the Church to the Canons of that Hou^e immediately after the Foundation thereof—*Ecclesiam etiam de Chintonia de meo domino Concedo*, &c. are the words of his Charter.

This King Henry granted^g also to **Milo** one of the sons to **Will. de Oxinsford**, and the rest of his Brethren xxx s. per an. lands here in **Chinton**, w^{ch} **William** their father, who is also called **Vicecomes**, held of him; and namely the land of **Swintle**, given by the said King to them and their mother in exchange for what they had in **Blochesham**. Which **Milo** is he, as I guess, who was called **Milo de Kincion**, being a witness to many Charters in this County, about that time. But this land so given to the same **Milo** and his brethren, King Stephen had again from him, and gave^h it to the said Canons of **Kenilworth** at such time as he confirm'd to them the grant of the Church by King H. 1. Howbeit the Mannour it self continued in the King's hands; for it appearsⁱ that in 12 H. 2. **Will. Bassett**, then Shiriff of this Shire, accounted for the charge of making a Goale here: and in^k 23 H. 2. xi. marks and a half, were asselt: and received from this town for Aid to the King, under the title of *Auxilium Burgorum & Villarum, & hominum*, per **Will. fil. Radulfi**, **Will. Bassett**, & **Mich. Belet**, Justices Itinerant at that time.

In 4 R. 1. there was xiv li. xv s. viii d. bestowed in^l workmanship upon the Gaol here, by the Ks. speciall Precept, **Herbert de Putot** and **William Babine** (the one Lord of **Hopstow**, the other of **Alborne** in this County) being Overseers of the repair. But in 7 Joh. the King, having rendred **Willardington** to **Hugh de Gurnay**, from whom he had taken it, and bestowed it upon **Hugh de Hervey**, by way of exchange for his title in **Willardington**; upon condition, that if the said **Hugh de Hervey** could by any friendly agreement, or by

course of law recover **Willardington** from the same **Hugh de Gurnay**, that then he should deliver up this back again to the King. Which was accordingly done: for I find that **Hugh de Hervey** did repossesse **Willardington**; whereupon the King having this again, by his Charterⁿ bearing date at **Lincoln** 28. Sept. 18. of his reign, granted it in Fee-ferm to **Stephen de Segrave** and his heirs (of whom in **Caludon** I have spoke) paying into the Exchequer yearly xii li. viz. at *Easter* vi li. and *Michaelmasse* vi li. being the ancient Rent that it yielded to the Crown.

After which, viz. in 4 H. 3. the same **Stephen de Segrave** obtained the Kings Charter^o, dated 28. Aug. for a **Mercate** here weekly upon the Tuesday. And the next year following did the King direct his speciall Precept^p to **Thomas de Estleg** and **William Bassett**, reciting, that whereas he had granted unto them his speciall Commission for the seizing of all the Demesnes and Eschaets which appertained to the Crown, they should not meddle with this Mannour, in respect that the same **Stephen de Segrave** had a Parent thereof from King **John**, which had been exhibited to him the said King. And in 11. of his reign, to fortifie his title, granted unto him a new Charter^q thereof, together with the like for the Tuesday **Mercate**, bearing date at **Westminster**, 10. Feb. the same year: confirming it again by another^r dated at **Orford** 26. Dec. 13. of his reigne, whereby he added the grant of an yearly **Feate** to continue for two days; viz. upon the Even and day of *S. Peter and Paul*. To which **Stephen** succeeded **Gilbert de Segrave**, and to **Gilbert Nicholas** his son and heir, who being in^s that rebellion with the Barons in 49 H. 3. and thereby forfeiting his whole estate, this Mannour, so eschaeting to the Crown, was by the King given^t to **Edmund** his son (afterwards created Earl of **Lancaster**): which **Edmund** soon after bestowed^u it on **Raph le Butiller** and his heirs, who thereupon had the King's, confirmation^w thereof, bearing date at **Kenilworth** 3. Oct. 50 H. 3. reserving the Rent of xv li. to be yearly payd into his Exchequer at *Easter* and *Michaelmasse* by even portions. Howbeit such application did the said **Nicholas** use towards the before specified **Edmund**, that he not only obtained^x this Mannour again the next year following, but extraordinary respects otherwise: Neither was **Raph le Butiller** without^y satisfaction, by way of recompence instead thereof.

After which, viz. in 7 E. 1. the same **Nicholas**, being certified^z to hold it in Fee-ferm of the King by the Rent of xii li. per annum, before express^a (in which Record it is said to be *de antiquo dominio*) had four carucates of land in demesne, two Windmills, and two Dove-houses, with a Court Leet, Gallows, and other Liberties, besides the **Mercate**: As also xxxvii. **Sokemen**^{*}, who held 31. yard land under severall Rents, and divers servile employments: And in 20 E. 1. had **Free-warren**^b granted to him in all his demesne lands here. But from this family of **Segrave** it divolved at length, by **Eliz.** a daughter and heir, to **John de Monbray**, as **Caludon**. (whereof I have already spoke) did; who in 29 E. 3. had a pardon^c for the Relief thereupon due by them to the King. And upon the partition of **Monbray's** lands betwixt the coheirs; viz. **Howard** and **Berkley**, comming to **Berkley's** share, was in 9 H. 7. assigned^d, in part of her dowrie, to **Anne**, the wife of **Will. Marquesse Berkley**. To which family it continued till of late years: for I find

n Cart. 18
loh. in d.
m. 1.

o Claus. 4
H. 3. m. 4.

p Claus. 5
H. 3. m. 2.

q Cart. 11.
H. 3. m. 34.

r Cart. 13
H. 3. m. 16.

s Pat. 50
t H. 3.
u m. 3.
w

x Claus. 51
H. 3. m. 3.

y Pat. 55
H. 3. m. 20.

z Inq. per
H. Nott.
Oc. f. 69.
a.

* Such as
had been
Tenants in
ancient
demesne.
Brit Cap.
66. n. 2.

a Cart. 20
E. 1. n. 17.

b Pat. 29
E. 3. p. 3.
m. 8.

c Pat. 9 H.
7. p. 10.

Domesd.
ib.

Inq. per
Nott.
Oc. f. 69. a.

Regist. de
Kenilw. 2.
13.

Sib. p.
145.

Rot. P.
H. 2.

Rot. P. 23
2.

Rot. 2. 4
1.

Claus. 7
m. 1.

d Efc. 2. *Eliz.* that *Henry Lord Berkley*, son of *Sir Maurice Berkley* was seized^d thereof in 2 *Eliz.*

There hath been antiently a Castle here, situate North-east from the town, about two furlongs; whereat, as the tradition is, King *John* sometime kept his Court.

e Reg. de K. m. p. 143. f 1b. p. 87. g MS. in Scac. h Mayd. f. 29. a. i MS. penes S. A. q. a. f. 19. a. k 1b. f. 45. a. The Church (dedicated to *S. Peter*) was by King *H. 1.* given^c to the Canons of *Bentlwoth*, as I have already intimated, and confirmed^f to them by *Baldwin* Bishop of *Worcester*, in *H. 2.* time. In an. 1291. (19 *E. 1.*) it was valued^g at xxi. marks; and being rebuilt about the beginning of *E. 2.* time, was consecrated^h anew by *Walter Maydenston* Bishop of *Worcester* xvi. Kal. Julii anno 1315. (9 *E. 2.*) When the Vicaridge was ordained I have not seen; but in 26 *H. 8.* it was valuedⁱ at viii li. vi s. viii d. per annum, that being the stipend^k where- with (as it seems) it had been originally endowed.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.

Incumbentes, &c.

S. Germ. f. 158. a.

1b. f. 174. b.

1b. f. 12. a.

1b. f. b.

1b. f. 40. b.

1b. f. 43. b.

Tid. f. 42. b.

Cliff. f. 86. a.

Pev. f. 5. a.

1b. f. 78. b.

Bourch. f. 66. b.

Carp. vol. 1. f. 64. b.

Alc. f. 137. b.

Gyg. 2. f. 8. b.

Bwl. f. 31. b.

1b. f. 33. b.

1b. f. 55. a.

1b. f. 108. a.

Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.

D. Elizab. Angliæ Regina.

Edw. Bentley ar.

Henr. Vicarius Eccl. de Lemington an. 1338.

Rob. Harwode Pbr. 19. Junii 1374.

Phil. de Warmynton Pbr. 7. Apr. 1379.

Will. Slygh Pbr. 13. Maii 1379.

Ric. Smyth. 23. Febr. 1384.

Rob. Hunte 23. Maii 1386.

Joh. Shukburgh Cap. 22. Aug. 1399.

D. Will. Baker Pbr. 15. Julii 1405.

D. Joh. Gylot 1. Dec. 1408.

Ric. Shepley 2. Jan. 1416.

D. Joh. Tamworth Pbr. 25. Febr. 1439.

Will. Vauce 17. Oct. 1448.

Magr. Ric. Bonyfaunte S. Theol. Racc. 12. Sept. 1484.

D. Thomas Rawlinson Cap. 11. Sept. 1499.

Rob. Williams Cler. ult. Jan. 1585.

Joh. Haal Cler. 17. Martii 1586.

Thomas Howghton Cler. 17. Aug. 1587.

Ric. Wotton Cler. 11. Aug. 1624.

Armes in a South window of the Church.

Nebulæ Arg. and gules.

Arg. a fesse engrailed betwixt 6. billets gules. } Aylworth.

Kineton parva.

1 Inq. per H. Norr. G. f. 70. a.

OF this place I have seen nothing till 7 *E. 1.* and then was it certifiedⁱ, that *Nich. de Se-*

grave had 3. Tenants here, holding . . . yard land, by performance of severall services, it being a member of *Kineton* before spoken of. It should seem that those lands, which the Canons of *Bentlwoth* had within the precincts of *Kineton*, were in this *Kineton-Parva*: for in that grant^m made by King *H. 8.* to *Ric. Andrews*, and *Leonard Chamberlain*, and the heirs of *Andrews*, whereby the cap'tall messuage and site of this Mannour, and six yard land belonging thereto, are past unto them, it is said, that the same was part of the possessions belonging to that Monastery.

Brokehampton.

THIS Village situate on the bank of the little brook below *Kineton*, taketh its name from thence; and being originally a member of that Lordship, continued involved therewith till that King *John* gaveⁿ it to *Raph de Thurbervill* and his heirs, by the name of the Mannour of *Brokehampton*, to hold by the service of the 4. part of a Knights fee. Which *Raph* was a person of no ordinary note and trust, as it seems: For in 6. *Joh.* when *Alice* Countess of *Warwick* gave that great Fine, whereof in my story of the Earls I have made mention, to the end that she might continue a widow during her own pleasure, have the tuition of her children, and a reasonable dowrie, &c. the Shirff of this County was commanded^o, that for her payment thereof, and performance of what else was to be done on her part, security should be taken before him the said *Raph*; as also her Oath, in such sort as he should expound it. To him succeeded *Lucas de Turberwill* or *Trublewill* (for I find it both ways written) from whom this land being taken^p as an Eschaet (it seems) about the 12. year of King *John*, was in 1 *H. 3.* restored^q to *Raph de Trublewill* his brother, as belonging to him by right of inheritance: and yet forasmuch as it had been part of the demesns of the Crown (as a member of *Kineton*) was in 6 *H. 3.* through the advice of the Kings great Councell, re seized^r by the Shirff, as all other lands of that nature were.

How the said *Raph* made his agreement with the King appears not; but in 13. of his reign he granted^s and confirmed it to him and his heirs, together with seven yard land in *Kintone*, for the service of the fourth part of a Knights fee. Which *Raph* being dead in 16 *H. 3.* *Alice* his widow had an assignment^t of this land for her maintenance: but the next possessor^u thereof was *Henry de Trublewill*, and after him (though how I cannot discover) *Thomas de Wapenbury* (of whom in *Wapenbury* I have spoke) scil. in 20 *H. 3.* Which *Thomas* granted^x it to *John Mile*, who had issue^y *Richard*, and he *Henry Mile*; whose daughter and heir called *Margaret* was wedded^z to *Will: de Welham*, and over-lived him; being a widow^a in 30 *E. 3.* To this *Margaret* succeeded Sir *John Brauncestre* Knight, as owner of this Mannour, but whether by purchase or otherwise I cannot directly affirm: which *John* demised^b all or the greatest part thereof, to one *Robert Dalby*, and *John Dalby* his son in 31 *E. 3.* and afterwards sold^c it to *Hugh Dalby*, whom I conceive to be son to the said *John*.

This *Hugh Dalby* was Fermour^d unto *Thomas de Monbray* Duke of *Norm.* of his Mannour of *Kineton*

m Pat. 34 H. 8. p. 4.

Ex ve membris penes Ric. Dalby gen. Testa. Nevil

o Rot. F. Ioh. m. 7

p Lib. v. f. 144. b.

q Pat. 11 3. p. 1. m. 1

r Rot. F. H. 3. m. 4

s Cart. 13 H. 3. m. 1

t Claus. 11 H. 3. m.

u Ex vet. membr. penes prefat. R. Dalby

w Testa. Nevill.

x Ex pref. mem

y pref. mem

z Ex pref. mem

a Ex pref. mem

b Ex pref. mem

c Ex pref. mem

d Efc. 22 a. n. 101

Bineton in R. 2. time, and a person in much trust and imployment by the descendants of that Duke, as I shall shew anon. In 19 R. 2. he bore the office of Escheator for this County and **Leicester-shire**. In 20 R. 2. **Thomas Mowbray** Earl of **Nottingham**, and Marshall of **England**, by his Deed bearing date 10. Feb. in consideration of his good service, granted to him an annuity of x li. per an. during life, issuing out of his Mannour of **Chacombe** in **Nottinghamshire**; having in Octob. before (being then Governour of **Calais** in **Picardy**) constituted him, with **John Styvele**, his Attorneys to prosecute all suits for him, and answer whatsoever should happen in his absence. In 22 R. 2. he was constituted one of the Justices of Peace in this County; and in 17 H. 6. departed this life, leaving **John Dalby** his son and heir 32. years of age; who dying without issue, **Ric. Dalby**, his brother, became his heir. Which **Richard** was made Feodary to **John Duke of Norff.** in 32 H. 6. for all his lands, lying in the Counties of **Leic. Warwick, Nottingham, Derby**, and elsewhere within the Realm of **England**, the Counties of **Notf. Suff. Suffex, and Surrey** excepted, for the levying, collecting and receiving of all Reliefs and profits whatsoever accruing by such Knights fees as belong'd to the said Duke: As also his Receiver generall to collect all the Fees and commodities appertaining to him by reason of his Office of Earl Marshall of **England**, through every Barony and part of a Barony, according to the Statute therein made and provided; for which pains and travail therein, he was to have the one half of all the said profits, over and above his reasonable costs expended in that service.

This **Richard** in 38 H. 6. went over with **Nich. Husee** esquier into **Picardy**, for the custody of the Castle of **Guynes**, in respect whereof he had the Kings Letters of protection; but upon his recess to this his house at **Bjokhampton**, where he made his abode, the said protection was revoked; and died in 6 E. 4. leaving **Robert** his son and heir; from whom is lineally descended **Richard Dalby** gent. now Lord of this Mannour.

Cumbroke.

This, lying neer unto a narrow and deep valley, through which the little brook before specified runs, had thence its name; the word **Cumbe** signifying, in our old English, such a hollow place (as I have elsewhere shewed:) But there is very little that I find memorable in relation thereto, other than the dedication of the Church and Churchyard, by **Simon** Bishop of **Worcester** in H. 1. time, to the honour of God, the blessed Virgin, and St. **Margaret**, saving the right of the mother Church of **Bineton**: For I cannot see that it was a distinct Mannour of it self, but that the Mannours of **Bineton** and **Bjokhampton** did extend into it, as from sundry authorities may be observed; and therefore I shall passe it by, onely taking notice, that the Chapell in 26 H. 8. (for so it was then called) had the small Tithes and oblations of this Hamlet, belonging to it, which were valued at Cvi s. viii d. per annum.

Compton-Murdak.

This, taking its name, as all other **Comptons** do, from the situation in or neer some deep valley, hath had the addition of **Murdak** to distinguish it from the many other **Comptons** in this County, in regard that the family of **Murdak** were anciently owners thereof. In the Conquerors time it was possessed by the Earl of **Mellent**, and rated at vii. w. Domesd. hides, which were valued at vi li. there being then a Church; but in the generall Survey then taken, it is written **Contene**. From this Earl of **Mellent** it came to his brother **Henry de Newburgh** Earl of **Warwick**, with other great possessions in this County, as I have elsewhere often intimated; whose son and successor Earl **Roger** granted it, together with the advowson of the Church unto **Robert Murdac** and his heirs, towards the later end of H. 1. time, to hold by the service of one Knights fee, **Will. Earl of Warwick** confirming the same unto **Roger** son to the said **Robert**.

In 38 H. 3. **Will. Murdac** had a Charter of **Free-warren** granted to him in all his demesne lands in this place, and in **Hethcote** in **Nottinghamshire**: which **Will.** in 7 E. 1. had two carucates of ofland in demesne here, xv. Tenants holding severall proportions by sundry servile labours, and certain Rents; as also 3. Freeholders, and xvi. Cottiers. Being a Knight in 13 E. 1. he had his tryall at **Warwick**, before the Justices of Gaol delivery, concerning the death of one **Raph le Bedel**, for which he was questioned; and departed this life in 26 E. 1. leaving **John** his son and heir

Rob. Murdac
11 H. 2.

Rog. Murdac.
26 H. 2.

Thom. Murdac, defunctus
36 H. 3.

Will. Murdac, obiit
26 E. 1.

Nich. Mur- Ioh. Murdac. Tho. Murdac-Juliana filia
dac Rector fil. & haeres miles obiit Philippi de
Eccl. de obiit sine pro- 9 E. 2. Gayton militis.
Hethcote. Ic.

Ioh. Murdac
miles. 16 E. 2.

Thomas Murdac
17 E. 2.

Thomas Murdac
miles 44 E. 3.

Thomas Murdac
obiit sine prole.

Arnoldus Murdac frater &
haeres 6 H. 4.

26. years of age; of whom I meet with no more mention: the next possessor thereof being **Thomas Murdac** his brother: which **Thomas**, in 29 E. 1. having summons, with divers other persons of great quality, to be at **Warwick** upon **Tuesdays** on the Feast day of the Nativity of **S. John Baptist**, well appointed with Horse and Armes to march with the King in person, and at his charge, against the Scots, was likewise a Knight, and took to wife **Julian**

x Ex autog.
penes Gre-
vil. Verney
eq. aur.

y Pat. 38 H.
3. Vascou.
m. 10.

z Inq. per
H. Notr.
Eccl. 91. b.
Ec.

a Plac. de
Jur. &
Assis.

b Pat. 13 E.
1. m. 24.

c Esc. 26 E.
1. n. 9.

d claus. 29
E. 1. in d.
m. 13.

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nes W.
Vic.
Straff.

Esc. 9 E.
2. n. 10.
h Rot. F.
16 E. 1. m.
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i Pat. 1 E.
3. p. 1. m. d.
2. 10.
k Rot.
Franc. 19
E. 3. m. 29.
l Rot.
Franc. 20
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Julian the daughter of Sir Philip de Garton Knight, but dyed in 9 E. 2. leaving issue John his son and heir 18. years of age; who was a Knight in 16 E. 2. and in 1 E. 3. constituted one of the two Justices for conservation of the Peace in this Shire; as also for putting in execution the Articles contained in the Statute of Winchester.

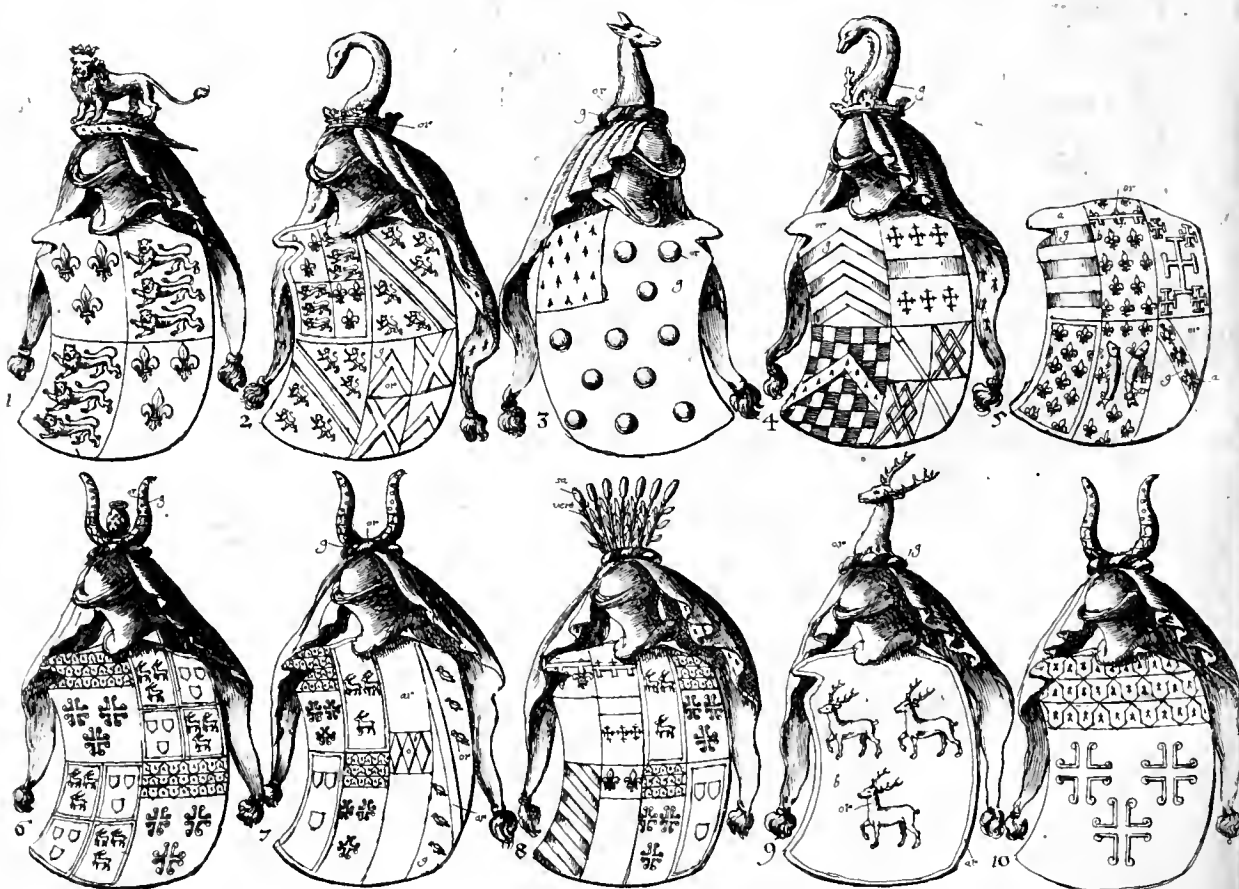
In 19 E. 3. he was in Commission for arraying of men in this County: and the next year following, being of the retinue unto Thomas de Beauchamp Earl of Warwick, at such time as the said Earl was in France, and got that great honour by his valiant achievements in the battail of Cressy, and elsewhere, (as in my story of him is shewed) he bore for his Armes Or frette sable. The time of his death I do not certainly find, but to him succeeded Thomas his son and heir; who past away his interest in this Mannour in 44 E. 3. to Alice Perers, of whom our Historians make much mention, in regard she was Concubine to King E. 3. Which Alice being banisht by authority of

Parliament in 1 R. 2. and all her estate confiscate, it was seized into the Kings hands, and committed to the custody of John Spenser: But in 3 R. 2. she being then wedded to Sir William Windsor Kt. the King out of the singular respects that he bore towards the said Sir William for his many notable services, and especially because he was at that time retained by Indenture to serve him in his Warrs with CC. men at Armes, and CC. Archers, under the conduct of Thomas de Wodstoke then Earl of Buck. (the Kings Uncle) for the expedition of Britanny, in which the said Earl was to be General; by his Letters Patent bearing date at Westminster. 15. Martii, wherein he reciteth, that the said Alice, whilst she was single, purchased the third part of this Mannour in possession, and two parts thereof in reversion, after the death of Alice the widow of Sir John Murdack Knight, granted it unto the same Sir William Windsor and his heirs for ever.

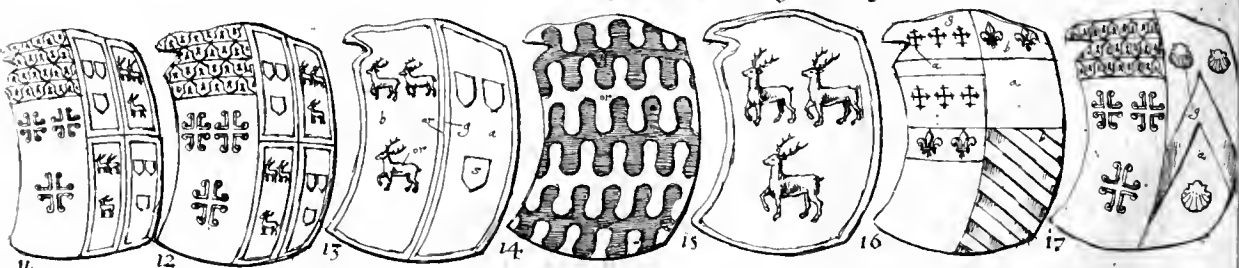
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Compton Murdack.

In a great bay window of the mannour house, are these armes.



In a Window by the Stayres stand these Armes,



- 1 King Henry 6.
- 2 Humfr. Stafford D. of Buck.
- 3 Zouch
- 4 Henry Beauchamp D. of Warwick.
- 5 Queen Margaret
- 6 Verney wth quarterings

- 7 Verney empaling Feilding & Danvers
- 8 Mountfort empaling verney
- 9 Greene
- 10 Verney
- 11 Verney empaling Greene
- 12

- 13 Greene empaling
- 14 Lovell
- 15 Greene
- 16 Mountfort quartering Peche in the first place
- 17 Verney impaling

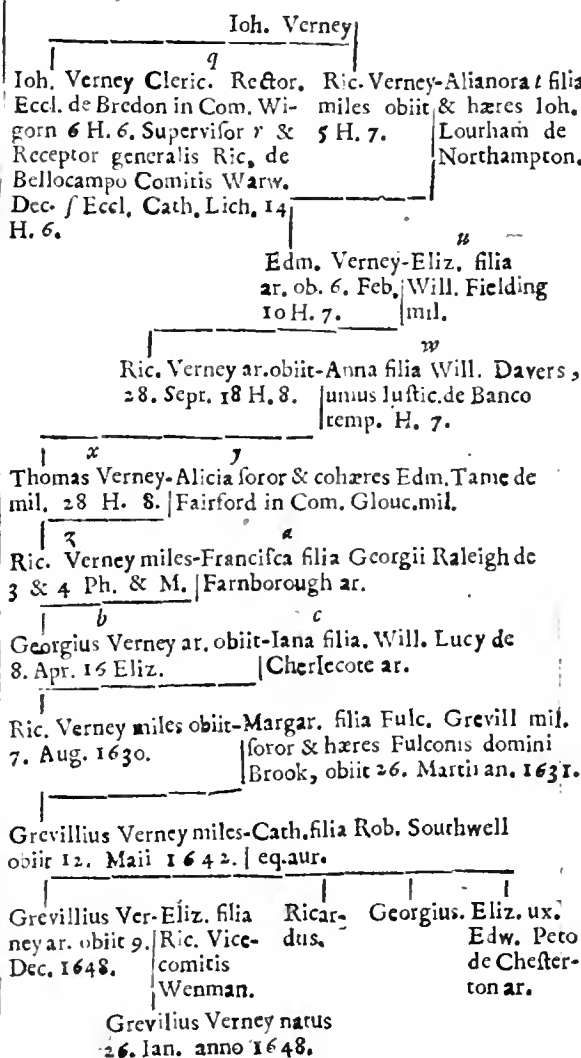
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Which Sir. William dying without issue male, his daughters became his heirs; whereof Joan the elder married ^w to Robert Skerne of **Bington** upon **Thames**, in whose right the said Robert became possessor thereof: and to strengthen his title therein, obtained a Release ^x from Arnold Murdak, brother and heir of Thomas Murdak, son to the above-mentioned Sir Thomas, bearing date 10 Febr. 6 H. 4. as was necessary: for I find that there had been an Entail ^z thereof made by the said Sir Thomas in 37 E. 3. Which Robert in 3 H. 6. did his homage ^z to Richard Beauchamp then Earl of **Warwick** for those lands held by him, here, of that Earl, by Knights service. But long it was not that Skerne continued possessor thereof, though how it came to passe, or the direct time when he parted with it, I have not seen: For certain it is, that about 20 H. 6. Richard Verney Esquire (afterward Knight) possessed it, and built a great part of the House, as it now standeth; wherein, besides his own Armes with matches, he then set up in a fair Canton window, towards the upper end of the Hall, the Armes of King H. 6. Queen Margaret, Humphrey Earl of Stafford (afterwards created Duke of **Buck.**) Henry Beauchamp Duke of **Warwick**, and the Lord Zouch, with some others, in such sort as they are represented in the foregoing page: by which it appeareth that he was one of those that adhered to the House of **Lancaster**.

This Richard Verney was the son ^z of John Verney, but whence I cannot tell; yet I find one John Verney Eschaetor ^b in **Worcester-shire** 17 H. 6. So also 2 Robert Verney, who held ^c half a Knights fee in great **Wolsoford** of the Baron of **Stafford** in 46 E. 3. and had issue William his son and heir. Llewellyn ^d Richard Verney of **Wolverton** Esquier, in 12 H. 6. yet am I not sure what relation any of these had to him. Most probable it is, that these Verneys of **Compton** are sprung from Simon de Vernai, who, in K. Richard the first's time, wedded Agnes the sister of Hervey Bagot (progenitor to the Barons of **Stafford**: for amongst the evidences of this Family, I have seen a grant ^e of certain lands in **Wymshull** in **Com. Staff.** by the said Hervey Bagot to the above specified Simon, with Agnes his sister in Frank marriage; but how to trace down the descent from that Simon to the said Richard passes my skill, except I had more light from Record, or private evidence. But till 21 H. 6. I find nothing of this Richard: howbeit then it appears that he began to have publique employment in this County; viz. in Commission ^f for conservation of the Peace, from that time till 14 E. 4. except for the six first years of E. 4. reign; being also a Commissioner of Array in ^g 38 H. 6. and in 39 H. 6. a Knight: Which Richard departed ^h this life in 5 H. 7. leaving Edmund his son and heir 49. years of age; who had speciall Letters ⁱ of Protection from Thomas Lord Stanley, Steward of the Household to King E. 4. dated 3. Nov. 8 E. 4. exempting him from being subject to any seizure for his Corn, Beeves, Muttons, or any thing else for the Kings Household provision, without payment of ready money for the same: and bore the office ^k of Eschaetor for this County and **Leicester-shire** in 21 E. 4.

In 2 R. 3. he was in ^l Commission for arraying of men; and by his Testament ^m bearing date 24. Feb. anno 1494. (10 H. 7.) bequeathed his body to be buried in the Conventuall Church of the **Friers-Precursors** at **Warwick**, betwixt the

Altar of our Lady, and the Altar of S. Dominick, on the North part; appointing that by the care of his Executors, a Lamp should be continually maintained burning in the Chancel of that Church, before the Host: and dyed ⁿ 26. Feb. the same year, leaving issue Richard ⁿ H. 7. his son and heir then 30. years of age. Which Richard was in that esteem with King H. 8. that, being inform'd of some infirmity in his Head, he afforded him a speciall Licence ^o, bearing date at **Wenlock** 2. Jun. 8. of his reign, that he should wear his Bonnet at all times, and in all places, as well in the said Kings presence, as elsewhere, according to his own pleasure, without the interruption of any man whatsoever. And by his Testament bearing date 2. Oct. anno 1526. (18 H. 8.) bequeathed his body to be buried in the new Chappell on the North side of the Church, here at **Compton**, wherein his Monumentall Stone, with the portraiture of himself, his wife, and children in brass are yet to be seen. From whom did lineally descend Sir Grevill Verney, late of this place Knight, a gentleman accomplisht with singular endowments, and of a Noble and courteous disposition; who left three sons and one daughter, as the Pedegree here inserted doth shew: From the second of which, viz. Richard, a person happily qualified with a most ingenious inclination, I have received much assistance for rectifying the Map of this Hundred, as also in delineation of divers Monuments for adorning the present work.



When this town was depopulated I cannot directly affirm; but it seems to have been anciently: for I find that our Countreyman Rous hath

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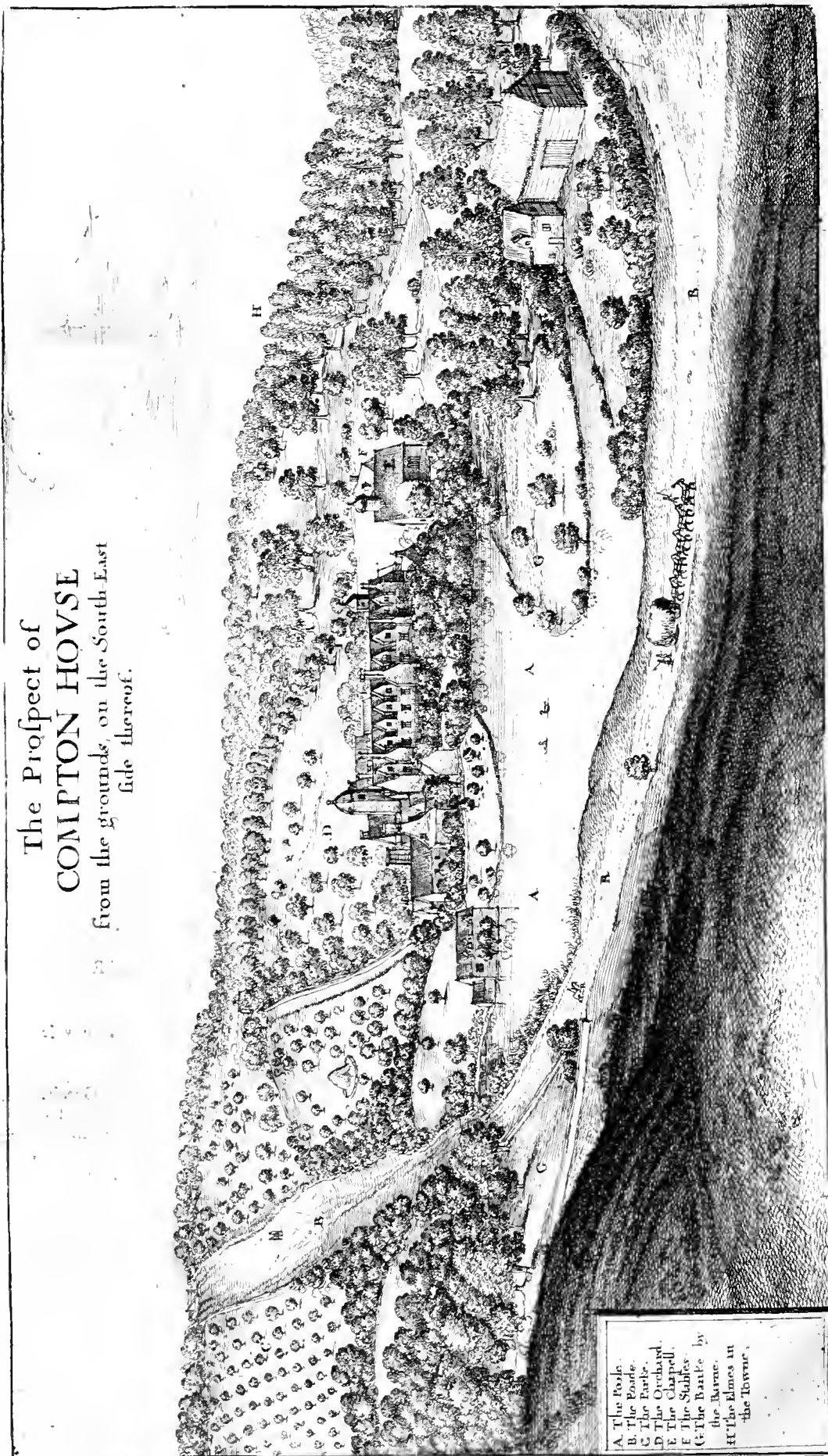
I. Rousp. 144. The Church being given ^d by *Henry de Newburgh* Earl of *Warwick*, as a Prebend, for the maintenance of one Canon in the Church of our Lady at *Warwick*, was confirmed * thereto by *Walter Durdent* Bishop of *Cobentre* in King *Stephen's* time; as also † by *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl

* *Ex Reg. D. & Cap. Lich.*

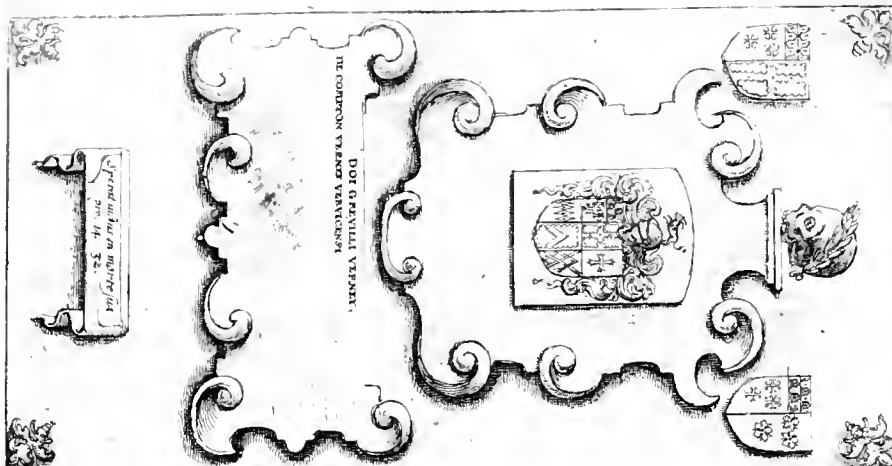
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Warwick in 4 E. 2. And in anno 1291. (19 E. c. *MS.* in 1.) valued ^e at viii. marks. But in 26 H. 8. not *Scac.* taken notice of, other than as appropriated to the *MS. pen.* Collegiat Church of our Lady in *Warwick*, and S. A. *eq.* there rated ⁱ: So that there have not ever been any Presentations thereto, excepting ^s those of *g Ex Regi D. & Ca. Lich.* the Earles to the Prebend in the said Collegiate Church.

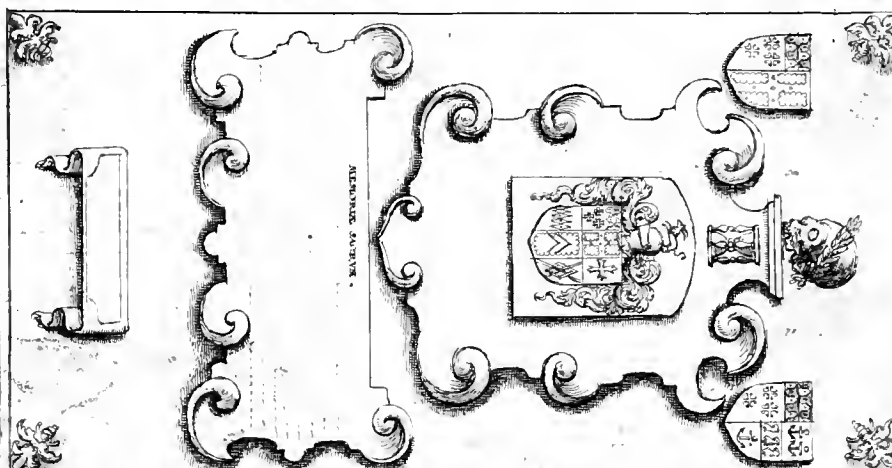
The Prospect of
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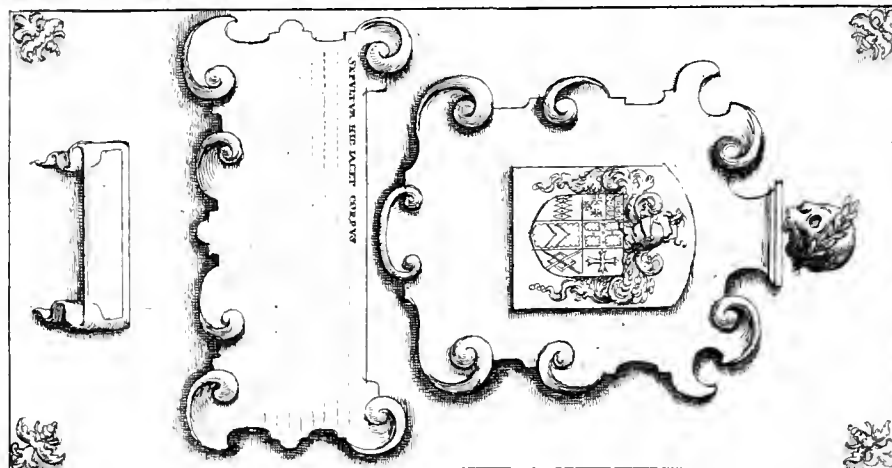
A The Pool.
B The Barn.
C The Chapel.
D The Orchard.
E The Stables.
F The Barn.
G The Barn.
H The Elmes in
the Tower.



DE COMPTON VERNER VERTICALLY EXPOSED FILM & VERTICAL
DOJ. RICHARD VERNER LG. AIR & AIRCRAFT, VARIOUS
FUSIONING OPERATIONS
RADIATION DE RECOLE, SCORPUS, VERTICAL, & TERTIUS
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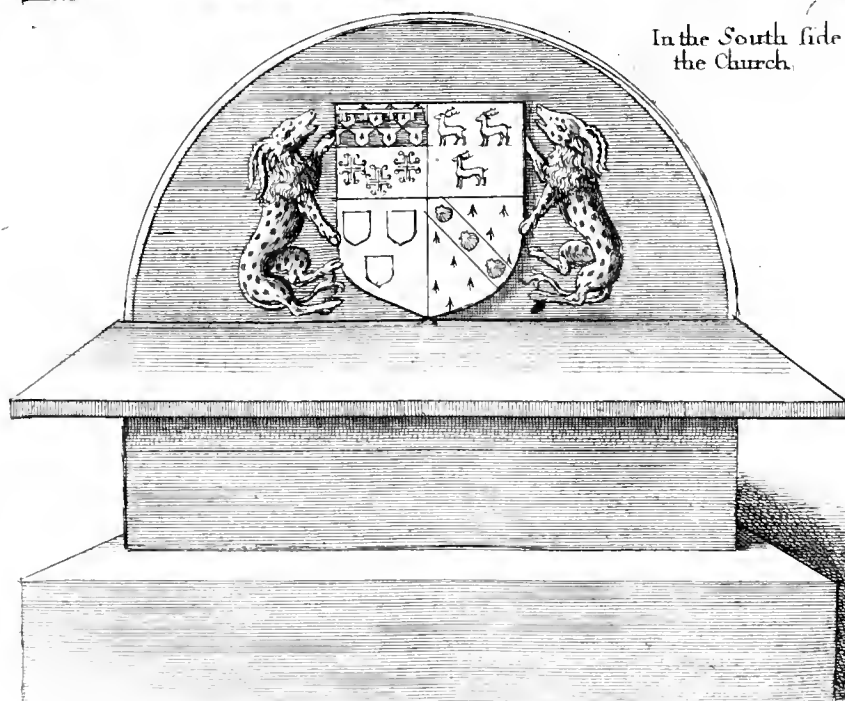
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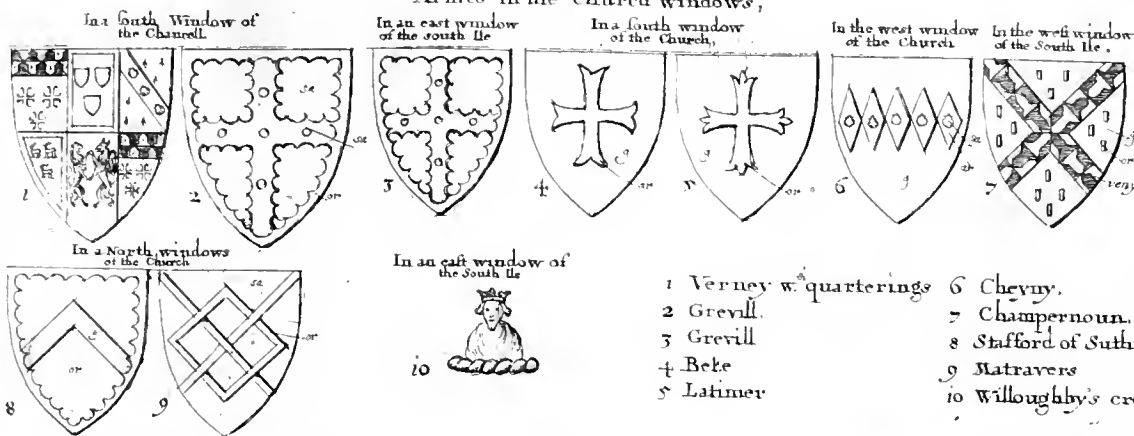
JOHN VERNEY
AN INFANT, SECOND
SONNE OF GREVILL
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AND KATHERINE
SOUTHWELL HIS WIFE
WAS BORNE AND DIED
THE II DAY OF AUGYST
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MAPKE. IS 14. OF SVTH
IS THE KINGDOME OF GOD.

In the South side
the Church,



Compton. Armes in the Church windows,



In a North Window.



Wellesburne Hastang.

Following this petty stream, I behold **Walton-Maudslai** on my right hand, and **Walton-D'evill**, and **Wellesburne-Mountfort**, on my left; all which are in the Parish of **Wellesburne-Hastang**, lying above a mile below them, whereof, according to my accustomed methode, I must first speak. In the Conquerors time there was no distinction betwixt these two **Wellesburnes**; but both being then included together, were joyned with **Quintone** in **Gloucester-shire**, and certified to be in the Kings own hand; having been held by King **Edward** the Confessour before the Norman invasion. In

Domesday-book it is written **Waleburne**; but afterwards **Walesburne**, and **Wtelesburne**; so that 'tis apparent, that the little brook, upon which it stands, did at first occasion the denomination thereof; **barne** in the Saxon importing the same that *torrens* in the Latine doth. That the whole, which shortly after came to be two Lordships, was (*inter alia*) given by the Conqueror unto **Henry de Newburgh**, the first Earl of **Warwick** of the Norman line, is not to be doubted, considering that he was Founder of the Church, as when I come to speak thereof shalbe shewed.

This was originally granted by one of the ancient Earls of **Warwick** to **Robert de Hastang**, or some of his Ancestors, from whom **William de Percy** became enfeoffed of certain lands here, which afterwards

Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 86. b.

afterwards were conveyed to Godfrey Giffard Bishop of Worcester, who possessed them in 7 E. 1. it being then called Wellesburne-parva; In which year I find^m that *Walt. Giffard* Arch-Bishop of York, Brother to the said Godfrey, past unto *Henry le Fonne* and *Isabell* his wife xxviii Mess. six yard land and xxx s. Rent lying in this place: But long it was not after this, ere that *John de Strattelenges* and *Maud* his wife became Lords thereof; for by a Charterⁿ bearing date at *Wellesm.* 20 Maii 18 E. 1. they had a grant of a *percate* here, weekly, every Munday; and an yearly *Fair*, to hold for two days; viz. the Even and day of the Apostles *Peter* and *Paul*: After which I can give no further account thereof, till 9 R. 2. that Sir *John le Strange* of *Walton Kt.* and *Ma-bell* his wife levied a Fine^o of xl. Mess. x. tofts, one Mill, eleven yard land, 17 s. Rent, and half a pound of Pepper lying in this place (then called by the name of *Wellesburne le Strange*) and in *Wellesburne-Mountford*, with the advowson of the *Chantry* in the Church here at *Wellesburne le Strange*; by which Fine the premises were vested in the two Vicars of *Wellesburne* and *Walton*.

As this was an act of trust; so also was there another in H. 6. time, whereupon *Rob. Danvers*, and the rest of his fellow Feoffees did entail^p this Mannour (with other lands) upon Sir *Thomas le Strange Kt.* and *Eliz.* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten, and for want of such issue, on the right heirs of the said Sir *Tho-*

mas; which Sir *Thomas* had issue *Thomas*, and he two⁴ Daughters and heirs, viz. *Anne* and *Margaret*, as in *Walton D'Eivile* appeareth, to whom it descended; and hath ever since attended the succession of that Mannour, being now possessed therewith by Sir *Charles Mordant*.

The Church (dedicated to St. *Peter*) was originally built, as it should seem, by *Henry de Newburgh* the first Earl of *Warwick* of the Norman race; as also dedicated and endowed with glebe and Tithes by him and Earl *Roger* his son, as the Charter^r of the said *Roger*, and the confirmation^t of Earl *Will.* his son do testify; whereby also it appeareth that it was the Mother Church to the two *Waltons*, both the *Wellesburnes*, and *Cherlecote*; which *E. Roger* soon after bestowed^t it on the Canons of *Banilwozth*, whereupon they had the confirmationⁿ of K. H. 1. as also of^w *Simon* then Bishop of *Worcester*.

In an. 1291. 19 E. 1. it was valued^x at xxii. marks: howbeit the time of its appropriation I find not: but in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was rated^y at viii. l. over and above ix. s. v. d. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

In this Church there was a *Chantrye*, founded, by one of the *Hastangs*, as is likely by their nomination^z of him to the Canons of *Banilwozth*, whom they presented thereto: but after 14 R. 2. that *William*, son and heir, to Sir *John le Strange* presented^a to it, through the default of those Canons, I have not seen any more thereof.

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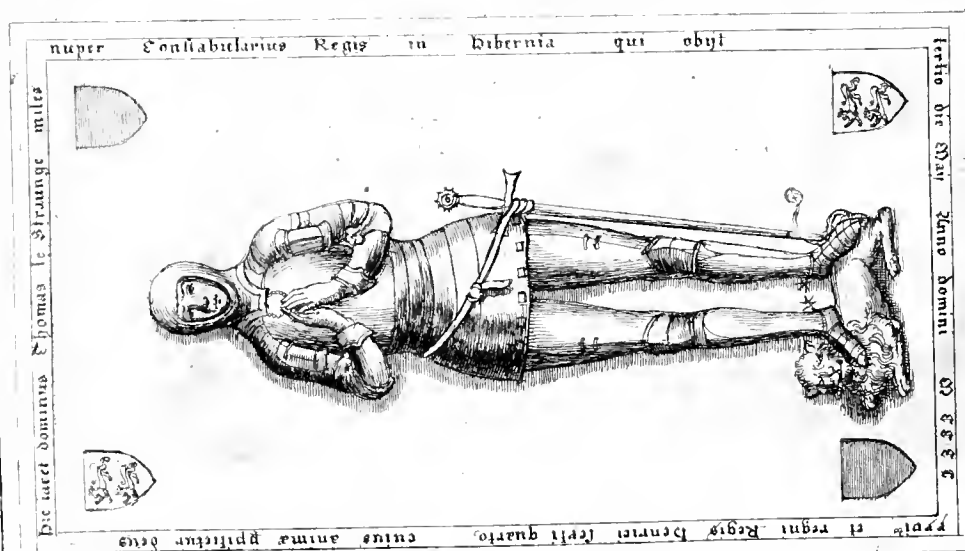
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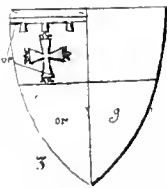
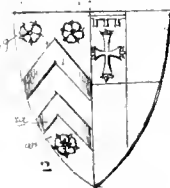
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Wellesburne



Armes in the Church Windows



1. Strange
2. Wickham em-
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Vpon a marble tomb-stone in the Church this Inscription.

Die iacet Thomas Middleton armiger, qui obiit quarto die Augusti Anno domini M^o 88^o 88^o 88^o cuius anime propitiatur deus Amen.

Patroni Vicariz Incumbents, &c.

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Will. de Rollandrit Diac. 5 Cal.

Apr. 1288.

Rob. de Cestanlede Pbr. 6.

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Ric. de Ketten Pbr. 10. Cal.

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Petrus de Salle Pbr. Cal. Feb.

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D. Thomas Whatton ult. Apr.

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Thom. Young Cap. 3. Oct. 1450

D. Joh. Montgomery 23. Dec.

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D. Will. Longedone Cap. 2.

Julii 1460.

D. Henr. Russell 8 Sept. 1463.

Joh. Billingham penult. Nov.

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D. Adam Stapal Cap. 26.

Martii 1489.

D. Tho. Hayken Pbr. 22. Jan.

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Joh. Overton Cler. 7. Nov.

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Will. Bristow Cler. 23. Julii

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and Heybore in Wellesburne-grove for repair of his buildings and hedges, by appointment of his For-
rester; And a fourth part of his wood at Badley.

And in 34 H. 3. Peter de Montfort (Grand-child to the said Henry) obtained a Charter of Freewarren to himself and his heirs in all his demesne lands here; as also in divers other places: but being slain in the Battail of Evesham 49 H. 3. there was a total seizure of his estate; at which time 'twas certified that he had two Carucates of land here, and x l. yearly Rent. To whom succeeded his son Peter; who in 4 E. 1. had m a Gallows here; as also Assize of Bread and Beer, with weifs: and in 7 E. 1. held it of the Earl of Warwick by the service of one Kts. fee; at which time he had xx Tenants here holding xix yard land a half, and fourth part, paying sundry Rents and performing divers services, as plowing, mowing, making and carrying Hay, raking Corn, and the like; unto whom he was to allow, at mowing time, a vessell of Beer containing 52 Gallons, and a Mutton or xii d. This Peter had then also five Freeholders, who held severall parcells of land under certain Rents and suit of Court: All which together with the Customary Tenants, before spoke of, had Common in Kingswood, with pannage for their Hogs, and certain proportions of wood for fuell. It was then likewise certified that he had Freewarren and a Court Leet here, by the grant of K. H. 3. Besides these Customary Tenants and Freeholders, it was then also found, that Will. the son of Thomas de Bishopston held half an acre of land here in demesne, and had 4 Tenants holding the vi yard land and 3 quarters, before specified, by sundry servile imployments; all which used to appear at the Court Leet held by the said John. Severall Cottiers had the same Peter also here, who performed the like services as the other Tenants did. All which priviledges of Court Leet, Freewarren, &c. were pleaded in 13 E. 1. and allowed.

From this Peter descended Guy, as the Pedegree in Wellesfort will shew; who taking to wife Margaret one of the Daughters to Thomas Beauchamp Earl of Warwick, in 22 E. 3. entailed it, with other lands, upon the issue of his body to be begotten on the said Margaret; and for default thereof upon the same Earl and Katherine his wife, and the heirs of him the said Earl: But this entail took not effect; for Guy dying without issue, Sir Baldwin Frevill and Sir Thomas Boteler Kts. by a Writ of Formedone recovered this and the other Lordships so entailed, as Cosins and heirs to P. de Montfort above mentioned; whereupon, by partition made betwixt them in 9 R. 2. it was allotted to the said Sir Thomas: But the issue male of this Sir Thomas extinguishing in Sir Ralph Boteler Kt. his son and heir (Lord Treasurer of England in H. 6. time) Sir John Norbury Kt. and Will. Belknap Esq. being the descendants of Eliz. and Joan his Daughters (as the Pedegree in Griff sheweth) became heirs to this inheritance. Which Sir John Norbury, with Edw. Belknap, Cosin and heir of the said William Belknap, divided Botelers lands betwixt them in 13. H. 7. whereupon this Mannour fell to the said Sir John; and from him, by Anne his Daughter and heir (wife to Ric. Hallywell) to Jane his Cosin and heir, wedded to Sir Edm. Bray Kt. which Jane dyed seized thereof 24 Oct. 5. & 6. Ph. & M. leaving Sir Will. Cobham Kt. Lord Cobham, son

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Wellesburne-Mountfort.

OF this place I make no question but that Ithurstane de Mountfort (of whom and his family I shall discourse in Wellesfort) was enfeoffed by the same Henry Earl of Warwick, or his son Roger, in H. 1. time, as part of thote x Knights fees and a fourth part, which he then had given to him by one of those Earls. To whom succeeded Rob. de Montfort his son and heir, by whose forfeiture it escheated to the Crown about the 22. of K. H. 2. reign: for at that time did the Sheriff account x li. for the half years Rent thereof: as also, according to the same rate in 23. 24. 25. and 30 H. 2. And in 31. H. 2. Mich. Belet (the then Sheriff) reckoned C s. layd out for C. sheep towards the storing this Lordship for the K^{ts}. use; vi s. for 5 Sows and a Boar; and xxxvi s. for 8 Cows and a Bull: In 33 H. 3. xxiii l. for the ferm thereof that year: And in 1 R. 1. xxiii l. xv s. was accounted for the same. But, the next year following, did Henry de Montfort (Brother and heir to Robert before specified) give a Fine to the K. of Cl. for which he obtained it again; and soon after enfeoffed Will. de Bissopelme and his heirs in C s. of land here, with Julian his Daughter in marriage; viz. six yard land held in Villenage, with the villeins residing thereon, and all the service of Robert the son of Clerenbald, and one yard land, which a Herdsman held, with the said Herdsman: as also the fourth part of all his Lordship here in Wellesburne, with Housbore,

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son of *Anne*, one of the Daughters of the said *Jane*, 26 years of age; *Eliz. Catesby* late wife of *Sir Ric. Catesby* Kt. and afterwards of *Will. Clerke* Esq. aged 46 years; *Fridiswide* wife of *Sir Percivall Hart* Kt. aged 43 years; *Dorothe* the wife of *Edm. Lord Chandos*, aged 29 years; and *Frances* the wife of *Thomas Lisle*, her Daughters and heirs^b.

Walton-D'Eivile.

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IN the Conqst. time, this, being posselt by the Earl of *Belmont*, was certified^c to contain v. hides, and rated at vii l. having then a Mill of vi s. value; unto which Earl succeeded *Henry* Earl of *Warwick*, his Brother, in the enjoyment of this Lordship, as he did the most of his lands in this County; who, as 'tis probable, enfeofft *Nich. de David* will; (or *D'Arville*) therein; for, by what appeareth by and by, it will be evident enough, that the family of *D'Arville*, were afterwards owners thereof: And that there was a *Nicholas de David* villa in this County contemporary with that Earl, a Charter of his witnessed^d by the same *Nicholas* doth manifest; whereupon it became so distinguished from the other *Walton*: but more antiently it past by the name^e of *Walton Theodoric*, set in 23. H. 1. one *Theodoric* being then Tenant thereto, as I guess. To which *Nich.* succeeded *Will. D'avill*, of whom I find mention^f in 23. H. 2. And to *Will. Walter D'avill*, one^g of the Justices of Assize in this County in^h 11. 12. 13. 17. 19. 20. and 21. H. 2. As also one of the pledges for *Thomas* Earl of *Warwick* in 13. H. 3. upon security given for payment of his Relief. He was a Benefactor to the Nuns of *Pinley* in this County, by bestowing on them the tenth part of the Toll of his Mill here at *Walton*, and the tenth penny of the Rent thereof, in case he should let it to ferm.

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k Claus. 25
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l Rot. F. 27
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m Cart. 36
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n Claus. 37
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s Claus. 22.
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To whom succeeded *Rob. D'avill*, one of the Commissioners in this County constituted, together with the Sheriff, to oversee the defects in all the Castles in 25 H. 3. and to certify the same to the King; which *Robert* in 27 H. 3. had suits with *Henry de Nasford* of *Bereford*. And to *Robert, Walter D'avill*, who in 36 H. 3. had a Charter^m of *Free-warren* granted to him in all his demesne lands here, as also in other places of this County, whereof I shall have occasion to make mention; and moreover in *Paunton* and little *Barkworth* in *Lincolnsh.* And the next year following underwent the officeⁿ of Escheator for this County. But the last of this family, that had to do here, was *Reg. D'Eivill*, who towards the later end of H. 3. time, sold^o this Mannour to one *Simon de Winton*, Brothers son, perhaps, to *Sim. de Winton* one^p of the Justices in the Court of Common Pleas and afterwards Bishop^q of *Exeter*: for it is confidently affirmed^r by some learned Antiquaries, that the said Bishop was born here; and for probability thereof I have seen a precept^s from K. H. 3. in 22. of his reign, directed to *Ric. de Grey*, then Constable of *Beilsworth* Castle, to deliver to Mr. *Sim. de Winton* four Oaks for the building of his House at *Chesertown*, which we know is very near to this place: And besides this do I find, that he was very often in Commission as a Justice

of Assize in this County; viz. from 32 to 41 H. 3. But to return to *Simon* who purchased this Mannour of *Reg. D'Eivill*: he had issue^t *Maud* a Daughter and heir in Ward^u to *Godfrey Gifford* Bishop of *Exeter* 7 E. 1. and certified^x to be then owner of this Lordship, holding it of the Earl of *Warwick* by the service of one Knights fee. At that time the said *Maud* had 3 Cavacates of land, here, in demesne, a Watermill, with *Free-warren* and a Court Leet: As also severall Tenantes, who, besides a certain Rent which they payd, did performe divers services, as plowing, harrowing, washing and shearing sheep, mowing, reaping land the like. This *Maud* was the wife^y of *John de Strete* in 12 E. 1. and afterwards (as 'tis very probable) of *John le Strange* of *Knokyn*: for upon the death of the said *John le Strange* in 3 E. 2. it appears^z that he dyed seized of this Mannour in right of *Maud* his wife, *John* his son and heir being then 27 years of age. From which *John* descended *Alan Strange* Esq. who dyed^a seized thereof in 5 H. 5. it then extending^b into *Walton-Munduir*, *Wellesburne-Strange*, and *Wellesburne Mountfort*, leaving *Alice* his Daughter and heir xii years of age; of whom I know not what became; nor what relation *Sir Thomas Strange* Kt. had to her: but in 9 H. 6. do I find^d that the said *Sir Thomas* was posselt of this Lordship; and that *Anne*^e his grandchild and one of the coheirs, married^f unto *Rob. le Strange* second son of *Henry le Strange* of *Hunstanton* in *Norff.* (which *Robert*, about the beginning of H. 8. time, depopulated^g 7 Mess. and 1. Cottage here, and inclosed Clx. acres of land.) And *Margaret* the other, to^h *John le Strange* of *Passingham*, younger Brother to the said *Robert*, whereby the one moytie came to *Sir Thomas le Strange*, Kt. son and heir to the same *Robert*; and the other to *Barbara le Strange*, Daughter of *John*, and Sister and heir to her Brother *Henry*, (as the descendent here inserted sheweth) who became the wife of *Rob. Mordant*, son and heir to *Will. Mordant* of *Hampsted* in *Essex* (chief of the Prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas:) which *Rob.* in 32 H. 8. purchased^k of the before specified *Sir Thomas Strange* his moytie thereof, and of those other lands in this County of their ancestors inheritance: From whom they are descended to *Sir Charles Mordant* Kt. now living. (*An. scil.* 1640.)

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de Hunstanton Diu. de Hal- Walton D'Eivill ar.
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Rog. le Strange miles, & sim. pro corp. Re. gis H. 7. Annam fil. H. Heydon mil. & obiit 22 H. 7.	Rob. le-Anna-Edwar. Strange filia & Kniver Strange ar. 2. de par- res ar. nari- 8 an. tus, sing- 1 H. 7 ham in Com. Norff. ob. 9. H. 8.	Ioh. le-Margare- ta altera fil. & co- hared. ar. 6. an. 1. H. 7.
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Ioh. le-Thomas le-Amicia Henricus Barbara uxor
Strange Strange filia le Strange. Roberti Mor-
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I now come to speak of the Church, antiently a Chapell^r belonging to **Wellesburne** (as I have already observed) and endowed^r with glebe and Tithes at the time of its Dedication; the service to be performed therein being at the disposition^r of the said Mother Church; as a member^r whereof it came to the Canons of **Kenilworth** by the grant^r of **Roger Earl of Warwick**. In H. 2. time there was a conclusion made betwixt the Canons of **Kenilworth** and **Will. D'arville** touching the performance of divine service there; viz.^r that the said Canons should at their charges and care find a Priest for the dayly effecting thereof: For which consideration the said **Will. D'arville** gave in frank Almes to the said Monastery of **Kenilworth** and to the Church of **St. Peter at Wellesburne** xl acres of land in one part of the fields, and as many in another part: as also the Tithes of his Garden: And further allowed, that the Priest doing service there, should have pasturing for viii Oxen and two Kine, amongst his own Oxen and Kine; and likewise for fifty sheep with their lambs, and for his Horse: It being then also determined, that some one of the Inhabitants of **Walton**, in the name of the rest, should every year upon the Feast day of **St. Peter and Paul**, offer vi d. upon the Altar of the Church of **Wellesburne** by way of recognition of their Parochiall subjection: And as touching the sepulture of their dead it was concluded, that the Inhabitants of this place might take their choice, whether to be buried in the Church-yard of **Wellesburne**, or in the Chapel-yard here: And lastly that the said **Will. D'arville** should yearly give vi d. and his Tenants i. d. for every yard land they held, towards the repair of this Chapell.

This Rectory (for so doth my authority call it) was in 26 H. 8. rated^r at v l.

Patroni Cantariæ Incumbentes, &c.
Capellæ, five vicariæ.

Walt. de Mutton 4 Non. Nov. 1292.
D. Sim. de Walton Cap. prid. Id. Jan. 1322.
Rob. de Banbury Cap. 28. Maii 1339.
Will. Ennoke Pbr. 10. Apr. 1370.
Oliuerus Clede Pbr. 24. Jan. 1373.
Rob. Barleston penult. Apr. 1374.
Will. Lythorne Pbr. 20. Dec. 1374.
Thomas Croppecol 18. Oct. 1378.
D. Joh. Withy Pbr. 20 Dec. 1389.
D. Ric. Geffen Cap. 1 Jan. 1400.
Magr. Will. Warde Cler. 20. Febr. 1618.
Joh. Bursey Cler. 21. Jan. 1624.

Walton-Mauduit.

AS **Walton D'Eivill** hath no distinction in the Conq^r. Survey by any additional name, neither hath this, but is there^r certified to contain x hides, having two Mills rated at xii. s. and Woods of 4 furlongs in length and two in breadth, all valued at x l. and then in the possession of the Earl of **Wellest**: Howbeit in H. 1. time it was called **Walton-Splebert**, perhaps from one of that name that then held it; at which time **Roger Earl of Warwick** posselt^r it, through some agreement made by **Henry de Newburgh**, his Father, with that Earl, as I have often intimated. But upon an Accord^r betwixt **Godfrey de Luc** Bishop of **Winchester**, and **Walleran E. of Warwick**, made in 2 Joh. it was assigned by the said Earl to that Bishop, to hold during the life of **Maud Countess of Warwick**, Widow to **Earl William**, in lieu of the Mannor of **Cnoel** in **Wilts.** of her dowrie, which the Bishop should have had in present possession: And afterwards given^r by that Earl, unto **Alice** his onely Daughter by his last wife, as her Marriage portion, and confirmed^r by **K. John**; which **Alice** being wedded to **Will. Mauduit of Hanslope** in **Buckinghamshire** (as in my story of the Earls is shewed;) who in that Rebellion with the Barons of 17. Joh. forfeited^r all; it was given away by the K. together with his Castle of **Hanslope**, and all his other lands, first^r to **Falkefius de Breant**; but within six weeks after^r to **Robert de Mara**, to hold during pleasure.

Yet was it not long that the said **Will.** continued so disposselt thereof; for in 1 H. 3. upon returning to his allegiance, he had all his lands restored^r to him again; and left issue **William**, who through his Mothers interest became Earl of **Warwick**, and, for eight hundred marks sterling, sold^r this Mannor to **Sim. de Wanton** Bishop of **Exeter**, reserving to himself and his heirs the service of the xxth part of a Kts. fee; which Bishop, shortly after, past away the inheritance of it by deed^r to **John de Wanton** his son, and to his heirs, reserving to himself and his heirs a pound of Cumin to be payd yearly at the Feast of **St. Mich.** and the said service of the xx. part a Kts. fee to the chief Lord. Which **Joh.** in 4 E. 1. had^r a Court Leet, with Assize of Bread and Beer therein; but departing this life shortly after, left it to **Maud** his Daughter and heir: which **Maud** in 7 E. 1. being in Ward^r to **Godfrey Giffard** Bishop of **Exeter**, was certified^r to be owner thereof, then holding it of the Earl of **Warwick** by the xx. part of a Kts. fee, having two Watermills and one Wind-mill here; as also two Carucats of land in demesne, and divers Tenants, who besides severall Rents they payd, performed sundry services, as mowing, making and carrying Hay; Reaping and binding Corn, with the like; for which they had at reaping time 52 Gallons of Beer, and iii s. iii d. in money, by custome. But after this, it came to the family of **Strange**, as **Walton D'Eivill** did; and so from **Strange** to **Mordant**, **Sir Charles Mordant** being now posselt thereof.

Long-Compton.

HAVING now done with **Willesborne** Parish, out of which this Brook, that hath been my guide for a while, passeth into **Barlichway**-Hundred, where it immediately meeteth with **Aldon**; I must now ascend to the head of **Stoure**, in the Southern nook of this Hundred: in following of which stream, with the branches that belong thereto, I shall view the rest of those towns therein, whereof I am to discourse. The utmost place, whose bounds extend to the Western bank of this torrent, is **Long-Compton**, lying in a deep valley, whence it had originally its name. In the Conq^d. time **Gosfridus de Manneville** being possessor of this place, it was certified⁹ to contain xxx hides, the Woods extending to two furlongs in length and as much in breadth, having a Mill rated at x s. there being then also a Church; all which were valued at xxx l. and before the Norman invasion possessed by **Asgar S. alre**: In whose line it continued for divers descents: But after the death of **Will.** surnamed **Mandevile**, the last Earl of **Essex** of that name, **Maud** his Sister and heir had the Honour of **Essex**, with this Mannour and other lands of her said Brother's inheritance, being first married to **Henry de Bohun** (created * E. of **Hereford** 28 Apr. 1 Joh.) and afterwards to **Roger de Annesferra**, or **D'antsey**; which **Roger** and **Maud** in 13 H. 3. past away the one moiety of this Lordship, together with the Mannour House unto **Hubert de Burgo** Earl of **Kent**; and the other, excepting the Mannour House, to **Will. Marefchall** Earl of **Penbrooke**. After whose death in 15 H. 3. **Richard Marshall**, his Brother and successor in that Earldom, giving security to the K. for his Loyalty, had livery thereof: but discontents shortly after arising betwixt the K. and him, he got unto **Ireland**, and there raising a flame of Rebellion, was wounded and taken Prisoner; of which hurts he dyed^a.

It should seem that the said **Richard** past away his interest here to **Raph Pipard**; for this I take to be it, which was afterwards called **Wetton** juxta **Chiriton**, whereof I shall speak particularly anon; therefore I will now go on with that Mannour which **Hubert de Burgo** had. In 15 H. 3. he obtained a Charter^b to himself and his heirs for a weekly **Mercate** here, upon the Munday, and a **Fair** every year, to begin on St. Peter's Eve, and to last for three days. But being raised to greater honour, he experimentally found the slipperiness of that high station: for the King (incensed against him, as our Historians do manifest) not onely removed him for his office of **Justitarius Anglie**, but otherwise so persecuted him, that he was constrained to flee^c privily to the Abby of **Wotton** in **Surrey**, there to hide himself. Nay that was not all; for being sought for, and fleeing to Sanctuary for his preservation, he was pulled out thence by the power of armed men, and carried Prisoner to the Tower of **London**, with his feet tyed under the Horse Belly; his money extorted from him and his lands seized, saving what the K. permitted his wife to have for her maintenance: whereupon this Lordship coming so into the K. possession, **Maud** (the widow of **Henry de Bohun** Earl of **Hereford**) before specified, who had the title of Countess of **Essex**, gave a Fine^d of Cl. for

to have the benefit of the Year and Day therein, which belong'd to the King; and that the Houses should not be pulled down, nor the Gardens spoiled, in regard that it was held by the said **Hubert** immediately of her, and so consequently by **Erichaet** to fall into her hands: But afterwards the K. became reconciled^e to him again; so that he had restitution^f of his lands, whereof **John de Burgo**, his son (though he did not succeed him in the Earldome) inherited^g the greatest part, if not all, (I presume.) Amongst which he had two parts of the moiety of this Mannour; and in 31 H. 3. came to an agreement^h with **Margerie** Countesse of **Kent**, widow of **Hubert** before specified, for her thirds: all which were rated at xlii. per an. upon the Extent^m made of them in 50 H. 3. for his then taking part with the Rebellious Barons.

But the said **John**, in 2 E. 1. passing away to the K. and his heirs divers Lordships, lying in the Counties of **Notf. Essex. Suff. Dorset. Cambz. Somers. Dorst. and Surrex.** amongst them, granted this Mannour, reserving to himself an estate onely for life: So that in 7 E. 1. the King, being owner thereof by the said grant, had^o then two Carucates of land in demesne, and xlii. tenants holding severall proportions, under certain Rents and performance of divers services, as plowing, mowing, harrowing, thrashing and the like: As also a Court-Leet, Gallows, Free-warren, and other liberties. At the same time it was found^p that **Raph Pipard** had one yard land and a half in this Lordship, which he held of the Earl of **Hereford**, together with a certain Water Mill, and a wood containing xii acres: as also xxxi. Tenants holding divers proportions of land by certain Rents, and severall servile labours; together with a Court-Leet, Gallows, and Free-warren. And that the Nuns of **Stodole**, in **Derfordshire**, had then a Carucate of land here, granted to them by **Geffrey de Craucumbe** in pure Alms; which **Geffrey** obtained it of the said Earl of **Hereford**: As also ix. tenants holding severall proportions of land by performance of servile work; and three acres of land in demesne, bestowed on them by **Hubert de Burgo**, before mentioned, for the enlarging of their Court; and likewise a Court-Leet, and Free-warren.

At that time likewise did the Prior of **Wotton** hold^q 7 acres of land here in demesne, which he had of the gift of **Geffrey de Langley**; & he from **Gilbert Earl Marshall**; and he of the Earl of **Hereford**. And likewise **John de Compton** (a Priest) two yard land, of one **Robert Fitz-Nicholas**, paying to **Raph Pipard** a half peny for all services. As also two yard land more, of the Hospitall of St. John in **Derford**, given thereunto by one **Will. de Compton** a Priest, who obtained the same from **Will. de Mandevile**, for which he payd to the Nuns of **Stodole** vi s. viii d. per an. And half a yard land of the Nuns of **Burkeley** in pure Alms, for iii s. But being so in the K. possession, it was 10. Feb. 9 of his reign, granted^r to **Eustace de Hacche**, to hold during pleasure, for the Rent of xli li. to be yearly payd into the Exchequer. And the 28 of May following, unto^s **Hugh de Plessers** for life. In which demise to **Eustace de Hacche** it is called **Compton** in **Bennemerth**, but in the other **Compton-magna**; which **Hugh de Plessers** and **Raph Pipard** did in 13 E. 1. challenge^t to have here in Common, with the Priores of **Stodole**,

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H. 3.

x. M. Paris.
p. 368. l. 25.
y. Claus. 16.
H. 3. m. 3.

x. M. Pa.
ris. p. 397.
etc.

a. Ib. p. 403
n. 10.

b. Cart. 15.
H. 3. m. 9.

c. M. Pa.
ris. p. 376.
n. 30.

d. Ib. p.
377. n. 40.

e. Ib. p. 378.
etc.

f. Ib. p. 396.
n. 50.

g. Rot. F.
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h. M. Paris.
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H. 3. m. 2.

k. M. Paris.
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p. Ib. f. 1.
a. etc.

q. Ib. f. 1.
etc.

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s. Claus. 9.
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a Court Leet, Assize of Bread and Beer, Gallows, Weyfs, and to be exempted from suit to the Hundred or County Court: But because it was found, that they had exercised these liberties in severall, they were amerced for their false claim. Howbeit, after this; viz. in 27 E. 1. the said K. by his Letters Pat.ⁿ bearing date at **Canterbury** 10 Sept. amongst other lands and Mannors assigned it to **Margaret** his Queen, as part of her dowrie. And by another Charter^w bearing date at **York** 16 Nov. following, granted it to **John de Mohun**, and **Alehs** wife, and to the heirs of the said **John**, to be held of him the said K. and his heirs, in exchange for all those lands, which the same **John** had within the County of **Wiltshire** in **Freland**, or elsewhere within that Realm; the value of this being then xl. li. xviij s. vi. d. ob. per an. In recompence whereof he made other assignments to his said Queen, as by his Pat.ⁿ doth at large appear.

Touching that which **Raph Pipard** had here in **Compton**, being thenceforth reputed a Mannour, I find it was in 3. E. 2. (inter alia) granted by the same **Raph** to **Edm. le Butiller** and his heirs, to enter upon after the decease of him the said **Raph**: and that from the said **Edmund** it descended to **James** his son and heir, created Earl of **Devon** 2 E. 3. Which **James**, the same year, had a Charter^b of **Free warren** granted to him in all his demesne lands here. In whose family it continued till the beginning of E. 4. time, that **James Boteler**, Earl of **Wiltshire** (son and heir to **James Boteler** the fourth Earl of **Devon**) being advanced^c to that Honour in the time of his Father (2. 27 H. 6.) adhering stoutly to the Lancastrian interest, and so participating in the hard fate which befell that House, became attainted^d in the Parl. of 1 E. 4. But then the K. by his Letters Pat.^e bearing date at **Westm.** 20 Febr. in the first year of his reign, reciting the notable services which **Sir Walter Devereux** Kt. whom he had newly advanced to the degree of a Baron, had performed on his behalf in sundry Battails against K. **Henry** the 6. and his Complices, and particularly against **Henry D. of Exeter**, **Jasper** Earl of **Penbrooke**, and this **James** Earl of **Wiltshire**; in consideration thereof, granted it to the said **Walter** and the heirs male of his body; together with the Mannour of **Sutton-Courtney** in **Berkshire**, and other great possessions. Howbeit, **Thomas**, Brother and heir to the said Earl, finding favour with K. **Edw.** being shortly after restored^f by Act of Parl. to his lands, had it again: whereupon it descended^g to his Daughters and heirs; viz. **Margaret** married to **Sir Will. Bullein** Kt. and **Anne** the wife of **Sir James St. Leger** Kt. After which, scil. temp. H. 8. **Bullein's** moytie was past away unto certain Feoffees to the use of **Sir Will. Compton** Kt. from whom is lineally descended the now Earl of **Southampton**, (as in **Compton-Wiltshire** is shewed) the present owner thereof.

I now return to that Mannour here, which was granted to **Mohun** in E. 1. time. This continued in that line till the reign of H. 4. but then **Sir John Mohun** Kt. dyingⁱ without issue male, it came by partition^k to **Ric. le Strange**, son and heir of **John le Strange** of **Knokyn**, by **Maud** the youngest of the three Daughters and coheirs of the said **Sir John Mohun**: which **Richard** dyed

seized thereof in 27 H. 6. leaving **Sir John Strange** his son and heir; who departing this life without issue male, **Joan**^m his Daughter and heir, by marriage with **George** eldest son to **Thomas Lord Stanley** (afterwards Earl of **Derby**) brought it to that family; **Edw.** Earl of **Derby**, son and heir of **Henry**, proving his age, having liveryⁿ thereof accordingly in 14 Eliz. To which **Edw.** succeeded his Brother **Will.** Earl of **Derby**, who in our time sold it (as I have heard) to **Will.** Earl of **Southampton** Grandfather to the present Earl, now owner thereof.

That the Church, here, is of no less antiquity than the Britains time, I shall vouch the authority of an old Historian,^o whereby it will appear, that the payment of Tithes was very ancient, if his relation have credit with my Reader. About the year of our Saviours incarnation **DCiii.** **St. Augustine**, being arriv'd in **England** to preach the Gospell, came hither; whereupon the Priest of this Parish repaired to him, and made a complaint that the Lord of the Town, not paying his Tithes, though admonished, was by him excommunicated, and yet stood more obstinate: **St. Augustine** therefore convening him for that fault, demanded the reason of such his refusal. Knowest thou not (quoth he) that they are not thine, but **God's**? To whom the Knight answered, Did not I plow and sow the land? I will therefore have the tenth sheaf as well as the nine. Whereupon **St. Augustine** replied, If thou wilt not pay them, I will excommunicate thee; and so, hastning to the Altar, publicly said, I command that no excommunicate person be present at Masse. Which words were no sooner spoke, than that a dead man, that lay buried at the entrance into the Church, immediately arose out of his Grave, went without the compass of the Church yard, and there stood still during the time of Masse. Which being finished **St. Aug.** went to him, and said, I command thee in the name of **God** that thou tell me who thou art. To whom he made answer, I was Patron of this place in the time of the Britains, and though frequently warn'd by the Priest, yet never would pay him my Tithes, and so dyed excommunicate, and was thrust into Hell. Which answer occasioned **St. Augustine** to command him to shew where the Priest was buried that so excommunicated him; who, being accordingly directed to his Grave, said, To the earth that all men may know that life and death are in the hands of **God**, to whom nothing is impossible, Arise in his name, for we have need of thee! Who thereupon came out of his Grave, and stood before them. To whom **St. Augustine** said, Brother dost thou know this man? yes quoth he; but I would I had never known him. for he was always a Rebel to the Church, a withholder of his Tithes, and even to his last a very wicked man, which occasioned me to excommunicate him.

Augustine replied, Brother, thou knowest that **God** is mercifull, therefore we must have pity on this miserable creature, who is the image of **God**, and redeem'd with his blood, having so long endured the pains of Hell. Whereupon delivering to him a scourge, he kneeled down, and craving absolution with tears, had it granted; and so by **St. Augustine's** command, returning to his Grave again, was immediately resolved to dust. Then said **St. Aug.** to the Priest, How long hast thou been buried? Above an hundred and fifty years, quoth he.

How hast thou fared hitherto? Well, quoth the Priest, enjoying the delights of eternal Life. *Aug.* Art thou contented that I should pray unto God that thou may'st return again to us; and by thy preaching reduce many souls unto him, that are deceived by the Devil? Far be it from thee, O Father (quoth the Priest) that thou shouldest so disturb my quiet, as to bring me back to the troublesome life of this World. *Aug.* Go thy way then, and rest in peace, praying for me, and for the Universall Church of God: So accordingly entering his grave, he fell also to dust. Then turn'd S. *Augustine* to the Knight and said, Wilt thou now pay thy Tithes to God, my son? Who trembling and weeping fell at his feet, and, confessing his Offence, craved pardon; and shaving himself, became a follower of S. *Augustine* all the days of his life.

Hoc miraculum (saith my Author) *videbitur illis incredibile, qui credunt aliquid Deo esse impossibile; Sed nulli dubium est, quod nunquam Anglorum duras cervices Christi iugo se submississent, nisi per magna miracula divinitus sibi ostensa.*

p Hist. MS.
Ab. de Wal-
den penes
Comit. Suff.
cap. 7.

But descending to later times, and of more certainty, I find^p, that about the beginning of King Steph. reign, *Geffery Magnavil* gave this Church to the Monastery of *Walden* in *Essex*, which he had newly founded. In an. 1291 (19 E. 1.) accounting xii. marks per an. which the Canons of *Walden* had out of it; as also certain *Pensions* to the Nuns of *Burley* (in *Berk.*) and to the Chapell of *Wellesby*, it was valued^u at xxiii. marks; and afterwards, sc. *Non. Dec. an. 1316.* (10 E. 2.) appropriated^r to the said Monastery of *Walden* by *Walt. de Myndenston* Bishop of *Worcester*. And in 26 H. 8 the Vicaridge rated^r at xiii^{vi} viii^d, the *Procurations* and *Synodals* then payd out of it being xi^s vi^d.

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S. A. eq. anr
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That which the Canons of *Walden* had here,

was after the dissolution of that Monastery granted away by the King to *Thomas* lord *Audley*, Chancellor of *England* and his heirs, by the name of a Mannour, together with the Rectory of this place: but it came again to the Crown, as it seems; for in 4. & 5. Ph. & M. S. *Thomas Pope* K^t had a grant^u thereof.

Patroni Ecclesie.

Incumbentes &c.

Patroni Vicarie.

Abbas & Convent
Walden.Prepos. & Colleg.
Reg. de Eton.

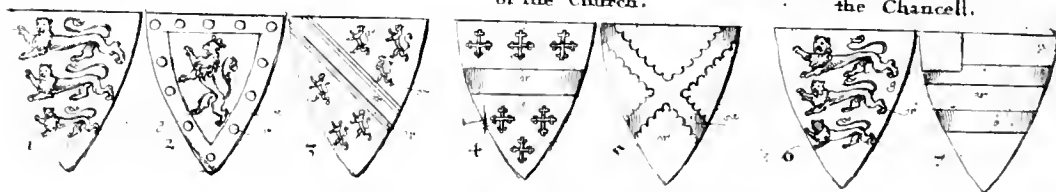
Joh. de Derfere Pbr. 9. Cal. Giff. f. 318.
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1319.
Will. le Fullare Pbr. 28 Maii wolst. vol. I
1339. f. 12. a.
Will. in le Lane Pbr. 19. Feb. S. Germ. I
1361. 113. a.
Joh. Baynton 9. Junii 1389. wak. f. 57.
Joh. Aldestre penult. Martii lb. f. 78. a.
1390.
Edm. Normanton Pbr. 11 clif. f. 90
Junii 1406.
Will. Gilbert penult. Maii Pult. f. 34
1430.
D. Will. Whithmale Pbr. 8. Carp. vol. I
Maii 1455. f. 128. a.
Joh. Toly Cap. 10. Maii lb. f. 180
1465.
D. Joh. Mason Cap. 4. Junii Alc. f. 14
1485.
D. Richard Mason Pbr. 8. Gyg. vol. I
Dec. 1504. f. 39. b.
Egid. Cartwright Cler. 8. Aug. Bul. f. 4
1571.
Joh. Ivie Cler. 12. Nov. lb. f. 9. a.
1573.
Will. Scooler Cler. 21 Martii lb. f. 14
1577.

Long Compton.

In a South window of the Church.

In a North Window
of the Church.

In a South Window of
the Chancell.



1 England

2 Edmund E. of Cornwall.

3 Bohun E. of Hereford.

4 Beauchamp E. of Warwick.

5 Botefort.

6 England.

Weston juxta Chiriton.

That this was originally a member of *Long Compton*, I have in my discourse of that place already intimated. From *Marshall* Earl of *Devonshire* it came^v to *Raph Pipard*, and from him to one *John de Weston* (soe called from his residence here, as I guesse) which *John* in 7 E. 1. held^x it of the said *Raph* by the fourteenth part of a Knights Fee, having then two carucates of land in demesne; as also one Water mill, with certain Tenants holding 8 yard land of him by several services, as plowing, sowing, reaping, making malt, and the like; but with his said Tenants made two appearances, yearly, at the Court Leet of

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H. Not.
x Sc. f.
89. a.

the said *Raph*. at *Compton*. paying iii^s to him at the Feast of S^t Martin, and iii^s at *Warth*. which *John de Weston* in 27 E. 1. entailed^y this Mannour after his own decease, upon *John de Broughton* and *Kath*. his wife, and the heirs of the said *John de Broughton*; whereupon the said *John*, within two years following, obtain'd a Charter^z of Free-warren to himselfe and his heirs in all his demesne lands at *Broughton*, (near *Wanbury*) in *Oxfordshire*; as also here and other places in this County.

Howbeit after this till E. 3. time, I find no farther mention thereof, worthy the notice; but then was it settled^a upon *Raph* Earl *Stafford* and *Will. de Peito* for their two lives; and afterwards upon S^t *John de Peito* K^t. son of the said *Will.* and *Alianore* his wife, and *John* the son of the said *John*, and

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a Ex. 106
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Edw. 1. c. 10.

Pat. 37
H.S. p.
18.

it was then involved with **Long Compton**: but it seems that the family of **Mohun** were owners thereof very timely; for I find that *Will. de Moion* and *Agnes* his wife gave^b the Church to the Monastery of **Bredlington**, whose grant King *Henry 1.* confirmed: Howbeit, he or his were dispossessed again, though it appears not how: perhaps by *K. Stephen*; for in 3. *Steph.* divers of the great men being in *A. mes* on the behalf of *Maud* the Emperesse, this *Will.* then fortified^c and held his Castle at **Dunster** for her: but further do I find nothing thereof till 9 *R. 1.* that *Raph de Welleford* accounted^d *xv^{li}* for the ferm thereof, it being in the Kings own hands as an Eschaet: Which forfeiture was made by *Joelinus de Pomeria* a Norman, as by the Record^e of 6 *Joh.* appears, where its particular extent (as of all other, the lands of such Normans, which, it seems, were seized on by the King) is certified; viz. in Rent of Assize *viii^{li} xv^s*; the arable land in demesne being 3. carucates, consisting of *xxiii* Oxen, and the other stock *xxi.* Oxen, *iii.* Horses, *viii.* Hogs, five Kine and a Bull, five Sows and a Boar, and *CC.* Sheep; so that the yearly value of all, was rated at *xv^{li}*.

In which 6th. year, King *John* bestowed it upon, or rather restored^f it to *Reginald de Mohun*, accepting the coin and stock then upon it, which he appointed to be prized and otherwise disposed. To whose posterity it continued whilst the male line lasted; and in 20 *H. 3.* was held^g by *Reginald de Mohun*, the second, by the service of one Kts. Fee. Which *Reginald* in 36 *H. 3.* Having License^h from the King to stop and inclose a certain Road way lying through his Park here; assigning another without the compass thereof, upon condition that passengers might not receive prejudice, left issue *John*, who in 7 *E. 1.* hadⁱ here three carucates of land in demesne, with *xvii.* Tenants holding severall proportions of ground, performing certain services, as thrashing, plowing, gathering Nuts, &c. As also a Court Lect, Free-warren and Gallows; and a Wood inclosed, in which it was then found that the King ought to have paid^j for *xl.* Hogs, and one Boar, from the Feast of *S. Mich.* untill *Martinmasse*, as belonging to his Freehold in **Long Compton**. Which *John de Mohun* dyed^k the same year, whereupon this Mannour, then rated at *Lⁱ* per an. being in the Kings hand, in regard of the minority of his son, was granted^l to *Almaric de St. Amand*, to hold till the heir should come of full age, in part of satisfaction for *C. marks* per an. given by the King to the said *Almaric*, to be received out of his Wards or Eschaets; whose name was also *John*, and his residence here, as it seems: for in 17 *E. 2.* I find^m him in the list of those Knights, and men at Armes of this County then certified into the Chancery.

Howbeit, in 6 *E. 3.* it cameⁿ again into the K. hands, by reason of the minority of the son and heir of that *John*; and was committed^o to the custody of *Will. Ayermin* Bishop of **Exeter**, who did great repairs upon the Mannour house. But at length the issue male of this branch of that family, failing; for the last *S^r John Mohun* had only three daughters and heirs: viz. *Elizabeth* wife to *Will. Mountacute* Earl of **Salisbury**, *Maud* married to *John le Strange* of **Knokyn**, and *Philippa* to *Edw. D.* of **Bozke**; upon partition made betwixt them, it fell to the said *Elizabeth*; who

dyed^r without issue, it came to be divided betwixt *Richard Lord Strange*, son to the above specified *Maud*; and to *Philippa Dutchesse* of **Bozke**: which *Philippa* accordngly held the moitye thereof during her life; but dying^s without issue in 10 *H. 6.* it descended^t to the said Lord *Strange*, as her nephew and heir: and so from *Strange* to the Earls of **Derby**, by a daughter and heir, as **Long Compton** did; *Edw.* Earl of **Derby** being seized^u thereof in 14 *Elz.* To whom succeeded *Will.* his brother, who sold it unto *Raph Sheldon* of **Beoley** Esq; Grandfather to *William*, the present owner thereof.

The Church (dedicated to *S. Michael*) being given^w to the Canons of **Bredlington** in *H. 1.* time, by *Will. de Moion* and *Agnes* his wife (as hath been already intimated) was in an. 1291. (19 *E. 1.*) valued^x at *xx.* marks. It seems that the said Canons of **Bredlington** granted back the patronage thereof to the *Mohuns*; for it appears that they and their heirs presented thereto: but in 26 *H. 8.* it was valued^y at *xx^{li}* over and above *xi^{li}* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

Patroni Ecclesiz.

Incumbentes &c.

Dominus Rex Hen. 3.	Galf. de Rindway Cap. G.	Pat. 5
	Giffard Cancellarii Reg.	3. m. 3.
	52. H. 3.	
Will. Blampayn de Wichesford.	Joh. de Wichesford Cler. 2.	Giff. 1.
	Id. Martii 1297.	a.
	Joh. de Wichesford Pbr. 4.	1b. f. 1.
	Non. Dec. 1299.	
	Joh. Clouyle Cler. prid.	Cob. f. 1.
	Non. Maii 1324.	
	Joh. Payne Pbr. 1 Maii	1343.
D. Joh. de Mohun miles.	D. Baldm. de Mohun Pbr.	1b. f. 1.
	1. Junii 1344.	
	Joh. de Hawewell Cler. 10	1b. f. 1.
	Sept. 1344.	
	Petrus de Croydton Pbr. 22	Br. v. 1.
	Apr. 1354.	10. a.
	Joh. Dury Pbr. 16. Aug.	Lyn. 1.
	1369.	
D. Johanna de Mohun domina de Dunstere.	Thomas at More 15. Julii wak.	1384.
	Thomas Hatway Pbr. 24.	1b. f. 1.
	Apr. 1386.	
Ric. le Strange Dominus de Knokyn.	Will. Thommes 4. Oct.	Pec. 59.
	1414.	
Ric. le Strange, & Constantia ux. ejus.	D. Rob. Wyn. bish 14 Apr.	S. G. 257.
.....	1435.	
.....	D. Rob. Potter. alias My-	carp. 1.
.....	lum 7 Aug. 1465.	f. 190.
Will. Catesby mil. & al. Feoffari D. Eliz. nuper dom. Strange.	D. Thomas Siorie Cap. pe-	1b. f. 1.
	nult. Apr. 1469.	
Georgius Stanley miles Dominus le Strange.	D. Jac. Streibarel 15. Off.	Alc. f. 1.
	1485.	
	Magr. Thomas Madeyowe	Mor. 10.
	in decret. Bac. 26. Dec.	
	1486.	
D. Johanna Stanley domina le Strange.	Ioh. Merton Cap. 10. Off.	Gyg. f. 1.
	1507.	b.
Rad. Ashton ar. & Ric. Ashton ar. rati- one concess. Edwar. di Comitibus Derb.	Magr. Nich. Ashton in	Heaf. 1.
	S. Theol. Bacc. 12 Junii	26. b.
	1557.	

1. f. 4. a Anna Comitissa Derb. Magr. Ioh. Vaghan in S. ratione conceß. Edw. Theol. Bac. 26 Nov. Comitiss Derb. filii 1537.
 2. f. 22. b Will. Pendelbury de Whichford yeoman, ex conceß. Edw. Comitiss Derb. Laur. Shuttleworth in art. Magr. ult. Nov. 1582.

baccalarius Cantabr. Capellanus Comitiss Derbie, nuper rector istius ecclesie, ac olim vicarius de Kendalle Lancastrensis apud magnam Leaber, qui obiit ultimo die mensis Septembris anno Domini Millesimo quingentesimo octogesimo secundo, regni Elizabeth regine viceßimo quarto.

Within an Arch of the wall in the south Ile, lyeth an ancient coffin of stone, on the cover whereof there is cut out a large *Crosse engrailed*, extending from the head to the foot; and on the upper part of the same *Crosse* an *Escoccheon*, whereon is the like *engrailed Crosse*, with a *labell* of 3 points in cheife.

On the south side of the Chancell is a raised Monument, covered with marble, and having a portraiture in brasse thereon with this Epitaph.

Hic jacet Nicholas Aspeton sacre theologie

On the North side of the Chancell is another raised Monument, with a cover of Alabaster, whereon is a portraiture graven, and this circumscription.

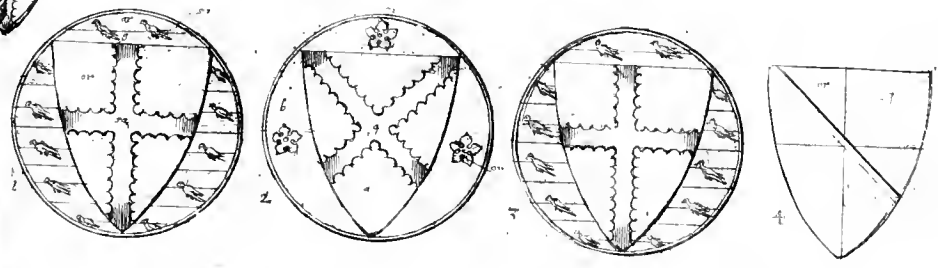
Hic jacet dominus Johannes Pertun quondam rector istius ecclesie; nec non capellanus Thome Stanley Comitiss de Derby, qui obiit

In the upper part of the Chancell, towards the North side, lyeth a flat blew stone, with this Epitaph,

Jacet hic Lionellus Day S. T. B. hujus Ecclesie Rector, qui uti vivens pie vovit, ita moriens voluit hic inscribi, In misericordia Domini resurgam: aetatis sua 70.



Whichford.
In a Window of the North Ile



1. Mohun. 2. Tiptot. 3. Mohun. 4. Clavering.

Ascot.

IN this parish of Whichford are two Hamlets, viz. Ascot and Stourton: but of Ascot, which takes its name from the Eastern situation thereof, I have not seen any other mention than what is in the Record of 7 E. 1. wherein it appears, that John de Mohun had xviii. Tenants here (it being no distinct Mannour, but a member of Whichford) who held several proportions of land by performance of sundry servile employments; as plowing, harrowing, mowing, and the like; and payd certain Rent besides.

Stourton.

THIS Village hath its name from the brook called Stoure, upon the bank whereof it is seated; and being originally a member of Whichford, was granted away by one of the Mohuns to Will. Cumin, or some of his ancestors, as it should seem by what I shall shew by and by. But the first mention I find of it, is in 5 H. 3. Where Will. Hose and Margaret his wife brought an Assize of Novel disseisin against Alice de Mohun,

for certain lands, and two Mills lying in this Village. To which Will. Cumin succeeded Margerie his daughter and heir, wedded to John de Cantilupe, who brought thereby the inheritance of this Mannour to that Family, and in 7 E. 1. held it of John de Mun by the service of two parts of 2 Knights fee, having two carucats of land here in demesne, and xviii. Tenants holding several proportions by certain Rents, and services of husbandry; in which Record it is called *Porton*, by reason of its Northern situation, as I guess. But these Cantilupes had their seat at *Smitfeld* in this County, where I purpose to speak historically of them; and whereof the heir general, in E. 3. time, married to S^r Thomas West K^t, who by that means became Lord of this Mannour.

It appears by the return of a Writ of *Ad quod dampnum*, that Q. Phillipa, wife to K. Edw. 3. had a purpose to have given this Mannour to the Monks of *Westminster*; perhaps in respect of its nearness to their Mannour of *Sutton* in *Gloucestersh.* and yet environed with this County; but it took not effect; for I find that John Harwell (of whom and his family I shall speak in *Wotton-Warren*) purchased it of S^r Thomas West and Joan his wife, in 20 R. 2. And in 10 H. 6. Roger Hurewell of *Moreball*, and Will. Harewell of *Benley* in *Arden*, were certified to be Lords thereof.

c claus. 26 H. 3. m. 7.

d Inq. per H. Not. e 6. f. i 112. a.

f F. lewar. xv. Trin. 32. E. 3. g Esc. 43. E. 3. p. 2. n. 17.

h Esc. 49 E. 3. p. 2.

i F. lewar. crast. Ascens. 20 R. 2. k Rot. in Scac. penes Rem. R.

Cheriton.

Following the course of *Stowe* I come next to *Cheriton*, which originally was a member of *Bratles*, and therefore is not particularly mentioned in the Conquerors Survey. Before the first of King *John* I have not seen any thing thereof in Record; but then did *Henry Falconer* and *Anora* his wife, recover^m the patronage to the Church here; yet whether in his own or his wives right I know not; for she wasⁿ a widow, and called *Anora de la More*, and had a daughter named *Sara*, an heir, whose tuition the said *Henry* had. Neither am I certain how *Falconer's* interest here went away; but in 10 H. 3. *Lucia* the daughter of *Reginald de Clifton* brought an Assize^o of *Novell disseisin* against *Henry* then Earl of *Warwick* for the same advowson. Which instances, though they are most proper to be made when I come to speak in particular of the Church, I have the rather inserted here, because they give some light to the succession of the Mannour, whereunto in those times the patronage of the Church was, except very rarely, belonging.

But for want of better help, whereby a perfect discovery might be had, I am constrained to make use of them, being not able to manifest, so exactly, as I would, through what paths the succession of it went, till the *Lucies* became Lords thereof. In 20 H. 3. *William Bonchivallier* answered for part of a Knights fee here, then certified^d to be held of the Earl of *Warwick*; andⁿ in 36 H. 3. *Raph de Wylinton*: which *Raph* in that great defection of the Barons, towards the later end of H. 3. time, wasⁿ in Armes against the King, and of the retinue to *Geffrey de Lucie*; and in 52 H. 3. held^d this Mannour by the service of a Knights fee of the Earl of *Warwick*, as of the Mannour of *Bratles*; whose Tenants in 7 E. 1. did their suit^t twice a year at the Court Leet for *Bratles*. To this *Raph* succeeded *John de Wylinton*, who in 9 E. 2. held^d a half and a fourth part of a Knights fee here, of the said Earl: But the next possessorⁿ thereof was Sir *William de Lucy* Knight, viz. in 3 E. 3. Since which his posterity, of whom I have spoke in *Cherlecote*, have succeeded him therein, to this day.

The Church in anno 1291. 19 E. 1. was valued^x at viii. marks: and in^y 26 H. 8. at xii li. out of which was payd for Synodals and Procurations ix s. vd. ob.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.

Incumbentes &c.

1 Nom. Vill.
m Plac. de
T. Pasch.
r Joh. rot.
27.
n Rot. P. 7.
R. 1.

o Pat. 10
H. 3. in d.

P Testa de
q Nevill.

r Esc. 50 H.
3.
f Esc. 52 H.
3.

t Inq. per
H. Nott.
Esc. f. 115.
b.

u Esc. 9 E.
2.
w Hovl. Vol.
2 f. 27. a.

x MS. in
Seac.
y MS. pe-
nès S. A.
e 1. am. f. 20.
a.

Hovl. vol. 2.
2 f. 27. a.

Mont. f. 28.
a.

Wolff. f. 10.
a.

1b. f. 12. a.

1b. f. 141. a.

Bay. f. 19. b.

Wolff. f. 52. a.

D. Will. de Lucy
miles.

D. Baldw. de Bere-
ford miles.

Rad. de Sileby Pbr. 5.
Febr. 1328.

Leonardus de Lucy Cler.
29. Apr. 1337.

Joh. le Worner Pbr. 21.
Apr. 1338.

Joh. de Geydon Pbr. 28.
Maii 1339.

Joh. filius Nich. Gerond
25. Oct. 1348.

D. Ric. Ernold Pbr. 27.
Apr. 1362.

Joh. Asple 26. Apr.
1388.

Thomas Lucie miles.

Ric. Archer ar.

Atturnati Ricardi
Comitis Warwici.

Edw. Lucy ar.

Will. Lucie ar.

Edm. Lucie fil. & ha-
res Will. Lucie mil.

Will. Lucie ar.

Rich. Penne 14. Julii 1413 Pec. f. 56.

Rob. Cramford 17. Julii 1413. 1b. f. 65.

Ric. Hony 9. Oct. 1416. 1b. f. 76. b.

D. Ric. Paris Cap. 16. Jan. 1420. Morg. vol. 2. f. 24. a.

D. Henr. Amott. Cap. 24. Feb. 1467. Carp. vol. 1. 217. a.

D. Joh. Barret Cap. 12. Oct. 1485. Alc. f. 15. b.

D. Ric. Newman Cap. 17. Aug. 1487. Mort. f. b.

Magr. Joh. Verney in art. Gyg. vol. 1. 27. a.

Magr. 4. Oct. 1503. Lat. f. 3. b.

D. Edw. Large Cler. 5. Nov. 1537.

Barton on the Heath.

OF this place the onely mention in the Conquerors Survey is, that one *Grim* held at that time half a hide of land, here, of *Robert de Stafford*, then valued at xx s. but in that Record it is written *Bertone*, which is a Saxon word, & signifieth the same that in some places we now call a fold-yard, yet intendeth all such barnes and out-buildings as belong thereto. I am of opinion that the *E. of Spelent*, or *Turchill de Warwick* had something here at the same time, though no particular instance be made thereof in *Domesday-book*, in regard that afterwards, *Thomas de Arden* was found to hold part of a Knights fee here, of the Earl of *Warwick*. But there is so little light in those elder times from Record, touching this place, that I can give but a slender account thereof. In King *John's* time one *Simon de Barton* was impleaded² for certain lands here, descended to him from *Ranulph de Barton*, his grandfather; yet whether the said *Ranulph* or his Ancestor were enfeoff^d of the whole Mannour, or onely of some lands here, by one of the Barons of *Stafford*, I will not take upon me to determine; for in 20 H. 3. it is apparent, that *Thomas de Arden* answered for the fourth part of a Knights fee here, held of the Earl of *Warwick*: And in^b 36 H. 3. *Robert Marfchall*, and *Ric. le Eyr* had the same fourth part of the said *Thomas*; at which time all that was^o found to be held of the Baron of *Stafford* here, was but the xvth part of a Knights fee, then posselt by *Richard le Frankleyn*.

To the descendants of which *Rob. Marshall* it continued till *Queen Elizabeth's* time; one whereof, scil. *Robert*, past^d away the advowson of the Church, and some lands here, to *Nicholas Marell* of *Carleton* in *Lincolne* (com. *Linc.*) in 11 E. 2. but afterwards they had it again, and wrote their names *Marshall*, alias *Bery*; Of which line without doubt, was *Edw. Bery*, who upon the death of his father 5 E. 6. was^o 26. years of age; and past^d it away to *Will. Underhill* of *Bolton*, who dyed^d seized thereof 31 Martii 12 Eliz. leaving *William* his son and heir xiv. years of age and upwards.

But in this Family of *Underhill*, it continued not long; for clear it is, that one of the *Berryes* had it again; of whom it was purchased by *Walter Overbury*, a younger son to Sir *Nich Overbury* (of *Bourton* on the Hill in Com. *Glouc.* Knight) about the later end of King *James* his time: which

Walter

z Plac.
R. Joh.
2. in do

a Testa
b de
c Will

d F. lev.
Oct. Bii
11. E. 2.

e Esc. 6.

f Esc. 1.

Walter rebuilt the Mannour-house, of stone, in such fort as it now is.

The Church (dedicated to S. Laurence) in Anno 1291. 19 E. 1. was valued ^h at vii. marks and a half; and in 26 H. 8. ⁱ at xiii li. vi s. viii d. over and above viii s. xi d. ob. allowed for Procurations and Synodalls.

Patroni Ecclesie. Incumbentes, &c.

G. f. 391.	Ric. le Marshall de Will. de Preston Subdiac.	12. Cal. Martii 1295.
b.	Barton.	
G. f. 30. a.	Magr. Joh. de Hamelden	Pbr. 7. Cal. Sept. 1322.
b. 34. a.	Gilb. de Welton Cler.	4. Non. Nov. 1323.
b. 111. b.	D. Nich. Makerell.	D. Henr. de Cokham Cler.
b. 10. b.		10. Cal. Aug. 1325.
b. 15. b.	D. Gilb. de Welton	Magr. Joh. de Welton 24.
vol. 2.	Carleol. Episc.	Maii 1354.
b. 1. f. 48.	Will. Marshall alias	D. Henr. de Cokham Pbr.
2. f.	Bury gen.	29. Oct. 1355.
b. 1. f. 18.	Joh. Marshall alias	Magr. Thomas Wynchcomb
4. a.	Bury.	Pbr. 19. Julii 1471.
		D. Rob. Beldon Pbr. ult. Dec. 1492.
		Ric. a Prife Cler. 6. Nov. 1500.
		D. Alex. Nowers 27. Jan. 1524.
		D. Edm. Marchall 6. Sept. 1525.
	Thom. Underhill gen.	Will. Underhill Cler. 23.
	ex concess. Thoma	Julii 1579.
	Turvill & Eliz.	
	ux. ejus.	

In the East window of the Chancell these Armes.

Arg. a Cheveron sable betwixt } Bury.
3. Squirils gules.

Upon a Marble Gravelstone in the Chancell this Inscription.

Here lyeth buried the bodies of Edmund Bury and Eliz. his wife; which Eliz. was the seventh daughter of Edward Underhill of Nether-Stratford in the County of Warwick Esquier. The said Edmund deceased the xxii. day of January 1558. but the said Elizab. surviving the said Edm. took to her second husband Thomas Sawyer of Raundis in the County of Northampton Gent. whom she outlived, and then returning into Warwick-shire, her native Countrey, and desiring after this life ended, to have her body layd in the Chancell in the Parish Church of Barton on the Heath in the County of Warwick aforesaid, with the body of the said Edmund her first husband, she caused this stone to be prepared An. Dom. 1608. as a memoriall of the said Edmund, Elizabeth, William, John, and Margaret.

Wolford-magna.

Domes. **IN*** the Conquerors time Robert de Stadforde held vii. hides in this place, within the precinct whereof were a Church and a Mill; which

Mill was then rated at xx d. and the whole at C s. having been part of the possessions of one Waga, a great person, before the Norman invasion, as in **Wotton-Warren** appeareth. Besides this part which the said Robert then held himself, there were 4. hides more; two whereof were held of him by **Orduui**, and valued at L s. and the other two by one **Aluine** rated at xxx s. all which were the freehold of the said **Aluine** in Edward the Confessors time.

In the generall Survey¹, at that time made, the name of this town is variously written; viz. in one place **Uolwarde**; and in the other **Uolwarde**, where the **U** is mistaken for an **r**: But for the original occasion of the name, my opinion is (however the corruptness of pronunciation have by time thus altered it) that it was from its being the seat or habitation of one **Ulf**, or **Wulf**, a frequent appellation in the Saxons time; and that the later syllable **warde** should be **Wurthe** the **d** being thus stricken through **s**, which makes it **th**; for then it signifieth the same that **wozth** doth, *id est habitatio*, as I have elsewhere instanced; the **a** being pronounc'd **o**, and written accordingly by us in these Southern parts. And now that the same syllable is is here made **soyde**, it is from the like error in writing futably to the vulgar pronunciation, as on the contray **Lapwozth** (for so we yet call it and write it) is recorded by the name of **Lapefozde** in **Domesday-book**.

That this Lordship continued in the line of **Stafford** (descendants from the above mentioned **Robert**) till H. 8. time, I could give instance by a multitude of authorities, if need were; But I shall onely here take notice of what is memorable of them in relation to this place.

In 13 Joh. **Herveus de Stafford** answered^m for one Knights fees here, it being reputed as a part of his Barony, and written **Uolewarthe**. But in 19 H. 3. upon the like occasion it is recorded by the nameⁿ of **Uolewozth**; and in^o 36 H. 3. **Uulleward**. How it comes to passe I know not; but in 13 E. 1. one **Richard Chance** claimed^p a **Count-Leet**, Assize of Bread and Beer, Gallows, and Weyfs here by Prescription, and had them allowed: which **Richard** in 9 E. 2. was certified^q to be Lord of this place. Neither can I understand upon what title **John de Upton**, and **Joan** his wife had an interest in the fourth part thereof, which in 10 E. 2. was entailed^r upon the issue of the said **John** by the same **Joan**: but certain it is, that if it were out of the possession of the Barons of **Stafford**, it was not long, and very probably in trust onely; for in 25 E. 3. **Raph Earl Stafford** entailed^s it upon **Hugh** his son, and the heirs of his body by **Philippa**, the daughter to **Thomas Beauchamp Earl of Warwick**. By which Barons and Earles of **Stafford** I find, that sundry persons were enfeof of good quantities of land here; for it appears^t, that in 20 E. 3. **Adam de Greneville** held half a Knights fee of them, lying here, and in **Burnington**; **Robert Verney** half^u a Knights fee, here onely, in 46 E. 3. **William Clerke**^w half a Knights fee in 10 R. 2. and **William Ingram** one^x Knights fee, in 16. and^y 22 R. 2. But as there is nothing in this world permanent; so this Lordship, after such a long continuance unto that Noble Family before specified, was in 12 H. 8. past^z away by **Edward Stafford Duke of Buckingham** to **Richard Bishop of Winchester** and others, to the use^a of Sir **William Compton Knight**,
E e c and

m Lib. rub. f. 157. a.

n s Testa o de N.

p Rot. de Quo. 17.

q Nom. Vill.

r F. levat. mens. Pasch. 10 E. 2.

s Pat. 25 E. 3. p. 1. m. 13.

t Rot. penes S. Clarke Bar.

u Esc. 46 E. 3. m. 62.

w Esc. 10 R. 2. n. 38.

x Esc. 16 E. 2. n. 27.

y Esc. 22 R. 2.

z F. levat. T. Trin. 12. H. 8.

a Esc. 37 H. 8.

and his heirs; From whom the Earl of **Porthampton**, now Lord thereof, is descended, as in **Compton-wingate** appeareth.

The Church (dedicated to **S. Michael**) was given to the Canons of **Stone** in **Staffordshire** by **Robert de Stafford**, grandchild to **Robert**, who lived in the Conquerors time. But in 26 H. 3. there was a suit^d betwixt the Prior of **Kenilworth**, (unto which the Monastery of **Stone** was a Cell, as I have elsewhere manifested) and **Hawise** the widow of **Richard de Gloucester** for the advowson thereof, which she claimed as her Dowrie, and thereupon called to warrantie **Gilbert** son and heir to the said **Richard**, who came in, and pleaded a Fine levied of five hides of land in **Wolward**, whereby the said advowson remained to the said **Richard** and his heirs with part of that land: And because the Prior was in **England**, and did not put in his claim, demanded judgment. Whereunto the Prior answered, that both before that Fine was levied and after, he was in possession of the same, & presented thereto: And because there was no suit betwixt the parties for the said Advowson, but for the five hides whereunto it belonged not, he said, that the before mentioned Fine ought not to hurt him; and produced the Charter of **Raph fitz Stephan**, Ancestor to the said **Gilbert**, whereby he confirm'd the grant of that Advowson to those Canons of **Stone**, which **Robert de Stafford** chief Lord of the Fee had made to them: And though the said **Gilbert** replied, that after that grant so made **Raph fitz Stephen** presented to the Church, yet was it adjudg'd for the Prior.

Which Advowson continued to the Canons of **Stone** till 51 H. 3. but then, being past away by them to the Warden and Scholars of **Merton-Colledge** in **Oxford**, was appropriated to that Colledge on the Calends of June anno 1268. 52 H. 3. by **Godfrey Giffard** Bishop of **Worcester**; and in anno 1291. (19 E. 1.) was, with the Chappell of **Burmington** valued^s at xxvi. marks. After which there was another Appropriation^b thereof made to the said Colledge by **Thomas Cobham** Bishop of **Worcester** 13. Cal. Aug. 16 E. 2. And in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was rated^t at viii li.

Patroni Vicaria.

Incumbentes, &c.

b Carp.
c vol. 2.
f. 25.
d Plac. a-
pud westm.
Off. Mich.
26 H. 3.
vol. 2.

e F. lev. 1.
vol. 1. 51
H. 3.
f Giff. 7. a.
g MS. in
Sec. 6.
h Reg. 1.
D. & Cap.
Wigorn. f.
106. b.
i MS. penes
S. A. eq.
ant. f. 19. b.

Cob. f. 30. b.

Wolst. vol. 2.
f. 50. b.

Bar. f. 34. b.

Wit. f. 5. a.

Ib. f. 24. b.

Wak. f. 2. b.

Cliff. 24. b.

Ib. f. 64. e.

Per. f. 47. b.

Bourch. f.
24. b.

Ib. f. 56. b.

Cap. vol. 1.
f. 61. b.

Custos & Scholares
domus de Merton.

Rob. de Babington Cap.
16. Cal. Jan. 1322.

D. Rob. Garoun 4. Sept.
1341.

D. Will. Taylour 19. Mar-
tii 1363.

D. Ric. Cooke Cap. 16.
Nov. 1364.

Nich. Aleyn Pbr. 7. Aug.
1368.

Will. Chapel Cap. 13. Dec.
1375.

Joh. Ragbroke 1. Junii
1403.

Joh. Hereward 22. Dec.
1403.

Rog. Coton 9. Sept. 1412.

Thomas Gale Pbr. 28. No-
vemb. 1436.

Joh. Yreby Cap. 20. Maii
1439.

D. Joh. Capellanus 5. Julii
1448.

D. Joh. Dun. 14. Martii Ib. f. 107.
1452.

Joh. Pynk, alias Seinbiry Ib. f. 106.
Cap. 28. Martii 1452.

D. Will. Wayte Cap. 18. Ib. f. 17.
Aug. 1462.

D. Joh. Hylde Cap. 27. Ib. f. 21.
Nov. 1467.

D. Thomas Ley Cap. 20. Alc. f. 5.
Oct. 1479.

Magr. Joh. Molder in art. Gyg. 2. f. 1.
Magr. 8. Dec. 1502.

D. Guido Gourgeyne in art. Jeron.
Magr. 8. Feb. 1524. 19. b.

Ric. Powle in art. Magr. Heath. b.
7. Aug. 1544.

Anth. Spurret Cler. 26. Bul. f. 1.
Martii 1572.

Eliz. Anglia Regina. Anth. Spurret Cler. 19. Ib. f. 1.
Nov. 1575.

Custos & Scholares
domus de Merton.

Wolford-parva.

IN the Conquerors time this was part of the Earl of **Wessex**'s possessions, and of him then held by one **Radulphus**, at which time being certified to contain 4. hides and a half, and rated at xl s. I find it written **Wolwarda**, one **Aluric** having been owner thereof before the Norman invasion. From the said Earl of **Wessex** it came to the Barons of **Stafford**: but the direct time when the family of **Ingram**, which to this day enjoys the greatest part of it, were enfeoffed thereof by any of them I cannot declare, though certain it is that they had it very antiently: for I find, that in 3. Joh. **Engeram de Wlwarth** (doubtlesse one of that line) levied a Fine of lands here: and in 36 H. 3. it appears^k that the same **Ingeram** held half a Knights fee, here, of the Baron of **Stafford**; which proportion his posterity also had, as by sundry Inquisitions^l is evident. But the Record^m of 7 E. 1. expresseth that one **Thomas de parva-Woleward** was Lord thereof, and that he held it of **Cecily de Mucegros**, and she of **John de Boys**, and he of **Elene la Zuche**, and she of the King: which **Thomas** had at that time two yard land here in demesne, with certain Freeholders and Cottiers.

Nevertheless, were the posterity of the Barons of **Stafford** reputedⁿ Lords of it; and in 12 H. 8. did **Edward Duke of Buckingham** levie a^o Fine thereof, together with the Mannours of great **Wolford** and **Wltho**, unto **Richard** Bishop of **Winchester** and others, as in great **Wolford** I have already intimated: yet it seems that the **Ingrams** had a Mannour here; for so it appears^p after the death of **Richard Ingraham** Esquier in 5 Eliz. Of which Mannour **Hastang Ingram** is Lord at this day. At present this Village hath not many Inhabitants, but antiently it consisted^q of 43. families.

Burmington.

IN the Conquerors Survey^r this place is written **Burdintone**, through mistake of the m for d; and being then posselt by **Robert de Stadford** contained

i Dom. lib.

k Testam.

Nevill

R. E. f. 1.

27. E. f. 1.

R. E. f. 1.

4.

m Inq. 1.

H. No. 1.

27. E. f. 1.

b.

n Rot. 1.

10 H. 8.

nes Re.

R. in Se.

o Term.

Trin.

p Lib.

Secd.

E. f. 1.

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q Hist. S.

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r Don. d.

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tained v. hides, wherein was a Mill rated at x s. but the value of all was certified at C s. whereof one Godwin was owner before the Norman invasion. In 13. Joh. I find it in the list of those places within this County whereof the Barons of Stafford were Lords; and that it answered for one Knights Fee as part of that Honour, being held in 36 H. 3. by Adam de Greneville of Hawisla de Wulleward, and by her of the Lord Stafford: which Adam bore for his Armes a bend betwixt six Lions rampant; and in 52, 53, 54, and 55 H. 3. was in Commission for taking Assizes of Novell disseisin in this County: From whom descended William de Greneville, who for his Rebellion in E. 2. time forfeited this, with other Mannours that he had in Wiltshire & Somersetshire, which were thereupon seized; yet through the Kings favour he obtained them again, and had a grant of this in tail to himself, and Lucie his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten; but for want of such issue on John the son of Richard de Rodeney and his heirs.

After this, viz. in 12 E. 3. it appears, that John de Wolverton, and Lucia his wife levied a Fine of this Mannour, as also of the Mannour of Southwyke in Wiltshire, selling them upon John de Greneville and his heirs; whereby it seemes that they were of the inheritance of her the said Lucia, in respect of the warrantie against her heirs. And in 17 E. 3. did William the son of Edmund de Greneville release to the said John, all his right and interest in these Mannours: But in 46 E. 3. I find that Humphrey Stafford of Southwyke posselt it, in right of his wife (daughter and heir to Greneville, as I guesse.) From which Humphrey, descended Sir Humphrey Stafford Knight, who by his Testament dated 5. April. 1 H. 5. gave (inter alia) to the Church here at Birmingham lx s. And from him Sir Humphrey Stafford of Hoke in Dorsetshire 10 H. 6. whose grandchild Humphrey, created Lord Stafford of Southwyke in 4 E. 4. as alio Earl of Devonshire in 9. of that Kings reign, revolting from the King in the Battail of Banbury the same year, was cut shorter by the head. After whose death, having no issue, Alianore the wife of Thomas Strangways Esquier, one of the daughters of Alice, Aunt to the said Earl, became a coheir to his inheritance; to whom (inter alia) this Mannour of Birmingham was allotted: which Thomas had issue by her Sir Giles Strangways Knight, who in 32 H. 8. levied a Fine hereof to Henry Annesley Gentleman, but to what uses I know not; nor through what hands, it hath since past.

Ditchford-Frery.

Below Birmingham is Stoure augmented by a little stream, which having its rise in Worcester-shire passes by Ditchford-Frery, and Stretton upon Josse, and then joyns therewith. In the Conquerors time this, being posselt by Robert de Stadford, contained two hides, which one Brian then held of him, with a Mill rated at lxviii d. and all valued at iv li. having been the freehold of Leovic in Edward the Confessors days. But the first mention I find of it after that time, is in 31 H. 2. where it appears that Adam de Standon had a suit with Roger de Dikeford for half a Knights fee

here. And next, that in 16 H. 3. there was a Fine levied betwixt Hervens de Stafford and Vivian de Standon for the customes and services which he the said Hervey required of him for two hides of land here, being half a Knights Fee: which Vivian, shortly after this, parted with his interest, here, unto one Fraricus de Dychesford, covenanting that the same Fraricus and his heirs should performe to him the said Vivian, and his heirs, the service of half a Knights Fee, and pay 4 s. yearly to them at the Feasts of Easter and S. Michael the Arch-Angell by equall portions.

Hereupon was it called Dicheford-Frery, for distinction from the other Dichefords near at hand, and lying in Worcester-shire: but in 9 E. 2. it was reputed a Hamlet of Wolsford: about which time there was a Fine levied betwixt John de Brailes of Dicheford, and William Burle and Margerie his wife of the fourth part of this Mannour; whereupon two parts of that fourth part were settled upon the said John and his heirs; and an Agreement made betwixt them, that the third part of the fourth, which Eliz. the Widow of John de Dicheford held in dower of the inheritance of the said Margerie, and ought to come to her after the decease of the said Eliz. should, from and after the time of such her departure out of this life, remain to the said John, & the heirs of his body; and for want of such issue to Joan the daughter of John de Dicheford, and her heirs. And by another Fine levied betwixt the said John de Brailes and Joan his wife Pl. and Henry Wastes of Dychesford and Elene his wife Desorc. of the fourth part of this Mannour, two parts of the said four were settled upon the said John and Joan, and the heirs of their two bodies, it being then concluded that the third part of the said fourth, which Maud the widow of Roger de Dicheford held in Dower, of the inheritance of the said Elene, should, after the decease of her the said Maud, wholly remain to the said John and Joan, and the heirs of their two bodies, and for default of such issue to the right heirs of John.

By all which it appears that John de Dicheford (descended from the before mentioned Fraricus without question) left issue certain daughters and heirs, whereof Joan was the wife of John de Brailes, Margerie of William Burle, Elene of Henry Wastes, and the fourth, viz. Maud of Blythe, as I guesse: For in 19 R. 2. Thomas Blythe of Blythe in this County, passing away all his lands in this place and Stretton super Josse unto Henry de Sutton and Margaret his wife, and the heirs of the said Henry, maketh mention, that they descended to him by right of inheritance, after the death of Maud the daughter to John, and sister to Thomas de Dicheford. But of the grants unto the said Henry Sutton, made by such others as had interest here, I have not seen any, except of Giles Shukburgh; who by his Deed dated at Wolshamcote on S. Peter's day 9 H. 4. released unto him all his right herein. Which Henry Sutton left issue onely daughters, whereof Alianore became the wife of Geoffrey de Allesley (of Little Lawford in this County:) to which Geoffrey and Alianore and the heirs of their two bodies, did Margaret the widow of the said Henry, by her Deed bearing date at Little Lawford on the Feast day of S. Lawrence, grant this Mannour, with remainder to Margaret her daughter then widow of Edm. Dalby, and the heirs of her body. But the next

n F. levat.
xv. R. Bapt.
16 H. 3.

F. levat.
o craft. I.
P Bapt.
23 H. 3.

q Nom. Vill.
r E. levat.
xv. l. Bapt.
9 E. 2. Recordat.
craft. Anim.
5 E. 3.

r Levat. &
recordat. ut
supra.

Ex an-
u rog. pe-
w nes W.
x Comit.
y Denb.

posseffour thereof, that I have met with, was *Will. Willington* of *Bercheston* Esquire, who having divers daughters and heirs, and all match't into good families of this County, as in *Bercheston* I shall shew, left this Mannour to *Mary* the wife of *Will. Sheldon* Esquire, as it seems; for their posterity do enjoy it at this day.

The Church, or Chapell, here (dedicated to *S. Giles*) though now there is scarce any signe where it stood, was subordinate to the Church of *Wolfsord*, and as a member thereof appropriated to *Merton*-Colledge in *Orford* (as in *Wolfsord* is shewed:) whereof all I have seen memorable, other than the Presentations and Institutions here inserted, is, that in 17 H. 6. there was an Agreement made betwixt the Warden and Fellows of that Colledge, and *Geoffrey Allesley*, and *Alianore* his wife, Patrons of this Chapell, in right of the said *Alianore*, touching the perception of Tithes and Buriall of the dead, which the said Warden and Fellows claimed to belong unto the said Church of *Wolfsord*: The substance of which Agreement was thus; viz. that the perpetuall Incumbent of this Chapell, should for ever, in consideration of the premises; and all *Pensions* and exactions; as also in token of subjection to the said mother Church, pay yearly ii s. in the said Church of *Wolfsord*, upon the xixth of *July* (which is the day of the Dedication of the same) to the said Warden and Scholars, and their successors for ever.

Patroni Ecclesiz.

Incumbentes, &c.

<i>Giff. f. 394. b.</i>	<i>Nich. de Dicheford</i> 12. Cal. Martii 1295.
<i>Geyn. f. 29. a.</i>	<i>Will. Levelaunce Accol. 4. Cal. Maii 1305.</i>
<i>Hort. vol. 2. f. 35. a.</i>	<i>D. Adam. White Pbr. 30. Julii 1330.</i>
<i>Wolst. vol. 1. f. 18. a.</i>	<i>Joh. Bachelor Pbr. 19. Julii 1339.</i>
<i>Wolst. vol. 2. f. 53. b.</i>	<i>Nich. Wandeland Cap. 20. Martii 1342.</i>
<i>S. Germ. f. 126. b.</i>	<i>Joh. de Woxton Plr. 4. Jan. 1349.</i>
<i>ib. f. 128. a.</i>	<i>Joh. de Knighton Cap. 22. Aug. 1349.</i>
<i>ib. f. 129. a.</i>	<i>Will. Averey Cap. 26. Sept. 1349.</i>
<i>Wak. f. 43. b.</i>	<i>Hugo de Warnoteby 23. Maii 1386.</i>
<i>ib. f. 90. a.</i>	<i>Edm. Overendon Pbr. 17. Martii 1391.</i>
<i>Pult. f. 82. b.</i>	<i>Thomas Derby Pbr. 12. Apr. 1430.</i>
<i>Bowch. f. 65. a.</i>	<i>D. Thomas Royson 8. Sept. 1439.</i>
<i>ib. f. 90. b.</i>	<i>Joh. Enot Cap. 14. Julii 1443.</i>
<i>Cap. vol. 1. f. 64. b.</i>	<i>D. Rob. Grenehilles Cap. 11 Jan. 1448.</i>
<i>Heath f. 11. b.</i>	<i>D. Will. Hadfield Cler. 3. Nov. 1546.</i>
<i>ib. f. 35. a.</i>	<i>Thomas Dawbeney Cler. 8. Apr. 1563.</i>
<i>ib. f. 78. a.</i>	<i>Franciscus Chowne Cler. 18. Apr. 1603.</i>

Stretton super Fosse.

THIS place, having its name from the Street-way, on which it lyes, was by the Conquerors general Survey^a computed for viii. hides, six whereof were at that time possest by *Gislebertus filius Turroldi*, and then held of him by one *Walter*, wherein stood the Church, being then valued at Cx s. having been the inheritance of *Chenuard* and *Brietric* in *Edm.* the Confessours days. But the other two, whereof the same *Brietric* was possest before the Conquest, at that time belonged to *Osbernus filius Ricardi*; and, being held of him by the before specified *Walter*, were valued at xxx s. As to the succession of that part which belong'd to the above mentioned *Gislebertus*, I can make no discovery for a long time; Neither then doth it seem to clear as I could wish, the Series of the Patrons that presented to the Church, affording me the best light.

The first intimation I find^b of it, is in 20 H. 3. where half a Knights fee in this place is certified to be held of *Raph de Todneye*; yet who it was that then so held it; is not exprest: but in 36 H. 3. it appears^c to be *William le Bretun*. The next that had to do here, I mean in this part, was^d *Walter Pykerell*, yet not reputed Lord of the Mannour, though he had the advouson of the Chapell; so that, considering that the Abbot of *Wobesley* was shortly after certified to be Lord of this town (as I shall more plainly shew by and by) I may, without much presumption conclude, that by one means or other the Monks of that Monastery obtained a large proportion in this part thereof, after that *Walter Cumin* (as I shall declare anon) had given them all that he had here. Which *Walter* in 10 E. 2. levied a Fine^e of what he had here, and in *Willsborough*; viz. two mess, three carucates of land and eight marks Rent, with the advouson of the Chapell, whereby he entailed it upon the issue of his body by *Agnes* his wife, the remainder to *John de Leicester* Priest. But it seemes that *Pykerell* had no children by that woman; for *Leicester* enjoyed it according to this Entail, and presented to the Chapell, as will appear anon. From whom it came to *Roger Hillary*, who had *free-warren* granted to him in all his demesne lands in this place, (and in *Staffordshire*) 4. Maii 18 E. 3. and^f held what he had here of the Earl of *Warwick* by the fourth part of a Knights fee. Which *Roger* was a Kt.^h and had issue Sir *Roger*ⁱ, who dying^k childlesse in 1 H. 4. Sir *John Rochford* Knight, son^l of *Saer de Rochford* by *Joan* his elder sister; and *Eliz.* daughter to *Will. de la Plaunch*, by *Eliz.* his other sister, became his heirs: which *Eliz.* had^m 4 husbands, First Sir *John Bermingham* Knight, Secondly, Sir *John Russell* Knight, Thirdly, Sir *John Clinton* Knight, and Lastly *Robert* Lord Grey of *Rotherfelde*: whereupon, by partitionⁿ betwixt these co-heirs in 13 H. 4. the said *Eliz.* had (inter alia) this Mannour allotted to her; but dying without issue in 2 H. 6. the posterity of Sir *John Rochford* became her heirs, as to it; viz. *Joan* the wife of Sir *Robert Roos* Knight, *Margaret* the wife of *Frederick Tilney*, and *Alice* of *John Gibthorp*: Betwixt whom partition being made, it was assigned to *Joan*; for Sir *Robert Roos* presented^p to the Church in 5 H. 6. and dyed^q ult. Sept. 20 H. 6. leaving *Margaret* the wife^r of *Thomas de Pinchbeck*, and *Alianore*, his daughters^s and heirs;

heirs; which *Margaret* was afterwards married to *John Wittelbury*. But from *Witlebury* it, ere long, devolved to *Sir Richard Clement* Knight, by *Anne* a daughter and heir, as I guesse by the Presentations.

The other part of this town, posselt by *Osbertus filius Ricardi* in the Conquerors time (as I have shewed) was by *Osbertus filius Hugonis*, grandchild to the said *Osbern*, granted to *Hugh Hubald* (progenitor to the *Hubauds* of *Ipstep*) and his heirs, to hold by the service of one Foot-man in the Marches of *Wales*, for 8. dayes yearly, upon xv. days notice: which *Hugh* past it away to *Walter Cumin*, reserving the said service, *Osbertus filius Hugonis* confirming the grant. But it continued not long in the line of *Cumin*; for *Walter Cumin*, son to the said *Walter*, gave it to the Monks of *Bordesley*; at which time it was accounted three hides, whose grant *Henry Hubald*, of whom it was held, confirmed for the yearly Rent of x s. and the before specified service of a Foot-man &c. which was to be performed in the guarding of *Ricardus-Castle*, as that Charter testifieth. But it seems that the Monks of *Bordesley* obtained more lands here in *Stretton* besides these; for in 4 E. 1. I find that they had 4. hides; and in 9 E. 2. were certified to be Lords of the town; which being the greatest part thereof, continued to them till the dissolution of that House; but soon after, scil. in 37. H. 8. was past out of the Crown, together with the Grange, unto *Thomas Badger*, *Thomas Fowler*, and *Robert Dyson*: From whom it came at length to one *William Freeman*, who in 1 Eliz. dyed seized thereof, leaving *John* his cosin and heir xv. years of age.

In anno 1291. 19 E. 1. the Church here, was not valued; but in 14 E. 3. I find it rated at iii. marks and a half; yet is there no mention of it in 26. H. 8.

Patroni Ecclesie Incumbentes, &c.

f. 439.	Walt. Pykerel.	Joh. de Cestaneslade Cler. 8.
vl. vol. 1.		Id. Oct. 1298.
20. b.		Henn. de Schulton Cler. 17.
lt. vol. 2.	Joh. de Leicester	Julii 1330.
10. a.	Cler.	Joh. de Wentebriq 10. Nov.
f. 37. a.		1339.
		Rog. Clonne Pbr. 27. Apr.
		1340.
f. 53. b.	Walt. de Leicester	D. Thomas de Bernak Cap.
	Cler.	2. Martii 1341.
vol. 1. f.		Henn. de Ombrysey Pbr.
6.		23. Martii 1393.
f. 34. a.	Rog. Hillarie miles.	Joh. de Sloghtre Pbr. 24.
		Julii 1361.
f. 39. b.	Joh. de Hampton Do-	D. Joh. le White Pbr. pe-
	minus de Stretton.	nult. Oct. 1371.
f. 29. a.		Rob. de Caldecote Pbr. 6.
		Dec. 1361.
f. 26. b.	Rog. Hillarie miles.	D. Joh. Sweier Cap. 28.
		Nov. 1368.
vf. 53. b.		Gilb. Bury Cap. 5. Martii
		1412.
rg. vol.	D. Eliz. Domina de	D. Joh. Handy Cap. 28.
16. b.	Clinton.	Aug. 1420.
f. 7. b.	Rob. Roos miles.	Joh. Staunford Pbr.
		1426.
f. 71. a.	Thomas Pinchebek	D. Joh. Westbury Pbr. 21.
	ar.	Nov. 1429.

Joh. Wittelbury ar. & Margar. ux. ejus.	D. Joh. Sonwyn Cap. 24. Ed. 1442.	Bourch. f. 88. a.
	Will. Lumbard Cler. 11. Martii 1444.	Carp. vol. 1. f. 11. b.
Rob. Wyttelbury ar.	D. Rob. Lowth Cap. ult. Junii 1484.	Alc. f. 132. a
Anna Wittelbury.	D. Will. Flocton Cap. 18. Feb. 1506.	Gyg. 2. f. 49. a.
Ric. Clemens ar.	Will. Robyns 8. Dec. 1524.	Jeron. f. 18. a.
Anna Grey vidua nuper ux. Ric. Clement militis.	Hugo Zulley Cler. 6. Apr. 1549.	Heath f. 13. a.
Rad. Sheldon. ar.	Thomas Evans Cler. 29. Julii 1575.	Bul. f. 12. a.
Nich. Hobday Tecomman ex concess. Rad. Sheldon ar.	D. Franc. Hunt. Cler. 28. Aug. 1581.	Ib. f. 20. a.

Barcheston.

Some, being increast with this torrent, which passes by the skirts of *Stretton*, halseth Northwards, and on its Eastern bank leaveth *Barcheston*, with *Willington*, a petty Hamlet. Part of this town, viz. two hides and a half, belonging to *Will. fil. Corbucionis* in the Conquerors time (of whom in *Stadley* I have spoke) was then held of him by one *Johais*, and valued at xl s. having a Mill therein rated a C d. But the residue, viz. one hide and half a virgate, *Aluric* then held of the King, which is certified in the generall Survey amongst the lands of *Ric. Forestarius*, and valued at xl s. All which, with the two hides and a half, before exprest, was the freehold of one *Wiching* in *Edward* the Confessors dayes. In *Domesday* book it is written *Berricestone* in one place, and *Berticestone* in another; and was of so much note in those antient times, that it gave name to one of the Hundreds then in being, as I have elsewhere already observed.

Whether it were any of the descendants of the before recited *Johais* that became first enfeoffed thereof by the posterity of *Corbucion*, I cannot affirm, but do conclude that he was common Ancestor to the family of *Whitacre*, and thence had first his surname, as in *Whitacre-superior* I have manifested: Of which family was also *Simon*, who likewise assumed his surname from hence, and wrote himself *Dominus de Berchestone*, as in sundry old Records I have seen. To whom succeeded *Rich. de Barchestone* in 6. Joh. and after him *Simon*, *Henry*, and *Alexander*: Then *Richard* in E. 2. time; whose name in 17. of that Kings reign is in the list amongst those Esquiers, which were certified as men at Armes of this County, and bore a Crosse engrailed: And lastly *Thomas* and *Alexander*, temp. E. 3. all Lords of this Mannour. Which *Alexander*, in 26 E. 3. was in Commission with other persons of quality, for the levying and collecting of a xv. and tenth; so also in 34 E. 3. and in 45 Ed. 3. for the assessing a Subsidy of 1061 li. 07 s. in this County: But from him can I not clearly discover the successive Lords of this Mannour untill *John Durant* became owner thereof in 8. H. 6.

After which *John* I find one *Thomas Durant* in E. 4. time; then *William* in H. 7. but nothing memorable of them, other than that they were

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gentlemen, for so is *John* recorded * in 10 H. 6. and *W. Will.* in * 12 H. 7. Which *W. Will.* had issue *Henry Durant*, who by his Deed y bearing date 14. Sept. 23 H. 7. sold this Mannour to *W. Willington*, son b to *John Willington* of *Todnam* in *Gloucester-shire*, and he of a *W. Willington* of the same place, son b of another *John*; descended, as 'tis probable, from that *Raph de Wylinton*, who lived in E. 1. time (of whom I have made mention in *Chritton, Betleswozth, and Walsingham*) of which line I conceive that *John de Wylinton* and *Raph de Wylinton* were, who in the times of King *Edward 3.* and *R. 2.* had successively Summons to Parliament amongst the Barons of this Realm.

Of this *W. Will.* *Willington* I find, that being a wealthy Merchant c of the Staple, and settling himself here at *Bercheston*, he depopulated d the town in 24 H. 7. making inclosure of 530. acres of land; so that there was no more than 64. acres left for tillage, which were used by him as belonging to his Mannour-house there, and mannaged with one Plough: And that he had a very fair estate in lands in this County; as also in *Orford* and *Gloucester-shires*; but having no issue male advanced his

seven daughters in marriage to divers good families; viz. e *Margery* to *Thomas Holt* of *Aston* juxta *Birmingham* Esquier, and afterwards to Sir *Ambrose Cave* Knight, *Godith* to *Basill Fielding* of *Pettingham* Esquier, *Elizabeth* to *Edw. Bonington* of *Latford* Esquier, *Mary* to *W. Will. Sheldon* of *Beoley* Esquier, *Margaret* to *Edw. Greவில்* of *Wiltcote* Esquier, *Anne* to *Francis Mountfort* of *Kinghurst* Esquier, and *Katherine*, first to *Richard Kempe*, secondly to *W. Will. Catesby* of *Lapworth* Esquier, and lastly to *Anthony Throkmorton* a younger son to Sir *George Throkmorton* Knight. And that by his Will, f which bears date 25. Martii anno 1555. he disposed of his body to be buried here at *Bercheston*, having a fair Monument in the Church, as I shall shew by and by. But upon the partition betwixt these coheirs, this Mannour came to *Sheldon*, as it seems; for his posterity (of whom I have made some mention in *Wiltcote juxta Chritton*) doe enjoy it at this day.

The Church (dedicated to *S. Martin*) in anno 1291. (19 E. 1.) was valued g at xxviii. marks; but in h 26 H. 8. at no more than xiii li. vi s. viii d.

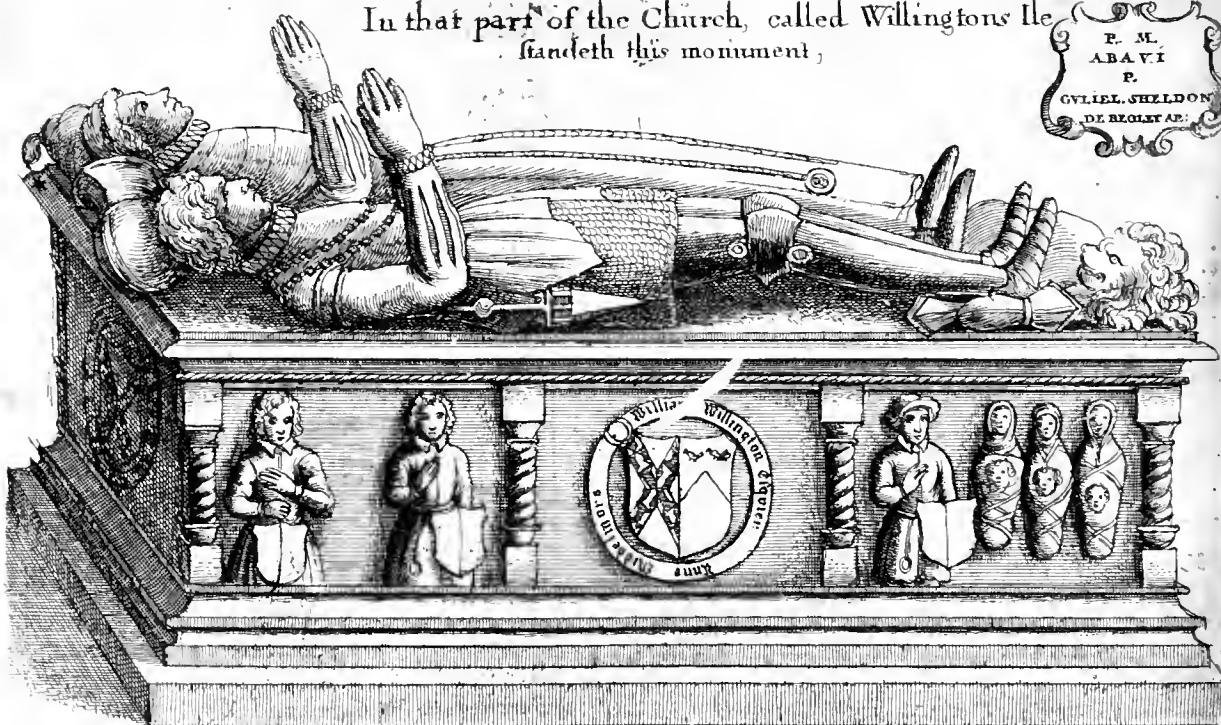
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In that part of the Church, called Willingtons Ile
standeth this monument,



P. M.
ABAVI
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GVLIEL. SHELDON
DE BEOLY AP.

* Here lieth the bodies of *William Willington* of barlon esquier. and *Anne* his Wfe. Which *William* dyed the first daye of Maye. in the heere of our lord God M CCCC lxx. unto whose soules and bodies God graunt a spynfull resurrection amen.

Patroni Ecclesiarum Incumbentes, &c.

Giff. f. 126.	Heur. de Bercheston.	Ric. de Bercheston Pbr. 3. Cal. Febr. 1281.
lb. f. 409. a.	Thomas de Bercheston.	Ioh. de Bercheston Subdiac. 10. Cal. Jan. 1296.
Mont. f. 14.		Gilb. de Swaleclive Pbr. 12. Cal. Dec. 1333.
Pol. f. 88.		Rog. de Chastelion Cler. 20. Apr. 1345.
3r. vol. 1. f. 10. b.	Alex. de Bercheston.	Nich. de Todenham Pbr. 17. Nov. 1361.
Wak. f. 35. b.	Thomas Comes VVarwici.	Ioh. Asple 7. Martii 1382.
b. f. 52. a.	Ric. Bromley, & alii Feoffati de dominio de Bercheston & advoc. Eccl.	VWill. Taylor 26. Apr. 1388.
Germ. f. 45. b.	Thomas Erdington ar.	D. Ioh. Stark 28. Dec. 1389.
b. f. 247. b.	& Sibilla ux. ejus.	D. Ioh. Gunne 18. Nov. 1433.
		Magr. Thoma, Oldbury 15. Jan. 1433.
Church. f. 6. a.	Rob. Ardern ar.	Magr. Thomas Stofton 7. Maii 1439.
arp. vol. 1. f. 68. b.		D. Thomas Pyjon 5. Maii 1449.
ll. f. 91. a.	Joh. Hugford ar. & alii Feoffati Will. Durant.	D. Hugo Byker Cap. 23. Julii 1481.
ys. 2. f. 7.	Tho. Wellys & Joh. Wellys ex concess. Will. Durant.	D. Joh. VVellys Cap. 6. Sept. 1498.
b. f. 26. b.	Rob. Throkemorton miles.	Magr. Hugo Humfrey 17. Aug. 1503.
eron. f. 43.	Georgius Throkemorton miles.	VWill. Buckmaster S. Theol. Professor 23. Apr. 1530.
leath. f. 10.		D. VWill. Lane Cler. 4. Feb. 1545.
ul. f. 82. b.	Rad. Sheldon de Beoley ar.	VWill. Bullwer Cleric. 8. Oct. 1606.

Willington.

IN this village did Robert de Stadford possesse one hide and a half at the time of the Conquerors generall Surveyⁱ, then valued at xx s. and held of him by one *Lavein*, but had been the freehold of *Dodo* and *Leuric* before the Norman invasion: The residue had *Gisbertus de Gand* (a great man in *Lincolnshire*,) which was all he posselt in this County, and extended to no more than one hide, one virgate and a half: and being held of him at that time by one *Fulbric*, together with a Mill, was valued at xx s. having been the inheritance of *Alnuardus* in *Edward* the Confessor's days. In that Record it is written *Ullabintone*. Howbeit, after this till 36 H. 3. I do not find a syllable more thereof; but then, amongst the Fees of the Lord *Stafford*, it is certified^k that *Richard de Bartone* payd xxx d. for Scutage here; and in 56 H. 3. *Robert de Hamme* was Lord of it, as appears by a Release^l made by him and *Mabell* his wife to the Nuns of *Sewardlee* (in *Com. Northampt.*) of such suit of Court as he claimed of them for the lands they held of him, and his said wife within this village. Which *Robert* in 7 E. 1. held^m of the King four yard land, here, in demesne by the service

of the seventh part of a Knights Fee, and suit twice a year to his Court at *Long Compton*; for of that Mannour, it seems, it was then a memberⁿ, and in 15 E. 1. in the possession^o of *John de Hamme* son to the said *Robert*. But in 9 E. 2. the whole village was reputed^p a Hamlet of *Bercheston*.

Which *John* departed^q this life in 13 E. 2. leaving *Robert* his brother and heir, then Parson of *Kurtwent*, lx. years of age; who in 17 E. 2. sold the inheritance of this Mannour to *Thomas de Hamme*. Which *Thomas* gave a Fine^r to the King of five marks for licence to make that purchase, it being held^s in Capite of the King, by the service of the fourth part of a Knights Fee; and no more belonging^t thereto than one mess. half a carucate of land, and xi s. Rent of Assize per annum. But after this do I find no more mention thereof for a long time, other than amongst the Knights Fees held of the Lord *Stafford*, where it is certified^u that *Robert Holewey* held half a Knights fee in this place (written *Uolpington*) and that the depopulation, here, hath been very ancient^x.

Honington.

THIS is one of those towns that *Earl Leofrik*, in the first year of King *Edward* the Confessors reign, gave^y to the Monastery of *Cobentre*, at the Foundation thereof, and in the Conquerors time was rated^z at five hides, having four Mills yielding liv s. iv d. per annum; but the whole value is, by the Survey then made, certified at x li. wherein it is written *Hantone*: From which time forwards, till the generall dissolution of the Monasteries, it did continue to that Religious house, so that there is not much remarkable thereof, other than that in 33 H. 3. the Monks demised^a it unto *Raph de Leicestre* Canon of *Litchfield* to hold during his life, together with the advouton of the Church; and that in 41 H. 3. they obtained a Charter^b of Free-warren in all their demesne lands here: As^c also that the Tenants thereof, besides their severall Rents, performed sundry services, every other day from the Feast of *S. John Baptist* till *Michaelmasse*; but if the Lord would employ them in mowing before *Midsummer* day, then to allow them for their work: For which services they were to have one Mutton, or viii d. with viii. loaves of Bread, and a Cheese, as also iv d. in money, they being to carry Hay out of the Lords meadow, and to mow with one man a piece for a day and a half: And moreover, that each of them should come to the Lords Reap with all his family excepting his wife, where he was to reap two lands and carry them; but to perform no other service for that day: And likewise plow four times in the year, scil. two selions a piece; as also sow and harrow the same, having seed found at the Lords barn; And lastly to harrow two days a piece, giving x. Eggs and i d. for every Alehouse; and repair the Lords Pool as often as need should require. All which said Tenants were to pay unto the Lord xvii s. iv d. for ancient Aid, and for carriage of Fish iii s. iv d. per annum. As also vi s. viii d. for maintenance of his Corn-cart; and every two yard land to carry one load of wood from *Backwood* to this town; in which week they should do no other work: but none of them to sell his Horse-Colt without Licence of the Lord.

The Cottiers, being xvi. in number, did then also perform such like services; every of them paying four Hens, one Cock, and five Eggs, which they were to carry unto **Cobentre**. Of these Freeholders was *Nicholas Trimenell* the Chief, who held a seven yard land of the said Monks by the service of the tenth part of a Knights Fee. All which before specified, was with the Rectory and advowson of the Vicaridge, in consideration of 786 li. - 07 s. - 06 d. past to *Robert Gybbes* of **Honington** gentleman, and his heirs 28. Apr. 32 H. 8. to hold in Capite by the tenth part of a Knights Fee, paying 04 li. 07 s. 04 d. ob. yearly to the King his heirs and successors. Which *Robert* dyed & seized thereof 10 Aug. 5. & 6. Ph. & M. leaving issue *Robert* his son and heir 30. years of age, who was the father of Sir *Raph Gibbs* Knight, and he of Sir *Henry Gibbs* that now enjoys it.

The Church (dedicated to *All Saints*) was in anno 1291: 19 E. 1. valued at xv. marks, the portion, which the Monks of **Cobentre** had out of the Tithes belonging thereto, being then rated at iii. marks, and appropriated to them by *John Thoresby* Bishop of **Worcester** 25. Febr. anno 1350. (25 E. 3.) whereupon ten marks per annum, was reserved for maintenance of the Vicar and a Pension of x s. yearly to the said Bishop and his successors, the same appropriation being confirm'd by the King five years following: about which time the said Monks granted to the Prior and Convent of **Worcester** an yearly Pension of xliii s. iv d. to be paid on the Quinsime of *S. Mich.* forever, in recompence of such damage as they should sustain by reason of the said Appropriation: But it seems there was some alteration afterwards made in these Pensions; for in 26 H. 8. that paid to the Bishop of **Worcester** was xxvi s. viii d. per annum; that to the Monks of **Worcester** xx s. and that to the Archdeacon of **Worcester** iv s. v d. ob.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.

Incumbentes, &c.

Cob. f. 115.

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Mont. f. 16.

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Wol. fol. 2.

f. 87. a.

Br. vol. 1. f.

36. a.

Wit. f. 24. a.

Cliff. f. 87.

b.

Morg. vol.

1. f. 28. b.

Carp. vol. 1.

f. 38. a.

Gyg. 2. f. 50.

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1b. f. 67. b.

1b. f. 122. a.

Jeron. f. 45.

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Bul. f. 15. b.

Prior & Conv. de Coventre.

Patroni Vicariæ.

Edw. 3. Rex Angl. ratione vacat. Priorat. de Coventre.

Prior & Conv. de Coventre.

Eliz. Angl. Regina.

Magr. Joh. de Thoresby Pbr. 6. Cal. Feb. 1325.

Rad. de Holbeche 16. Julii 1335.

Magr. Lucas de Herdburgh Accol. 12. Jan. 1344.

Joh. Fillerton Pbr. penult. Aug. 1361.

D. Joh. de Boys Cap. 1. Junii 1368.

Will. Tybot Pbr. 1. Feb. 1405.

D. Joh. Hannyer Cap. 10. Nov. 1424.

D. Ric. Longe Cap. 21. Junii 1446.

Magr. Will. Palden in decr. Bacc. 24. Maii 1507.

D. Ric. Hays Pbr. 10. Martii 1510.

D. Thom. Copland Cap. 19. Dec. 1515.

D. Arnaldus Ryle Pbr. 23. Oct. 1530.

Will. Thorhill Cler. 4. Aug. 1578.

Rob. Gibbs de Honington ar.

Rad. Gibbs ar.

Rad. Gibbs miles.

D. Joh. Heynes Cler. 26. 1b. f. 28. b. Oct. 1584.

Georgius Ball Cler. 9. Martii 1600. 1b. f. 74. a.

Thomas Brownent Cler. 23. Jan. 1607. 1b. f. 85. a.

Bradmore.

This place, taking its name from the flat and low situation thereof, is a member of **Honington**. In 36 H. 3. (for before that time I find no mention of it) *Will. de Timor*, and *John de Bradmore* held the tenth part of a Knights Fee here, of the Monks of **Cobentre**. Which Monks in 7 E. 1. had six Tenants here, holding x yard land by the like Rents and services as those of **Honington** performed: But by the Act of Dissolution in 30 H. 8. it came with **Honington** to the Crown, as parcel of the lands belonging to the Priory of **Cobentre**: and so, being involved with that Mannour in the Patent to *Robert Gibbs*, is now the inheritance of Sir *Henry Gibbs* before specified.

Idlicote.

Northwards from **Honington**, but at a little farther distance from the bank of **Stoure**, stands **Idlicote**; which in the Conquerors time being posselt by *Rob. de Stadford*, and by the generall Survey certified to contain five hides, was valued at viii li. having been the freehold of *Anegrin*, and *Ordric* before the Norman invasion. In that Survey it is written **Etelincote**, which shews that its originall denomination proceeded from some antient dweller there, in the Saxons time. But from the said *Robert*, or *Nicholas* his son, was this Mannour past to *Geffrey de Clinton* Chamberlain and Treasurer to King *Henry 1.* and by him, upon his Foundation of the Monastery of **Kenilworth** in this County, given (inter alia) thereunto. In that Charter it is written **Itellicote**, but afterwards, for the most part, **Itellicote**: which grant was confirmed by the said *Nicholas de Stafford*, who acquitted the Canons of **Kenilworth** from the service of one Knights Fee, whereby the same *Geffrey* held it of him; in consideration whereof he gave to this *Nicholas*, v. marks of silver, and to *Maud* his wife ii. marks.

In 7 E. 1. the Canons of **Kenilworth**, being Lords thereof, had 3. carucats of land here in demesne, and a Windmill: as also severall Tenants holding xv. yard land and a half by certain Rents and services; scil. plowing mowing, making Hay, &c. together with a Court-Leet, and Court Baron: which privileges with certain others, viz. Gallowes, Weifs, and to be quit of all secular exactions, suits to the County and Hundred Courts, and from Common amerciements, did they claim in 13 E. 1. by the grants of divers Kings, and had the same allowed: And in 19 E. 1. obtained a Charter of **Free-warren** in all their demesne lands here: But upon the generall dissolution of the Monasteries it came to the Crown, and was soon after; viz. in 33 H. 8. past away, together with the advowson of the Church, unto *Thomas Cawarden* Esquier, and

m Testa de Neuill.

n Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 119. a.

o Domest. lib.

p Reg. d. Kenil. f. 1.

r Cart. 8 E. 1. n. 4. p. 1.

s Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 71. a. b.

t Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 71. a. b.

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and *Eliz.* his wife, and the heirs of the body of the said *Thomas* lawfully begotten. Which *Thomas* left no issue, as I suppose; for it reverted to the Crown, and in 4 *Eliz.* was granted^y to *Ludowik Grevill* and others; but soon after to *Underhill*, as it seems; for in 12 *Eliz.* did *Will. Underhill* dye^z seized thereof, leaving *Will.* his son and heir *xiii.* years of age and upwards; whose granchild, *S^r Hercules Underhill* Knight now enjoys it.

The Church (dedicated to *S^t James*) was in *an.* 1291 (19 *E. 1.*) valued^a at *vii.* marks, the Canons of *Henilworth* then having a portion out of the Tithes thereof, to the value of *x s.* But in^b 26 *H. 8.* at *xiii l. vi s. viii d.* there being at that time *ix s. v d.* yearly paid by the Incumbent for *Synodalls* and *Procurations*.

Patroni Ecclesie.

Incumbentes, &c.

<i>f. f. 471 b</i>	<i>Rob. de Ketene Accol. 3. Non. Julii 1301.</i>
<i>f. f. 22 b</i>	<i>Thomas de Tydinton Cap. 11 Cal. Junii 1310.</i>
<i>f. f. 22 b</i>	<i>Magr. Joh. de Badington Cler. 19. Cal. Sept. 1325.</i>
<i>vol. 1. f. 3 b.</i>	<i>Rog. Dod Pbr. 15 Oct. 1361.</i>
<i>f. f. 13 a</i>	<i>Joh. Kynarton 25 Apr. 1402.</i>
<i>f. f. 60 a</i>	<i>Joh. Hull Cap. 28 Martii 1428.</i>
<i>f. 84 a</i>	<i>D. Johan. Slatter 1 Julii 1430.</i>
<i>Arch. f. b</i>	<i>D. Ric. Yonge Pbr. 12 Oct. 1437.</i>
<i>f. 88 b</i>	<i>D. Thomas Nele Cap. 2 Feb. 1442.</i>
<i>Op. vol. 1 f. b.</i>	<i>Mr. Will. Clopton in art. Magr. 12 Jan. 1451.</i>
<i>l. 118 a</i>	<i>D. Joh. Letteworth Cap. 18 Julii 1454.</i>
<i>l. 139 a</i>	<i>D. Ric. Stephyn 8 Aug. 1456.</i>
<i>l. 142 a</i>	<i>D. Rad. Vaudray 9 Apr. 1457.</i>
<i>l. 171 a</i>	<i>Hugo Kyrkland art. Mr. 15 Martii 1462.</i>
<i>Ch. vol. 2 f. a</i>	<i>D. Rog. Sylvester Cap. ult. Apr. 1470.</i>
<i>G. 2. f. 17</i>	<i>Nich. Snede Cap. 29 Jan. 1501.</i>
<i>l. 53 b</i>	<i>Joh. Blythe Cler. 8 Maii 1510.</i>
<i>f. f. 3 a</i>	<i>Thomas Caverden ar. Ric. Bushop Cler. 26 Maii 1544.</i>
<i>l. 21 b</i>	<i>D. Rog. Clerke Cler. 6 Sept. 1556.</i>
<i>f. f. 33 b</i>	<i>Will. Underhill Gen. Will. Stocke S. Theol. Bacc. penult. Jan. 1583.</i>
<i>l. 63 a</i>	<i>D. Eliz. Regina per Joh. Brokes Cler. 24 Maii 1593.</i>
<i>l. 77 b</i>	<i>Joh. Such Gen. ex concess. Herculis Underhill Gen. Nich. Hill Cler. 5 Jan. 1602.</i>

Whatcote.

Below *Whatcote* is *Stowe* more augmented by a rivulet that hath its rise about the foot of

Edghill; on the South side of which torrent stands only *Whatcote*, whereof I purpose next to speak. This in the Conquerors Survey is written *Quatercote*, and certified^c to contain *v.* hides, having then a Church; and was at that time posselt by *Hugh de Grentemaisnill*, the value thereof being *vii l.* but before the Norman invasion it was the inheritance of one *Toti*. From which time till 7 *E. 1.* I have not met with any light whereby the successive owners thereof may be discovered; howbeit, then I find^d that *John le Lou* and *Philip* his son were Lords thereof, as also Patrons of the Church; and that they held it of the Abbot of *Westminster* by the service of half a mark. And moreover, that they then had two Carucates of land in demesne, with a *Court-Leet*, and all other privileges that the said Abbot had; and likewise 8 Tenants holding severall proportions of land, paying certain Rents, and performing sundry servile imployments. After this, viz. in 3 *E. 2.* *Philip le Wolf*, or *Lou* (for I find he is the same man) and *Margery* his wife levied a Fine^e of the moiety of this Mannour, by which it was settled upon the heirs of her the said *Margerie*; Whereupon I suppose it to have been of her inheritance, and that *Amicia* the wife of *John le Lou*, and she were sisters: which being so, then will it appear by what I shall shew in *Hampton* in *Arden*, that they were heirs to *Richard de Arden*.

It seems that the whole interest that the same *John le Lou* and *Amicia* had in this Mannour came to the said *Philip* and *Margery*; for in 9 *E. 2.* *Philip le Lou* is certified^f to be Lord thereof; whose name also I find^g in 17 *E. 2.* amongst those Knights and other men at Armes in this County then returned into the Chancery. In 3 *E. 3.* it appears, that the said *Margerie*, then his Widow, entailed it by Fine^h after her own decease, upon *Will.* the son of *John de Heyford*, and *Amicia* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies; but for lack of issue by them, on *John* the brother of the said *William*, and *Lora* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies, with remainder to *John* the son of *Robert VVolf* and his heirs. By which entail the moiety thereof divolvedⁱ to *Joan* the wife of *John*, son to *Richard de Foxcote*, who past^k it away, together with the advouson of the Church, unto *Thomas de Morehall* Clerk: But it was not long after, that the whole Mannour became the possession of *Edmund* Earl of *Stafford*, who being slain^l in the battail of *Shrewsbury* 4 *H. 4.* *Anne* his widow had it, *inter alia*, assigned^m to her in dower. After which the posterity of the said Earl enjoy'd it till 12 *H. 8.* that *Edw. D. of Buck.* past it to *Richard* Bishop of *Winchester*, and others, to the use of *S^r Will. Compton* Knight, from whom the Earl of *Northampton*, now Lord thereof, is descended.

The Church (dedicated to *S^t Peter*) being originally endowedⁿ with half a yard land, was in *an.* 1291. (19 *E. 1.*)^o valued at *vi.* marks and a half; the advouson whereof in 3 *E. 2.* had *Philip le Lou* and *Margerie* his wife Licence^p from the King to grant unto the Nuns of *Winley* in this County: Nevertheless they did not so dispose thereof; for in 41 *E. 3.* *Thomas de Morehall* had the like Licence^q to passe it to the Canons of *Little-Palvern* in *Worcestershire*, and they leave to appropriate^r it; which was performed the 5. of June, *an.* 1368 (42 *E. 3.*) by *Will. Wittlesey* Bishop of *Worcester*. Another Instrument^s of the like nature

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d Inq. per H. Notr. Eccl. f. 101. b

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f Nom. Vil. g Ex coll. H. Ferrers.

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n Inq. per H. Notr. Eccl. f. 102. b.

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q Pat. 41 E. 3. p. 7 m. 8.

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s Ex Regist. D. & Cap. wigorn. f. 343.

nature did *Henry Wakefeild* Bishop of *Worcester* make, dated at *Berkelebury* 21. Nov. an. 1388 (12 R. 2.) whereupon a yearly Pension of iii^s iiij^d was reserved to the said Bishop and his successors, to be paid out of the fruits thereof. But notwithstanding all this, those Canons of *Malverne* never took benefit of these appropriations; for it continued a Rectory, and in 26. H. 8. was valued^u at xiii^l vi^s viii^d over and above ix^s v^d ob. allowed for Procurations and Synodalls.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.

Incumbentes &c.

Giff. 116. a	<i>Joh le Lou & Amicia ux ejus, & Philip- pus le Lou & Margeria ux. ejus.</i>	<i>Joh. le Lou Cler. 5. Id. Maii 1281.</i>
Hort. vol. 1 f. 19. b	<i>Margeria le Wolfe domina de Whatcote.</i>	<i>Will. le Brut Pbr. 12. Julii 1329.</i>
1b. f. 20. a		<i>Rad. de Snelleston Pbr. 8. Dec. 1329.</i>
Wolst. vol. 2. f. 45. b	<i>Joh. de la Morehall.</i>	<i>Thomas de la Morehall 24 Nov. 1340.</i>
Br. vol. 1. f. 27. b	<i>Thomas atte Morehall resignavit & presentavit.</i>	<i>Barth. de Brechinham Pbr. 18. Junii 1359.</i>
1b. f. 41. b	<i>Phil. de Todenham, Rog. Dod, Ric. de Mene, & Ric. West.</i>	<i>Joh. Mulward Pbr. 3. Dec. 1361.</i>
Wit. f. 2. 4. a		<i>Frater Thomas Bandy monachus 5. Cal. Junii 1368.</i>
Lyn. f. 19. a	<i>Prior & Conv. de Malvern minori.</i>	<i>D. Ric. de Depedale 11. Apr. 1374.</i>
Wak. f. 19. a		<i>Rog. de Caldecote 12. Oct. 1380.</i>
1b. f. 39. b		<i>Joh. Kyldale 14. Oct. 1384.</i>
1b. f. 41. b	<i>Hugo Comes Staffordia.</i>	<i>Joh. Clifford Pbr. 27. Maii 1385.</i>
Wak. f. 93. a		<i>Joh. Wygot 10. Maii 1392.</i>
Per. v. f. 7. b		<i>Joh. Aspele 3. Julii 1409.</i>
1b. f. 12. a		<i>D. Joh. Taylour 13. Jan. 1409.</i>
1b. f. 58. b		<i>D. Thomas Stanford 4. Nov. 1413.</i>
1b. f. 63. a		<i>D. Joh. Aspele Cap. 10. Martii 1414.</i>
1b. f. 67. b	<i>Prior & Conv. de Malvern minori.</i>	<i>Joh. Hancock Cap. 26. Aug. 1414.</i>
Pult. f. 16. a		<i>D. Thomas Chyn Cap. 23. Martii 1426.</i>
Bouych. f. 68. b		<i>D. Christoph. Strange Cap. 29. Julii 1440.</i>
Carp. vol. 1. f. 99. b		<i>D. Thomas Nelle Cap. 4. Dec. 1451.</i>
Alc. f. 159. a		<i>D. Will. Aldyngton Cap. 23. Junii 1486.</i>
Gyg. 2. f. 58. a	<i>Will. Hill ratione concess. Pr. & Conv. de Malvern.</i>	<i>Rob. Maud Cler. 2. Maii 1511.</i>
Bell. f. 29. b	<i>Hem. 8. Rex Angl.</i>	<i>Nich. Austin Cler. 26. Apr. 1542.</i>
Bul. f. 8. a	<i>D. Anna Comitissa Penbrochia.</i>	<i>Hem. Michell Cler. 14. Julii 1573.</i>
1b. f. 68. a	<i>Joh. Morell ex concess. Will. Domini Compton.</i>	<i>D. Joh. Dampart Cler. 20. Dec. 1597.</i>

Oxhill.

ON the North side this torrent lyes *Oxhill*, in the Conquerors Survey^w written *Oxselbe*; and, being posselt by the same *Hugh de Grente- maisnil* of whom I have made mention in *Whatcote*, was then certified to contain x. hides, having a Mill rated at xvi^d. but the value of all together was xi^l. and before the Norman invasion belong'd to the same *Toli*, who had *Whatcote*. After this, viz. in H. 2. time, *Engelram de Dumart* became owner thereof, whose sisters named^x *Emma* and *Aeliz*, by reason of his death without issue, succeeded^y him in the inheritance of it, and had livery thereof in 31 of that Kings reign. Upon what occasion it was that K. *John* seized upon it appears not; but in 18 of his reign, the Shiriff of this County received command^z to deliver possession thereof to *Thodoric de Whicheford*, to whom he had given it; in which Record^a it is written *Thodeschulbe*: howbeit in 3 H. 3. *Thomas de Periton* had restitution^b thereof as heir to *Engelard Dummarish* (five *Dumart*) his uncle. Which *Thomas* departing this life in 11 H. 3. *Adam* his son and heir had livery^c of these lands in *Oxschelste* (for so it is written) of his inheritance; and the next year following was^d acquitted of the Scutage for half a Knights fee here due upon the expedition of *Barry*: which *Adam* bore^e for his Armes *Barry* of six peices, and upon a Canton 3. barrs wavye. But from the family of *Periton* it divolved to *S^r Will. de Keyns K^t* by *Margaret* a daughter and heir (as the Descent sheweth:) which *S^r Will.* had issue *Robert*, who in 7 E. 1. held^f it of the King in *Capite* by the service of one Knights fee, having one carucate of land in demein, and five Tenants holding severall proportions by performance of certain servile labours, and payment of particular Rents: As also divers Freeholders.

It was likewise then found^g, that the Prior of *Ware* had one yard land here, and the Monks of *Bordesley* 2 carucates, and 6 virgates, bestowed on them by *Geffery de Beningworth*; three virgates by *Nich. de Donington*, one by *Ric. Clerke*, and one by *Rob. Dumbard*: As also that they had ix. Tenants holding sundry proportions by several Rents and servile employments, with a Court-leet by the grant of K. H. 3. Which Family of *Keyns*, being of eminent note, posselt^h *Dodford* in *Northamptonshire*, *Combe-Keynes*, and *Tarent-Keynes* in *Dorsetshire*, and other lands of good value, heldⁱ by Barony; but afterwards for want of issue male this Mannour divolved to *Cressy*, through a coheir, *Sir John Cressy* of *Dodford* before specified being owner of it in^k 10 *Henry 6.* who departing^l this life without issue in 31 H. 6. *Alianore* the wife to *S^r Humfrey Stafford* of *Graston* Knight, and *Isabell* the wife of *S^r Thomas Chaworth* Knight were found^m his heirs. Whereupon, by partition made betwixt *Chaworth* and *Stafford* it was allotted to the said *Alianore*, as it seems; for I findⁿ that upon an Affize of *Novell disseisin* brought by *John Hatheyk*, who claimed an estate in tail thereof, as heir unto *Keynes*, he recovered it against her in 2. E. 4. and that afterwards by his Deed^o of bargain and sale, bearing date 4. Jan. 21 E. 3. in confide-

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Nether Pillerton.

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Below Driftill about a mile, lies **Nether Pillerton**, which containeth in its parish **Ober-Pillerton**, and **Sperton-Boteler**. In the Conquerors time **Hugh Earl of Chester** had 1 hide and 3 virgates of land here, then held of him by one **Waleran**, and valued at xxx^s. which before the Norman invasion was the inheritance of **Hugo Camerarius**: But the residue of this town, at that time posselt by **Hugh de Grememaisnill**, and written **Pillardotune**, contained x. hides, besides the woods extending to one mile in length, and as much in breadth; there being a Mill rated at v^s and a Church; all which amounted to xviii^l. and in **Edw.** the Confessors dayes was the freehold of one **Baldwin**. It was not long that these two great men; sc, **Hugh Earl of Chester**, and **H. de Grememaisnill**, continued owners thereof; for King **H. 1.** (as it seemeth) gave the same, either to **Henry de Newburgh Earl of Warwick**, or else to Earl **Roger** son to the same **Henry**, as may appear by the certificate^b made in 12 H. 2. Where **Willel. Earl of Warwick** (*inter alia*) declareth, that he held it by one Knights Fee de veteri Feoffamento, and that **Robertus fil. Willelmi** was his Tenant thereof: which **Robert** I take to be the man, who is written^c **R. de Pilardinton**, being Founder^d of the little Monastery at **Pine** in this County.

Howbeit, others there were that bore the surname of this place, as ^e **Gerold de Pilardestone**, in 16 H. 2. **Roger de Pilardinton** in ^f **K. John's** time. **Steph. de Pilardestone**, and **Richard**^h his son and heir temp. **H. 3.** But none of these were Lords of the place for ought I could ever discern: for certain it is, that one **Gilebert de Wasevill** posselt it in **R. 1.** time, and by committing Felony, whereof he was convicted, forfeited his whole estate; which occasioned the King to seize^k upon this Lordship, and bestow it upon **Hugh de Hercy**. But not long after came **Waleran Earl of Warwick** to the said King **Richard**, and petitioned for the same as his right, forasmuch as the forfeiture thereof belonged to him, in regard it was of his Fee, and obtained it accordingly; yet at the King's request, that the before specified **Hugh de Hercy** might enjoy it, did thereupon make a^m grant thereof to him.

Unto which **Gilb. de Wasevill** I findⁿ that **Hugh de Gornai** was the immediate Tenant thereof, and that upon a suit in the Kings Court in 5. **Ioh.** **Ostert de Renerai** recovered^o the possession of it against him the said **Hugh**: but within 3. dayes after that, **Geffery Fitzpiers**, then **Iusticiarius** ^p **Anglae**; had command^q to restore it unto **Hugh de Hercy**: Nevertheless **H. de Gornai** retained it for a while, so that the said **Hugh de Hercy** was exposed to a suit^r at law for it; for in the same year wherein the suit was commenced, it appeareth, that the King, to make satisfaction to **Gornai**, to whom he formerly had given possession of it, commanded^s that the Sheriff of this County should deliver unto the said **Hugh de Hercy** seisin of the Mannour of **Bineton**, which he had before granted to him in exchange for **Pillardinton**, upon condition, that if the said **Hugh de Hercy** could obtain **Pillardinton** of **Gornai**, either by a friendly agreement, or a lawfull triall, that then **Bineton** should revert to the King. By which of

these means it was that **Hercy** had it, I cannot directly tell; but that his posterity enjoy'd it, is very certain.

This **Hugh de Hercy** gave for his Armes^t only a labell of 5. points; and left **John** his son^u and heir in ward^v to **Thomas Bassett** in 13 **Joh.** From which **John** descended **John de Hercy** (I suppose his grandien) who in 7. **E. 1.** held^x this Mannour of the Earl **Warwick**, by the service of one Knights Fee, having at that time one carucate^y of land in demesne, and seven Tenants holding severall proportions by particular Rents, and sundry servile employments: But this **John** had no issue, as I guesse; for in 35 **E. 1.** he settled^z it, after the decease of himself and **Lettice** his wife, upon **Thomas Wandak** and **Alice** his wife, and the heirs of the said **Thomas**, covenanting to receive of the same **Thomas**, during his own and his said wives life, six quarters of Wheat, and six quarters of Barley; and bore for his Armes^z a Fesse, with a labell of 3. points in chiefe. From which, **Hercy** was it, for a long time, called **Pillerton-Hercy**, by way of distinction from the other **Pillerton**, called **Pillerton-Priors**.

To the before specified **Thomas Wandak** succeeded **John**, betwixt whom and **Will. Spine** there was a suit^a for the title to this Mannour in 29 **E. 3.** the said **Willel.** recovering the possession of it, against him the said **John** and **Katherine** his wife, as also against **Thomas Paynell** & others. After which, the next mention thereof, that I meet with, is by a Fine^b levied in 48 **E. 3.** betwixt **Thomas de Wencote**, and **Alice** his wife Plaintiffs, and **Henry de Erynton** and **Kath.** his wife Deforc. Whereby the said **Henry** and **Kath.** for themselves and the heirs of the said **Katherine**, quitted all their interest therein to the same **Thomas de Wencote** and **Alice**, and the heirs of the said **Alice** for ever: in consideration whereof the same **Henry** and **Katherine** were to receive yearly during their lives x l. sterling: so that 'tis not unlike but that the said **Alice** and **Kath.** were daughters and coheirs to the above specified **John Wandak**: Yet how it comes to passe I cannot well imagine, but the year ensuing the said Fine so levied, **John de Hastings** Earl of **Pembroke** was found^c to dye seized thereof, **Anne** his widow having it (*inter alia*) assigned^d to her in dower. So likewise did^e **John de Hastings** son and heir to the said Earl in 13 **R. 2.** leaving **Reginald Grey of Ruthin** his cousin and heir. But in 2 **H. 4.** I find^f that the heirs of **S^r John Thornbury** Knight, held a Knights Fee here of the Earl of **Warwick**; and that in 10 **H. 6.** **S^r Philip Thornbury** of **Wygrave** in **Com. Hartford** Knight was Lord^g of this Mannour: As also that in 36 **H. 6.** **Richard Thornbury** Esq; with **Thomas** his son, demised^h it to **Hugh Dalby** Gent. for certain years: Howbeit, all that I have farther seen relating thereto, is that in 34 **H. 8.** there was a Fine levied thereof betwixt **Willel. Whorwood** Esq; Plaintiff, and **John Mawdley** Esq; and others Deforc. but to what uses I know not: And that in 1. & 2. **Ph. & M.** the **Q.** grantedⁱ to **Willel. Rice** Esq; the moytie of the same, which had escheated to the Crown by the attainder of **S^r Ambrose Dudley** Knight.

Touching the Church (dedicated to the blessed Virgin) I find, that in King **John's** time there were great suits^j betwixt the Monks of **S. Prots** and **Thomas Bassett**, who had the wardship of **John** son and heir of **Hugh de Hercy**, for the right of Presentation

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sentation thereto the Monks pretending that the said *Hugh de Hercy* gave them the perpetuall patronage thereof: but in 14 *Joh.* they came to an Agreement^m, whereby they concluded to present joyntly to the Rectory; and likewise to the Vicaridge by consent of the Parson; so that the Vicar should pay yearly to the Parson 4 marks, saving always the right of the said heir, and of the Monks. In an. 1291 (19 E. 1.) it was valuedⁿ at xx. marks; out of which the Prior of *Ware* had a portion of Tithes amounting in value to 7. marks and a half. Upon what title it was I know not, but I do find, that *Thomas de Tyldinton*, a Priest, recovered^o by a tryall at Law against *John de Hercy* the advowson thereof, which he after past away to *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick*, by his Deed dated^p at *Cluncley* the Wednesday after the Feast of *S. Mich. an. 1309.* (3 E. 2.) whole son and heir, viz. *T. Beauchamp* Earl of *Warw.* in 8 E. 3. gave^q the said advowson to the Canons of his Coll. Church at *Warwick*; who, within 7. years after, obtained an appropriation^r of the fruits thereof, from *Wolstan* then Bishop of *Worcester*, bearing date at *Hertlebury* 6 Dec. an. 1341, (15 E. 3.) which was so granted by that Bishop towards the support^t of their charge in building of the Steeple of the same Collegiate Church, there being by him then reserved out of the same a congruous portion for maintenance of a Vicar, to the value of xii. marks, and a yearly Pension of half a mark to himself and his successors, to be payd at the Feast of *S. Mich.* the Archangell: the Monks of *Worcester*, having an annual Pension^u also granted to them to *Kal. Aug.* 23 E. 3. by the Canons of the said Coll. Church for their indemnity in respect of the said appropriation.

In 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge being valued^v at viii^l there was an yearly Pension^w of iii^l. vi^s. viii^d. payd to the Monks of *Shene* out of it; as also xli^s to the Bishop of *Worcester*, and xvi^s. viii^d to the Monks of *Worcester*, by composition issuing out of the Rectory.

Patroni Ecclesiaz.

Incumbentes &c.

6. 129. b	<i>Nich. de Hercy</i> Cler. filius
1b. 369. b	<i>Joh. 3 Non. Nov. 1287.</i>
1b. 452. b	<i>Nich. de Hercy</i> Pbr. 8. Id. Dec. 1292.
	<i>Herr. de Hampton</i> medicus & Subdiac. 18 Cal. Maii 1299.
3. 12. b	<i>Jac. de Warr</i> Cler. 8. Id. Martii 1307.
Re. 12. b	<i>Guido de Bellocampo</i> Will. le Archer de Toneworth 11 Cal. Junis 1310.
1. f. 26.	<i>Thomas Co. Warw.</i> Henr. de Staunton Cler. 18. Feb. 1336.
1. f. 23. a	<i>D. Will. Haukin</i> Pbr. 9 Jan. 1367.
1. f. 54. a	<i>Joh. Coles</i> Pbr. 8 Oct. 1388.
Cl. f. 23. b	<i>D. Joh. Wethy</i> Pbr. 28 Apr. 1403.
M. vol. 2. 1. a	<i>Thomas Sumner</i> Cap. 24. Jan. 1419.
1. f. 78.	<i>D. Ric. Ferthyng</i> 3. Nov. 1440.
Ca. vol. 2. f. 1. b	<i>D. Rog. Kenyan</i> 24 Dec. 1472.

<i>D. Joh. Hobbys</i> Cap. 4. Julii 1475.	1b. f. 79. a
<i>D. Ric. Salford</i> Pbr. 8 Martii 1510.	Gyg. 2. f. 67 b.
<i>D. Episc. per lapsum.</i> Ric. More Cler. 6 Nov. 1562.	Heath f. 37 a.
<i>Will. Compton</i> domini. Rob. Hall Cler. 23 Feb. 1590.	du. f. 62. b

Over Pillerton.

This also being part of the possessions of *Hugh de Grentemaiskill*, in the Conquerors time, was by him given^x to the Monastery of *St. Ebrulf* in *Normandy*, founded by his brother *Robert*, and two uncles, sc. *Will.* and *Robert*, sons of *Gerot*: In the confirmation of which grant by King *Will.* the Conqueror, it is called^y *parva Pillardenton*. The extent thereof, by the generall Survey taken at that time, was vi. hides and one virgate of land, then valued at x^l. and posselt by 4. Theins in *Edw.* the Confessors dayes. But the revenue of this Lordship was received and disposed of by the Monks of *Ware* in *Hertfordshire* (a Cell^z to the said House of *S. Ebrulf*) who, in 7 E. 1. held^b two carucates of land here in demesne; and had xxi. Tenants holding severall proportions by payment of certain Rent, and performance of sundry services, as plowing, mowing, making Hay and the like: As also two Cottiers and four Freeholders.

After this, upon the valuation^c of the Priors Aliens lands in 1. 2. & 3. R. 2. it was rated at viii^l. xiii^s. i^d per annum, and at the dissolution of those Houses (whereof I have spoke in *Wolston*) given by K. H. 5. to the Priory of *Shene* in *Surrey* then newly founded^d by him. But at the generall dissolution in 30 H. 8. coming to the Crown, it was in 35 of that Kings reign, sold^e out to *Geffrey Shakerley* Esq; who had License^f the same year to pass it unto . . . *Holt*. In 2. & 3. Ph. & M. there was a Fine levied^g thereof, betwixt *Richard Cliff* and others Pl. and *Christopher Lee* and others Deforc, and in 3. & 4. Ph. & M. another Fine^h betwixt *Henry Ward* Pl. and the same *Christoph. Lee* and others Deforc. the said *Henry* having purchasedⁱ it from *Lee*: which *Henry* died^k seized thereof 16 Dec. 1. Eliz. leaving *Will. Ward* his son and heir 19. years of age.

The Priest serving in the Chapell here, had Tithes to the value^l of v^l per an. in 26 H. 8. for his salarie.

Halford.

This placetaking its name originally from the forde or passage through the river *Stoure*, at first called *Aldoford* (i. e. the old Ford) hath had the H. added thereto by use in pronunciation. In the Conquerors Survey there is no particular mention of it; neither can I perfectly discover of what place it was then a member: but certain it is, that *Henry de Newburgh* Earl of *Warwick*, or *Roger* his son, were posselt thereof, and that from one of those Earls *Will. Giffard* had it granted to him in H. 1. time; for it appears^m that the said *Will.*

held two Knights Fees of *Will. Earl of Warwick* in 12. H. 2. *de veteri Feoffamento*; and that this Lordship was part thereof, is clear enough from the grant which the same *W. Giffard* made to the Canons of *Kentworth* of one hide of land here, either in *K. Steph.* or *H. 2.* time: but whether that *Rob. de Halford*, who held half a Knights Fee, here, of the Earl of *Warwick* in 20 H. 3. was descended from the said *Will. Giffard*, I cannot affirm.

The Record of 36 H. 3. expresses, that the heirs of *Andrew Giffard* then held that half Kts. Fee of the said Earl. And in 7 E. 1. *Margerie de Cantelupe* held one Watermill here of the Earl of *Warwick* by the service of one Knights Fee, having at that time two servants, as also certain Free holders here. It was then likewise found, that one *John de Ereggewithe* held three acres of land in this place of *H. de Halford*, by homage, and the service of finding for xxxvi. poor people on every *Christmase* day, *sc.* each of them a loaf of Bread, a Herring, and a flaggon of Beer. And that the glebe belonging to the Church consisted of two yard land, the Bishop of *Worcester* being then Patron thereof: as also that the whole town did their suit to the Kings Court Leet held for the Hundred of *Bineton*. And in 7 E. 1. it was certified that *S^r Robert Burdet* Knight, held one Knights Fee here of *Alan la Zousche*. And in 9 E. 2. that *John de Fosse* held the fourth part of a Knights Fee here of the Earl of *Warwick*: which Knights Fee so held by *S^r Rob. Burdet* was in 2. E. 3. held by another *Rob. Burdet* of *Robert de Holand* as in the right of *Maudⁿ* his wife, one of the daughters and coheirs of *Alan la Zousche* of *Stoby de la Zousche*. As for the lands here, which belong'd to the Canons of *Kentworth*, they were after the dissolution sold by the King to *John Pope* and his heirs 8 Feb. 36 H. 8. for 150^l. 13^s 08^d. Which *John* aliened them again the same year unto *Rob. de Halford*: but of the residue I cannot give any farther account.

In *An. 1291.* (19 E. 1.) the Church was valued at vii. marks, the portion that the Canons of *Kentworth* had out of the Tiches belonging thereto, being then rated at five marks: but in 26 H. 8. it was esteemed at xiii^l. vi^s. viii^d. the *Synodalls* and *Procurations* deducted thereout amounting to viii^l. xi^s. ob. the Pension to the Canons of *Kentworth* x^l. and that to the Monks of *Shene*, viii^s.

Patroni Ecclesiæ. Incumbentes, &c.

Giff. f. 33. b

1b. f. 53. b

Ren. f. 10. a

Maid. f. 24. a

Cob. f. 25. b

Mon. f. 15. b

1b. f. 16. b

Wolst. vol. 1. f. 19. b

Adams de Bibye Cler. 14.

Cal. Martii 1270.

Rob. de Albinton Cler. 3.

Junii 1275.

Joh. de Bebury Accol. 15.

Kal. Julii 1313.

Magr. Byndo de Bandinell

8. Id. Apr. 1315.

D. Will. Wydebrugge Pbr.

die S. M. Magd. 1321.

Magr. Thom. de Upton Cler.

25. Apr. 1335.

Thom. Bakhouse Pbr. 10

Kal. Aug. 1335.

D. Joh. de Rippon Cap. 4.

Aug. 1339.

Idem D. Episc. Wigornia.

Joh. Botoner Pbr. 30. Dec. 1b. vol. 2. f. 1339. 31 a
Rob. Marny 18. Dec. 1b. f. 46 b
1340.
Joh. Gate Cler. 17. Dec. 1b. f. 51. b
1341.
Bened. Palmer Accol. 20 wak. f. 104
Feb. 1392. a.
Steph. Donne 11 Junii cliff. f. 85. a
1405.
Joh. Tymmes 2 Junii 1406 1b. f. 98 b
Joh. Rose 28. Sept. 1410. Per. f. 14 b
D. Will. Will Piking 13. Pult. f. 92
Aug. 1431.
Mr. David Geffrey in utro- Mort. f. 21
que jure Bacc. 27 Ap. 1488 b.
D. Will. Loket Pbr. 15 Julii 1b. f. 45. a
1492.
D. Will. Sudill Cap. 2 Mar. Gyg. vol. 2
tii 1514. f. 137. a
Ric. Cheney Cler. in S. theol. Heath f. 1
Bacc. 21. Julii 1546. b.
Nich. Jackson Cler. 5. Sept. 1b. f. 35. a
1561.
Edw. Muffage Cler. 24. Bul. f. 5. a
Nov. 1571.
Will. Thornhill Cler. 8. 1b. f. 17. b
Nov. 1579.

In a North Window of the Church
this Coat.

Or two Bends gules. Sudley.

Upon a gravestone, near the dore of
the Church, this Inscription.

Hic jacet Magister Hemicus Kymyberii
quondam Rector istius Ecclesiæ, qui obiit 5. die
mensis Julii An D. MCCCCLXXXIII. Cujus
anima propitiatur Deus Amen.

Nether-Eatendon.

A little below *Halford*, *Stoure* leaveth *Nether Eatendon* on its Eastern bank; within the precincts of which parish are the Hamlets of *Over-Eatendon*, *Fulstrop*, and *Thorndon*. There is no doubt but that the name of this place was originally occasioned from its situation, *Ca* in our old English signifying water, and *dune*, or *don* an ascending ground; for at the foot of an hill, and near the river doth it stand.

After the Norman invasion *Henry de Feriers* (progenitor to that great family afterwards Earls of *Derby*) possess'd it, the extent thereof amounting to xviii. hides, then valued at xxi. as appears by the Conquerors Survey; and of him did one *Salswalo* hold it, at which time there was a Church and a Mill; to whose posterity in the male line it hath continued even to this day, being the only place in this County that glories in an uninterrupted succession of its owners for so long a tract of time; and till the reign of King *Henry 3.* was their principall seat (though their possessions in other Counties

Counties were very large) whence also they were denominated; but afterwards fixing at **Shirley** in **Derbyshire**, they assumed their surname of that place, which hath ever since been appropriated to this antient Family.

But of this *Safuuald*, whose name argues him to have been of the Old English stock, as some think, I have not much to say, considering that we have little light of History, and nothing of Record for other discovery, farther than the generall Survey before mentioned, and the Registers of **Abingdon** and **Kenilworth**; the one of which testifieth that he gave the Tithes of **Wildeleste** to the Monks of **Abingdon**, and the other that he founded the Church here at **Catendon**; for it plainly appears^a that he endowed it at its Dedication: But I do conclude that he was an eminent person, forasmuch as he did not only possess^c this great Lordship, but also **Eschmerth** in **Northamptonshire**, part of **Wintona** in **Lincolnshire**, with **Hafun**, **Hoga**, and **Etetwell** in **Derbyshire**. For as most of the English were totally bereft of their antient patrimony, so few of them were permitted to enjoy any more than a part thereof, and to hold the same by military, or other service from their new Lords (as in my Introduction is manifested) And if I may guesse at his greatnesse by the extent of his estate, which we see amounted to *xviii.* hides in this place, I must conclude him to have been no lesse than a Thane in the Saxons time, when not much more than five hides of land, as the learned *Selden* observes, was the estate of some which had that dignity. But leaving this worthy person (in regard that at so great a distance no more can be discerned of him) I come to *Henry*, his son^b, who was a witness^h to the foundation Charter of **Perevale** Abby (made by *Robert de Ferrers*, granchild to the before specified *Henry*) in *K. Steph.* time: as also a devout Benefactor to the Canons of **Kenilworth**; for by the consent of *Robert Earl Ferrers* (his Lord) and for the good estate of him the said Earl, his wife and sons; as also for the remission of his own sins, and the souls-health of his Ancestors, successors, parents and freinds, he gaveⁱ them the Church of this place, with all the Glebe and Tithes thereto belonging: which grant of his was confirmed^k by the said Earl; but dyed without issue, as it seems; for plain it is, that *Henry* the son to his brother *Fulcher* succeeded^l him in the inheritance, and conferred^m on the Monks of **Wiltwas** the land of **Thenbroc**: Which *Henry*, though he had issueⁿ *Fulcher*, yet constituted his younger brother, *Sewall*, his heir, *de Baronis Fulcheri & Henrici* (id est of the lands of his father and uncle) by Fine^o in the Court of *Will. Earl Ferrers* his superior Lord, levied in 4 *R. 1.* and perhaps by the power of that great Earl, as more favouring *Sewall*: which Baronies extended to nine Knights Fees, whereof 4. belonged to *Fulcher* his father, and 5. to the before specified *Henry* his Uncle, as the red Book^p in the Exchequer testifieth.

This *Saunwaldus*, or *Sewallus*, (for he is both ways written) being a Knight^q, and by reason of his residence here called^r *Sewallus de Etendon*, did not only disclaim and remit to the said Canons of **Kenilworth** all his interest that he had in the patronage of this Church; but for the health of his soul, and of the soules of his two wives, gave

thereunto a certain peice of ground called **Odder-croft**, containing 18 acres; and another of *x.* acres lying in **Ober-Catendon**: as also 3. acres of land adjoyning to the said **Odder-croft**. To the Canons of **Derley** in **Derbyshire** he gave^u certain lands called **Aldewerch**; and to the Monks of **Lutbury** two parts of **Hoga** (now called **Holon**) in that County. To which *Sewall* succeeded *Henry* his son and heir, called *Henricus filius Sewalli*, who attended^v *William Earl Ferrers* in the Kings Army, when he sailed into **Wolaton**, which was (as I take^w it) in 4 *Joh.* And in 7 *Joh.* by virtue of the Kings Precept^y had livery made to him of the Mannour of **Conesoure** in **Derbyshire**, whereof he had been disseised during his absence in that voyage, as it seems. This *Henry* likewise created^z an Altar, dedicated to *S. Nicholas*, in the Church here at **Catendon**, and gave^a divers particular parcells of land thereto, for the maintenance of a Chantry Priest to celebrate divine service thereat, for the health of his own soul, and the soules of his wives, as also of his childrens souls every day except on *Thursidays*, and the Feast day of *S. Nicholas*; on which day the said Priest was particularly to celebrate to that Saint. And in augmentation of the maintenance for the said Priest, he gave^b the tithe of the Toll of his Mill here, and an annuity of 5^s. whereof 4^s was to be received by the Priest for his own use, and *xiii.* for the Lampe in the said Church of **Catendon**; reserving power for himselfe and his heirs to present to the said Chantry, as often as by death it should become void.

To him succeeded^c *Sewallus*, commonly called *Sewallus filius Henrici*, who was a Knight^d, but dyed^e before the 44 of *H. 3.* And to him *James* his son and heir, the first of this family that assumed the surname of **Shirley**; for by that appellation he had **Free-warren** granted^f to him in all his demesne lands, as well at **Shirley** in **Derbyshire** 31 *H. 3.* as in 39 of the same Kings reign, here^g at **Catendon** in this County. Which *James* being afterwards^h a Knight, had issue *Raph* his son and heir, who in 7 *E. 1.* held^k this Mannour of *Edm. Earl of Lanc.* the Kings brother, by the service of two Knights fees, having at that time three carucates of land in demesne, here; and *xii.* Tenants holding several proportions by sundry services: As also divers Freeholders. The same year he was Sheriff^l of the Counties of **Nottingham** and **Derby**. In 9 *E. 1.* being presented before the Justices Itinerant, because, being of full age, and holding a whole Knights fee, he was not a Knight, he procured^m the Kings Letters Pat. as to the respiting thereof for five years: And in 22 *E. 1.* upon the grant made to the King in Parliament of a Subsidy for the support of his wars, was, with *Thomas de Garshale* constitutedⁿ a Commissioner for the assessing and collecting thereof within this County. In 28 *E. 1.* he had the custody^o of the Counties of **Salop.** and **Stafford**, with the Castle of **Shrewsbury** committed to his charge. In 29 *E. 1.* he had summons^p with divers other great men, to attend the King at **Warwick** upon **Twede** on the Feast day of *St. John Baptist's Nativity*, well appointed with Horse and Armes to march against the Scots.

^c lb. p. 163.

^a Cart. 57 H.3. m. 26.

^w Ex Regist. de Tutb. penes Henr. Agard eq. aur.

^x Claus. y 27 Joh. Lm. 8.

^z M. Paris. p. 207.

^a Reg. de Kenil. p. 165. 166.

^c F de div. Com. levat. mens. P. 31 H.3.

^d Ex autog. penes Rob. Shirley Bar.

^e Plac. de an. 44 H.3. rot. 60.

^f F. de div. Com. ut supra.

^g Cart. 31 H.3. m. 11.

^h Claus. Falc. 39 H.3. m. 2.

ⁱ Ex autog. penes eund. R. Shirley.

^k Inq. per H. Nort. & c. 106 a

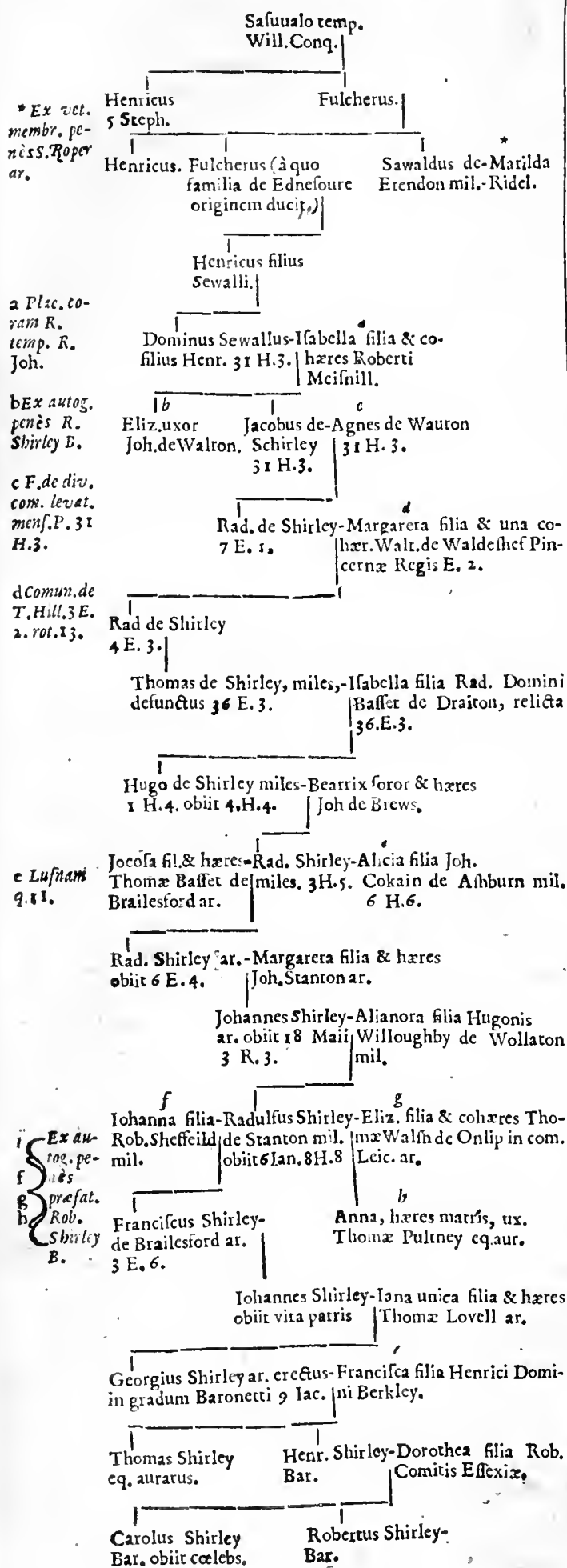
^l Com. de T. Mich. 7 E.1. rot. 1.

^m Plac. apud Deib. coram Justic. Itin. 9 E.1.

ⁿ Pat. 22 E.1. m. 2. in ccd.

^o Com. de T. Mich. 28 E.1. rot. 9.

^p Claus. 29 E.1. ind. m. 13.



In 3 E. 2. he was constituted⁹ one of the two Justices in this County for the Goal delivery at **Wartwick**: And in 5. E. 2. served as a K^r for this Shire in two Parliaments, the one¹ held at **London**, and the other¹ at **Westm.**

Being one of the Coroners in this County (an office of great note in those days, as I have elsewhere intimated,) he had, through want of health, a discharge¹ from that employment in 6 E. 2. but in 8 E. 2. was Governour^u of **Bozeaton** Castle in **Derbyshire**; and in 16 E. 2. one^w of the Commissioners in this County for levying a xvth. In 17 in^x the list of those Knights and men at Arms whose names were then certified into the Chancery: and in 20 E. 2. departed^y this life, leaving **Raph** his son and heir, who having been in^z Commission for the assessing and collecting a xvth and xth granted in the Parl. of 11 E. 3. was in 12 E. 3. appointed^a to assess and collect the Scutage then due to the King for the Scotch expedition in the first year of his reign: and in 14 E. 3. served^b in the Parl. then holden at **Westm.** as one of the Knights for this shire.

To which **Raph** succeeded **S^t Thomas Shirley** K^r of whom I find nothing memorable but his death, which hapned^c before the 36 of E. 3. and that by **Isabell** his wife, he left issue **Hugh**, who being a Knight in 1 H. 4. and the same year (by Pat.^d dated at **Westm.** 20 Martii) made Master of the Kings Hawks of all sorts, was a Justice of Peace in this County in^e 2 H. 4. and the next ensuing year constituted^f one of the Commissioners to enquire of such persons as were disturbers of the Laws and spreaders of false reports. Upon this **Hugh** and the heirs male of his body, did the last Lord **Basset** of **Drayton** (his uncle by the mothers side; for he therein calls^g him his nephew) in 13 R. 2. entail^h all his lands, whereof he was seized in Fee simple (as the Peoffment thereupon madeⁱ to **Walter-Skirlaw** Bishop of **Duresm** and others, bearing date 16 Jan. manifesteth) provided that he should bear the name and Arms of **Basset**; with remainder to **Will. de Stafford**, brother to **Edmund** Earl **Stafford** &c. but performing not the conditions, he did not quietly enjoy them, the same Earl (being found heir to the rest, through an old Entail^k made of them by **Raph** Lord **Basset**, his grandfather, in 13 E. 3.) opposing him therein. Howbeit at length was there an^l Agreement made betwixt the sayd Earl and the same **S^t Hugh**; viz. that **S^t Hugh** should quietly enjoy the premises; but both of them being slain in the battel of **Shrewsbury**, 4 H. 4. before it could be sealed, the difference about that matter continued betwixt their heirs, untill King **H. 6.** so decided it many years after, as that **S^t Raph Shirley** Knight, son and heir to the before specified **S^t Hugh**, should quietly enjoy them, according to the true meaning of that Accord; viz. the Mannours of **Radcliff** super **Soze**, and **Colton-Basset** in com. Nott. **Rakdale**, **Willows**, **Radcliff** super **Wareke**, **Barrow** super **Soze**, and **Watton** in com. **Leic.** as also those of **Westhall** and **East-Hall** in this County; many of which remain to his descendants at this day,

But I return : This *S^r Hugh* was made ^m cheif Warder of *Wigbam-Ferrers Park*, by *John* of *Gant* D. of *Lancaster* ; and in 22 R. 2. Constable ⁿ of *Donington Castle* by *Henry* Duke of *Lanc.* (afterwards King by the name of *H. 4*) and having wedded ^o *Beatrice* sister and heir to *John de Brews* (of *West-Pelton* in *Suffex*) was slain ^p on Saturday, being the Eve of *S. Mary Magd.* 4 H. 4. in the battel of *Shrewsbury*, fighting on the Kings part, leaving the said *Beatrice* a Widdow: of whom I find, ^q that in 9 H. 5. she furnisht the K. with an Elquier (by name *John Hayteley*) as also 3. Archers to serve on Horseback with him in the said Kings wars beyond Sea, for three quarters of a year. To this *S^r Hugh* succeeded *Raph* his son^r and heir, then xii years of age ; who in 3 H. 5. being retained ^r to serve the King then in person with his Army in *Guyen*, with six men at Armes and xviii Archers (the famous Battail of *Agincourt* then hapning ;) and the next^r year following with viii men at Armes and xvi Archers, was honoured with the dignity of Knighthood about that time ; for in 8 H. 5. being then Shiriff ^u of the Counties of *Pottingham* and *Derby*, I find him so stiled.

Unto this *Sr Raph*, and the heirs male of his body, did the Feoffees of *Raph Lord Bassett* of *Djaston*, in 2 H. 6. release ^v all their interest in the Mannours of *Colton-Basset*, *Radcliffe super Soze* in com. *Pott*, *Rakdale*, *Willows*, *Radcliffe super Wreke*, *Barroto super Soze*, *Duntton*, and *Wattson* in com. *Letc.* as also in the Mannours of *West-halle* and *Challe* in *Sheldon* in this County. After which, viz. in ^x 10 H. 6. he had his residence at *Radcliffe super Soze* above mentioned, and left issue, by ^y *Joyce* the daughter and heir to *Thomas Bassett* of *Willesford* Esq; *Raph*^z his son and heir, who by *Margaret*^a the daughter and heir of *John Staunton* (of *Staunton-Harold* in com. *Letc.*) had issue *John*, and dyed^b on the Feast day of *S. Steph.* 6 E. 4. Which *John* having wedded ^c *Alvanore* the daughter to *Sr Hugh Willoughby* of *Middleton K^c* dyed^d 18 Marti 3 R. 3. leaving *Raph* his son and heir 26 years of age ; who for his great valour in the battel of *Stoke* 2 H. 7. was made ^e a Banneret ; and in 7 H. 7. retained^f to serve the said King in his wars beyond Sea for one whole year, with his Custrell and Page, as also four Demilances, and xl Archers on foot, receiving for his said men at armes, Custrell, and Page xviii^l per diem ; for every of the said Lances ix^d, and Archers vi^d.

This *S^r Raph* in 13 H. 7. for his Relcif was charged^g with 5 K^s Fees, for his lands in *Shepey*, *Hone*, *Bradley*, *Polgrave*, and *Witch-over*, one K^s Fee in *Willesford*, and *Wingeworth*, and the fourth part of a Knights Fee in *Stanton-Harold* : and having by his Testament^h bearing date at *Stanton-Harold* 2 Jan. 1516. 8 H. 8. appointed, that a thousand Masses should be sayd on the day of his burying, or shortly after, for his soul, but

not assigning any certain place for his Sepulture ; within four dayes after. viz. 6 Jan. dyedⁱ seized of this Lordship of *Ober-Catendon* ; as also of *Pether-Catendon*, and *Pewton-Regis* in this County ; of *Rakdale*, *Willows*, *Ratcliff super Wreke*, *Whattton*, *Duntton*, *Stanton-Harold*, and *Boxton* in com. *Letc.* *Barnham* in *Suff.* *Easter-Leek*, and *Sutton-Bontington* in *Pottingham-Wires* : as also of *Shirley*, *Willesford*, *Cadneston*, and *Hoone* in *Derbyshire*, leaving *Francis* his son and heir within^k age, afterwards in Ward^l to *S^r Will. Compton K^c*. which *Francis* in E. 6. time resided^m at his Mannour of *Willesford* in *Derbyshire*, and had issue *John* his son and heir, who took to wife *Iane* the only daughter and heir of *Thomas Lovet* Esq; but dyedⁿ in his fathers life time, leaving issue *George*, who inherited^o the Mannours of *Atwell* in *Portsmouthshire*, *Bottlebridge* in *Huntingdonshire*, *South-Pewton* in *Drifordshire*, and *Dorington* in *Gloucestershire*, through his mothers right.

Which *George* was created^p Baronet 22 Martii 9 Jac. (at the very first erection of that dignity by King *James* :) and having a Court-Leet granted^q to him and his heirs 23 Martii 16 Jac. within this Mannour, which also extended to his Tenants in *Ober-Catendon*, *Fulredy*, *Whattcote*, and *Almington*, in this County, left issue *S^r Henry Shirley* Baronet his son and heir, and *S^r Thomas Shirley* Knight, a great lover of learning, and especially affected to Antiquities, in the study whereof he hath attained to much Knowledge, and thereby given no small lustre to this antient and worthy Family. Which *Sir Henry* wedded the Lady *Dorothe* sister and one of the coheirs to *Robert Deyereux* the last Earl of *Essex* ; by whom he had issue *Sir Charles Shirley* his son and heir, who dyed unmarried, and *Sir Robert Shirley* now Lord of this Mannour ; and through his mothers right inheritor of great possessions heretofore belonging to the said Earl of *Essex*.

The Church was given to the Canons of *Kenilworth* by *Henry*, sonne to *Sasunalo* that lived in the Conquerors time (as I have already intimated) In 6 Joh. upon the vacancy of the Priory of *Kenilworth*, the King presented^r *Hugh de Wells* Archdeacon of *Wells* thereto (who was shortly after Lord^s Chancelour.) But about the later end of King *John*'s time, *Silvester* then Bishop of *Exeter* appropriated^t it to the said Canons, reserving a competency for maintenance of the Vicar ; scilicet not less than C^{per annum} : Which Appropriation was confirmed^u by Pope *Gregory* the ninth, an. 1228. 12 Henry 3. In anno 1291. (19 E. 1.) it was valued^v at xxi. marks, the Vicars portion at that time being vi. marks and a half : but in 26 H. 8. I find^x the Vicaridge rated at xli xlii s. iiii d. ix s. v d. ob. being then payd out of it for *Procurations* and *Synodals*.

i E. c. 9. H. 8

k Bl. f. 8. 1

m Samp. f. 43. a n Lib. 5. cedula.

o E. c. 29 Eli x. post mortem T. Lovet.

p Pat. 9 Jac.

q Pat. 16 Jac.

r Cart. 6 Joh. m. 7.

s Cart. 7 Joh. m. 7.

t Reg. de Kenil. p. 93.

u Regist. de Stoneley f. 87. b.

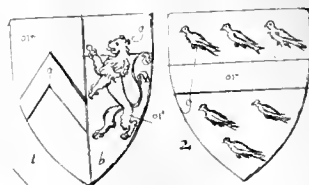
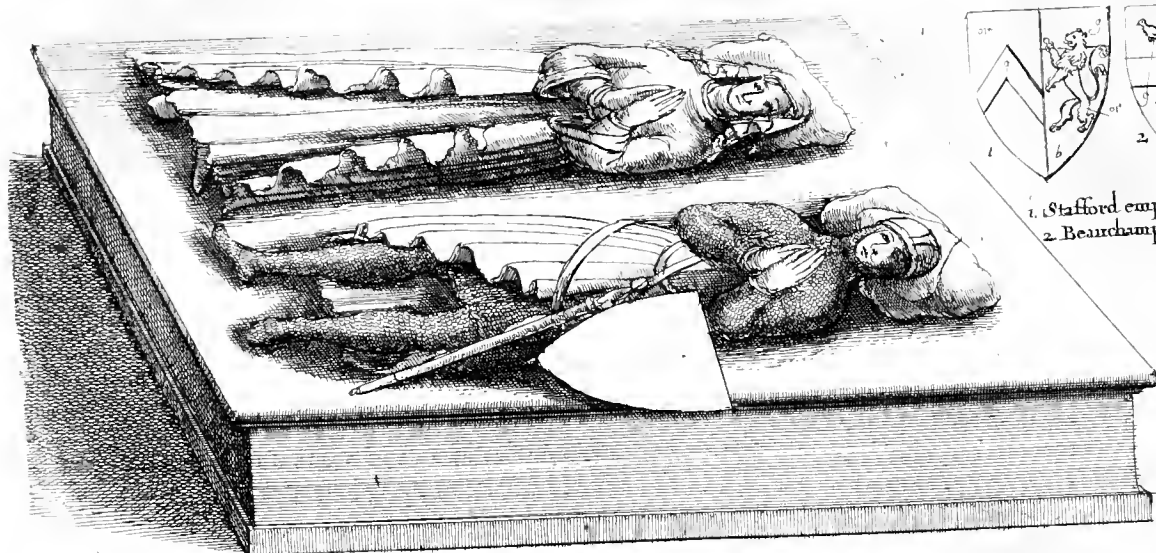
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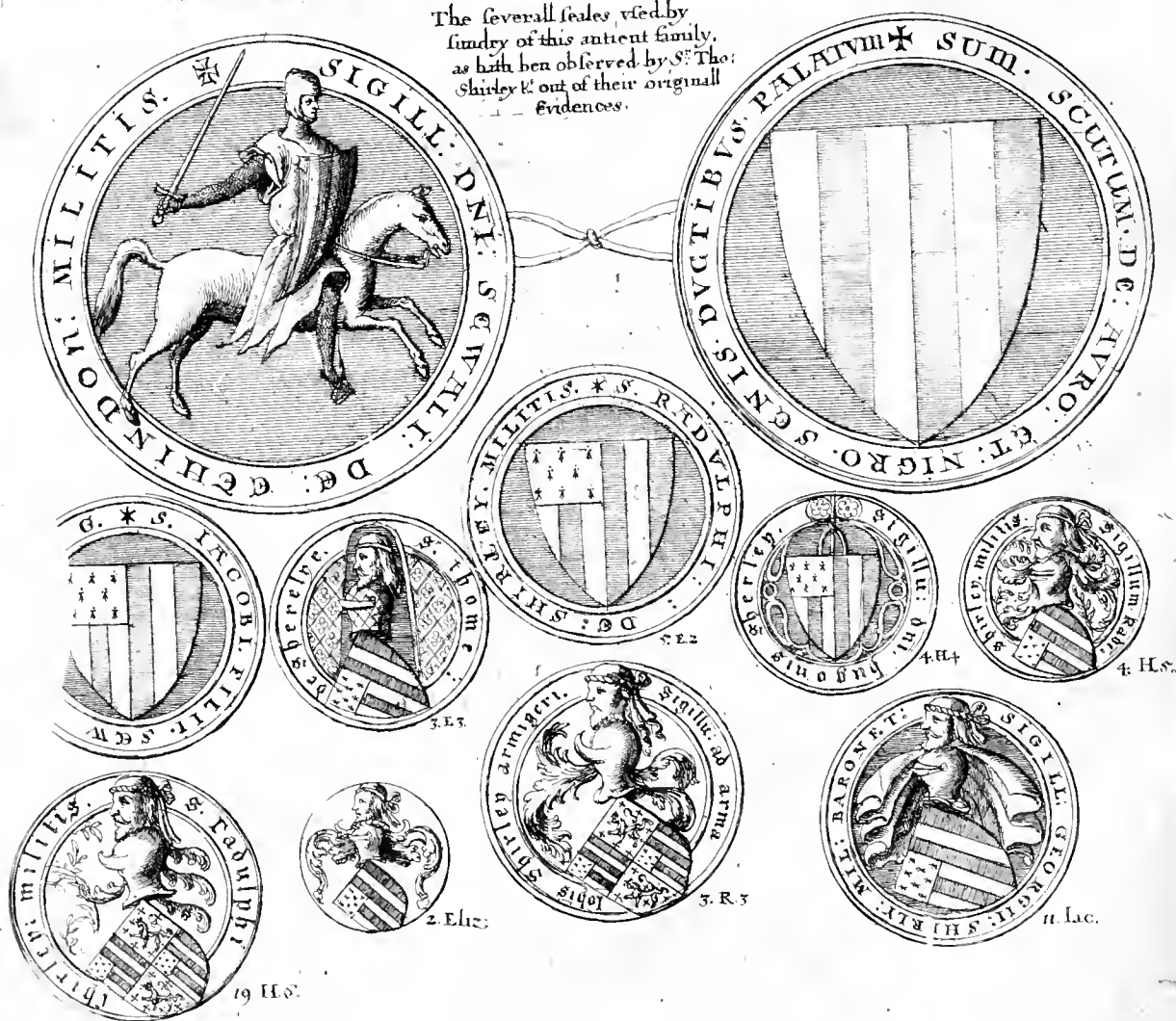
In the South Ile of the Church.

In a North Window of the Church.



1. Stafford empaling Hastings
2. Beauchamp of Powlett.

The severall Seales used by
sundry of this ancient family,
as hath ben observed by S^r Tho:
Shirley K^t out of their originall
Evidences.



Patroni Vicar &c.

Incumbentes &c.

Cart. 6. Joh.
n. 77.

Joh. Rex Angl. rati-
one vacat. Priorat.
de Kenilworth.

Hugo de Wells Archidiaconus
Wellen. 8 Aug. 6 Joh.

Giff. f. 294.
b.

Prior & Conv. de Ke-
nilworth.

Will de Ichinton 3 Non.
Feb. 1287.

Walf. vol. 2.
f. 56. b.

Pr. & C. de Kenilw.

D. Hugo de Knytcote Cap.
4 Feb. 1342.

Barf. 19. a.

Pr. & C. de Kenilw.
ad nominat. Isab. re-
lictæ T. de Shirley
mil.

Adam de Kymberworth
Diac. 15 Apr. 1362.

Pr & C. de Kenilw.
ad nominat. Beatri-
cis de Shirley, re-
lictæ Hug. de Shir-
ley mil.

D. Will. Robyns Pbr. 10 clif. f. 35
Junii 1405.

Pr. & C. de Kenilw.

D. Will. Bele cap. 16 Nov. Pro. f. 70.
1414.

Pr. & C. de Kenilw.
ad nominat. Johm.
Bron & Roberti
Porter firmar. de Ea-
tendon.

D. Thomas Bantying Pbr. Bourch. J.
10 Oct. 1438. 51. a

Prior

Carp. vol. 1. D. Thomas Parker Cap. 3. Jan. 1452.
 105.4 D. Will. Hill. Cap. 14. Mar-
 108.4 tii 1452.
 Carp. vol. 2. Prior & Conv. de Ke- Will. Marten 12 Maii
 29.2 nilworth. 1472.
 Alc. f. 1374 D. Ric. Moore Cap. 17. Nov.
 1484.
 Syg. vol. 2. D. Jac. Smyth Cap. 6 Feb.
 122.6 1515.
 Heath. f. 34. Henr. Shirley ar. Henr. Bradney Cler. 2
 1. April. 1561.
 Jul. f. 98. a Joh. Bursley Cler. 13. Nov.
 1617.
 b. f. 102. b Georgius Shirley Bar. Joh. Price Cler. 1. Octob.
 1621.

In the body of this Church be severall marble grave-stones, whereon are portraitures in brasle; viz. the first of a man in a gowne, with his wife, over whose heads are two coats of Armes.

1. a Cheveron betwixt 3 tresfoiles.
2. party per cheveron arg. and sable, 2 Moresocks, of the second, in chief.

And at their feet a plate, with this Epitaph.

Here lyeth buried under this stone Edward Underhill sometime gentleman, of this Town, with Margaret sometime his wife; which Edward dis- leased this World the fift day of November an. D. 1561. On whose souls Jesu have mercy, Amen.

On another this Inscription.

Here lyeth buried the bodies of Thomas Underhill of this Towne Esquier, and Elizabeth his wife, who lived married together in perfect amitie above 65 years, and had issue between them 11 Children: viz. xiii. sons and viii. daughters. She dyed 22 Junii An. D. 1623; and he the 6 day of October next after. Their frugality in provision for their Children, their charitable disposition to relieve the needy, and great bounty in hospitalty was a pleasing spectacle to their neighbours, and may be an alluring president to their posterity. As they lived to the liking, and with the love of mortal men so they dyed in the true service and love of the Immortall God. The poore, their Tenants, Neighbours and freinds will for a time bewaile the want of them; but the Angels of Heaven and Saints of God will perpetually resjoyce in the company of them: for God they feared, God they served, God they loved, and to God they dyed. Their warfare in Gods Church militant in earth hath been short, but their glory in his Church Triumphant in heaven will be eternall.

Upon another marble with portraitures in brasle, whereon there are two Escocheons of Underhills Armes, empaling a Cheveron betwixt three battel-Axes, is this Inscription.

Here lyeth William Underhill of the Inner Temple of London Gentleman, of Edward Underhill Esquier second sonne; and Ursula his dearly beloved wife, youngest daughter of John Congreve of Stretton in com. Staff. Esquier, whose life was a spectacle

unto all honest virtuous and obedient wives, and she dyed the xiiiith day of May An. Dom. MDLxi. upon whose souls Christ have mercy, Amen.

Under their portraitures is one son and 4 daughters, whose names are there exprest; viz. William, Dorothe, Elizabeth, Margaret, Anne.

In the North Ile are other grave-stones with these following Epitaphs.

Here lyeth Jane Underhill daughter of Thomas Underhill of Nether-Etington, who dyed the sixth day of July an. Dom. 1566.

Against the North wall is a plaine monument of Free-stone, over which hangeth a Tablet with this Inscription.

An Epitaph and true report upon the death of Anthony Underhill, the son of Thomas Underhill of Nether-Etington, who dyed the xvith day of July An. dom. 1587.

Anthony Underhill lyeth buried here in stone
It were but vaine for to obscure his name
Though no man write the death of him alone
Yet heaven and earth will still record the same, &c.

In the South Ile is there of late erected a very beautiful monument with Corinthian pillars of Black marble, and the statue of a Lady excellently cut, lying betwixt them.

On the south side of it is this Inscription.

MEMORIÆ SACRUM.

Hic Francisca jacet Frekeltoni nobilis Uxor,
Magnus eques bello qui Frekeltonus erat;
Si patrem queris, Francisce, quare Registrum,
Portorum tumultu subjacet ipse meo.
Non moritur mortis Frekeltonum vulnere nomen,
Nec Portere tua gloria magna domus.
Magnatibi, majorq; viro, majorq; tonanti
Gloria, qui mortis nos meminisse jubet.

On the other side.

EPITAPHIUM.

En Francisca docet vivos ad sidera palmas
Tendere dum moriens corde gemente levat.
Rapta paraxismis biduo moribunda siebat
Qua vivens orbem sprexit, & orbis opes.
Illa fidem Christi verâ pietate colebat,
Octoginta annis vixit & illa Deo.
Illa Deo moritur, post mortis funera vivit,
Sanctorumq; inter numina sancta manet.

At the west end thereof.

Here lyeth Dame Frances Freckleton, wife of a worthy Knight Sir Ferdinando Freckleton. Obiit Sept. 13. 1633.

Eatendon superior.

OF this Village, containing 3 hides in the Conq. time, did Turchil de Warwick possess 1 hide, y^d Domel. w^{ch} Ermenfridus then held of him, having been the, z^{lib}. freehold of Almarus before the Norman invasion. Another

Another did² at that time belong to *Hugh de Grentemaisnill*, being then held of him by one *Baldwine*: but the third, then held of the King by *Ordric*, was wast, and reckoned amongst the lands of *Ric. Forestarius*. To this *Ric. Forestarius* succeeded *Will. Croc* (as in *Chefferton* I have shewed) who^a enfeoffed *Francis de Bishopston* thereof, to hold by the service of keeping a certain Dog: which hide, in 33 H. 3. was posselt^b by *Bardalsus de Cesterton*, who had it in^c marriage with the daughter of *Will. de Bishopston* (a descendant from the said *Francis*.)

After this; viz. in 36 H. 3. it appears^d that the heir of *Thomas de Etindon* held the seventh part of a Knights Fee, here, of *Sewall de Etindon*, and he of the Earl *Ferrers*; (which shews, that part of *Nether-Edindon* extended into this.) And that in 7^e E. 1. *Henry de Brandeston* had xx. Tenants in this Village, holding severall proportions of land: As also, that *Thomas* the son of *Thomas de Etindon* had two yard land and a half in demesn, and certain Tenants holding other lands of him by particular Rents, and divers servile employments, besides some Freeholders: And^e moreover *Jordanus de Pilardintone* four yard land, held of *John de Warwick*, by the service of a pair of Gloves; which *John* held it over of *William le Boteler*, and he of the Earl of *Leicester*: But this (I believe) was part of that proportion, which *Hugh de Grentemaisnill* had in the Conquerors time, as a-bovesaid; as was that (without question) which *Henry de Brandeston* held: For in 27 E. 1 upon the death of *Hugh de Brandeston* it is evident^f, that he had much land in this Village; whereof xii. Tenants held xii. toftes, and twelve yard land in Villenage, then valued at vi li. as also, that he the said *Hugh* to held them all of *William le Boteler* of *Wemme* by the service of the fourth part of a Knights Fee: And that the Progenitor of *Boteler* was enfeoffed thereof, either by *Hugh de Grentemaisnill* himself, or by *Robert Blanchmains* Earl of *Leicester*, who wedded the daughter and heir to the said *Hugh* (as I have elsewhere observed) there can be no doubt.

Afterwards, viz. in 20 E. 3. *John Lord of Over-Edingdon* held^h the seventh part of a Kts. Fee, here, of the Earl of *Lancaster*: From which time till 23 H. 8. I find not a syllable of this place worthy the taking notice of in an historical way: But then did *Thomas Porter* posseltⁱ a good part of it, by the name of the capitall messuage and certain lands in *Over-Edingdon*, and dyed^j seized thereof; leaving *Fouk Porter* his son and heir within age: which *Fouk* departing^k this life 28. Febr. 12 Eliz. left *Simon* his son and heir, 19. years of age.

In 4 E. 1. there was a Chantry founded^l in the Chapell of our Lady within this Village, by *William de Ichington*, who gave thereunto one messuage, one toft, one yard land and a half, two acres of meadow, and four marks yearly Rent with the appurtenances in *Over-Edindon* and *Netwold*, for the maintenace of a Priest to sing Masse dayly there, for the health of his soul; as also for the souls of his Ancestors, and all the faithfull deceased: the Ordination^m of which Chantry was made xii. Cal. Maii anno 1316. (10 E. 2.) by the Prior & Convent of *Kenilworth*, unto whom the Church of *Edindon* inferior was appropriated (as I have already observed) upon the Petition of the said *William de Ichington* the Founder, then Vicar

of *Nether-Edindon* before specified, at the instance of *Thomas* Earl of *Lancaster*, for the health of the souls of the said Earl, and of his father and mother, and of Sir *Robert de Holland*; as also for the soul of the said *William de Ichington*. By which Ordination it appeareth, that the said Earl and his heires were to present thereto, so oft as occasion should be; but that the Chantry Priest, there celebrating, should not receive any Offerings or Tithes from the Parishioners, nor administer the Sacraments to them in prejudice of the mother Church: And that upon these Festivall days, underwritten, he should repair to the said mother Church (at *Nether-Edindon*) and there celebrate divine service; viz. *Christmasse-day*, *Candlemasse-day*, *Palm Sunday*, *Good-friday*, *Easter-day*, *Ascension-day*, *Whitsunday*, *Trinity-Sunday*, the *Nativity* of *S. John Baptist*, the *Assumption* of our Lady, *All-hallown-day*, and the day of the *Dedication* of the said Church: And moreover that he and his successors should in the Chapter house at *Kenilworth* always make Oath of their fidelity to the said Canons of *Kenilworth* upon admission thereto; as also to perform all and singular the Articles above mentioned. Which Ordination was confirmedⁿ by *Walter de Maydenston* Bishop of *Worcester*, with the Prior and Monks of that Church.

To this Chantry did *Henry de Brandeston* also give^o viii s. yearly Rent issuing out of two messuages, and two yard land lying in this Village of *Over-Edindon*: So that the revenue belonging thereto in 26 H. 8. was valued^p at vii li. vi s. viii d. the Rent of xviii d. per annum, being then payd out of it to *Francis Shirley* Esquier: But in 37 H. 8. at vii li. viii s. iv d. the like Rent of xviii d. per annum, being reckoned as due to *Shirley*, and xviii d. more payable to the Bishop of *Worcester* to be deducted.

Fulridy.

IN the Conquerors time did the same *Ermenfridus*, who held one hide of land in *Over-Edindon*, of *Turchill de Warwick*, hold of him another in this place, as appears^r by the generall Survey, in which it is written *Fulref*: But the Progenitors of *Shirley* were antiently enfeoffed thereof, as it seems; for in 36 H. 3. it was certified^s, that one *Robert de Fulri* held half a Knights Fee, and the fixt part, here, of *Sewall de Etindon*; and in 7 E. 1. that *John de Weston* held it of *Raph de Shirley* by the service of half a Knights Fee: Which *John* then had half a carucate of land in demesn, and two Tenants holding certain lands by servile tenure, with some Freeholders. But after this, viz. in 20 E. 3. *John Dimok*, and *John Bardolf*, answered^t for half a Knights Fee here, held of the Earl of *Lancaster*, and the Lord *Stafford*: Howbeit, I do not find that this was ever reputed to be a distinct Mannour of it self, but that the Mannour of *Nether-Edindon* did extend^u into it; and that the Inhabitants thereof do their suit to the Court-leet at *Nether-Edindon*, granted^v by King *James* to Sir *George Shirley* Baronet, in 16. of his reign.

Thorndon.

a⁵ Testa de.
b⁵ Nevill.
c⁵ de

e Inq. per
H. Not.
Oc. f. 106.
a. c.

f Ib. f. 117.
a.

g F. f. 27 E.
1. n. 33.

h Rot. penes
S. Clarke
Bar.

i F. levat.
term. Hill.
23 H. S.
k Esc. 12
Eliz.

l Pat. 4 E.
2. p. 2. m. 3.

m Ex Reg.
D. & Cap.
Wigorn.
[scil. the
White
book] f.
97. a.

n Ibid.

o Ex R.
in offic.
cat. Lan.
sub tit.
Com.
Warw.
37. a. n.
p MS. p. 15.
S. A. c.
an. f. 1. a.
q Ex a.
M S.
penes e.
S. A. f. 2.

r Dom.
lib.

s Testa
Nevill

t Inq. p.
H. Not.
Oc. f. 106.
b.

u Rot. penes
S. Clarke
Bar.

v Esc. 12.
7.

x Pat.
lac.

Thorndon.

This Hamlet, long since depopulated, being a member of *Nether-Catendon* is not particularly mentioned in the Conquerors Survey, but was posselt therewith by *Shirley's* Ancestors; for in 36 H. 3. it appears, that *William de Bissopesdon* held three parts of a Knights Fee, here, of *Sewall de Etendon*; which argues, that *Fraricus de Bissopesdon*, Progenitor to the said *William* (of whom in *Fulridg* I have made mention) was first enfeoffed thereof by the Ancestors of the said *Sewallus*. In 7 E. 1. this *William de Bissopesdon* (for I suppose it might be he) was Lord hereof, and held it of *Raph de Etendon* (for so it seems that *Raph de Shirley* was called, when he resided at *Catendon*) by the service of half a Knights fee, and had two carucates of land here in demesne, with xv. Tenants holding seven yard land and a half, by severall Rents and sundry servile employments. But of this family of *Bissopesdon* I shall particularly speak in *Bissopesdon*, where the descent is inserted.

In 13 E. 2. *John de Bissopesdon* had a Charter of *Free-warren* to him and his heirs in all his demesne lands here; from whom it descended to Sir *William Bissopesdon* of *Alscote* in *Com. Glouc.* Kt. who in 10 H. 6. held it by half a Knights Fee: which Sir *William* in 17 H. 6. entailed it, with divers other lands, upon his issue by *Philippa* his wife, with remainder to his right heirs. After which I have seen no more thereof, save that in 18 H. 7 *Thomas Nevill* Esquier dyed seized thereof, leaving *William* his son and heir 27. years of age; and that, about the later end of *Queen Eliz.* reign, *John Watson* of *Bretton* in *Com. Wilts.* gent. (nephew to *John Watson* Bishop of *Winchester*) posselt it; whose son sold it to *Leves Hobdy*, of late years.

Lambcote.

OF this place, originally a member of *Catendon inferior*, I do find no mention till 34 H. 8. but then was it past out of the Crown, by the name of a Mannour, and lately belonging to the dissolved Monastery of *Kenilworth*, unto *Richard Andrews* Gentleman, and *Leonard Chamberlain* Esquier, and to the heirs of *Andrews*.

I Must now passe over to the Western side of *Stoure*, to observe the rest of those places, which remain in this Hundred to be spoke of; and in so doing, am to skip over a long and narrow tract of land, that is part of *Warwickshire*, and yet wholly environ'd with this County: therefore before I go farther, it will not be amisse to give some probable reason (for apparent proof I have none) why this and such parcells so encompassed (as is frequently seen) became thus severed from the Counties wherein they lye; which, in short, I conceive to be no more than this; viz. that they, being originally (I mean before the division of Counties was absolutely made and settled) belonging to some great person, whose residence was far distant; and in the old assessments rated there, continued always afterwards so tax; and for that

respect have been, and are still reputed part of those Shires. And that this was the first ground thereof, will be evident enough from the instances that might be given therein through sundry parts of this Realm, as in this particular here before us; where it is cleer, that *Woburnton*, with those Hamlets belonging thereto, viz. *Udbelinton*, *Blackwelle*, and *Darlingscote*; together with *Wobbold* (anciently a member thereof) were parcell of the lands heretofore belonging to the Church of *Worcester*, founded before K. *Alfred's* time, that the condition of our Counties, as now they are, was absolutely settled: As also *Goldscote*, and *Alber-Pariton* belonging to the Monastery of *Perwoze*, of which place 'tis most like they were members long before that ancient Abby was erected. But all I have now to take notice of, in this Hundred, is *Ilmington*, *Whitchurch*, and *Atherston* super *Stoure*, with the small Hamlets belonging to them.

Ilmington.

This containing the Villages of *Compton-Scorsen*, and *Forcote*, and rated at ix. hides by the Conquerors Survey, whereof eight were at that time posselt by the Earl of *Spellent*, and prized at xii li. and the odde hide by *Robert de Stadford*, valued at L. s. is in two places of that Record written *Almedone*, and in the third *Udbelinton*; so that whether it had the name originally from the ancient owner thereof, as the later imports, or from the high situation, as the former doth seem to imply, I cannot well determine: but in that part, which the Earl of *Spellent* had, there then stood the Church.

Of this Mannour was the Progenitor of *Robert de Harecourt* enfeoffed (as it seems) either by the said Earl of *Spellent*, or one of his descendants; for in 5. Joh. it being seized into the Kings hands amongst the rest of those lands, which belong'd to the Normans (in respect that the Dukedome of *Normandy* was then recovered out of the possession of King *John*, by *Philip* surnamed *Augustus*, King of *France*) xiii li. land thereof was given by the said King, to *Owen fil. Davidis*, in exchange for his land of *Ellesmere*. In that Record it is written *Almedone*; but the next year ensuing, being extended, together with the rest of those lands, which had belong'd to the Normans, and were then so seized on, the Rent of Assize there, amounted unto xiv li. setting aside the Lord's Aid and the profits of his Court: And it was then certified, that there might be maintained four Ploughs of xl. Oxen, 500. Sheep, 4. Kine, 3. Horses, and 24. Hogs, it having been used to be let to ferm for xx li. with the like stock upon it. After which seizure King *John* bestowed it upon *Simon de Montfort* (first of that name) Earl of *Leicester*: but he being disherited and banished for adhering to the French, *John de Harecourt*, a famous Baron, (saith my Author) with the Archbishop of *Roan*, interceding with King H. 3. in behalf of the Earl, and making then his Claim to this Mannour, obtained it, by the consent of the said Earl, who had posselt it ever since the Normans lost their lands for their subjection to the above specified King of *France*.

I suppose that his name was *Richard de Harecourt*, and not *John*; for by the Record of 5 H. 3. it appeareth, that *Richard de Harecourt* making

h Testa de Nevill.

i Domest. lib.

k Testa de Nevill.

l Ex autog. penes Tho. Lucie eq. aur.

m Domest. lib.

n Ibid.

o Claus. 5 loh. m. 14.

f Lel. Coll.

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p Recueil

des Roys

de

France

per l. du

Tillet.

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r Claus. ut

supra.

f Rot. de

terr. Norm.

6 loh. m. 2.

t Lel. Coll.

ut supra.

u Rot. penes

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Scac. in ba-

ga de Inq.

et tenuris.

w Lel. Coll.

ut supra.

x Claus. 5

H. 3. m. 17.

Fine with the King for all the lands in **England**, which belong'd unto the above specified *Robert de Harecourt* his father, and did by inheritance rightly belong to him the said *Richard*, had restitution of this Mannour by the Kings Precept dated from the Tower of **London** 6. *Jan.* that very year. Howbeit, notwithstanding this restitution to *Harecourt*, *Simon de Mountfort* Earl of **Leicester** (scil. the second of that name) held the possession, as it should seem; for I have seen his originall Deed, whereby he granted & quit claimed *Domino Johanni filio Ricardi de Harecourt Normanni* (are the words) all his right therein, with the advouson of the Church, reserving to himself & his heirs the service of one Knights Fee, and the inheritance of the **Court-Leet**, with all other Royalties: And another grant of his, whereby he passed to Sir *Peter de Montfort* and his heirs xli. lands of his demesne, here, according to an indifferent and lawfull extent, together with the Mannour-house and Warren; as also all Homages, Rents, Reliefs, and free customes belonging thereunto, for the service of one Knights Fee to him the said Earl and his heirs. This *Peter de Montfort* was a great man in this County, as when I come to **Beldesert** shall appear; and had issue *Peter*, who in 56 H. 3. obtained of Sir *John de Harecourt* Knight (before specified) a full grant^a of this Mannour to himself and his heirs, having possession thereof delivered accordingly in *May Anno* 1272. the same 56. year of K. H. 3. as also the Kings Charter^b of confirmation bearing date 10. *Junii* following.

Which *Peter* in 7 E. 1. held^c it of the Earl of **Leicester** by the service of one Knights Fee, having at that time 4. Carucates of land in demesne, **Free-warren**, **Court-Leet**, Gallows, and other priviledges; together with xxxix. Tenants holding 26. yard land by payment of severall Rents, and performance of certain services; as also viii. Cottiers and iv. Freeholders. From whom descended Sir *John de Mountfort* Knight, who in E. 3. time wedded *Joan* the daughter and heir to Sir *John de Clinton* of **Colshill**, as by the descent in **Beldesert** will appear: And from him Sir *Baldwin*, who in H. 6. time had great suits with Sir *Edmund* his brother, by the Fathers side, touching the title to this Lordship, which the same Sir *Edmund*, in disherison of Sir *Baldwin*, endeavoured to hold; the Story whereof I have set forth in **Colshill**, in regard that Mannour was then in question upon the same title. But the last of the *Mountforts*, that possessed this Lordship, was Sir *Symon*, son and heir to the above specified Sir *Baldwin*; who being attainted in 11 H. 7. (as in **Colshill** I shall also shew)

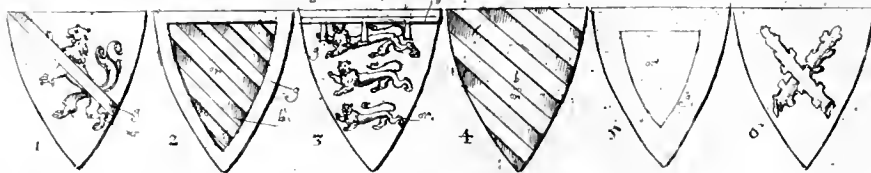
the inheritance thereof, *inter alia*, elchaeting to the Crown, was by the said King 1. *Dec.* 12 H. 7. bestowed^d on Sir *Reginald Bray* Knight (a great favourite in those days,) who dying without issue, *Margerie* the onely child of his brother *John*, wife to Sir *William Sands* Knight, became his next^e heir: Which Sir *William* (afterwards Lord *Sandes*) did his^f homage for the same in 31 H. 8. But it continued not long in the family of *Sandes*; for *Thomas* Lord *Sandes*, son and heir to *William*, past^g it away to *Thomas Andrews* Esquire, since which time I have seen no more of it.

The Church (dedicated to the blessed Virgin) was in anno 1291. (19. E. 1.) valued^h at xxx. marks, (there being at that time a portion of 1. mark, issuing out of it to the Monastery of **Cheesham**:) but in 26 H. 8. at xxx li. out of which the *Synodals* and *Procurations* payd, amounted to xs. v. d. and the yearly *Pension* to the said Monastery of **Cheesham** vi s. viii d.

Patroni Ecclesiar. Incumbentes, &c.

- D. Episc. per lapsum.* *Hugo de Vienna* 5. *Id.* *Dec.* Giff. f. 32 1270.
- Will. de Montforti* 8. *Cal.* 1b. f. 329 Apr. 1290.
- D. Joh. de Montforti.* *Hem. de Astede* Subdiac. 1b. f. 293. 12. *Cal.* Aug. 1295.
- Peirus de Montforti* Cler. Ren. f. 53. 18. *Cal.* Julii 1312.
- D. Joh. Anneys* Cap. 3. cob. f. 22. Non. Oct. 1320.
- D. Ric. le Archer* Pbr. 8. 1b. f. 34. *Cal.* Martii 1323.
- D. Petrus de Montforti* miles. *D. Ric. de Budeford* Pbr. 5. Br. vol. 1. Apr. 1357. 22. a.
- Will. de Montforti* Cler. 13. wit. f. 24. Junii 1368.
- D. Joh. Hatheway* Pbr. 26. Pul. f. 94. Sept. 1431.
- D. Will. Mountfort* miles. *Ric. de Mountfort* Diac. S. Germ. 13. Oct. 1433. 245. a.
- Simon Mountfort* miles. *Joh. Frysbys* S. Theol. D. 5. Oct. 1467. carp. vol. f. 213. b.
- D. Oliverus Alwode* ult. Martii 1474. carp. vol. f. 50. b.
- D. Joh. Menske* Pbr. 19. Nov. 1492. Mort. f. b.
- Will. Sandys* miles & *Nich. Hall.* Cap. 7. Apr. 1528. Jeron f. 3. a.
- D. Margeria ux. ejus.* 1528.
- Eliz. Angl. Regina.* *Augustinus Walker* Cler. Bul. f. 3. 22. Nov. 1586.

Armes in the Windows of the Church



1. Mountfort of Eapworth.
2. Earle of Lancaster
3. Mountfort of Beldesert.

Compton-Scorfen.

THIS, as all other Comptons taking its name from the situation thereof, in a deep narrow Valley (as I have elsewhere observed) being possessed by Robert de Stadford in the Conquerors time, was then certified^k to contain six hides, five whereof *Warinus* then held, which were valued at C. s. and the sixth *Aluinus*, then rated at x s. In the generall Survey it is in one place written *parva Contone*, and in the other *Contone* without any distinction at all. Howbeit, after this till 36 H. 3. I do not directly find who was owner of it; but then did Robert de Haleford answer^l for half a Knights Fee, which he held here of Roger le Poer, and he of Ernald de Bois, and he of the Lord Stafford; in which Record^m it is called *Hethin-Compton*. After this, viz. in 7 E. 1. it had the nameⁿ of *Scorfen* added thereto, at which time Robertus filius Petri was Lord thereof; and held^o it of Thomas de Stoke, Jordan Cathelewe and Felicia his wife, by the service of half a Knights Fee de parvo feodo Stafford, as the Record hath it; having at that time three yard land in demesne, and three Tenants holding certain lands by payment of sundry Rents, and performance of severall base services.

I am of opinion that this Peter abovementioned, father to the said Robert, was surnamed de Valle; for clear it is that the Family of that name, whose principall seat was at Lodinton (neer Stratford) were owners of this place from E. 1. time till 34 E. 3. and that^p Peter de Valle in this County temp. H. 3. who preceded the same Robert, had first to do here, is also apparent, which makes it the more likely. Which Robert de Valle possessed it in^q 9 E. 2. being afterwards a Knight, and so was Robert his son and heir (as in Lodinton is shewed) Which Robert the younger having issue John that died childlesse, John Burdet of Arrow, and John Norriss (who were his sisters sons, as the descent in Lodinton manifesteth) became^r his heirs: But the direct time when partition was made of the lands, which descended to these coheirs, I have not seen: howbeit certain it is, that this Mannour was allotted to Burdet; for the Entail^s made by Thomas Burdet Esquier, temp. E. 4. doth shew, that he was solely seized of it: After whose attainder Margaret his widow had restitution thereof by force of that entail; and so it descended and continued to his posterity, till Robert Burdet of Bramcote (in this County) his great grandson, by his^t Deed bearing date ult. Sept. 37 H. 8. in consideration of 1300 li. sold it to William Sheldon of Weston in this County, and Robert Palmer of Curton in Com. Glouc. Yeoman.

Foxcote.

THIS, having been antiently a member^w of Almondton, and possessed therewith by Peter de Montfort in 7 E. 1. (before which time I have not seen it named in Record) was then held^x by the same tenure; all the Tenants which the said Peter had here, being ix. in number, holding 8. yard land of him by certain Rents, and severall base services; doing their suit twice a year at the Court-

Leet held for the Honour of Leicester. In which Family it continued a great while; for Sir William Montfort of Colmhill possessed^y it in 10 H. 6. but it hath been long depopulated^z.

Rot. n. Scapnes Rem. R. z. Hist. MS. I. Rous p. 144.

Whitchurch.

THIS containing the Hamlets of Crimscote, Crimpton, and Bzoughston, was in the Conquerors time reputed for two Mannours, and possessed by the Earl of Melfent; the extent thereof by the generall Survey then made, being certified at seven hides, where it is written *Witceerce*, having two Mills and a Church, and the value of all rated at viii li. x s.

That this was part of that which Henry de Newburgh (the first Earl of Warwick of the Norman line, and brother to the said E. of Melfent) had of that Earl's lands, is not to be doubted, forasmuch as 'tis plain, that the Ancestor of Peter de Montfort became enfeoffed thereof in H. 1. time, it being questionlesse part of those x. Knights Fees and a fourth part, which Thurstan de Montfort in 12 H. 2. certified^a, that he then held of William Earl of Warwick de veteri feoffamento; for in 20 H. 3. the said Peter de Montfort held^b it of the Earl of Warwick by the service of one Knights Fee. After which, viz. in 32 H. 3. there being some difference betwixt the beforespecified Peter and Simon de Montfort Earl of Leicester, then Lord of Almenston (whereof I have lately spoke) touching the bounds of each Mannour, the King directed his Precept^c to the Shiriff of this County to cause perambulation to be made there, betwixt them: Whereupon in 34 H. 3. this Peter obtained a Charter^d of Free-warren in all his demesne lands here: but being slain in the battail of Evesham anno 49 H. 3. fighting against the King, this (with the rest of his lands) was seized^e on: which, nevertheless, by the Decree called *Dictum de Henilworth*, came to Peter his son; who in 7 E. 1. held^f it of the Earl of Warwick by the service of one Knights fee, having four carucates of land in demesne, as also divers Tenants holding severall proportions by certain Rents and servile employments; together with a Court-Leet, and Free-warren, Which Peter in 13 E. 1. exhibited his claim^g for those privileges, and likewise for a Gallows, with Assize of Bread and Beer; producing King H. 3. Charter for the Free warren manifesting that himself and his Ancestors had enjoyed all the rest of those immunities time out of mind, and had allowance of them accordingly.

To this Peter succeeded John, and to him Peter (as in Beldefert is shewed) which last mentioned Peter, in 20 E. 2. entailed^h it, with other lands, upon John de Montfort his son by Lora de Ullenbale (a Concubine.) Other Entails do I also find thereof; viz. on Guy de Montfort (the legitimate son to the said Peter) and Margaret his wife, daughter to Tho. de Beauchamp Earl of Warwick, and the heirs of the body of the same Guy begotten on her the said Margaret; and for lack of such issue on the said Thomas E. of Warwick, and Katherine his wife, and the heirs of the said Earl. Which Guy departing this life without Children (as in Beldefert shall likewise be shewed) the said Earl in 35 E. 3. entailedⁱ it again; as also divers other Lordships in this and other Counties upon

Thomas

a Lib. Rub. f. 104. a.

b Testa de Nevill.

c Claus. 32 H. 3. in d.

d Ex autog. penes Sim. Mountfort ar.

e Esc. 50 H. 3.

f Inq. per H. Nott. & c. f. 123. b.

g Rot de Quo W.

h F. levat. Off. Mich. 20 E. 2.

i F. de div. Com. levat. Off. Hill. 22 E. 3.

Record. xv. F. 23 E. 3.

k F. de div. Com. levat. 3. Sept. Mich. 35 E. 3. i

Thomas Beauchamp his eldest son, with severall remainders : But notwithstanding all this, the heirs generall of *John de Montfort* (father of the last recited *Peter*.) scil. *Sir Baldwin Freuill*, and *Sir Thomas Boteler* Knights, recovered it, with other lands, by a writ of *Formedone*, through the advantage of a preceding^m Entail ; but making partition betwixt them in 9 R. 2. as coheirs and heirs to *Sir Peter de Montfort*, it was allottedⁿ to *Boteler* ; whose heirs, at length, marrying to *Norbury* and *Belknap* (as the descent in *Giff* sheweth) and their lands thereupon divided betwixt *Sir John Norbury* Knight, and *Edward Belknap* Esquier, this Mannour (*inter alia*) was in 13. H. 7. allotted^o to him the said *Edward*, who made much depopulation and inclosure here : but being one of the Esquiers to the body of *Henry 7.* in 24. of that Kings reign, obtained a Pardon^p for the same; and afterwards, viz. in 4 H. 8. past^q it away with other lands, in exchange, unto *John Cotes* of *Woltingham* in this County : From whom it came to *Anthony Cotes* of *Benestell* in *Com. Northampt.* Esquier; which *Anthony* in 25. H. 8. depopulated the Capitall Messuage and inclosed C. acres of land there; and in 1. & 2. Ph. & M. levied a Fine^r thereof to *Thomas Gibbons*.

The Church in anno 1291. (19 E. 1.) was valued^t at xxv. marks; and in 26 H. 8. at^u xxi li. vi s. viii d. the Procurations and Synodalls being ix s. v d. ob.

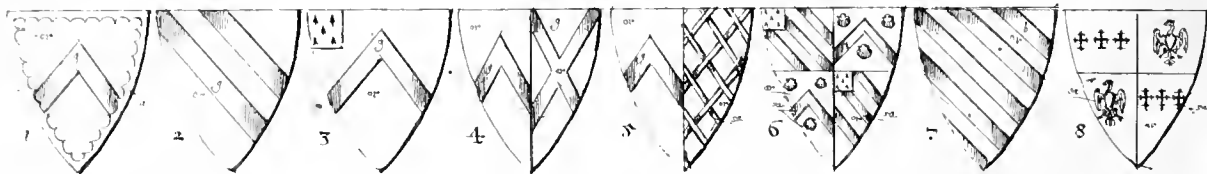
Patroni Ecclesiæ. Incumbentes &c.

Giff. 390. *D. Joh. de Monteforti* miles. *Will. de la Plaunch Cler. craft. Purif. b. M.* 1293.
ib. 420. b. *D. Alicia de Monteforti*. *D. Walt. de la Plaunche 7. Cal. Jan. 1297.*
ib. 441. b. *Will. de la Plaunch Accol. 19. Cal. Feb. 1298.*

Will. de Stodley Pbr. 18. *Mont. f. 2 b.*
Feb. 1336.
Ric. de Budeford Pbr. 25. *S. Germ. 128. a.*
Aug. 1349.
Adam Alrejhawe Accol. 5. *Br. vol. 1. 22. a.*
Apr. 1357.
Thomas Comes Warwici. *Rog. de Tangeley Cap. 7. wak. f. 31 Junii 1382.*
D. Tho. Boteler miles *D. Thomas Knyzt Pbr. 25. lb. f. 97. a Junii 1392.*
Dominus de Sudley.
Will. Boteler ar. *Magr. Regin. Povy 26. Pec. f. 2. Sept. 1410.*
Rob. Buyschell, & Joh. Eburton sen. *Joh. Eburton Cler. penult. lb. f. 75. Feb. 1415.*
Alicia nuper ux. Will. Boteler mil. *Joh. Balle 20. Jan. 1419. Morg. v. 2. f. 7. b. D. Joh. Smith Cap. 23. Julii 1420. lb. f. 14.*
D. Walt. Taylboys Dominus de Kyma. *D. Rog. Bealfitz 1. Dec. Bourch. 81. b. 1442. D. Steph. Russell Cap. 4. lb. f. 92. Maii 1443.*
Rad. Boteler miles Dominus de Sudley. *Joh. Elys 20. Martii 1451. Carp. 2. Theol. Scholar. 9. Febr. lb. f. 1. 1460. D. Will. Thommes Cap. 4. lb. f. 1. Junii 1462.*
Edw. Belknap. ar. *Will. Wrmeston Pbr. 6. Nov. Mort. a. 1493. D. Will. Cokkes Prior de Gyng. 2. Erdbury 15. Julii 1504. b. Magr. Rob. Serle S. Theol. Bell. f. Bacc. 16. Jan. 1539.*
Edw. Wotton miles Maria Danet vidua Anth. Cook ar. *Nich. Underhill 19. Junii Eul. f. 1571.*
Rob. Brook ar. & Tho. Callow gen. ex concess. Anth. Cook mil.

Whitchurch.

Armes in the windows of the Church.



1. Stafford of Suthwike
2. Sudley

3. Stafford of
4. Stafford D. of Buckingham
empaling Nevill

5. Stafford empaling
Murdak
6. Quartering Littleton

7. Mountfort of Beldefert
8.

Crimscote.

OF this place is there no particular mention in the Conquerors Survey; neither have I seen any thing thereof till 7 E. 1. at which time *Peter de Montfort* held^w it, with *Whitchurch* (whereof originally it was a member, without question,) having divers Tenants, holding their lands by performance of sundry servile employments, and some small Rents, together with certain Freeholders : with which Lordship it came to *Sir Edward Belknap*, who possess^x it in 1 E. 6. As for the name, I am of opinion that it first proceeded from some ancient Inhabitant here, in the Saxons time, though anciently it be written in a various manner; scil. *Benemarcote*, *Belmescofe*, *Belmiskote*, and *Benempscote*; but of its Owners I can say no more.

Wimpston.

THis being also a member^y of *Whitchurch*, and possess^z by the Family of *Montfort*, therewith, was heretofore written *Wilmeston*, *Wilmeston*, and *Wilmston*; and yet is reputed as part of that Mannour.

Broughton.

THis Hamlet, antiently written *Wooton*, and so called by reason of its situation near the *Stoure*, which passeth on the Western side thereof, was originally a member of *Whitchurch*, as may be inferred from the Roll^a of 20 E. 3. howbeit till^b 6 E. 2. I have not found any mention thereof;

thereof; but then did *John de Whitechurch* hold lands here to the value of *x li.* And in 8. E. 3. Sir *Robert de Vale* Knight, possessing it (with *Compton-Scorfen*) entailed it upon *John* his son and heir, who had his residence here, and dyed seized of it in 36 E. 3. leaving *John Burdet* and *John Norrys* his colins and heirs, as in *Ludinton* may be seen: To which family of *Burdet* it continued till 10 H. 8. that Sir *John Burdet* Knight, past it away to *George Throkemorton* Esquire and others.

Atherston super Stoure.

THIS place standing a little lower, and on the same side of the *Stoure*, hath that distinction, scil. from the said River, by reason that there is another town called *Atherston* on the North part of the County. And being one of those towns which *Odo* Bishop of *Batour* had of (his half brother) the Conquerors gift in this Shire, was by the generall Survey^e, then taken, certified to contain 4. hides, and to be held of the said Bishop by one *Corbin*, having a Church; as also a Mill which yielded *x s.* and *x.* sticks of *Eeles*; but the whole valued at *iv li.* In that^e Record it is written *Codicestone*, which shews that it had its originall denomination from one *Edvics* in the Saxons time.

It seems that the Ancestor of *Raph de Ruperiis* was antiently enfeoffed thereof, and by the K.^{tis} like, in regard of the said Bishop's forfeiture^e. Whether *Roger de Ruperiis* first enjoy'd it, I am not certain, though in King *John's* time he had^e it; but being a Norman he was dispossessed^e thereof by K. H. 3. by reason of his adhering to the K. of *France*, and subjecting himself, with what he had in *Normandy* to his obedience: whereupon the King gave it to *Godfrey de Crauncumbe*; which *Godfrey* had also a grant^m of it from *Raph de Ruperiis* above-mentioned; who thereby reserved to himself and his heirs a pair of gilt Spurs, to be paid yearly at Easter for all services; which grant the said King confirmed^e: but there it is written *Adertcheitan*, and *Adertcheitone*: howbeit afterwards, scil. in 32 H. 3. the King bestowed^e the inheritance thereof on *Geffrey de Langley* (of whom in *Witley* I have spoke;) in which Charter he calls it *Eschaeta nostra de terris Normannorum*; making also mention that he had it of the said *Godfrey* in exchange for *Stamfozham* in *Northumberland*.

To this *Geffrey* succeeded *John de Langley*, his grandchild, in the possession thereof; who in 7 E. 1. held^e it of the King in *Capite* by a pair of gilt Spurs, having at that time two carucates of land in demesne, and seven Tenants holding seven yard land, paying severall Rents and performing sundry servile labours: as also a Court-Leet. But from this *John*, (by some private agreement, it seems) was it passed to *Geffrey de Langley*, his younger brother; for the said *Geffrey*, being posselt thereof in 15 E. 1. and impleaded^e for certain lands here, at that time, by *Fouk de Lucy*, called^e his said brother *John* to warranty. Which *Geffrey*, being a devout man, became signed^e with the Crosse for a voyage to the Holy Land in 55 H. 3. In 22 E. 1. he was one^e of the Knights of the retinue to *Edmund* Earl of *Lancaster*; upon whom being attending at such time as he agitated a Peace betwixt the then King of *France* and his brother King *Edward* of *England*, he was sent^e with Letters by the said King of *France* to recall the Constable of that Realm

then upon his march into *Cascoign* with an Army; and afterwards, returning to *England*, released^e to the Monks of *Stoneley* *x li.* per annum of that annuity of *xx li.* which had been reserved to *Geffrey de Langley*, his father, when he granted to them the Mannour of *Staberton* in this County: whose descendants^e in the male line enjoyed this Lordship for divers generations, *John* being the last of them, that I find, who at the death of *William* his father in 22 E. 4. was^e about 13. years of age: but dyed without issue, leaving *Alianore* his sifter and heir, as it seems: for in 12 H. 7. it appears, that *John Clavelke* and *Alianore* his wife levied a Fine^e of this Mannour, whereby it was conveyed to *Richard Emplon* and his heirs, with warranty against her the said *Alianore* and her heirs. After which it came to *Thomas Morton* Esquire, who in 37 H. 8. past^e it to *Thomas Hunk*; which *T. Hunk* dyed^e seized thereof in 5. & 6. Ph. & M. leaving *Robert* his son and heir of full age. To whom succeeded *John Hunk* Gentleman, who dying^e seized of it in 1 Eliz. left *Ursula* his daughter and heir six years of age, afterwards married to *Raphe Lidkote*.

The advouson of the Church was given^e in K. *John's* time to the Monks of *Wenksbury* by *Roger de Ruperiis*, but never appropriated to them. In an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) the Rectory was valued^e at vi. marks; so likewise in 14 E. 3. but in 26 H. 8. at xiii li. vi s. viii d. out of which was allowed for Procurations and Synodals xii s. and iv s. yearly Pension to the Monks of *Wenksbury*.

Patroni Ecclesie. Incumbentes, &c.

Abbas & Conv. de Wenksbury.

Ric. Bydle Civis *Wigorn.* ratione concess. Ab. & Conv. de *Tewksbury*.

Joh. Turner de *Atherston* gen.

Will. de Dalby Accol. 6. Id. Geyn. f. 37. b.
Jun. 1304.
Mr. Rid. Turvill Cler. 11. Cob. f. 35. b.
Cal. Jan. 1324.
Mr. Rob. de Southam 5. wols. f. 12. b.
Jan. 1339.
D. Will. de Herdewyke Cap. Bar. f. 9. a.
13. Aug. 1362.
Will. Solito 12. Dec. wit. f. 11. b.
1364.
Joh. Rose Pbr. 8. Aug. wak. f. 100. a.
1392.
Joh. Gymmes 28. Sept. Pez. f. 24. b.
1410.
D. Rob. Osgodby Cap. 3. Mov. f. 38. a.
Apr. 1426.
Magr. Will. Vauce 20. Jan. Carp. vol. 1. f. 47. a.
1446.
Thomas Compton Cap. 4. Ib. f. 60. b.
Apr. 1448.
D. Rog. Kynningham Cap. 22. Ib. f. 241. b.
Junii 1469.
Ric. Ferthing 24. Dec. Carp. vol. 2. f. 35. b.
1472.
D. Thom. Ruttur Cap. 26. Mort. f. 31. a.
Junii 1489.
D. Ric. Salbrug Cap. 24. Gyg. 2. f. 47. a.
Martii 1505.
D. Rob. Skyles Pbr. 14. Heath. f. 9. b.
Nov. 1545.

Magr. Will. Stoeke in S. Bul. f. 21. a.
Theol. Racc. 22. Nov. 1581
Jhn. Wilde Cler. 20. Feb. Ib. f. 24. a.
1583.

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15. f. 85. a.

Joh. Turner & Will.

Joh. Rogers Cler. 11. Jan.

1608.

16. f. 103. b.

Turner ejus filius.

Magy. Ric. Wright Cler.

16. Sept, 1622.

ruccate of land in demefn, and ix. Tenants holding 8. yard land and a half under severall Rents, and certain fervile imployments. But upon the diffolution of that Monaftery it came to the Crown, and was by Q. Eliz. in 4. of her raign, granted¹ to . . . Rainsford of **Clifford** in Com. **Glouc.** Esquier, to hold in *Capite*; whose descendants do enjoy it at this day.

1 Pat. 4
Eliz. p. 2.

Ayleston.

2 Domeld.
lib.

h Chron.

MS. Abb.

S. Petri

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k Inq. per

H. Nott.

Gr. f. 74. a.

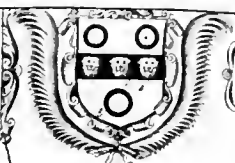
THis little Village, situate in the Parish of **Atherston**, lyeth on the other side the water, and in the Conquerors time, being posselt by **Nicholas Balistarius**, was certified² to contain three hides and one virgate, then valued at 1x s. having been the freehold of **Leuricus** before the Norman invasion: but in the generall Survey it is written **Alnodestone**. Shortly after which, viz. in an. 1095. (9. Will. Rufi) **Nich. de la Pole** (whom I take to be the same **Nich. Balistarius**) gave³ it to the Monks of **S. Peters** in **Gloucester**, in exchange for **Plantreu** in **Devonshire**, which **Odo fil. Gamalieu** had bestowed on them, it being then written **Elmundeston**; whence 'tis apparent, that the name originally proceeded from some antient Possessor thereof: which exchange was confirmed⁴ by King **H. 2.** in whose Charter it is written **Albodestone**. After which, viz. in 7 E. 1. it was certified⁵, that the Abbot of **S. Peters** in **Gloucester** held it in pure Almes of the King; and that he had here one ca-

HAVING thus perfected my view of **Kineton** Hundred, and followed the river **Stoure** till it enters the **Liberty** of **Pathlow**, which is now accounted part of **Barlichway** Hundred, I must ascend to the head of those petty streams on the North-east side thereof, that issue out of it before they fall into **Avon**; and then resorting to **Avon**, so soon as it comes into that **Liberty**, follow the course thereof till it meet with **Stoure**, and afterwards with **Arrow**: by the guidance of which Rivers; as also of **Aine** that joyneth with **Arrow** at **Alcester**, I purpose to observe whatsoever is or hath been notable within those precincts. But before I begin, I shall first say something in relation to the Hundred of **Barlichway** in particular, and likewise touching the **Liberty** of **Pathlow**; and then, not making any distinction betwixt them, proceed with the towns and Villages, as the Rivers do most opportunely lead me.

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The Scale of Miles

BARLICHWAY HUNDRED.

THAT all this tract, which is now reputed **Barlichway** Hundred, was in the Conquerors time stiled by the name of **Ferncumbe** Hundred, I have already, elsewhere, manifested; though where it is that the particular place, then called **Ferncumbe**, lyes, I am yet to learn: but that it is in some deep valley, the late syllable, *viz.* **Cumbe**, doth sufficiently declare. The first mention that I meet with, where it is called **Barlichwei** Hundred, is in ^a 21 H. 2. the Shiriff accounting viii. marks for murder, then payd to the King out of it. In ^b 24 H. 2. vii s. x d. is reckoned for the like offence, it being then written **Barlingetwei** Hundred. In ^c 29 H. 2. xl s. for the like: But in King *John's* time the *Ferm*^d thereof was x. marks; the Shiriffs Aid vi li. xii s. and the *Warth-money* half a mark. And in the 21 H. 3. *William de Lufsey*, then Shiriff of this County and **Leicester-shire**, accounted^e for the *Ferm* thereof x. marks; For the Shiriffs Aid vi li. For the profits of the **Leet** xliii s. iv d. and for *Warth-silver* half a marke, all for the Kings use; in whose hands it hath continued ever since.

But there is no place whereof this Hundred takes the name, other than a little plot of ground, about eight yards square, now inclosed with a Hedge, and situate upon the top of a Hill in the middle way between **Haseles** and **Winton** (being about a mile distant from each of those towns) and about half a mile from **Temple-Grafton**; which is reputed to be the very place where those three Parishes do meet; the Court being there kept for part of this Hundred twice a year; *scil.* the wednesday after *Easter*, and the wednesday after *Michaelmasse*, by ancient custome, and the stile thereof **Barlichway-Greve**, *parcell.* *Hundredi de Barlichway*; but by the vulgar called **Barly-Greve-Court**: Howbeit at this time there are no more than these Towns that do owe suit thereto; (divers other, which formerly have appeared thereat, having had **Court-Leets** granted to the Lords of them, to be kept within their severall Mannours; *viz.* **Winton**, **Boxton-Bagot**, **Boxton-Limfi**, **Wolbardington**, **Langley**, **Offord**, **Walsentmoze**, **Aine-magna**, **Haseles**, **Walcote** and **Upton** (*juxta Haseles*) and one Tenement in **Temple-Grafton**.

For the rest of this Hundred there is also a **Court-Leet** kept twice in the year; *viz.* on the Saturday after *Easter*, and Saturday after *Michaelmasse*, at a place called **Wedon-Crosse** in the Parish of **Ipoley**, *scil.* on the outside thereof neer to **Red Ditch** in **Worcester-shire**, where the *basis* of the *Crosse* yet remaineth; the stile of this Court being **Wedon-Crosse** *parcell.* *Hundredi de Barlichway*, and the Towns that owe suit thereto, no more than **Abbots-Salford**, **Donington**, **Cock-Webington**, **Wood-Webington**, **Wetheley**, **Kinnerton**, **Stundley**, *S^r John's* in **Stundley**, **Ipoley**, and **Blackmerth**. Which Courts are held in the name of the High Shiriff for the time being, who keeps

a **Court-Baron** at the severall places abovementioned, as well as a **Leet**, in respect that many doe hold of the King as of these particular Mannours. But through the corruption of the Bayliffs of the Hundred, who have frequently taken money of divers to spare their appearance, there is now such a neglect in resorting to them, that except it be the Constaibles, or Thirdboroughs of those Villages, scarce any one else comes thither.

The Liberty of Pathlow.

THIS having the title of a Hundred in the Conquerors time, as appears by the generall Survey^f then taken, where it is written **Patelau** Hundred, in ^g 21 H. 2. answered v. marks by way of Fine, for concealing one *Roger*, who had been with the Kings Enemyes (that being the time when *Henry* the Kings eldest son was in Rebellion, as our Histories do manifest) and in ^h 5 *Joh.* was assent at two marks for Murther, about which time the *Ferm*ⁱ of it came to xl s. It seems that the Bishops of **Worcester** had antiently the benefit thereof granted to them from the Crown, by reason that a great part of the lands, which lay within the same, was of their Fee: but when such concession was first made, I have not yet found; howbeit, in 4 E. 1. 'tis apparent^k, that the then Bishop had Return of Writs, Assize of Bread and Beer, with other Royall customes therein; the same Record having this expression, *Hundredum de Patelow est Episcopi Wigorn: à quo tempore, & Quo Warranto Juratores nesciunt*: but a little after, under the title of *Hundred. de Patelow*, in the said Roll, there is this recorded, *Dicunt quod istud Hundredum est in manus Episcopi Wigornia, ut putatur per Chartam Regis Henrici ultimi, & valet per annum vi. marcas.* And further, *Dicunt quod Episcopus Wigorn. habet Returna Brevium, placita Namii-vetiti, Furcas, Assisam Panis & Cervisia per totum Hundredum istud, nesciunt quo Warranto.*

But in 13 E. 1. *Godfrey Giffard*, then Bishop of **Worcester**, being then summoned^l to shew by what warranty he claimed Return of Writs, with Assize of Bread and Beere therein, and pleading only Prescription, the Kings Atturney replied^m, that Return of Writs was such a Royalty annex unto the Crown, that it could not be severed therefrom, without speciall grant thereof by Charter; and required Judgment for the King, whether in this case the Bishops Prescription should be allowed. Whereupon the Kings Justices demanded, that a Jury should inquire what seisin the said Bishop & his Predecessors had thereof; who, upon their Oaths certifie, that they had been in possession time out of minde; by reason of which Verdict the Bishop was then dismissd. And in 9 E. 2. it was foundⁿ, that the Bishop of **Worcester** was Lord of this Hundred (for so it was then stiled:) by which

^f Dome. lib.

^g Rot. P. 21 H. 2.

^h Rot. P. 5 Joh.

ⁱ Lib. rub. f. 233. b.

^k Inq. per Hundr. penes Camer. Scac.

^l Rot de m. Quo W.

ⁿ Nom. Filii

Record it appears that *Stratford super Avon*, with the Hamlets belonging thereto; *Hampton super Avon*, with the like Hamlets; As also *Witton* and *Clepton*, *Henley*, and *Welbelsert*, together with the town of *Lapworth*, were then reputed within the same.

But about the 13th year of King *Edw. 3.* *John de Peyto junior* (of whom in *Chesherton* I have made mention) obtained a grant^o of it for life; together with the Mannour of *Stratford super Avon*, from *Wolstan* then Bishop of *Gloucester*, for the Rent of *lx li. per annum* to be payd to him the said Bishop and his successors: which Lease, being made without the Kings licence, became void; and not only so, but the King for that trespass seized^p them into his hands: Howbeit, regranting^o them to the said *John*, he past^t over the Bailiwick of it to the said Bishop and his successors, for ever; In consideration whereof, and for his service and Counsell, *impenso*, & *in Com. Warwici impofterum impendendo*, he got an Annuity^t of *xxx li.* for life, from that Bishop: whereupon, by an Inquisition^t, then taken, it was certified that there did belong to the said Hundred a certain Court called *Cylput*, held every three weeks: as also Return of Writs, and the execution of them; Fines, and Amerciaments, with the goods & Chattells of all Felons and Fugitives therein. After which, till 3 E. 6. it continued in the possession of the Bishops of *Gloucester*; but then, viz. 9. *Julii*, was it granted^a away in Exchange for divers lands in *Gloucestershire*, by *Nicholas Heath*, the then Bishop, unto *John Dudley* Earl of *Warwick* and his heirs; which *John* being attainted in 1. *M.* (as in my Story of the Earls of *Warwick* is shewed) it escheated to the Crown; and was by Queen *Eliz.* in 4. of her reign, passed^u, *inter alia*, unto *Ambrose Dudley* E. of *Warwick* & the heirs male of his body: which Earl failing of issue, it return'd again to the Crown, and was by King *James* granted to Sir *Francis Smyth* of *Wotton-Wawen* Knight, and his heirs; whose son Sir *Charles Smyth* now, *scil. anno 1640.* enjoys it.

But the place, which gives name to this Hundred or Liberty, is a *Tumulus*, or heap of earth situate in a Lane on the top of an Hill, upon the left hand the road leading from *Wotton-Wawen* to *Stratford super Avon* (about the midway betwixt those two towns, and about a Bow-shoot from the said road) in the very way betwixt *Warwick* and *Alcester*; which High way thwarther the other road; neer unto it being certain inclosed grounds that lie within the Parish of *Aston-Camlow*, and bearing the name of *Pathlows* to this day. To this place there is a Court-Leet as also a Court-Baron belonging, and kept twice in the year, *Infra mensem Pascha*, & *infra mensem Michaelis*, as all other Leets are, but no certain day assigned for the same, nor is the place, where they are kept, always one and the same; but being in the Lane beforementioned, is commonly made choise of in that part, where the Hedges are the best shelter from the winde; the Stile of the Court being *Hundred. Sive Libertas de Pathlows*; and the Towns and Villages, within this Liberty, these, *scil. Wotton-Wawen*, *Henley*, *Ullenhale*, *Fullbroke*, *Hampton super Avon* *Hatton super Avon*, *Alboston*, *Loxley*, *Stratford-vetus*, *Clepton*, *Witton*, *Wilmecote* *parva*, *Drapton*, *Dodwell*, *Shottesley*, *Ludington*, *Ingon*, *Welcombe*, *Widg-town*, *Udington*, and *Rien-Clifford*; whereof

divers are depopulated, as in my discourse of them will appear.

Of these, at this day, only do suit; viz. *Wotton-Wawen*, *Ullenhale*, *Loxley*, *Witton*, *Ludington*, *Drapton* and *Wilmecote parva*: Besides divers, who owe suit thereto in respect of tenure; howbeit, neglect in appearance hath almost lost it. But the Bailiffe of the Hundred of *Warlichway* doth usually answer at all Assizes and Sessions for this Liberty, being made use of by the Lord thereof, for conveniencies sake.

Having said thus much in relation to the particular Hundred of *Warlichway*, it self: and in generall touching the Liberty of *Pathlows* (the bounds whereof the Map doth shew) I shall first begin my next discourse, of the Towns and Villages therein contained, with *Honiley*, which lyeth in the very North-East corner thereof; and thence go on Southwards till I touch upon the bank of *Avon*.

Honiley.

Till H. 3. time I have not seen any certain mention of this place; but then; *scil.* about the beginning of that Kings reign, did *Richard Peche* (of whom in *Hampton in Arden* I shall say more) obtain^a a great share of this Lordship from *Henry de Beresford*, *scil.* that whereof *Raph de Grafton* was enfeoffed by *Waleran* Earl of *Warwick*; and of another part, which he the said *Raph* had by the grant of *Hugh fil. Willielmi* (Lord of *Hatton*;) both parcells being exprest by certain metres and bounds; viz. bordering on the said Earls Parke (called *Mednocks*) as also upon the Park of *Kenilworth*; and so extending to a torrent called *Opebrook*, &c. All which the said *Richard Peche* was to hold to himself and his heirs of the beforespecified *Henry de Beresford* and his heirs, by the service of xii d. yearly, to be payd at *Easter*, and a pair of Gloves at the Feast of *S. Michael* the Arch-Angell. Of these lands severall^b confirmations were made to the same *Richard Peche*, by *Margery* sister to the before specified *Raph de Grafton*, and *Felicia* daughter to her the said *Margery*: But the residue of this Lordsh^p (then written *Hunlegh*) with the advowson of the Church, did *William de Arden* give^c to the said *Richard Peche* in frank marriage with *Hawise* his daughter; which, perhaps, was at first a part of *Hampton in Arden*, and involved therewith in the Conquerors Survey: in whose family it continued till H. 4. time, that *Margaret* the daughter and heir to Sir *John Peche*, brought it with divers other fair Mannours, in marriage; unto Sir *William Mountfort* of *Colmhill* Knight (as by the descent in *Hampton* will appear;) whose grandson, *scil.* Sir *Simon Mountfort* Knight, being attainted in 11 H. 7. (as in *Colmhill* is shewed) this, with the greatest part of his possessions, came to the Crown; and in 12 H. 7. was granted^d to *Gerald* Earl of *Wiltshire* and *Eliz. S.* *John* then his wife, and the heirs male of their two bodies lawfully begotten. After which, viz. in 18 H. 7. they obtained a Charter^e of *Free-warren* in all their demesne lands here.

Which Earl leaving issue by the said *Eliz.* Sir *James Fitz-Gerald* Kt. attainted in 28 H. 8. (as in *Blackwell* I have manifested) it escheated again to the Crown; and was granted to Sir *Thomas Palmer* Knight, a martiall man, as it seems; for I find

Inq. de Ad quod dampn. 13 E. 3. n. 12.

1 Pat. 14 E. 3. p. 3. m. 47

Ex Reg. D. & Cap. Wigorn. 181. b.

Inq. de Ad quod dampn. ut suprad.

u Pat. 3 E. 6. p. 3.

w Pat. 4 E. 1. p. 4.

Ex an. 139. in bibl. Hatton

Ex aut. penes S. Mountfort de Bescote,

d Pat. 12. 7. p. 1. m. 10.

c Pat. 11. 7. p. 2. m. 29.

Life of H. 8. by the L. Herb. p. 453. g Rot. Parl. 1. M. m. 13. & 14. h Pat. 1. M. p. 15. find that in 38 H. 8. he was employed in the French Warrs; but adhering to the Duke of **Gloucester** in 1. *Maria*, participated of his fate, viz: loss of life and estate by attainder. After which the Queen, in that very year, granted it to *Michael Throkemorton* Esquier, and his heirs, who dyed seized thereof 1. Nov. 5. & 6. Ph. & M. leaving *Francis* his son and heir 7. years of age. Nevertheless I have heard, that the same . . . *Hill*, of whom in *Blackwell* I have spoke, having obtained a long Lease thereof (together with *Blackwell*) from Sir *T. Palmer* before specified, left issue severall sons; and that *Robert Dudley* Earl of *Leic.* through colour of a title from *Francis* the yongest of them, possesst himself thereof; but that, after the said Earls death, *Thomas*, the eldest, got into it again, and sold his interest to *Roger Burgoin* late of *Wrothall* Etquier.

In an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) the Church dedicated to *S. John Baptist* being valued but at 1. mark, was not taxed in 14 E. 3. *propter paupertatem*, as the Record^r expresseth. And in 26 H. 6. it appeareth, that all the profits belonging thereto were so small, as that they sufficed not to maintain a Priest; but that the Cure was usually served by some Frier that came from *Wrothall* and received the same, with other offerings from the Parishioners.

Patroni Ecclesiæ. Incumbentes, &c.

angl. f. 7.	D. Joh. Peche miles.	Rob. Achara Pbr. prid. Id. Aug. 1305.
orthb. f. 8. a.	D. Nich. Peche miles.	Rie. Hanne Cap. Non. Apr. 1354.
rett. f. 15.	D. Joh. Peche miles.	Joh. de Ardeley Pbr. Cal. Sept. 1366.
f. 2. a.	D. Episc. per lapsum.	David Aber. Pbr. 8. Aug. 1387.
f. 11. a.		Joh. Bowre Pbr. . . . Maii 1396.
ngb. f. 2.	Kinardus de la Bere miles.	Philippus Horspath 25. Junii 1398.
f. 7. a.		D. Joh. Glover 8. Apr. 1400.
f. 26. b.		Joh. Del Dyche 18 Dec. 1410.
f. 29. a.	Katherina de la Bere.	Will. Chamberleyn 18 Julii 1411.
pl. f. 2. a.		Henr. Rueth Cap. 25. Jan. 1495.
apf. & B. 1. b.	Edw. Hill, Thom. Hill, & Franc. Hill.	Thom. Abington Cler. 27. Martii 1574.

Wrothall.

Southwards from *Hontley*, somewhat above a mile, stands *Wrothall*, of which there is no particular mention in the Conquerors Survey; neither of *Watton*; whereof it was originally a member: Nor is there probability that they were at that time involved with any other place that lyeth neer them; the barrenesse of the soil, though woody, perhaps giving occasion that they were not then taken notice of. But insisting not on probabilities, I shall descend to such certain authorities, as I have seen, to discover the first possessor thereof: and therefore because the Monastery of Nuns was very anciently here founded, viz. in *K. Stephen's* time, as I shall further shew anon, I

will here exhibit the substance of what is to be seen in an historicall Manuscript^m, penned about King *Edward 4.* time by some Priest or Officer belonging to the said Nunnery (as I guesse;) whereby not onely the first Lords and owners of the place will appear, but the occasion and circumstances touching that Foundation; which, though some may think wholly fabulous, in respect of the Miracles wherewith it is so much deckt; yet, setting them aside, and well considering the Story, a body of Truth is not hard to be discerned therein; the substance whereof is as followeth. viz.

That one *Richard*, shortly after the Norman Conquest, holding the Lordship of *Watton*, and likewise this place of *Wrothall*, of *Henry* then Earl of *Warwick*, had issue a son called *Hugh*, who was a person of great stature, and bore the same Armes that the *Monatforts* of *Waldesfort* (near *Hentley*) in this County did (scil. *Bende*) with a fesse gules for his difference, being a branch of that Family, as was thought. Which *Hugh* going to warfare in the *Holy Land*, was there taken Prisoner; and so continued in great hardship there for the space of seven years: But at length considering, that *S. Leonard* was the Saint to whom his Parish-Church had been dedicated, and the many miracles that God had often wrought by the merits of that his glorious Confessor, made his addresses by earnest Prayers to him for deliverance. Whereupon *S. Leonard* appeared to him in his sleep, in the habit of a black Monk, bidding him arise and go home, and found at his Church a House of Nuns of *S. Benet's* Order: But the Knight awaking took this for no other than a dream, till that the same Saint appeared to him a second time in like manner: Howbeit, then, with much spirituall gladnesse rejoycing, he made a Vow to God and *S. Leonard*, that he would perform his command. Which Vow was no sooner made, than that he became miraculously carried thence, with his Fetters, and set in *Wrothall* woods, not far distant from his own House; yet knew not where he was, untill a Shepherd of his own, passing through those thickets, accidentally found him; and after some communication (though he was at first not a little affrighted, in respect he saw a person so overgrown with hair) discovered all unto him. Whereupon his Lady and Children, having advertisement, came forthwith to him, but believed not that he was her husband, till he shewed her a piece of a Ring, that had been broken betwixt them; which, so soon as she applied to the other part in her own custody, closed therewith. And shortly after, having given solemn thanks to God, our Lady and *S. Leonard*; and praying for some divine revelation where he should erect that Monastery, so promised by his said vow; he had speciall direction where to build it, by certain stones picht in the ground, in the very place where the Altar was afterwards set. After the structure whereof, two of his daughters were made Nuns therein, a Lady from the Nuns of *Wilton* being fetcht to direct them in that their Rule of *S. Benedict*.

But from this Legend, I shall proceed with its endowment with lands, &c. as I find the same declared in our publique Records, or have observed from any private evidence. Wherein, first, I must take notice how munificent the pious Founder himself was: Of whom it appears, that heⁿ gave thereunto totam terram loci de *Wrothall*, with

m Penes I. Burgoin Bar.

n Cart. 1 E. 3. n. 1. per Insp.

a large proportion of lands and woods thereabouts, all mentioned either by particular names, or by metes and bounds, (the rehearſall whereof, for brevities ſake, I omit) together with the Church of **Watton**, and whatſoever belonged thereto: as alſo all that land in **Watton**, which *Aytropius* had; and ſo much of his (the ſaid Founder's) roialty in **Watton**, as lay betwixt the two little brooks there, together with many other particulars lying in that Lordſhip.

Of the Benefactors, **Roger** Earl of **Warwick** gave the Church of **Shukburgh** in this County, with its appurtenances, as alſo four yard land: And **Roger** Lord of **Shukburgh** xx. acres of Incloſure in that place. In **Burton**, **Robert** Lord of **Burton** gave one yard land, with acres of Incloſure; as alſo one yard land and a half lying in **Radford**. And **Raph**, the ſon of **Wigan**, the Kings Maſtall, certain lands adjacent to **Worſhall**, called **Baldecote**, or **Killecote**, with divers Incloſures ſituate betwixt the ſaid **Killecote** and **Burhey**: as alſo all the woods and plain adjoining thereto on the one ſide, and unto the Park of **Hugh ſil. Ricardi** (the Founder) on the other. Out of **Wardon** in **Northamptonſhire** did **Richard Foliot** likewise grant thereunto xxiv s. yearly Rent: And out of **Winkley** in **Com. Leſc.** **Robert** Earl of **Leiceſter** the Rent of x s. And to all theſe did King **H. 2.** adde the gift of x. marks yearly Rent, for the health of his ſoul, and the ſouls of his Father and Anceſtors, to be payd out of his Exchequer annually at the Feaſt of **S. Michael**, untill he ſhould beſtow on them as much in ſubſtance ſome other way: which was by King **H. 3.** in 43. of his reign performed, fix marks yearly being assigned to them, to be received from the Biſhop of **Worceſter** and his ſucceſſors; and the other four marks from the Shiriff of **Warwickſhire**. In **Shrewſley** they had half a hide of land given to them by one **Henry de Waltham**; and in **Hafeley** certain lands by **Aytrop Huſtang**, for the health of the ſoul of **Cecilie** his wife.

This is the ſubſtance of what I have ſeen touching their poſſeſſions: all which were confirmed by King **H. 2.** **Ric. 1.** King **John**, and **H. 3.** with many privileges and immunities, as by their particular Charters may appear; and which the ſaid Nuns claimed in 13 E. 1. together with a Court Lect, Gallows and Weiſs, both in **Worſhall** and **Watton**, whereof they had allowance accordingly. But all the reſt, which is memorable, relating to this Monastery (whereof I have taken notice) till the diſſolution thereof, is, that upon Tueſday the Even of **S. Luke**, anno 1290. (18 E. 1.) **Godfrey Giffard**, the then Venerable Biſhop of **Worceſter**, made his viſitation here, and preach't upon this Text, *Non eſt talis mulier ſuper terram*, &c. And that upon the ninth of July anno 1315. (9 E. 2.) **Walter de Maydenſton**, then Biſhop of the ſame Dioces, dedicated the Church, here, together with the high Altar. Which new Dedication, being ſo long after the ſaid Monastery was founded, argueth plainly, that it was then rebuilt by the Nuns; for unleſſe there had been a new fabrick erected, or at leaſt an enlargement and alteration of the old, by new walls and a roof, it had not been proper.

And now that I am thus come to mention this Dedication, it will not be amiſſe (I think) to ſay ſomething briefly of the Order and Ceremo-

nies antiently uſed in the like Dedication or conſecration of Churches, herein making uſe of the learned **Durandus** his *Rationale Divinorum* for my authority; who, firſt, diſcourſeth of the cauſe from whence ſuch conſecrations had their originall; Secondly, by whom; and Thirdly, wherefore the Church is dedicated; and what as well ſuch Dedication, as all and ſingular that is performed therein doth ſignify.

Firſt, therefore as to the cauſe and occaſion whence the Dedication of Churches proceeded, he obſerveth; that **Moiſes**, by the command of God, made a Temple and conſecrated it, with a Table and an Altar; as alſo brazen veſſells and utenſils for the ſervice of God; not only hallowing it with divine prayers, but by the anointing with holy Oyle, as the Lord had appointed: for it is written, that the Lord commanded **Moses** that he ſhould make *Chriſme* wherewith to anoint the Tabernacle, as alſo the Ark of the Teſtament in the Dedication thereof. Alſo **Solomon** the ſon of **David**, by the Command of God, built the Temple, with an Altar, and conſecrated all things thereto for the ſervice of God, as is to be ſeen in the book of *Kings*. That **Nebuchadnezzar** called together all his Nobles at the Dedication of the Brazen Statue which he had made; And that the Jews, as **Burcardus**, lib. 3. c. *Judei*, obſerves, did not ſacrifice to God, nor offer up unto him their divine ſupplications, in any other places, than ſuch as were ſpecially dedicated to him. If therefore (ſaith my Author) they which lived under the ſhadow of the Law did do thus; how much more ſhould we to whom the light of Truth hath ſo appeared, and grace is given by **Jeſus Chriſt**, build Churches to God, adorn them the beſt we can, and with divine Prayers, and holy Unctions conſecrate them, with the Altars, Veſſells, and Veſtments, and all things elſe pertaining to Gods worſhip, according to the institution of Pope **Felix** the third. Secondly, it is to be obſerved, that none but the Biſhop, onely, hath authority to dedicate Churches and Altars, in regard he beareth the Image of Chriſt the Chief Biſhop, ſpiritually dedicating, without whom we cannot be eſtabliſht in grace: for he ſaith, *Sine me nihil poteſtis facere*; And the *Pſalmiſt*, *Niſi Dominus aedificat Domum*, &c. whereupon the Councell of **Carthage** prohibited, that no Priſt, or any perſon of an inferior Order ſhould do it.

To theſe, why a Church not firſt endowed, and with what hath been lawfully acquired, ſhould not be dedicated, he addeth divers reaſons to the Conſtitutions of ſacred Canons, which here, for brevity, I paſſe by, and come to the third point; viz, wherefore it is dedicated. Firſt (ſaith he) that the Devill and his power may be expelled: whereupon **Gregory** in his Dialogues Lib. 3. Cap. 30. reports, that when a Church that belonged to the *Arrians*, being to be rendred to the faithfull, was to be conſecrated, and the Reliques of **S. Sebaſtian** & **S. Agatha** were taken out of it; the people, then aſſembled there, perceived a Hogg running to and fro amongſt them; which being driven out of dores could not be diſcerned of any man, whereat they grew much amazed. By this (ſaith he) God ſhewed that the unclean Inhabitant ſhould depart thence &c. Secondly, that all perſons, flying for refuge thereto, ſhould have ſafety, as may be read in the Canon of **Gregory**, *Et ob hoc Joab in tabernaculum fugit, & Altaris cornua apprehendit*.

f Lib. 1. cap. 6. f. 13.

Dedication of Churches.

* He was Lord of Hafeley.

Cart. 1 E. 3. m. 1. per Inſpec.

Cart. 43 E. 3. m. 1.

w Teſta de Nevill.

x Cartul. Warw. Com. f. 88. a.

y Cart. 1 E. 3. ut ſuprad.

z Cart. 11 H. 3. m. 1.

a Rot. de Hon.

c Giff. f. 326. b.

d Mayd. f. 29. a.

e Durandi Rationale divin. lib. 1. f. 15.

hendit. Thirdly, that Prayers may there be heard; whereupon in the Prayer at Masse, *Concede ut omnes qui huc deprecaturi conveniunt, ex quacunque tribulatione, consolationis tue beneficium consequantur.* So also did Solomon pray at the Dedication of the Temple, as is to be seen *Kings lib. 3. cap. 8.* Fourthly, that prayes may be therein made to God. Fifthly, that the Ecclesiastique Sacraments may be there administred; whence the Church it self is called a Tabernacle, *quasi Taberna Dei*, wherein the divine Sacraments are contained and ministred.

Consecra-
tion of
Churches.

It rests now, in the fourth place, to be spoken after what manner the Church is consecrated, every person being put out, and the Deacon onely shut in. The Bishop standing before the Church door, consecrateth *Holy Water*, but not without salt: in the mean time, within, xii. Torches being lighted before xii. Crosses painted on the walls of the Church, the Bishop, with the Clergy and people following him, go thrice about the outside of the Church, and with a branch of Hyssope sprinkleth the Walls thereof with *Holy Water*; at every time, as he passeth by the Door, smiting the threshold with his Pastorall staff, and saying *Tollite portas*, &c. and the Deacon within answereth, *Quis est iste Rex gloria?* To whom the Bishop replyeth, *Dominus fortis*, &c. But the third time, the Door being unbolted, he enters in with a few of his Officers, the Clergy and people standing without, and saith *Pax huic Domui*, and rehearseth the *Letanies*. Afterwards in the pavement of the Church he makes a Crosse with Ashes and Sand, whereupon all the *Alphabet* is written both in Greek and Latin Letters. And then again doth he consecrate other *Holy Water* with Salt, Ashes, and Wine, and halloweth the Altar; as also anoint the xii. Crosses, depicted on the Walls, with *Chrysm*. I shall here omit the reasons given by this learned Author for these particular Ceremonies, they being many and large; referring my Reader, if he desire further information therein, to the Book it self.

Euseb. de
Conf.
4. cap.
43. 44.

That such solemn Consecration of Churches was anciently practised, we have an eminent example in that worthy Christian Emperour *Constantine*; who, having finished a House for the service of God at *Jerusalem*, assembled ² the greatest part of the Bishops in Christendom for the consecration thereof; which thing they did at his request, each of them most willingly setting forth that Action to their power; Some with Orations, some with Sermons, some with the sacrifice of Prayers unto God for the Peace of the world, for the Churches safety, for the Emperours's and his Children's good. The like is recorded by ^h *Athanasius* concerning a Bishop of *Alexandria*, in a work of the like devout magnificence.

Chanasii
ad
Constant.

Nor doth the solemn Dedication of Churches serve onely to make them publique (as the reverend *Hooker* well observes) but further also to surrender up that right, which otherwise, their Founders might have in them, and to make God himself their owner: For which cause at the erection and consecration, as well of the ^k Tabernacle as the Temple (saith he) it pleased the Almighty to give a manifest signe, that he took possession of both. Besides it notifieth ^l in solemn manner, the holy and religious use, whereunto it is intended such Houses should be put. Which things the Wisdom of *Solomon* did not account superfluous;

Ecclesiast.
lib. 5.
2.

Exod.
10. 34.
Reg.
11.
1. ad. 40.

for he knew how easily that which was meant should be holy and sacred, might be drawn from the use whereunto it was first provided: He knew how bold men are to take, even from God himself; how hardly that House would be kept from impious prophanation: He knew, and wisely therefore endeavoured by such solemnities to leave in the minds of men that impression ^m, which might somewhat restrain their boldnesse, and nourish a reverend affection towards the House of God. For which cause, when the first House was destroyed, and a new instead thereof erected by the Children of *Israel*, after their return from Captivity, they kept the Dedication ⁿ, even of this House also with joy. The argument ^o which our Saviour useth against prophaners of the Temple, he taketh from the use whereunto it was solemnly consecrated: And as the Prophet *Jeremy* forbiddeth ^p the carrying of burthens on the Sabaoth, because that was a sanctified day: so because the Temple was a place sanctified, our Lord would not suffer, no ^q not the carriage of a vessell through it.

m The place
named Ho-
ly.

n Exa. 6.
16.
o Math. 21.
13.
p Jer. 17.
24.
q Mark 11.
16.

These two Commandements are in the Law conjoyned, *Yee shall keep my Sabaoths, and reverence my Sanctuary*, out of those the Apostles words, *Have yee not Houses to eat and drink?* albeit Temples, such as now, were not then erected for the exercise of Christian Religion: It hath been neverthelesse not absurdly conceived, that he teacheth what difference should be made between House and House, what is fit for the dwelling place of God, and what for man's habitation he sheweth; requireth that Christian men at their own Houses take common food, and in the House of the Lord none but that food which is heavenly; he instructeth them, that as in the one place they use to refresh their bodies, so they may in the other learn to seek the nourishment of their souls; and as there they sustain temporall life, so here they would learn to make provision for eternall. Christ would not suffer that the Temple should serve for a place of Mart; nor the Apostle of Christ, that the Church should be made an Inne: when therefore we sanctifie, or hallow Churches, that which we do is onely to testifie, that we make them places of publique Resort, that we invest God himself with them; and that we sever them from Common uses. Thus far *M^r Hooker*.

r Levit. 26.
2.
s I Cor. 11.
22.
t Petrus
Climiac.

I come now to speak of the Altar; which (as my Author ^u saith) is to be consecrated for three respects; First, for the offering of a Sacrament there to God, *Genes. cap. 8. Edificavit Noe Altare Domino, & tollens de cunctis volucribus & pecoribus mundis obtulit super Altare*: for this Sacrament is the Body and Blood of *Christ*, which we offer in memory of his Passion, according to that Precept, *Hoc facite in meam commemorationem*. Secondly, for that the name of God is there to be called upon; whereupon *Genes. 12. Edificavit Abraham Altare Deo, qui apparuit ei; & invocavit ibi nomen Domini*: And this invocation, which is made upon the Altar, is properly called the Masse. Thirdly, to sing there, *Eccles. 47. Dedit illi contra inimicos potentiam, & stetit fecit contra Altare Cantores, & in sono eorum fecit dulces modulos*.

Consecra-
tion of the
Altar.
u Duran-
dus ut su-
pra lib. 1.
cap. 7. f. 17.
a.

After this manner and order is the Altar consecrated; First, the Bishop begins, *Deus in adiutorium meum intende*: Afterwards he halloweth Water; then doth he make Crosses with *Holy Water* at each corner thereof; which being done, he goeth seven

times

times about it, and sprinkleth seven times also *Holy Water* upon it with a branch of *Hysope*: Then doth he sprinkle the Church again, putting the remainder of the *Holy Water* at the foot of the Altar. All this being performed, four Crosses are made with *Chrysme* at the four Angles of the Sepulcher, wherein the *Reliques* ought to be deposited. Each *Relique* are put into a Cabinet with three grains of Frankincense, and so layd up in the Sepulcher, and a tablet put over them with a Crosse made upon the midst thereof. These things being done, the great stone which covers the Altar is fitted for it, and then annointed with Oil in 5. places, and after the same manner with *Chrysme*: Then is it confirmed on the front with a Crosse made of *Chrysme*; and Incense is burnt in 5. places thereof: After which it is clenfed and covered with clean linnen, and lastly the Sacrifice celebrated thereon.

Churches
bearing
Saints
Names, the
reason.

w Aug lib.
8. de Civit.
Dei c. 27.

x Lib. 23 c.
10. Epist. 49

y Eccl. pol.
lib. 5. c. 13.

Now the reason and signification of all these Ceremonies follows, which I here, for brevity, omit; resolving to speak a word or two of the cause wherefore Churches do bear the name of some Saint (by which many of them are yet distinguished) although the *Consecration* or *Dedication* were unto none but to God alone; wherein I shall make use of *S. Augustine's* testimony^w. *To them* (saith he, speaking of Angels and Saints) *we appoint no Churches, because they are not to us as Gods*. Again, *The Nations to their Gods erected Temples, we not Temples unto our Martyrs as unto Gods; but memorialls as unto dead men, whose spirits with God are still living*. So that hereby is clearly manifest, that as they were dedicated to God alone, so was it in memory of some speciall Saint; either (as *M^r Hooker*^y observes) because by the ministry of Saints it pleased God, there to shew some rare effect of his power, or else in regard of death, which those Saints having suffered for the testimony of Jesus Christ, did thereby make the places, where they died, Venerable. Thirdly; for that it liked good and vertuous men to give such occasion of mentioning them often, to the end that the naming of their persons might cause enquiry to be made, and meditation to be had of their virtues.

z Ad cal-
cem Regis.
Priorat. de
Darente
genès Joh.
Ruthworth
et.

And I have seen a very antient transcript^z of a Decree made by *Robert de Winchelsea* Archbishop of *Canterbury* in his Metropolitall visitation, temp. *E. 1.* which was confirmed by *Walter Reynold* his immediate successor, whereby it appeareth (inter

alia) that the parishioners, throughout all the Archdeacons of his Province, were appointed to see, that the Image of that Saint, to whose memory the Church was dedicated, should be always erected in the Chancell of every Parish-Church. But these, as all other Images, which stood heretofore in Churches, being pulled down (as we know) either in King *Edw. 6.* or beginning of Queen *Eliz.* reign, hath left the name of such Saint in many places forgotten; So that now, except it be by keeping the Festivall called the *Wake* (whereof in *Stratford super Avon* I have spoke) which usually is observed the Sunday following the Saints day to whom such *Dedication* was, there is very little memoriall thereof; considering how, of late time, the fury of some out of a pretended zeal to Reformation, hath battered the windows in pieces; in more places whereof the portraiture of such Saint was depicted, than of any other whatsoever, as I have frequently observed.

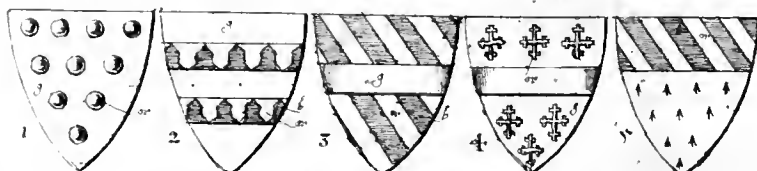
But I now return to this Religious House of *Wrothall*; from the ruine and destruction whereof; as also of the Church and Altar before specified, no *Consecration* or *Dedication*, were it never so solemn and sacred, could affright that barbarous generation, which under the power and authority of *K. H. 8.* subverted this, and the rest of those goodly structures of that kind, wherewith *England* was so much adorned: as a preamble whereunto was that fatal Survey^a in 26 H. 8. made; whereby it appears, that the value of this then extended to *lxxii li. xii s. vi d.* above all reprises, *Sir Edward Ferrers* Knight, being high Steward thereof, and his Fee *iii li. vi s. viii d. per annum*; And that there then was every *Maunday-Thursdai* distributed to poor people for the Founders soul, in Bread and Herrings, with *xiii d.* in money, the sum of *xx s.* After which, viz. the next year following, was it dissolved with the rest of the small Houses, by Act of Parliament, *Anne Little* being then Prioreffe, and having a Pension^b of *vii li. x s. per annum* granted to her by the King, during life: but the rest of her fellow Nuns were exposed to the wide world to seek their fortune: And in 36 H. 8. granted^c, inter alia, (I mean the site thereof) with the Church, Belfrey, Church-yard, and all the lands in *Wrothall* thereto belonging; as also the Rectory and Tithes of *Wrothall* unto *Rob. Burgoyne* and *John Scudamore*, and their heirs: From which *Robert*, is *Sir John Burgoyne* of *Sutton in Com. Wesh.* Baronet, the present possessor thereof, descended.

a MS. p.
nès S. A. c.
aur. f. 13.
b.

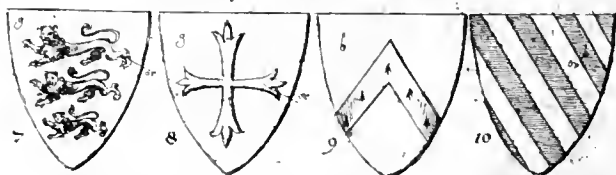
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c Pat. 36
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Wrothall.

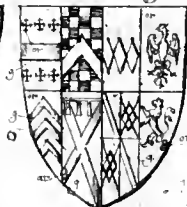
In a South window of the Church.



In the North windows.



In the Belfrey.



1. Touch
2. Say of Ricards. Castle.
3. Beauchamp E. of Warr.
4. England.
5. Laimen.
6. Lodbrock
7. Montfort of Beldefert

Vpon a grauestone of Marble,

Domina Johes Bromie filia Johannis Bromie et
Prioris de Wrothall. obiit xxi Juny anno M^o xviii.

Catalogus Priorissarum.

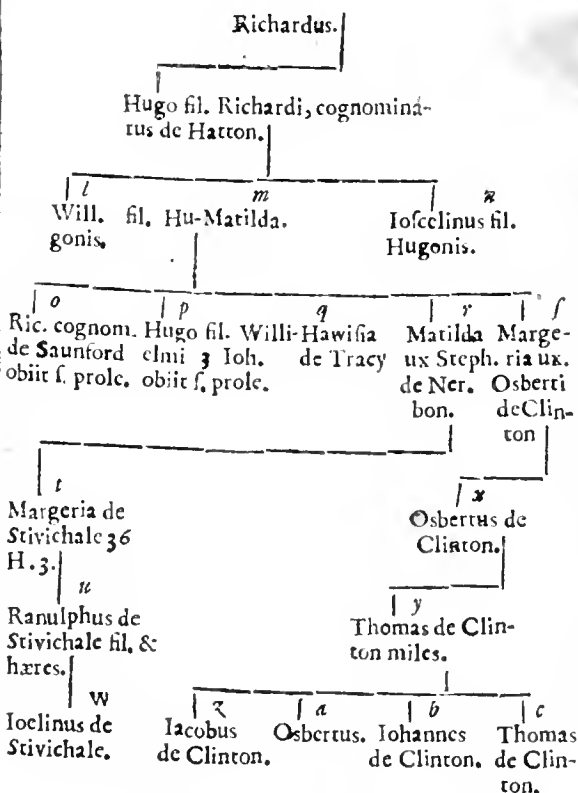
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Clinton de Maxstoke	
mil. obiit an. 1300.	
Agnes de Alesbury 8.	
Id. Dec. 1311.	
D. Agnes de Brov.	
D. Isabella de Fokerham	
8. Cal. Nov. 1339.	
D. Alicia de Clinton.	
D. Johanna Russell 2 Julii	
1356.	
D. Horabilia de Aylesbury	
19 Aug. 1361.	
D. Alicia de Aylesbury.	
D. Isolda Walshe 3 Sept.	
1425.	
D. Isabella Asteley 20	
Julii 1431.	
D. Jocosia Brome filia Joh.	
Brome obiit 21 Junii an.	
1528.	
Anna Lytle 28 H. 8.	

Conventus ejusdem domus.

Hatton.

His place, having its first denomination from the Heath, near which it was situate; and so, for facility of expression, contracted from **Heath-ton** into **Hatton**, is not at all mentioned in the Conquerors Survey: neither indeed do I find any thing thereof sooner in Record, than what is express'd in those grants, which were made to the Monastery of **Worhall**, of the Church and lands here, by **Hugh fil. Richardi** the Founder of that House; which I judge to be about the later end of **H. 1.** or beginning of King **Steph.** time. However, that this, with **Worhall** (which was originally a member hereof, as is there manifested) was possess'd by **Henry de Newburgh**, the first Earl of **Warwick** of the Norman line, I have not only the **MS.** history of **Worhall** for my authority, but a strong and most evincing circumstance in further testimony thereof, viz. the certificate made by **Will. Earl of Warwick** in 12 **H. 2.** whereby it appeareth, that the said **Hugh** held of him ten Knights fees de veteri feoffamento; id est whereof he was enfeoff'd in **H. 1.** time, whereof this place was (questionless) a part, it being his principall seat, and the place whence he assumed his surname; to the Charters of which Earl he was frequently a witness. But having already spoke at large of that eminent and pious work of his, viz. the Foundation of **Worhall** Nunnery, I shall here goe on in taking notice briefly of what otherwise I have found memorable of him; which is, that he confirm'd the Mannour of **Bentworth** in this County to the Canons of **Bentworth** in King **H. 1.** time; and gave unto them certain lands in **Willington**; all which the said King ratify'd.

To the Priory of **Warwick** he gave the Church of **Snotfeld**; and to the Nuns of **Polestworth** confirm'd the grant of **Oldbury**, which was of his Fee, being bestow'd on them by **Walt. de Hastings** and **Hathewis** his wife.



But the issue male of this Family extinguishing, (as the Descent sheweth) and this Lordship thereby coming unto daughters, part thereof divolved by **Margerie**, one of the coheirs, to the **Clintons**; but the residue of the Nuns of **Worhall** and the Canons of **Stadley** had. Which part so coming to **Clinton**, was by **Sr. Thomas de Clinton** Knight, grandchild to the before specified **Margerie**, given by the name of his Mannour of **Hatton**, and **Beaufale** unto **James** his younger son, and to his heirs, reserving to the said **Sir Thomas** and his heirs a peny to be paid yearly at **Christmas**, for all secular service and demands whatsoever. But it should seem that **James** quitted his title therein to **John** his elder brother's son: for in 13 **Edw.** 1. the said **John** commenced suit against **Will. de Beauchamp** Earl of **Warwick** for the whole Mannour, excepting two messuages, and two yard land therein, in which the said Earl claimed right by virtue of a grant from **Hamon le Strange**: However, the Earl pleading that he held but a third part thereof, whereas the other challenged the whole, had, by reason of that advantage the better in the suit; so that the said **John**, within a short time after, came to an Agreement with him; and paid unto him one mess. 1 Mill, 27. acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, 11. acres of wood, 7 Rent, and the Rent of 2 li. of pepper, with two pair of Gloves, price 11 yearly; quitting wholly also all his title and claim that he had to this Mannour. To whose posterity it continued till 3 **H. 7.** that all the lands belonging to that great Earldome were given up to the King by **Anne Countesse of Warwick** (as in **Warwick** I have more fully shewed:) Since which I have not seen any more thereof.

That which belong'd to the Nuns of **Worhall**, being in **E. 6.** time reputed for a Mannour, was then in the Kings hand.

In an. 1291 (19 E. 1.) the Church (dedicated to the holy Trinity) was valued¹ at five marks, and had a portion of *iii* s. issuing out of it to the Canons of **Warwick**; but in 14 E. 3. at vi l. xiii s. *iii* d. being not presentative.

Shrewley.

This Village is in the parish of **Watton**; and, being posselt by *Hugh de Grentemaisnill* in the Conquerors time, was then certifiedⁿ to contain three hides, valued at xxx s. the woods thereof extending to one mile in length, and half a mile in breadth; all which, before the Norman invasion, had been the freehold of one *Toli*. But soon after this, *Rob.* Earl of **Leic.** (the first of that name) had it, and enfeofft *Ernald de Bois* thereof, as it seems: for in a grant^o which the said *Ernald* made to the Nuns of **Pinley**, of one carucate of land here, in **Strabestie** (for so it was then written) he expresses it to be by the consent of *Rob.* E. of **Leic.** his Lord: which grant the same E. for the health of his own soul, and the souls of his father and mother, as also of the soul of *K. H. 1.* confirmed^p.

The next mention I find thereof, is, that in 6 H. 3. *Magr. Henry de Waltham* had livery^q of those lands here, together with the rest in **Willeby** which *Will. fil. Wigani*, his uncle, held of the K. in *Capite*. And in 33 H. 3. I find that *John de Screveila* held^a a yard land in this village of the King by *Sergeantie*, in *Capite*: which *John* was Lord of the Mannour, as it seems; for in 13 E. 1. it appears^t, that *Fouk de Lucy* had kept a **Court-Leet**, here, in prejudice of the said *John*, he holding of the King by *Sergeantie*; and that the said *Fouk* had without authority erected a Gallows in this Village; wherefore it was determined that the said Gallows should be pulled down, and that the same *John* might enjoy his **Court-Leet** again. Nevertheless, upon the death of the said *Fouk de Lucy* in 31 E. 1. I find^t, that he dyed seized of this Mannour, and held it of *Maud* the daughter and heir of *John de Skrevele*, *Will. de Lucy* his son and heir being then 26. years of age. But the said *Will.* enjoy'd it not accordingly; for *Maud* the wife of *Walt. de Culy* (whom I conclude to be her that is before exprest) having licenseⁿ from the King, in respect of the tenure in *Sergeantie*, sold^w it for CC li. to *John de Dufford* and his heirs in 1 E. 2. Which *Sergeantie*^x was to find one armed man with an Hauberk on Horseback in the Kings service for the space of xl. days; viz. to ride personally with the K. in his expedition for **Wales**.

Which *John de Dufford* was a Knight^y in 3 E. 2. and in 6 E. 2. sold^w it to *Philip* the son of *Philip de Gayton*, who departed^a this life in 9 E. 2. leaving his two sisters his heirs; sc. *Juliana*, the elder, wife^b to Sir *Thomas Murdak* Knight, and *Scolastica* (the younger) wedded^c to *Godfrey de Meaux*, being also heirs^d to their brother *Theobald*: Of the moitie whercof, the said *Scolastica* had livery in 10 E. 2. she being then a widow. But all that belong'd to *Julian* (as I can find) was but one carucate of land, which eschaetted to the Crown by reaton of her forfeiture^e, in conspiring with Sir *John Paux* Knight, to murder her husband, for^f which she was burnt: the inheritance whereof was given^h by the King to *Henry* Earl of **Lanc** in 23 E. 3. it then passing by the name of one messuage, 26 acres of land, and one

roode of meadow, a pasture called **Berry-moze**, and x s. *iii* d. ob. Rent. Neither did that which her sister *Scolastica* had here goe any longer by the name of the moitie of the Mannour: for in 27 E. 3. she was foundⁱ to dye seized of one messuage, xx. acres of land, 3 acres of meadow, and viii s. Rent, held of the King in *Capite* by the eighth part of a Knights fee, leaving Sir *John de Meaux* Knight her son and heir then xl. years of age. When Sir *John* sold the same, before the 38 of E. 3. to *Nich. Fililode* and *Will. Fililode* his brother; passing it by the name of the moitie of the Mannour of **Shreveffe** (*Nich.* having but an estate for life and the inheritance to *Will.*) The custody of which moitie was in 6 R. 2. committed¹ by the King to *John Horewode*, one of the Grooms of his Chamber. in respect that *John Fililode*, heir to the said *W.* was under age: which *John* dyed^m seized thereof 1 H. 4. leaving *Giles Fililode*, his Uncle, his next heir; who departedⁿ this life in 2 H. 6. *Katherine* the widow of *John Blike* being found^o his sister & heir.

To whom succeeded *Ric. Blike* her son and heir, who had livery^p thereof in 4 H. 6. and to him *Richard*^q; and to *Ric. Humfrey*^r. But the last of the *Blikes*, that had to do here, was *John Blike* Gentleman, who sold^s all his interest to *John Oldnale* in 4 E. 6. by the name of one mess. CC. 2. acres of land, xl. acres of meadow, C. acres of pasture, x. acres of wood, and lxxx. acres of Heath and Furs, part thereof lying in **Pinley**: all which in 4 Eliz. the said *John Oldnale* conveyed^t to *Thomas* and *Clement Walford*.

But besides this moytie, and the other, which so came to the coheirs of *Philip de Gayton*, 'tis certain that the *Lucies* of **Cherlecote** had a Mannour here: for in 16 E. 3. the Lady *Eliz.* the widow of Sir *Will. de Lucy* Knight, had a grant^u thereof, together with the Mannour of **Cherlecote**, made by Sir *Will. de Lucy* Knight, son to the said Sir *Will.* to hold during her life: in consideration whereof she released her interest in other lands, which she had right to have held. And it is plain by sundry^w Records, that the posterity of the said Sir *Will. Lucy* posselt it till H. 7. time; but how much longer I find not.

Beaufale.

This is also in the parish of **Watton**, and by the Conquerors Survey^x certified to contain half a hide, being at that time posselt by *Odo* Bishop of **Batcur** (the Kings half brother) but then^y held of him by one *Wadardus*, and under him by *Geroldus*, the woods containing two furlongs, and the whole valued at xx s. In that Record it is written **Brothelle**: But very shortly after this, it came^z to the hands of *Hugo fil. Ricardi* (also Lord of **Watton**, as hath been shewed) and so, by *Margerie* his grandchild and heir, to *Osbert de Clinton*: which *Osbert* had issue *Osbert*, and he *Thomas*, by whom the inheritance thereof was given (together with **Watton**) to *James de Clinton* his younger son. Whether this grant to *James* proved invalid, or that he quitted his title therein to *John* his elder brother's son, I know not; but certain it is, that the said *J.* pass'd it (with **Watton**) unto *W. de Beauchamp* E. of **Warw.** and his heirs: And for the better strengthening of their title did *Maud* Countess of **Warwick** after the death of the said Earl her husband purchase from Sir *Hamon le Strange* Knight all his right therein; which *Hamon* had

n Domefd. lib.

Ex aut. tog. p. nes. Cooks de Pinley.

q Rot. F. 6 H. 3. m. 8.

r Testa de N.

f Rot. de Quo W.

t Esc. 31 E. 1. n. 12.

u Pat. 1 E. 2 p. 2. m. 9.

w F. levat. xv. Mich. 2 E. 2.

x Esc. 6 E. 2 n. 68.

y Ex autos in Scac. in baga de Catesby.

z Pat. 6 E. 2 p. 1. m. 7.

a Pat. 9 E. 2. n. 59.

b Claus. 9 E. 2. m. 2.

c Pat. 4 E. 2 p. 2. m. 17.

d Rot. F. 10 E. 2. m. 14.

e Esc. 4 E. 3. n. 57.

g Plac. coram R. apud Warw. Trin. 13 E. 3. n. 118.

h Pat. 22 E. 2. p. 2. m. 22.

i Esc. 28 E. 3. n. 50.

k Rot. F. 3 E. 3. m. 3.

l Rot. F. 6 2. m. 15.

m Esc. 1 4. n. 31.

n Esc. 19.

p Rot. 14 H. 6. m.

q Esc. 5 n. 6.

r Esc. 71.

s Pat. 415 p. 3.

t Pat. 415 p. 3.

u Ex autos penes J. Lucy.

w Esc. 14 H. 7. m. 14.

x Rot. 71.

y Rot. 71.

z Rot. 71.

a Rot. 71.

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Cartul. arm. Com. 55. b. had a grant^b thereof from *S. r. Thomas de Clinton* above specified; but I suppose it to have been only as a trust; for it continued (with *Watton*) to the succeeding Earls of *Warwick*, as by several instances I could manifest.

Reg. Col. de warw. f. 174. b. Within the precincts of this Lordship there was antiently a Chapell^c, dedicated to *S. John* the Evangelist, and endowed with Glebe and Tithes by *Margerie de Clinton*, wife to *Osbert de Clinton* above specified, as is exactly exprest in a special grant^d made by her thereto, and confirmed^e by *Job. de Aboeth* her 2 husband: Amongst the particulars whereof are mentioned the Tithes of the Fowl caught in the Park, and of the Fishes in the Pool there: as also of the Venison; viz. a shoulder of each, with the Tithes of the paunage; and pasturage in the same for six beasts, seven Hogs, one Sow, a Mare and Colt, with two loads of wood at *Christmasse* yearly: All which were antiently given and united to the Collegiate Church of our Lady in *Warwick* (as it seems) after the Mannour of *Beaufale* was so posselt by the Earls of *Warwick*, as above said: For at the death of *Thomas Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick* (who dyed towards the later end of *E. 3.* time) and in *R. 2.* time did the Canons of that Church enjoy^f them, But this is now included within *Wedgnok* Park, and was of later time called by the name of *Cuckow-Church*, whereof in my discourse of *Wedgnock* I have already spoke.

Haseley.

amefd. Next unto *Watton*, on the other side of that rivulet which cometh fromwards, . . . standeth *Haseley*; which in the Conquerors time was posselt^g by *Hasculf Musard*; but of him held by *Hunfridus* (progenitor to the Family of *Hastang*, as in *Lemington-Hastang* appeareth) and then certified to contain 3. hides, and half a virgate of land, there being a Church, as also a Mill rated at *iiii s.* and the woods belonging thereto extending to a mile in length, and two furlongs in breadth, all valued at *xxx s.* having been the Freehold of *Azur* before the Norman Invasion. But it continued not long in the Family of *Hastang*; for *Aytrope Hastang*, grandchild to the before specified *Hunfridus*, in consideration of *lxxx* marks of silver, sold^h it to *Will Turpin*, a gentleman of the Kings Bedchamber; reserving from the said *W.* and his heirs, to him the said *Aytrope* and his heirs, the like service as was due by him to his Lord for the same; viz. the half and the tenth part of a K^s Fee: By which grant the said *Aytrope* also covenanted, that every of the heirs to the said *W. Turpin* should be quit of their Relief for one *Besantine*ⁱ.

ice old anti- h 50. l. an. gr.] 11. ept. 7 H. From this *W. Turpin* was it soon after conveyed^j to *Rog.* the son of *Thurstan de Cherlecote*, and his heirs: By which grant it appeareth, that the Knights service due, in respect thereof, was as much as belong'd to two hides, whereof five made the service of one Knights Fee. And for the better confirmation thereof, did *Osbert Turpin*, brother to the same *Will.* levy a Fine^k unto *Thomas de Cherlecote*, son to the above mentioned *Roger*, in *7 H. 3.* Of which branch of *Cherlecote's* Family, residing here at *Haseley*, and assuming it for their surname (as I shall shew anon) I must not omit to mention what I have met with in an histo-

IClaus. 12. H. 3. m. 1. d. ricall way (the descent being placed in *Cherlecote*) In *12. H. 3.* the King remitted^l to *Thomas de Cherlecote* the Scutage then due from him; viz. for half a Knights Fee, and a fourth part; where he is called *Thomas de Cherlecote Videlius Magistri Stephani de Lucy*; which shewes he was *Lucie's* servant, though in what capacity is hard to say: And in *20 H. 3.* accepted^m of 5 marks instead of *xx*, which were due from him unto the Exchequer for divers defaults of his in the *Iters* of the Kings Justices: But this *Thomas* came to an untimely end, for he was strangledⁿ by three of his own servants; viz. two men and one woman; and afterwards cast into a pool here at *Haseley*; which, till the murder was found out, occasioned such a suspicion that he had drowned himself, that his goods and Catalls were seized into the Kings hands, and then valued at *71 li. 05 s. 04 d.* But the truth at last appearing^o, the Murderers had their demerits by judgment of the Kings Justices, and restitution was made of those his goods unto his heirs, to dispose of for the health of his soul.

To him succeeded *Thomas* his son and heir; who by a Charter^p bearing date 3 *Maii 51 H. 3.* had *free-warren* granted to him in all his demesne lands here. This *Thomas* was^q one of the Commissioners for the Gaol delivery at *Warwick* in *53* and *56 H. 3.* so also in *1. 2.* and *3 E. 1.* In *6 E. 1.* he was Sheriff^r of this County and *Welshshire*; and in^s Commission likewise for the Gaol delivery at *Warwick*; as also in^t *11. 12.* and *14 E. 1.* In *15 E. 1.* he was constituted^u one of the Commissioners in this County for conservation of the peace, and taking care that the statute of *Winchester* should be observed. The same year, and the two next years following, he was again^v one of the Justices for the Gaol delivery at *Warwick*: in severall of which years, he is indifferently written, sometimes *Thomas de Cherlecote*, and sometimes *Thomas de Haseley*, and was a Knight^w. But his son and heir; *sc. Robert* past^x away his title in this Mannour to *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick* in *30 E. 1.* to whose posterity it continued till all the lands belonging to that Earldome came to the Crown in *3 H. 7.* (as in *Warwick* I have manifested) out of which it was granted^y, together with the Castle of *Warwick* and many other Lordships, by King *E. 6. 22 Junii 1.* of his reign unto *John Dudley* Earl of *Warwick* and his heirs; and in *3 E. 6.* past^z back to the King by the said Earl (*inter alia*) for lands in *Oxfordshire* and other Counties: Howbeit, the next year following he had it again, with the rest, in exchange^a for certain Mannours in *Northumberland* and elsewhere.

But upon the attainder of the said *John* (then *D. of Northumb*) in *1. Maria*, the *Q.* granted^b it to *Mich. Throckmorton*, Esq; and his heirs; who aliened^c it the year ensuing to *Clem. Throckmorton* his Nephew (third son to Sir *George Throckmorton* of *Coughton*, in this County Knight) who had issue *Job Throckmorton*, one of those notable Zelots in *Q. Eliz.* time; of whom, with some other of the like spirit, Mr. *Cambden* in his Annals of that Queens reign (*an. sc. 1588*) hath this expression— *Hi itaq; & in Hierarchiam, & in Prasules, probrosos editis libellis, quibus tituli erant Martinus* Prasulibus exitiosus, vel Prasulomastix, Minerali, Diotrephes, Demonstratio disciplinæ &c. calumniis & convitiis virulentissimis adeo scurriliter debacchati sunt, ut authores non*

IClaus. 12. H. 3. m. 1. d.

m Rot. F. 20 H. 3. m. 6

n Rot. F. 47 H 3 m. 10.

p Cart. 51. H. 3. m. 6.

q Pat. de iisd. an. r in d. 1 Rot. F. 6 E. 1. m. 2. in ccd.

t Pat. 6 E. 1. m. 4.

u Pat. de iisd. an. in d w Pat. 15 E. 1. m. 13.

x Pat. de iisd. an. in d y Cartul. w arm. Com. f. 91. a z lb. f. 90. b

a Pat. 1 E. 6. p. 9.

b Pat. 3 E. 6. p. 9.

c Pat. 4 E. 6. p. 7.

d Pat. 1 M. p. 15.

e Pat. 1. & 2. Ph. & M. p. 11.

** Marprelate.*

pietatis cultores, sed à popina ganeones viderenter. *Authores tamen erant Penrius & Udallus Verbi Ministri, & Jobus Throgmortonus, vir doctus & facie dicax: Fautores Ricardus Knightleius, & Will. Wigstonus equites aurati, viri alioquin boni, graves, & prudentes (sed à quibusdam ministris sibi sapientibus circumventi) qui crimon gravi multa in Camera stellata irrogata luisent, nisi Archiep. Cantuar. qua fuit ille lenitate, Regiam agrè exorasset.* Which Job had isleue Sir Clem. Throgmorton Knight (a Gentleman not a little eminent for his learning and eloquence, having served in sundry Parliaments as one of the Knights for this shire, and undergone divers other publiq; employments of note) and he Clement Throgmorton Esq; now Lord of this Mannour.

The Church (dedicated to the Visitation of the blessed Virgin) was given^r to the Monastery of S. Oswald at ~~Postell~~ (in ~~Worke~~.) by Anfride Hastang, brother to the first Aytrope, in H. 1. time; but how or when the Canons of ~~Postell~~ quitted their title thereto, I know not: Howbeit, I find, that the Canons of ~~Warwick~~ had it afterwards; and that there grew some question betwixt Thomas de Cherlecome, Lord of this Mannour, and them for the right of patronage thereto, which the said Thomas, at the length, releas^d to them. In an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) it was valued^h at 5 marks, at that time the portion therein, belonging to the Canons of ~~Warwick~~, being ~~iiii s.~~ And in 126 H. 8. at ~~iiii li. xiii s. iiii d.~~ a Pension^k of ~~iiii s.~~ being payd yearly out of it to the Priory of ~~Warwick~~, and for Procurations and Synodalls ~~iiii s.~~ more.

Patroni Ecclesiæ. Incumbentes, &c.

Giff. f. 428a

Geyn. f. 361

Maid. f. 532

Prior & Canonici S.
Sepulcri Warw.

Thomas Tankard 9 Cal.
Julii 1298.

Joh. Mile subdiac. 6 Cal.
Junii 1304.

Mr. Joh. de Wulfreton Cler.
16 Cal. Nov. 1317.

Idem Prior & Canon.
S. Sepulcri Warw.

D. Episc. per lapsum.

D. Ric. Mores Cap.
hacvice Patronus.

Tr. & Canon. S. Sepulcri Warwici.

Job Throgmorton.

Ric. de Mesford Cap. 15 Cal. f. 23.

Cal. Jan. 1320.

Henr. de Bradewas Cap. Id. Ib. f. 111.

Julii 1325.

D. Thomas de Baddesley Hort. vol. 1.

Pbr. 5. Feb. 1328. f. 18. b

D. Will. de Nayleston 17 Br. vol. 1.

Dec. 1359. 28. b

Will. Warde Pbr. 29 Maii S. Germ.

1364. 118. a

Rob. Felde Pbr. 8 Sept. Lyn. f. 2. a

1369.

Will. atte Hulle 17 Junii Ib. f. 4. b

1370.

Rad. Daston 4 Sept. wak. f. 54

1388.

Laur. Staundene 12 Julii cliff. f. 77

1404.

Joh. Aynolph 21 Aug. Ib. f. 91.

1406.

Robertus. Grene 12. Nov. Rev. f. 11

1409.

Joh. Clerke 3 Novembris Ib. f. 25. b

1410.

Henr. Mackley 24. Mar. Ib. f. 32. b

1410.

D. Rad. de Herleston Cap. Ib. f. 67. b

1 Sept. 1414.

Frazer Ricardus Canon. in S. Germ.

domo Hosp. S. Joh. War- 247. b

wici 10 Jan. 1433.

Phil. VVorthyn Pbr. 24 Carp. vol. 1.

Nov. 1468. f. 235. b

D. Joh. Somburne Cap. 24 Ib. vol. 1.

Feb. 1471. 25. a

Frazer Rob. Ychinton Ca- Gyg. 2.

non. ... Oct. 1512. 105. a

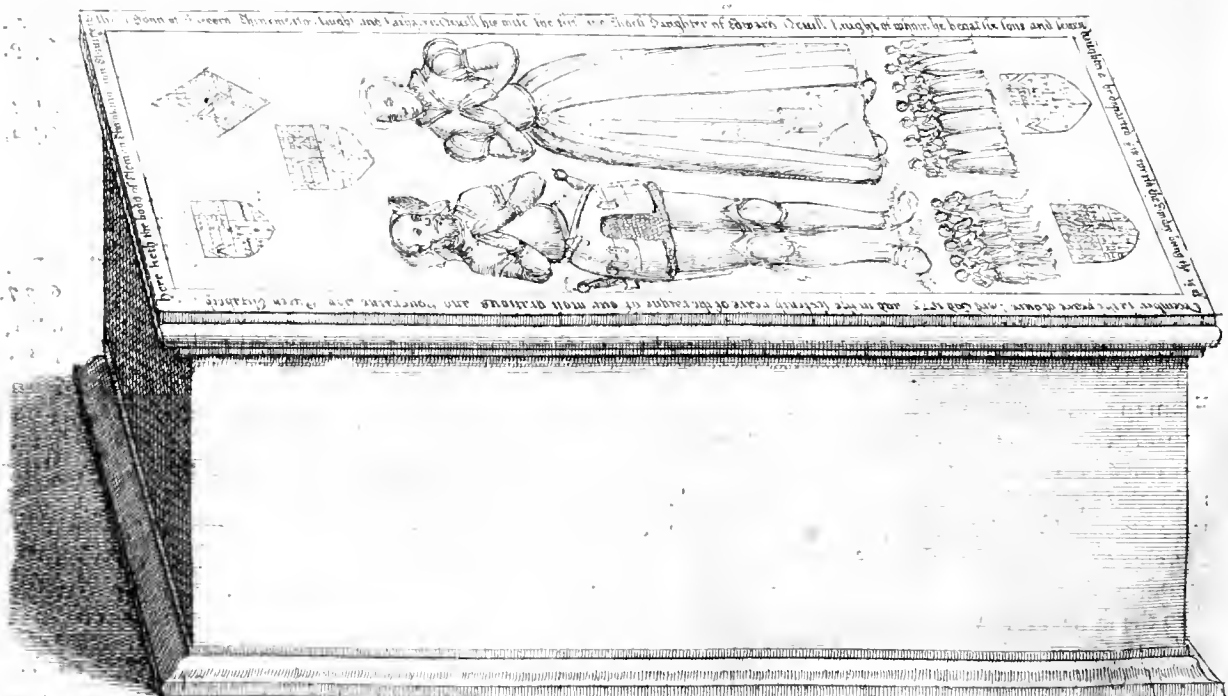
D. Joh. Uitynge Cap. 4 Jeron. f.

Dec. 1526. 28. a.

Will. Meacock Cler. 16 Bul. f. 6.

Julii 1594.

Pluteley
On the North side of the Chancell.



Claverdon.

Claverdon.

Ascending another torrent, which meeteth with that last spoke of, a little below *Haseley*, I come to *Claverdon*. In the Conquerors time this, being posselt¹ by the Earl of *Meillant*, contained 3 hides, and was valued at *iiii li.* the woods whereof were a mile in extent; but in *Edw.* the Confessors dayes, it was the Freehold of one *Bovi*. From which Earl, as most of the lands which he had in this County did, it came to the hands of *Henry de Newburgh*, his brother, (the first Earl of *Warwick* of the Norman line) as is evident enough: And in 9 *Joh.* was (*inter alia*) assigned^m for the dower of *Alice* the widow of *Waleran* Earl of *Warwick*; so also in^o 26 *H. 3.* to *Ela* the widow of *Thomas* Earl of *Warwick*: which *Ela* in 36 *H. 3.* obtained a Charter^p of *Free-warren* in all her demesn lands here; and purchased^a certain other lands, in this place, of *Sir Henry de Lodbroke* Kt. which she gave^r to the Priory at *Warwick*.

After this, viz. in 13 *E. 1.* *Will. de Beauchamp* claimed^a a Gallows, with Assize of Bread and Beer in this Mannour, by Prescription which were allowed: And in 9 *E. 2.* was it assigned (*inter alia*) as part of the dowry of *Alice*, widow unto *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick*. To the posterity of which Earls it continued till 3 *H. 7.* but then coming to the Crown (with all the rest of the possessions belonging to that Earldome) was by *K. H. 8.* in 26 of his reign, leased^a to *Reg. Walsford* for xxi years: But King *Edw. 6.* 22 Dec. 1. of his reign, granted^w the inheritance thereof, together with the Castle of *Warwick* &c. unto *John Dudley* Earl of *Warwick*: After whose attainder in 1 *Maria*, the said *Q.* made a Lease^x thereof for xl. years at the Rent of xxvii *li.* *iiii s.* i d. ob. to *Clem Throgmorton* of *Haseley* Esquier: But in 4 *Eliz.* did *Ambrose Dudley*, then Earl of *Warwick*, obtaine a Pat.^y thereof, together with the Castle of *Warwick* &c. to himselfe and the heirs male of his body; who dying without issue, it returned to the Crown, and was afterwards purchased by *Thomas Spencer* Esquier, a younger son to *Sir John Spencer* of *Althorpe* in com. *Northampt.* Knight. Which *Thomas*, having likewise obtained a Lease from the Dean and Chapter of *Worcester* of certain lands in this place, built a very fair House thereupon; and for the great Hospitality which he kept thereat, was the mirrour of this County: But having no issue male, seled this Mannour (*inter alia*) upon *Sir Will. Spenser* Baronet, son and heir of *Sir Thomas*,

and he of *Sir Will.* sometime of *Warnton* in *Dr-*
sozshire (his third brother.)

Touching the Church (dedicated to *S. Michael*) it appeareth², that *Roger* Earl of *Warwick* in 23 *H. 1.* gave to his Collegiate Church of *Warwick*, then newly founded, two parts of the Tithes issuing out of the Inclosures in this parish, and likewise of the paunage of all the woods belonging thereto: And that in an. 1291 (19 *E. 1*) it was valued^a at xv. marks and a half, the Vicars portion being then six marks and a half: Which Vicaridge in 26 *H. 8.* was rated^b at vi *li.* the *Procurations* and *Synodalls*, issuing out of it, being viii *li.*

Patroni Vicariæ. Incumbentes &c.

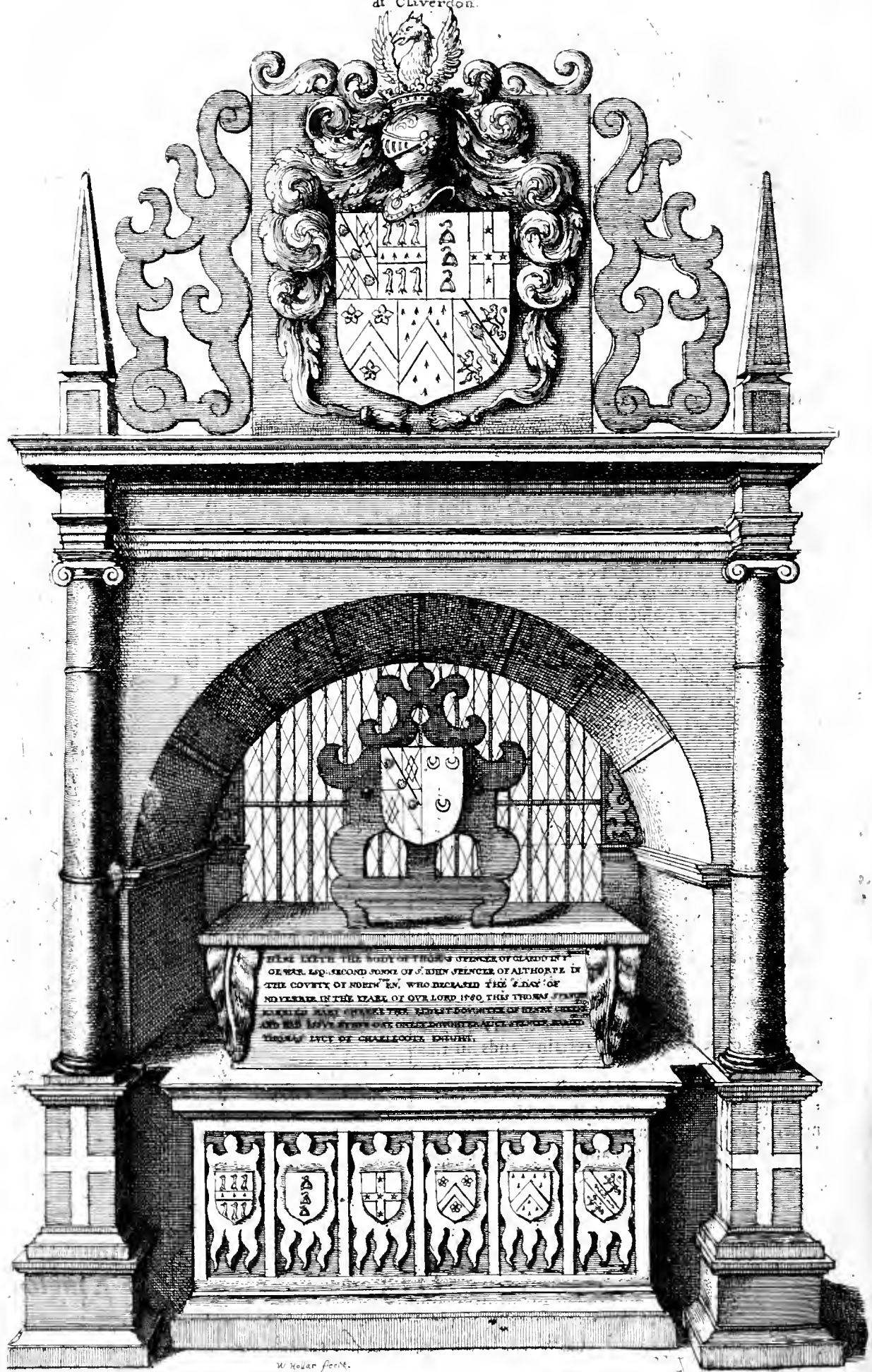
Joh. de Berninton Cap. 2 Giff. f. 13. b
Cal. Junii 1269.
Galf. de Wykwan Pbr. 5 lb. f. 189. b
Cal. Sept. 1283.
Ric. de Stockton Pbr. 6 Geyn. f. 28 a
Non. Martii 1304.
Rob. de Buynnton Cap. 11 S. Germ. f. 38. b
Cal. Apr. 1307.
D. Joh. de Clone Pbr. 19 Cob. f. 131 a
Cal. Sept. 1327.
Thomas Person Cap. 14 wolst. f. 11 a
Maii 1359.
Joh. de Stone Pbr. penult. Br. vol. 1. f. 36. a
Aug. 1361.
Will. de Blaklow Pbr. 8 lb. f. 38. a
Oct. 1361.
Joh. Curteys Pbr. 19 Feb. S. Germ. f. 167. a
1373.
D. Joh. de Westbury, alias *Brakley*, 4 Oct. 1413.
Henr. Andrew Cap. 3 Jan. Morg. vol. 1. f. 25. a
1423.
Joh. Fletcher Cap. 9 Apr. Pul. f. 126 b
1432.
Joh. Hamond Pbr. 8 Julii Bourch. f. 23. b
1436.
D. Joh. Reve Cap. 5 Jan. carp. vol. 2. f. 47. a
1473.
Will. Pecoock art Magr. 17 Apr. 1535.
Andr. Bassam S. Theol. Lat. f. 1. a
Bac. 4 Maii 1536.
D. Ric. Todde Pbr. 3 Julii Bell. f. 34. a
1543.
Edw. Millard Cler. 29 Julii 1574. Bul. f. 10. a
Rob. Fynche Cler. 8 Feb. lb. f. 33. a
1586.

Archidiaconus Wigornie.

D. Episc. hac vice.

Archidiaconus Wigorn.

On the North side of the Chancel
at Claverdon.



W. HOLLAR fecit.

Kington.

This is that place (as I conceive) which I find written *Cinton* in the Conquerors Survey^c, and there certified to have been at that time posselt by the Earl of *Spellent*, and to contain one hide and a half, which was then wast, and valued at no more than *v s.* But the extent of the woods is not there recorded; howbeit the valuation of them is put at *x s.* which, with the rest had been the freehold of *Britnod* before the Norman invasion. All that I have further seen of this place is, that the Abbot of *Woddesley* had very antiently two carucates of land here; for which in *4 E. 1.* he was presented^d to have withdrawn his suit *xx.* years before that time: but by whom or when it was given, I am not very sure: And that after the dissolution of the said Monastery, the same land, by the name of the Grange, Mannour, or Ferme of *Kington* &c. was granted^e to *Clem. Throkemorton* Esq; and *Alex. Avenon* and their heirs in *37 H. 8.* Which *Clem.* dyed seized thereof by the name of *Kington-Ferm*, or Grange in *16 Eliz.*

Langley.

IN the Conquerors time this being posselt by *Rob. de Stadford*, was of him held by one *Judichel*, and by the Survey then taken, certifiedⁱ to contain *1.* hide and a half, having woods belonging thereto of one mile in length, and half a mile in breadth; all which were valued at *xl s.* and had been the freehold of *Ernvi* in *Edw. the Confessors* dayes. Howbeit, after this till *13 Joh.* I find³ no more mention of it, and then it with *Porton*, being part of the Honour of *Hervie de Stafford*, in this County, answered for two Knights Fees. But, it seems, that one of the *Curleys* (Lords of *Porton* Curley) was enfeoffed thereof by some of the posterity of the before specified *Robert de Stadford*; for in *23 H. 3. Will. de Curley* confirm'd^h to the Monks of *Woddesley* all the lands which had been granted to them within the Territories of *Langle* of his Fee: And in *26 H. 3.* heldⁱ one Knights Fee here and in *Porton* of *Robert de Stafford*.

To deduce the succession of its possessors, exactly, I cannot; therefore what I have disjointedly found thereof must satisfy. In *17 Edw. 2.* Sir *Henry de Lodbroke* Knight wrote^k himself *Dominus de Langele*; and within two years after *Will. Vanhan* had the same title, as by his deed^l with his seal of Armes thereto annexed; viz. a Cross within a border both engrailed, doth testify. And in *39 Edw. 3.* was there a Fine^m levied of this Mannour, between Sir *Baldwin Frevill* Knight, Pl. and *John* the son of Sir *John Trillow* Knight, and *Joan* his wife Deforc. it being of her inheritance; whereby it pass to the said Sir *Baldwin* for life. But in *10 Henr. 6.* *Richard Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick* was Lordⁿ of it: And, shortly after that, *John Arden* of *Mark-hall* Esquier, who, upon the marriage of *Thomas* his son and heir, settled^o it (inter alia) upon him. Which *Thomas* in *1. & 2. Phil. & M.* levied a Fine^p thereof, but to what uses I know not.

The Chapell here, (as also that of *Porton-Limesi*) antiently belong'd^q to the Church of *Uttoston-Warren*; but in the year *1257.* by a special Agreement^r made betwixt the Prior of *Uttoston* and the then Rector of the Church of *Claverdon* it was concluded, that from thenceforth, the said Chapells with all the Tithes, as well great as small; arising within their precincts, should belong to the Church of *Claverdon*; as also that the Inhabitants of this Village and *Porton* should bury their dead, and receive the Sacraments there: In consideration whereof the Rector of *Claverdon*, and his successors were to pay, for ever, unto the Prior of *Uttoston* and his successors in the Church of *Wavens-Uttoston* *5.* marks, and *8^s* yearly upon the Feast days of *St. James* the Apostle, and *St. Martin* by equal portions, or within two dayes following: which agreement was confirmed^s by *Maugerius* Bishop of *Uttoucester* upon Fryday, being *Saint Peters* day, the year abovesaid. When or how the difference grew betwixt the Successors of the said Rector and Prior, I know not: but I find, that about *22 H. 7.* the Arch-Deacon of *Uttoucester*, as Rector of *Claverdon*, and the Provost and Fellows of *Kings Colledge* in *Cambridge*, successors to the said Prior, came to a new Agreement^t; viz. that the said Rector of *Claverdon* and his successors should themselves pay to the said Provost and Fellows, and their successors *xl s.* yearly Pension at Easter and *Michaelmasse* by even portions, in right of their Rectory of *Wavens-Uttoston*; which Agreement bears date *1. Februarii anno 1506.* (*22 Henry 7.*)

Norton Limesi, alias Norton Superior.

Following this little brook I come next to *Porton-Limesi*, standing upon an ascent on the Northwest side thereof; but it is not at all mentioned in the Conquerors Survey, which makes me conclude, that it was then involved with *Uttolbardington*, being the very proportion which *Rob. de Stadford* then held in that place: For in *13 Joh.* Where the Fees belonging to the Honour of *Stafford*, in this County, are recorded, "*Langeleg* and *Porton* (which I take to be this *Porton*) are certified for two Knights Fees: And afterwards; viz. in *36 Henr. 3.* is it also joyned with *Langele*, *Will. de Curli* (of whom I have spoke in *Woddesley*) answering^w for one Knights Fee in both these places. But in *9 E. 2.* it was reputed^x a Hamlet of *Fulbroke*, and written *Porton-Limesi*, for distinction from the other *Portons*. It seems that the Earls of *Warwick* became posselt of it in *E. 3.* time, if not before; for in *46 E. 3.* it appears^y that the Knights Fee here in *Langle* above mentioned, was held of *Raph* Earl *Stafford* by *Thomas Beauchamp* then Earl of *Warwick*, and so^z likewise by the succeeding Earls of *Warwick*.

The Chapell here (dedicated to the holy Trinity) was^a antiently dependent upon the Church of *Uttoston-Wavens*, but long since annexed^b to the Parish Church of *Claverdon*,

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& suos
coll.
Regal.
Cantab.

Gigles f.
119. a.

u Lib. rub. f.
157. a.

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y Esc. 46 E.
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R. 2. n.
38.
Esc. 22.
R. 2.
Esc. 38.
C. 39
H. 6.

a Gigles
b f. 119. a.

Sunger.

THis place was given^e to the Monks of **Wor-
ley**, in K. Steph. time, by *Will. Giffard*, and
confirm'd^d by *Roger Earl of Warwick*; but the
reason why it is not particularly mentioned in the
Conquerors Survey is, because it was then invol-
ved with **Brilles**, of which Mannour it was ac-
counted for half a hide, as the Charter^e of its con-
firmation, made by *Will. Earl of Warwick* (son
to *Earl Roger*) doth testifie. After the dissoluti-
on of which Monastery it was granted^e out of the
Crown (*inter alia*) to *Clem. Throkemorton Esquier*,
and *Alex. Avenon*, and their heirs, by the
name of the Mannour, Ferm, and Graunge cal-
led **Songer-grange**, and is now posselt by *Clem.
Throkemorton of Haseley Esq*; great grandchild to
the said *Clement*.

Paulines-Heath

OF this place all that I have seen^s, is no more
than that the Canons of *Saint Sepulchers* in
Warwick were seized thereof in 42 H. 3. But
I do not find that those lands, then so called, did
continue that name, or were reputed a Mannour.

Pinley-Priory.

ON an ascending ground, upon the North
side of that torrent rising about the skirts
of **Claberton**, stands **Pinley**, which was
antiently a member^h of **Rowinton**, and granted
(as I guesse) by *Robert the first Earl of Leicester*
of the Norman line (who posselt *Hugh de Grent-
maisnill's* lands, whereof **Rowinton** was part)
to *Robert Boreler of Overley* in this County:
which *Robert*, as it seems, ense oft *R. de Pilardinton*
thereof, who was the Founder of this little
Monastery: For in the Confirmationⁱ made by
Simon Bishop of Worcester, as also of *John
Pagham*, and *Alured*, his immediate successors
(who lived in K. H. 1. and K. Steph. times) there
is recitall, that the said *R. de Pilardinton* gave
to God and the Nuns of this place *totam terram
de Pineleia assensu Roberti Pincerne de Overleia*.
Whether there were any formall Charter of its
Foundation, I much doubt; but if there were 'tis
no wonder, through the various changes of its
possessors since the dissolution, that it is lost:
And for enroulment in our publique Records, I
am sure there is none, it seldome hapning that
such small Houses went to the charge thereof.

I come now to the severall Benefactors that
they had. In **Pinley**, *Will.* the son of *Wigan
Mareschall* gaveⁱ them half a yard land. In^m
Shrewley *Ernald de Bois* one carucate; and
Robert de Tayden a certain Tenement containing
a full carucate. In⁺ **Walsall** *Manduit VVa-
leran Earl of Warwick* gave the tithe corne.
In^{*} **Walsall** *Daivil Walt. de D'avill* the tithe
of his Mill. In **Claberton** severall parcells of
land were givenⁿ, some by *Waleran Earl of War-
wick*, in a place called **Crudshale**; and the rest
by *Nich. de Crudshale*. In^o **Rowinton Will.**

the son of *VWill. de Freynuse* gave a meadow.
In^v **Langeley VWill. de Curley**, and his Tenants
several parcells. In **Whitcote**, the Nuns of this
House had one yard land and a half granted^a by
Sir John le Lowe Knight. In **Whitchurch** an
yearly Rent of xiii. quarters of Wheat, and xiiii.
quarters of Barley, which they purchased^o of
Peter de Montfort, Lord of that Mannour: which
Family of *Montfort* (whose seat was at **Belbe-
sert**) were very devout Benefactors to this Mona-
stery: for I find^t that *Thurstan de Montfort* gave
thereunto the tenth part of all the victualls spent
in his House; viz. Bread, Beer, Flech, Fish,
and whatsoever was drest in his Kitchin; and that
Peter his son obtained^t the patronage thereof
from *Roger de Pilardinton* in H. 3. time, whereof
he had a confirmation^u by *VValter de Cantilupe*
Bishop of **Worcester**: which Tenth of Victuall,
the said *Peter* also allowed all the days of his life;
and so likewise *Peter* the son of that *Peter* untill
5 E. 1. Wherefore I am of opinion, that the
Rent-Corn, above mentioned, was by him settled,
as is before exprest, in lieu thereof. And in 3
E. 2. *Philip le Lou*, and *Margerie* his wife,
gave^w the perpetuall advouson of the Church of
Whitcote in this County. Within the precinct
of **Fulbroke-Park** had^z they also two Tofes,
one yard land, one Croft called **Hoppetstrott**, one
meadow called **Latomes-meadow**, and half an a-
cre in **Wodemicotw**, with an Isle called the **Spill-
dantis** compassed about with the River **Abon**; but
of whose grant I find not.

And that the hearts and hands of many people,
in antient time, were free and open to such devout
Votaries, we have innumerable examples: Neither
did there want Instruments to stir them up there-
to, as here, by severall Indulgences, one^y of *Hu-
bert Archb. of Canterbury* an. 1195 (7 R. 1.)
another^z by the before specified *VValt. de Cantilupe*
Bishop of **Worcester** an. 1253. and a third^a by
Simon de VWanton Bishop of **Exeter** an. 1260,
each of them vouchsafing pardon of Penance, for
a certain number of dayes, for such sins, whereof
the persons offending, making true confession,
should be heartily lorry, giving something of
their temporall substance to these Nuns. Divers
immunities also, usually granted to such Religious
Houses did *King Henry 2.* and *King Henry 3.*
vouchsafe unto them, as by their Charters^b may
appear. But neither could the pious and strict
lives of these innocent Ladies; nor the priviledg-
es of those Kings preserve them from that generall
ruine, which hapned in 27 and 30 H. 3. As a
preparatory to which work was that Survey^c in
26. of his Reign, whereby this House with all
that belong'd thereto, was rated at xxiii^{li} vi^s iii^d.
over and above the Reprizes; whereof xvii^{li} iii^d
per an. was reckoned to be yearly distributed in
Almes to poor people, for the soul of *Sir Peter de
Montfort*, one of their Benefactors, and xii^s for
the soul of *Sir Raph de Sudle Knight* another; *Ro-
ger VVigston Esq*; being then high Steward there-
of, having a Pension of xx^s per an.

And the next year ensuing followed the dissoluti-
on of it, with the rest of the small Houses, by Act of
Parliament; whereupon *Margerie VVigston*, d
the then Prioress, obtained an annuity^d of iii^{li} ii^s
per an. during her life; but the rest of her Covent
nothing. After which, sc. in 36 H. 8. the King, c
by his Letters Pat. bearing date 15 Oct. in con-
sideration of 342^l 11^s 00. sold to *VWill. VVig-
ston*

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ston Esquier (son to the before specified Roger) the site of this Monastery with the Mannour of **Windle** and all the demesns thereto belonging; as also the lands in **Shrewley**, **Clardon**, and **Langley**; with a Croft in **Watton**; and the said Rent-corn issuing out of the Mannour of **Whitchurch**, to hold to him the said **Will.** and his heirs in **Capite** by the xxth part of a Kts. Fee; Reserving xxxvi^s ix^d yearly to himself, his heirs and successors in the name of a Tenth: which said site, and lands in **Windle** is since come by purchase to . . . **Cooksey**, the present owner thereof.

Priorissæ.

Lucia de Sapy 5. Id. Nov. 1269.
Helewysia de Langelegh Nov. Oct. 1321,
Eliz. de Lotrynton 4. Id. Martii 1324.
Matilda de Bret.
Amicia de Hinton 4. Julii 1358.
Alicia Myntyng, monialis de Whiston, 12 Martii 1426.
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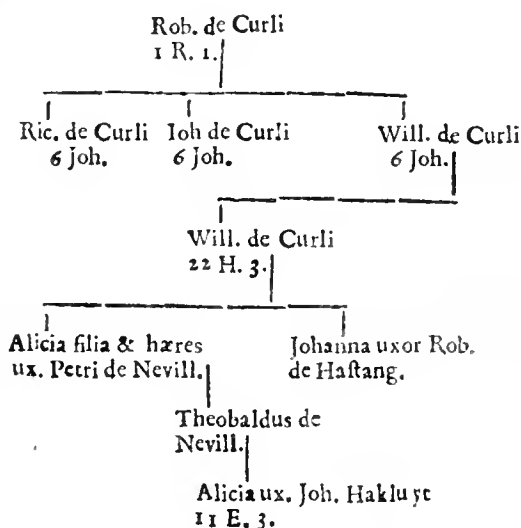
Budbroke.

Following this little stream I come next to **Budbroke**, which in the Conq. time was possessed by **Raph de Limesi**, a great man in those days (as in **Itchington longa** I have intimated) though he had no more land in **Warwickshire** than five hides in this place, whereunto belong'd a Mill, valued at ii^s. and woods of a mile in length, and three furlongs in breadth; as also seven Houses in **Warwick**, yielding vii^s Rent per an. all which were valued at viii^s. and were the inheritance of **Edwine** Earl of **Mercia** before the Norman invasion. In **Domesday** book it is written **Budebroc**, and tis like had its name originally from the mudiness of that petty stream, **Bude** in the Brittain signifying the same with **immundus** in Latine.

But the posterity of the said **Raph de Limesi** continued not long owners of it; for in 22 H. 1. I finde that **Roger** Earl of **Warwick** had it; which makes me presume, that lying so near to **Warwick** **Henry de Newburgh**, the first Earl of the Norman race (and father to **Roger**) obtained it. From which **E. Roger** was it past (as it seems) to **Geffery de Clinton** (Founder of **Kenilworth** Castle, and the Monastery there, as I have elsewhere shewed) for it appears that **Geffrey de Clinton**, son to the said **Geffrey**, upon his gift of the Church, here at **Budbroke**, to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, conditioned with them to pay a mark of silver yearly to the Collegiate Church of our Lady in **Warwick**, in performance of an Agreement made long before, betwixt the said **Geffrey** his father, and the Canons of that Church: and plain it is that the same Earl **Roger**, upon his foundation of that Collegiate Church, gave this of **Budbroke** thereunto, together with all the Tithes of the Town. To which **G. de Clinton**, (as by the Descent in **Coltwill** appeareth) succeeded **Henry** his son and heir; who in 2 Job. in consideration

of xx. marks of silver, one Palfrey, and one Ring of Gold, granted two Knights fees here in **Budbroke** unto **Hugh de Bardulf**; which **Hugh** immediately past them away again to **John de Curly**, and his heirs, for xl. marks of silver.

But it seems that **Rob. de Curli**, Father to the said **John** and **Will.** had an estate in this Lordship by some grant from the said **G. de Clinton**, as when I come to speak of the Church may be discerned (being contemporary with **G. de Clinton** the second, and witness to one of his Charters,) of which **Robert** the last mention that I find is in 1 R. 1. And of **John**, his son, the first, that for adhering to the Kings enemies in 6 Job. he had all his lands seized upon. This was (as I guess) for deserting him in **Normandy**, whereupon ensued the totall loss of that Duchy: for in the Record of 33 H. 3. **Budbroke** is said to be *de terra Normannorum*: but these lands so seized, did **Will. Curly**, brother to the said **John**, obtain from the said King, for C. marks fine and one Palfrey.



Which **Will.** became eminently employed in his time. In 5 H. 3. he was constituted one of the Justices of Assize for determining the difference betwixt **Philippa Marmion**, widow of **Robert Marmion**, and **Rob. Marmion** son to the said **Robert**, touching her dowry in **Tamworth** and **Spoleton**; and from 6 till 11 H. 3. a Justice of Assize in this County. To the Monks of **Bozelsley** he gave two acres of land in **Corlchestun**; and left issue **Will.** his son and heir, one of the Justices of Assize also in this shire, for sundry years: and likewise in Commission for the Gaol delivery from 27 till 37 H. 3. Which **Will.** confirm'd to the Monks of **Bozelsley** all the land that had been granted to them of his fee, within his Lordship of **Langley**, his Seal of Armes being a Labell with 4. points standing in the place of a Bend sinister; and left issue two daughters, his heirs, **Alice** the wife of **Peter de Nevill**, and **Ioan** of **Rob. de Haftang**: From whom descended **Theobald de Nevill**, and **John de Haftang**, who were certified to hold 1 Knights Fee here of **Will. de Odingsells** in 23 E. 1.

But it seems that the inheritance, which belong'd to the two daughters above specified, came at length to be divided betwixt their heirs: for I find in 7 E. 2. and afterwards, that this Mannour of **Budbroke** became wholly possess'd by **Haftang**; and in E. 3. time was past away in Exchange, together with other lands; unto **Thomas Beauchamp** Earl

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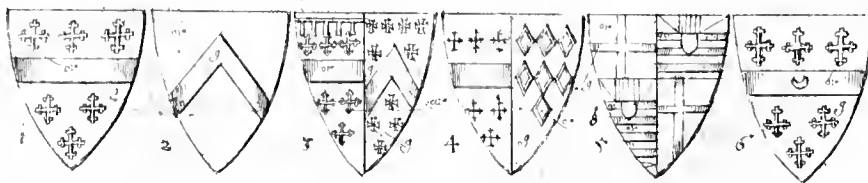
d F. leuat. of **Warw.** for the Mannours of **Crafton** and **Up-**
ton-warw. in **Worcestersh.** with whose posterity it
 E. 2. continued till 3 H. 7. that all the other lands of
 f Ex autog. that great Earldome came to the Crown, as in
 penes Will. **Warwick** is manifested. After which it was, by
 Stafford de **Warwick** is manifested. After which it was, by
 Blatherwik K. E. 6. in 1. of his reign granted ^u (inter alia) un-
 ar. to **John Dudley** E. of **Warwick** and his heirs; but
 g Pat. 1 E. in 3 E. 6. exchanged back to the K. again; and
 6. p. 9. the next ensuing year reobtained upon another
 h Pat. 3 E. exchange: so that eschaeting to the Qu. in 1 Ma-
 6. p. 9. ria, upon the attainder of the said **John** (then D.
 i Pat. 1 E. of **Posythumb.**) it was leased ^k out to **John Kitley**
 6. p. 7. for xxi. years at the Rent of 16^{li} per an. and 4 Nov.
 k Pat. 1 M. in 2. and 3. of her reign granted ^l to **Edm. Sutton**
 f. 11. Lord **Dudly**, and the heirs male of his body;
 l Pat. 2. & whose son and heir. viz. **Edward Lord Dudley**,
 3 Ph. & M. in 31 Eliz. sold ^m it to **John Puckering** Sergeant
 p. 2. at Law, which **John** left issue **Sir Tho. Puckering**
 m Ex au- K^r and Bar. the late owner thereof.
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 mil. & B.
 n Reg. Coll. **Warwick**, upon its Foundation in 23 H. 1. who
 de Warw. f. being thus possess^r of it, granted ^o the same to one
 12. a. M^r **John** a Canon there, to hold during life; with
 o lb. f. 10. a caution that in acknowledgment of the mother
 Church (id est the Coll. Church above said) where-
 of it was a member, he should once every year
 within the quinzime of S. Michael distribute
 xv^s amongst the Communicants of this parish.
 But shortly after this, there growing some differ-
 ence betwixt **Rob. de Curly**, Lord of the Mannour
 of **Budbroc** (as I have already intimated) and the
 before specified Canons, in the presence of certain
 persons delegated by the Bishop of **Worcester**,
 to be Judges thereof, the said **Rob.** rendred ⁿ up to
 them all his title and claim therein, acknowledg-
 ing it to be only a Chapell belonging to that mo-
 ther Church: By which recognition of his, it also
 appeareth ^q what Glebe and Tythes then apper-
 tained thereunto; viz. lx. acres of Inclosure of the
 said town, on one part of the feild, and as much on

the other, together which the Priest's dwelling
 house, and Crofts antiently belonging to the
 Church: as also all the Tithe of **Budbroc**, aswell
 of the demesn as otherwise; and of **Hampton**,
Posyton, and **Crebecuo**; together with the Tithe
 of the Mill and Pool: all which were belonging
 to the said Church from the time of **Geffrey de Clin-**
ton, formerly mentioned, who is there stiled **Ve-**
tus Camerarius, in regard that his son **Geffrey** was
 also Chamberlain after him.

By this Agreement doth it also appear, that the
 Vicar of **Budbroc**, and his successors should be
 presented to the said Church by the Canons of
Warwick, yet not without the good liking and
 approbation of the before mentioned **Rob. de Curly**
 and his heirs: But for better confirmation of this
 Church to those Canons, did **Will. de Curly** quit ^r
 all his right to them therein in 12 H. 3. In ^s **MS. in**
 1291 (19 E. 1.) being valued at xvi marks, the **Cath. 12**
 portion out of it, belonging to the said Canons **H. 3.**
 was certified to be xv^s. But in 41 E. 3. the con- **MS. in**
 dition thereof stood thus; viz. ^t that it was a Pre- **Scab.**
 bendary to the beforementioned Coll. Church, and **Regill. Co**
 that the prebend did Present a Rector or Parson **de Warw**
 thereto; which Parson presented a Vicar, who **57. a.**
 served the Cure, and had a competent portion as-
 signed unto him by the Bishop, the value of what
 the Rector then had, being x^{li} per an. Howbeit, after
 this, viz. in an. 1398. 22 R. 2. there was a new **u Ex Reg.**
 Appropriation ^u made thereof to the said Canons of **D. & Co**
Warwick by **Tidemans** Bishop of **Worcester**, **Wigorn. f**
 in respect that in the originall annexation, the **396. b. &**
 word successors of the Dean and Canons, to whom **w Tidem.**
 it had been first granted, was deficient, by reason **34. a.**
 whereof they had been outed from their possession
 in the time of **Will. Wittlesey** Archb. of **Cant.** **x MS. per**
 there being a Person ^w of vis. viii d. reserved to **S. A. eq. a**
 the said Bishop and his successors out of it: So that **f. 21. a.**
 in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was valued ^x at viii li. **y Bullin.**
 but in an. 1584 (27 Eliz.) there was a new Or- **f. 26. b.**
 dination ^y or Composition made, whereby the Vi-
 car's rights were better settled.

Budbroke.

In the East Window of the Chancell.



1. Beauchamp E. of Warw
2. Stafford.
3. Beauchamp empaling Berkley
4. Beauchamp empaling
5. Ferrers of Groby.
6. Burgh E. of Viller and Mortimer quartered.
7. Will. Beauchamp lord Ber-
- gavenny.

Patroni Ecclesie.

Incumbentes &c.

Giff. f. 39. a. D. Episc. per lapsum. Ric. de Bradewell Cler. 7 Id. Maii 1272.
 lb. f. 153. a. D. Rad. de Heng- Petrus de Leicester Sub-
 lb. f. 329. a. ham, & alii Canon. diac. 5. Cal. Dec. 1282.
 Ceyn. f. 33. a. Eccl. b. M. War- Thomas de Houghton Pbr.
 wici. 10 Cal. Apr. 1290.
 Petrus de Barton Subdiac.
 7 Cal. Jan. 1303.

Patroni Vicariz.

Ren. f. 53. b. Decan. Eccl. b. M. Joh. de la Hale Pbr. 17.
 Warw. Cal. Julii 1312.
 Maid. f. 45. D. Episc. per lapsum. D. Will. de Nayleston Cap.
 a. 2. Non. Junii 1316.

Decan. ut supra.

D. Henr. de Hewynton 18 Cob. f. 139.
 Cal. Maii 1319.

Patroni Ecclesie.

Prebendar. Preb. de Nich. de Southam Pbr. 28. S. Ger. f.
 Compton-Murdak. } Nov. 1349. 125. b.
 Sim. de Bloston 4. Julii Br. vol. f.
 1354. 11. a.
 Patroni Vicariz. Tho. Brok Rector Eccl. Rob. Lovelkyn Pbr. 8. Feb. S. Ger. f.
 de Bodebrok. 1352. 110. a.
 Patr. Eccl. Joh. de Bokyngham Nich. Andrew 24. Julii Br. vol. f.
 Prebendarius. 1357. 22. b.

Patr. Vic.

Rector Eccl. de Bud- Rog. de Remstone Cap. 15. Bar. f. 9.
 brok. Dec. 1363.

Patroni

Patr. Eccl.

Germ. f. 8. a.	Rob. de Caldwell Cler. 23. Apr. 1364.
f. 9. b.	Rog. de Caldwell 15. Cal. Maii 1365.
Germ. f. 16. a.	Phil. Keys Pbr. 25. Aug. 1375.
f. 45. a.	Magr. Joh. Grafton 13. Jan. 1386.
f. 49. b.	Thomas Young Cler. 27. Nov. 1387.
Patr. Vicarie.	
f. 106. a.	Thomas Young Re- tor.
f. 77.	Joh. de Mason Pbr. 20. Febr. 1392.
yp. vol. 156. b.	Joh. Rolton Cap. 2. Julii 1404.
189. b.	D. Joh. Robyns Cap. ult. Sept. 1460.
g. 2. f. a.	D. Will. Onne Cap. 10. Julii 1465.
on. f. 16.	D. Humfr. Compton Cap. 23. Dec. 1509.
ath. f. b.	Steph. Richardson Pbr. 23. Maii 1524.
f. 14. a.	Georgius Frekylton Pbr. ... 1549.
ll. f. 12.	D. Henr. Maundesley Pbr. 21. Martii 1549.
f. 33. b.	Will. Bonde Cler. 2. Julii 1575.
f. 38. a.	Will. Bonde in art. Bacc. 30. Martii 1588.
f. 109. b.	Thomas Abington Cler. 23. Julii 1588.
	Joh. Claridge Cler. 16. Ju- lii 1625.

Hampton-Curli.

THIS taketh its name from the high situation thereof, *bean*, in our old Emglissh, signifying the same with *altus* in Latin: for originally those of this name were called and written *Heantone*, and afterwards by corrupnesse in pronunciation, *Hantone*, *Hamtone*, and *Hanton*; the addition of *Curli* thereto being to distinguish it from the severall other *Hantons* in this County, because the *Curlies* were antiently Lords thereof.

In the Conquerors Survey there is no mention of it, in regard it was involved with *Budbroke*, whereof it is still a member, and had a Chapell² in K. Stephens time belonging to that mother Church: which Chapell was built (without question) by Robert de Curli, of whom I have spoke in *Budbroke*; for it is manifest, that in his time, and by him partly, it became endowed² with glebe at the Dedication of the Church-yard; viz. three parts of one yard land inclosed, given by him; and two Acres a piece out of every yard land in the field, by each of his Tenants: whereunto did one *Auschetell* adde^b two acres, lying on one side of the Field, and two on the other; the Priest serving therein having, of ancient custome, out of the Town-woods *House-bote*, *Hey-bote*, and *Fire-bote*. And as this Hamlet was a member of *Budbroke*, so did the possession thereof continue to the Lords of that Mannour, being past away therewith, in exchange, to Thomas de Beauchamp Earl of *Warwick* in E. 3. time, from

John de *Hastang* (as in *Budbroke* appeareth) Neither hath it been ever since severed.

Norton-Curli, alias Norton inferior.

OF this place I have not found any mention till King Stephens time, and then is it named^c as a member of *Budbroke*, the family of *Curli* (antiently owners of it) giving occasion of that additionall distinction thereto: From whom it came to *Hastang*; and from *Hastang* to the Earl of *Warwick* in E. 3. time, as *Budbroke* did, where my authorities for proof thereof are cited. But after the 10. of H. 6. at which time it was (with *Budbroke* and *Hampton-Curli*) posselt^d by Ric. Beauchamp Earl of *Warwick*, I have not seen any more thereof as a Mannour.

Grove-Park.

THE first mention I find of this place, is in 29 E. 1. where Henry de Pinkeni granted^e to the King (inter alia) the homage and service of Will. de Curli, and his heirs, for one Knights Fee held of him here; in which Record it is called *la Grobe*, that is to say *the Grobe*; shewing, that it took its name originally from being a thick wood of high Trees, for in that sense we still use the word. By the same Record above cited 'tis also evident, that it was at first a member of *Budbroke*, and so dividing to Theob. de Nevill, son^f and heir to Peter (by Alice, one of the daughters and coheirs of Will. de Curli, as the Descent in *Budbroke* sheweth) in 12 E. 1. was by the said Theobald granted^g to Philip de Gayton and Scolastica his wife, for life, with remainder^h to Saier de Rochford, son and heir of Raph de Rochford. But, in the end, Thomas de *Hastang*, descended from Joan the other daughter and coheir to Will. de Curli (as the Descent in *Lemington-Hastang* manifesteth) obtained it by purchaseⁱ in 11 E. 3. from John *Hakluyt* and Alice his wife, in whom it seems the inheritance thereof was, the said Alice being the daughter and heir^k of Theobald de Nevill above specified.

What interest it was that Hugh le Despenfer, the elder, Earl of *Winchester*, had therein I know not, though it appears^l, that at the time of his death he was seized of it; whereupon the King granted out a Comm^mission to enquire: neither what was done therein can I find: but certain it is, that the family of *Hastang* for a time enjoy'dⁿ it, Saier de Rochford before specified, by his Deed^o bearing date at *Westminster*, the Munday next after the Feast of S. John Port Latine 28 E. 3. totally releasing unto Sir John *Hastang* Knight, all his title and right therein. Which Sir John *Hastang*, being the last principall male branch of that Family, left issue two daughters and heirs (as in *Lemington-Hastang* appeareth) by whom, I suppose, it was past away about the beginning of R. 2. time, to Thomas Beauchamp then Earl of *Warwick*: for the Lodge in the Park (which I take to be that which is now the Mannour-House) was built^p by him the said Earl in 17 R. 2. who dyed^q seized thereof in 2 H. 4. In the posterity of which Earl it continued till 3 H. 7. and then coming to the

Crown, with all the rest of **Warwick** and **Spenser's** lands, as in my story of the Earls will appear, was by King **Edward 6.** in 1. of his reign, granted a-way together with the Cattle of **Warwick**, and sundry other lands in this County, unto **John Dudley** Earl of **Warwick** and his heirs: After whose attainer it return'd again to the Crown; and therein continued till Queen **Elizabeth** by her Letters Patents in 8. of her reign, disposed of it to **Robert Dudley** Earl of **Leic.** and his heirs. Which Earl in 23 **Eliz.** past it back to the said Queen.

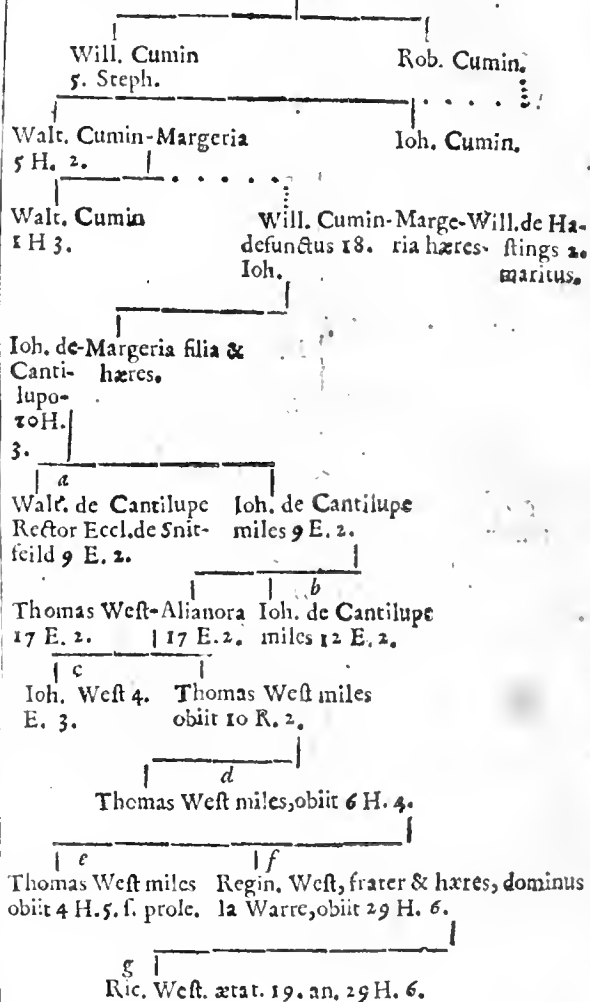
Having now done with the Parish of **Wobbesley**, descending lower towards the bank of **Avon**, I come to a little Brook, which, rising betwixt **Snitfeild** and **Wolverton**, and passing by the skirts of **Porton-Limesi**, falleth into **Avon** near to **Shireburne**: Of these I shall therefore speak in their order.

Snitfeild.

This, perhaps, had its name originally from the old English word **Snide**, which signifies a cutting or incision, as probably here may have been, to divide the ground before there was any habitation at all. In the Conq. time it was posselt by the Earl of **Wellest**, and esteemed at four hides, there being then a Church, and the whole rated at **Cs.** In the generall Survey then taken, it is written **Snitfeild**, having been the freehold of one **Saxi** before the Norman invasion. That it came to **Henry de Newburgh** Earl of **Warwick**, brother to the same Earl of **Wellest**, with the rest of those lands in this Shire, which he then had, there can be no doubt: for in 23 **H. 1.** **Roger** Earl of **Warwick**, (son to the said **Henry**) being owner of it, gave to the Collegiate-Church at **Warwick** one hide of land lying here, with two parts of the Tithes of all the Inclosure; as also of the paunage of those woods, which belong'd to this Village. It seems that **Hugh fil. Ricardi** (of whom in **Warwick** I have spoke) being enfeoffed hereof by the same Earl **Roger** (for in King **Stephens** time he gave the Church to the Canons of **S. Sepulchers** in **Warwick**) granted this Mannour to **Will. Cumin**, who in **H. 2.** time wrote himself **Dominus de Snitenesfeld**; to whom succeeded **Walter**, his brothers son, as the Descent sheweth.

Which **Walter** gave to the Monks of **Wobbesley** certain lands lying here, adjoining to **Songer** before specified; as also in **Stretton super Fosse**; but his son **Walter**, being in rebellion against King **John**, forfeited his lands, which were seized on for that offence: howbeit in 1 **H. 3.** returning to obedience, he had restitution of them again. Of these **Cumins** was **Will.** the last male branch; who being dead in 18. **Job. Margerie** his widow (and an heir) then took to husband **Will. de Hastings**. Which **Will. Cumin** left issue a daughter and heir called **Margerie**, within age in 13 **H. 3.** and in Ward to **Will. de Cantilupe**, but afterwards married to **John de Cantilupe** a younger son to the said **Will.** who in 36. **H. 3.** was certified to hold one Knights fee, here in **Snitfeild** of **Thomas de Clinton**, the said **Thomas** holding it over of the Earl of **Warwick**. This **John**, having his seat here, obtained to himself and his heirs, of King **H. 3.** a Charter bearing date at **Worcester** 24. **Sept. 41**

H. 3. for a weekly **Mercate** at this place upon the Wednesday; and a **Faire** once every year, to hold for three days; viz. the Even, day, and morrow of **S. Kenelm.** After which, **Margerie**, wife to the said **John**, surviving her husband, did in her widowhood release to the Monks of **Wobbesley** the suit, which by their Attornies they had used to make to his Court at **Snitfeild**, for the lands they held within that fee.



To the said **John de Cantilupe** and **Margerie** succeeded another **John**, who in 25 **E. 1.** received summons, with divers other great men, to attend **Edward** the Kings eldest son, then Lieutenant to the King for defence of the Realm, at **Petewcastle** upon **Tine** upon **S. Nicholas** day, to march against the Scots; and the next year following was in that memorable battail of **Falwick**; as also in 1 **E. 2.** assigned one of the Commissioners for conservation of the peace in this County; and for causing the Articles in the Statute of **Winchester** to be observed: so also in 3. 7. and 9 **E. 2.** In 5, 6, 7. 10. and 11 **R. 2.** he was one of the Justices for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**. In 9 **E. 2.** being a Knight he bore for his Armes 3. **Leopards heads** *jeffant flower de Lis, Or.* To whom succeeded **John** his son and heir, called **John de Cantilupe junior**; who in 12 **E. 2.** was also a Knight, but after that year I find nothing of him, and therefore do conclude, that he dyed shortly after, his father being then alive; For in 17 **E. 2.** the said Sir **John de Cantilupe**, the elder, entailed this Mannour upon **Thomas West**, and **Alanora** his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies; paying to him the said Sir **John** and **Maud** then his wife xl li. sterling, yearly, during their lives; with remainder, for want of issue by the said **Thomas** and **Alanora**, to the right heirs of the said Sir **John**, which **Alanora**

r Pat. 1 E. 6. f. 9.

f Pat. 8 Eliz. p. 7.

r Pat. 23 Eliz. p. 24.

u Domest. 6.

w Regist. de u arm. f. 12. a.

x Ex autog. penes S. A. eq. aur.

y Ex autog. in Offic. Ar. morum.

z Cart. 51 H. 3. m. 10. per Insp.

a Ex autog. in Curia Augm.

b Claus. 1 H. 3. m. 20.

c Claus. 18. Ioh. m. 2.

d Claus. 20 H. 3. m. 7.

e Claus. 18 Ioh. m. 2.

f Claus. 13 H. 3. m. 21.

g Claus. 20 H. 3. m. 7. h Testa de Nevill. i Cart. 41 H. 3. m. 2.

k Ex autog. in Curia Augm.

a Ex autog. penes S. Mountf. ar.

b Ex autog. penes E. Peto eq. aur.

c F. lev. Off. M. 4 E. 3.

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e Esc. H. 5 f. n. 2.

g Esc. 2 H. 6.

1 Claus. E. 1. in d m. 26.

m Ex R. vet. pen. W. le N. eq. aur.

n Pat. 1. 2. p. 2. 21.

o Claus. 2. m. 7.

p Pat. 7. 2. in d. p. m. 6.

q Pat. 9. 2. p. 2. 21.

r Pat. de iisd. an. dorso.

s Ex autog. penes Mountf. ar.

t Ex autog. penes Mountf. ar.

u Ex autog. penes Mountf. ar.

w F. lev. 3. sept. Nich. 7.

nore E. 2. a

nore was daughter and heir to the said, Sir John de Cantilupe.

It seems that Sir John de Cantilupe dyed that very year; for before the end thereof it appears, that the same Thomas and Alianore obtained a Charter^x, bearing date at Westminster 7. Maii, for the change of the Wednesday Mercate, weekly here, unto Tuesday, and enlarging the *Feire* unto eight dayes, beginning on the even of S. Kenelm as above said; and granting^y also unto the said Thomas and Alianore, and the heirs of their two bodyes, *Free-warren* in all their demesne lands here: which Thomas was^z one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament held at Westminster the same year. To these Thomas and Alianore succeeded Thomas their son^a and heir, who was a Knight, and past^b away this Mannour, about the beginning of R. 2. time, to Sir William Beauchamp Kt. and his heirs, in exchange for the Mannours of *Pelwenton-Tony*, and *Stretoford-Tony* in *Wilt-shire*, but reserving an yearly Rent of x li. per annum out of it, to himself and his heirs.

Which Sir William being he that was Lord Bergavenny (and brother to Thom. Earl of *Warwick*) dyed^c seized thereof in 12 H. 4. leaving Richard his son and heir 14. years of age: But some entail there was, or other settlement hereof in remainder, after the death of Joane, wife to the same Lord Bergavenny, upon Richard Beauchamp Earl of *Warwick* and his heirs; for it appears^d that she held it during her life; and the said Earl Richard afterwards: By which means it came at length to the Crown, through the attainder of Edward Plantagenet Earl of *Warwick* in H. 7. time; and was (inter alia) granted^e out, to Richard Morison Esquire, and his heirs 29. Aug. 37 H. 8. who sold it^f the next year following to John Hales (of whom in *Cobentre* I have spoke) which John, being a wealthy man, through a beneficiall^g Office that he had, whereby he acquired a great estate, especially in Monastery lands, and living unmarried inricht his kintred much (as elsewhere I have in some sort shewed) disposing of this Lordship to Bartholomew his third brother, who dyed^h seized thereof 15. Febr. 41 Eliz. leaving Bartholomew his son and heir thirty years of age: which last mentioned Bartholomew being afterwards made a Knight by King James, and having no issue, did, in consideration of 1500 li. payd in hand, and 500. marks at his death, where he should appoint, settle it upon Stephen Hales of *Pewoland* Esquire (his neer kintman) and his heirs; whose grandchild, scil. Stephen, now enjoys it.

The Church (dedicated to S. James) was given toⁱ the Canons of S. Sepulchers in *Warwick* by Hugo fil. Ricardi, about King Stephens time, as I have already intimated: But in 20 H. 2. there growing a Controversie betwixt the said Canons and William Cumin, then Rector thereof, the same was determined^j by Roger Bishop of *Worcester*, and Adam Abbot of *Cobham*, as Delegates from Pope Alexander the third, in this manner; viz. that the said William should yearly pay to those Canons, in the name of this Church, one mark of silver yearly within the *Oktaves* of S. Michael; and when it should become void, that Walter Cumin, the Patron, and his heirs might present thereunto; but, that the Parson presented, before he did receive institution, should give security to the said Canons, by his corporall Oath, to make just payment of that sum, yearly, unto them.

In anno 1291. (19 E. 1.) this Church was valued^k at xx. marks, the Canons of *Warwick* receiving one mark, as a *Portion*, out of the same: but about 17 E. 2. Walter Stapleton Bishop of *Exeter* obtained^l the perpetuall Patronage of it, from Walter de Cantilupe; and made an exchange^m thereof, unto the Canons of *Warwick* before specified, for certain messuages and lands, lying without *Temple-barr* in the Parish of S. Clement Danes, within the suburbs of London, together with the advowson of the said Church of S. Clement: at which time the said Canons had the Kings license forⁿ appropriating thereof to their own use, it being accordingly effected by^o Thomas Cobham Bishop of *Worcester*, 3. Id. Junii 1325. (18 E. 2.) and the Vicaridge ordained^p by Adam de Orleton, his successor, 14. Jan. 1330. 4 E. 3. which Vicaridge was in 26 H. 8. valued^q at x li.

Patroni Ecclesiz.

Incumbentes, &c.

- D. Joh. de Cantilupo. *Wilt. de Cantilupo Subdiac.*
Cal. Junii 1288.
Philippus de Hambury Cler. *Cob. f. 124.*
5. Id. Dec. 1326. *a. b.*
Will. de Lemington Pbr. 15. *Hort. vol. 1.*
Dec. 1330. *f. 21. a.*
Walt. Powyk Pbr. 3. Martii wak. f. 45. a.
1386.
D. Will. Walton Pbr. 15. *Pult. f. 136.*
Sept. 1432. *a.*
D. Joh. Chestryfeld Pbr. *Corp. vol. 1.*
28. Oct. 1444. *f. 4. b.*
D. Ric. Harryes Pbr. 2. *ib. f. 8. b.*
Jan. 1444.
... 10. Julii 1465. *ib. f. 191. b.*
D. Rog. Clarke Cap. 3. Junii *Alc. f. 149.*
1485. *a.*
D. Joh. Done Pbr. 6. Junii *Gyg. vol. 2.*
1515. *f. 138. b.*
Thomas Hargreave Pbr. 3. *Bell. f. 26. b.*
Junii 1541.
D. Thomas Burton Pbr. 18. *Heath. f. 26.*
Maii 1557. *a.*
Joh. Peder in S. Theol. Bac. *ib. f. 35. a.*
26. Sept. 1561.
D. Thomas Ferymon Cler. *Bul. f. 5. a.*
15. Oct. 1571.
Joh. Smyth Cler. 20. Apr. *ib. f. 67. a.*
1597.

In a North Window.



Snitfield

In the east window of the North Ile



- 1 Thomas de Cantilupe B. of Hereford.
2 Clifton E. of Huntington.
3 Cantilupe of Snitfield.

Wolverton

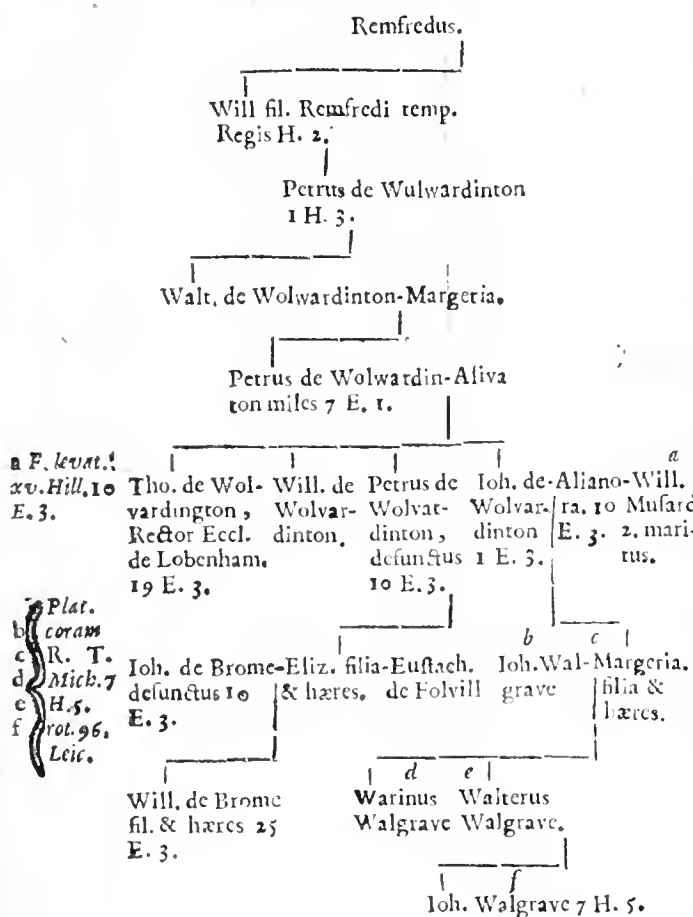
IN the Conquerors time Robert de Stadford was posselt^r of one hide, one virgate, and a third part lying in this Village, valued at xx s. and then held of him by *Urfser*; all which, before the Norman invasion, belonged to one Simund a Dane.

impression of the Seal, which hath been esteemed by skilfull Antiquaries for a badge only used by those who had made a journey to the *Holy Land*. To the said *Walter* succeeded *Peter*, who being a Knight ² in 7 E. 1. as also one ^a of the Justices for Gaol-delivery at *Warwick*, was in 33 E. 1. one of^b the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held at *Westminster*, which *Peter* had^c issue *John*, *William*, and *Peter*; as also *Thomas*, Parson of *Lobenhams* in *Leicester-shire*, and Founder ^d of the Chantry at *Stretton super Dunsmoze* in this County. But all these dying without issue male, *Elizabeth* daughter to the last *Peter* became his heir, and was first^e the wife of *John Erme*, but afterwards of^f *Eustace de Folwill*.

By which *John Brome* she had issue *William*, upon whom this Lordship was entailed ^e in 10 E. 3. who, being within age at the death of his father, became Ward ^h for the same to Sir *Thomas West* Kt. (by right of descent from *Alianore* his mother, daughter and heir to Sir *John de Cantilupe* of *Snitfeld*; *Corbicon's* Fees being settled on the Ancestor of that Sir *John de Cantilupe*, as in *Stodley* I shall shew.) which Sir *Thomas West*, in consideration of C.s. and at the solicitation of some friends of the said *William*, first quitted ⁱ his said custody; and afterwards, upon the request of *William Breton*, released ^k also his right to the said summe. But how this Mannour past from *Brome* I yet know not: howbeit, long it was not afterwards ere that the said *William Breton* become owner thereof, as by his severall feoffments ^l made in 35, and 43 E. 3. appeareth; in the later whereof he stiles himself a Knight. But the next that posselt it, though I have not seen how, was *John Boteler*; who in 8 H. 4. wrote ^m himself *Dominus de Wolbardon*: which *John* sold it (as I suppose) to the Earl of *Warwick*, or to certain feoffees for his use: for in 10 H. 6. *Richard Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick* was certified ⁿ to be owner thereof: from whom it descended to *Anne* his daughter, as heir to *Henry D.* of *Warwick* her brother of the whole blood, wife to *Richard Nevill* Earl of *Salisbury*, and in her right of *Warwick* (as in my story of the Earls appeareth.) Which *Richard* and *Anne* in 8 E. 4. according to the appointment of the before specified *E. Richard*, express by his last Will and Testament, caused assurance ^o to be made thereof (*inter alia*) to the Dean and Canons of the Collegiate Church in *Warwick* and their successors. After the dissolution whereof in 37 H. 8. it was past ^p out of the Crown, 13. *Julii* the same year, unto *Clement Throkemorton* Esquier, and *Alexander Avenon*, and their heirs: which *Clement* dyed seized of it 13. Dec. 16 Eliz. leaving *Job* his son and heir 28. years of age; who sold it, soon after, to *William Baylies*, and *Thomas Staunton* Gent. for within two years after I find that they kept ^q a Court-Baron here, as Lords thereof, the grandchild of which *Thomas* now enjoys it.

The Church (dedicated to the blessed Virgin) being in anno 1291 (19 E. 1.) valued^r at x. marks, was reedified, it seems, in E. 2. time; for it appears^r, that *Walter de Maydeneston* Bishop of **Worcester** dedicated it, with the high Altar xi. *Cal. Julii* 9 E. 2. But in 26 H. 8. I find it^r rated at viii li. the *Synodalls* and *Procurations* then issuing out of it being ix s. v d. ob.

Patroni



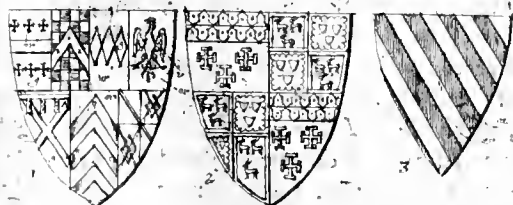
To this *William* the son of *Remfred* succeeded *Peter*, who, residing here, assumed his surname from this place: Of whom what I find most memorable, is, that he was in^u rebellion against *K. John*, by reason whereof his lands were seized; but in 1 H. 3. returning to obedience, he had restitution^u of them again: And that in 18 H. 3. he gave^x one mark fine to the King for courting in the Forest. Which *William* had issue *Walter*, who gave to *Richard*, then Rector of the Church of *S. Mary-Magdalen* at *Lantwoth* in this County, and his successors, one mess. situate in *Lantwoth*, to hold of him the said *Walter* and his heirs in pure Almes; his Deeds^y whereby he made that grant, having a large *Crossant betwixt two Starrs* in the

Patroni Ecclesiar.

Incumbentes, &c.

- ff. 191. D. Petrus de Wolwardinton. Walt. de Wolwardinton Cap. 16. Cal. Dec. 1283.
- mf. 46. Joh. Dominus de Wolwardinton. Walt. filius Alexandri Cap. 2. Cal. Aug. 1307.
- vol. 1. f. 9. b. D. Rob. de Alne. 1. Julii 1329.
- vol. 2. f. 3. b. Will. Musard. Rob. de Hertynon Cler. 5. Nov. 1340.
- or. f. 26. Will. de Brome. Joh. de Creswell Pbr. 18. Sept. 1351.
- autog. Will. le Breton Dominus de Wolwardinton. Ric. de Fladbury 1354.
- ak. f. Johanna uxor dudum Will. Breton mil. VWill. Flokeshull Pbr. 12. Nov. 1386.
- ff. 95. a. Joh. Boteler D. de VVolwardinton. Thom. Wright Pbr. 1. Dec. 1406.
- arg. vol. 8. b. Joh. Lee de Warwick, Will. Hopkyns de eadem, Will. Broke de Coventre. D. Thom. Bayton Cap. 2. Maii 1422.
- ff. 86. Thomas Roger 5. Dec. 1430.
- vol. 1. f. 2. b. Tho. Hugford ar. Nich. Rody. Will. Berkswell. Feoffati Joh. Alysaunder ult. Junii 1445.
- vol. 2. f. 4. a. Joh. Stamford Cap. 17. Dec. 1470.
70. a. Clement Smyth ar. Magr. ult. Apr. 1475.
- f. 116. D. Will. Mundes Cap. 13. Junii 1483.
- f. 48. Decan. & Capitulum D. Rob. Whingar Pbr. 5. Feb. 1492.
2. f. 67. Eccl. Coll. B. Mariae Warw. D. VWill. Clerke Pbr. 4. Martii 1510.
- mf. 27. D. Edw. Mulgan Pbr. 29. Aug. 1526.
40. b. D. Thom. Wade Pbr. 24. Sept. 1528.
- f. 11. Cath. relicta Clementis Throkmorton ar. D. Joh. Hycks Pbr. 29. Sept. 1528.
67. b. Thomas Stanton ar. Clemens VValford Cler. 10. Apr. 1575.
100. b. Jac. Rex. D. Edw. Belfield Cler. Maii 1597.
- Georgius Tonge Cler. 22. Oct. 1619.

Wolwardinton
Armes in the Church windows.



1. Ric. Scull E. of Warw. 2. Wolwardinton.

Shirburne.

N^{ear} to the conjunction of this torrent with ~~Abon~~, stands ~~Shireburne~~, which had its name originally from the said brook, Scipeburne, in our old English signifying a clear running stream; for so is this. In the Conquerors Survey this "Village (written ~~Scireburne~~) was certified to contain two hides and a half, then valued at L. s. and posselt by the Earl of ~~Deilant~~, having been, before the Norman Invasion, the freehold of ~~Edricus~~ and ~~Levegot~~: From which Earl it came to Henry de Newburgh Earl of ~~Warwick~~, with other lands in this County of a great extent; whose son, Earl Roger, gave ^u half a hide and two parts of the Tithes of the Inclosure, here, unto his Collegiate Church at ~~Warwick~~, upon the Foundation thereof in 23 H. 1. But the residue of this Lordship, with the Mill, did he bestow ^x upon the Knights ~~Templars~~; which part, by the Survey ^y taken in 31 H. 2. was valued at iii li. viii s. v d. the Tenants at that time thereof, being by custome to mow three days, and reap three, for their Landlords, having their dyet given them: as also to mow their Meadow here, and to make the Hay at their own charge; and upon ~~Christmasse~~ Eve to pay ii d. for every yard land, or four Hens, at their choice.

Which ~~Templars~~ in 32 H. 3. had a Charter ^z of ~~Free-warren~~ granted to them in all their demesne lands here. But after this, upon the suppression and expulsion of the ~~Templars~~, Guy de Beauchamp Earl of ~~Warwick~~ seized ^a upon this Mannour as an Eschaet: howbeit, as all the rest of their lands came to the ~~Hospitallars~~ (as in ~~Walsall~~ shall be shewed) so did this; and by that means, at the generall dissolution by King H. 8. divolved to the Crown; wherein it continued till King Edward 6. 22. Apr. in the seventh of his reign, past ^b it away to Thomas Lucy of ~~Cherleote~~ Etquier, and his heirs, whose posterity do enjoy it at this day.

The Church (dedicated to ~~All Saints~~) being antiently appropriated to ^c the said Knights ~~Templars~~, yielded ^d vi s. viii d. yearly to the Canons of the Collegiate Church in ~~Warwick~~; and in 14 E. 3. was valued ^e at 5 li. but in 26 H. 8. there is no mention of it.

Patroni Vicariæ.

Incumbentes &c.

- Magister militia Templi in Anglia. Henr. de Aspes Pbr. 4. Cal. Off. 1289.
- Nich. de la More Cap. 17. Cal. Junii 1324.
- Joh. Bakere Pbr. 22. Apr. 1338.
- Thomas de Hales Pbr. 28. Aug. 1349.
- Philippus de Wolwardinton Pbr. 5. Julii 1357.
- Prior Hospit. S. Joh. Jerusalem in Angl. Will. de Harpecote Pbr. 11. Julii 1357.
- Will. de Peek Pbr. 17. Sept. 1370.
- Thomas de Kirby Pbr. 8. Nov. 1402.
- D. Will. Lawles Pbr. 8. Apr. 1427.
- Giff. f. 303. b.
- Cob. f. 35. b.
- wolfst. vol. 1. f. 10. b.
- S. Germ. f. 128. b. 1.
- Br. vol. 1. f. 22. b.
- lb. f. 25. a.
- Lyn. f. 5. b.
- Cliff. f. 20. a.
- Pul. f. 16. a.

Ib. f. 70. a.

Bourch. f.
66. a.Carp. vol. 1.
f. 170. b.

Ib. f. 244. a.

Prior Hospit. S. Joh.
Jerusalem in Angl.

D. Joh. Cokkes 13. Aug.
1429.
D. Joh. Hogge Cap. 19. Oct.
1439.
D. Joh. Joys Cap. penult.
Martii 1462.
D. Thomas Hessyl Cap. 2.
Febr. 1469.

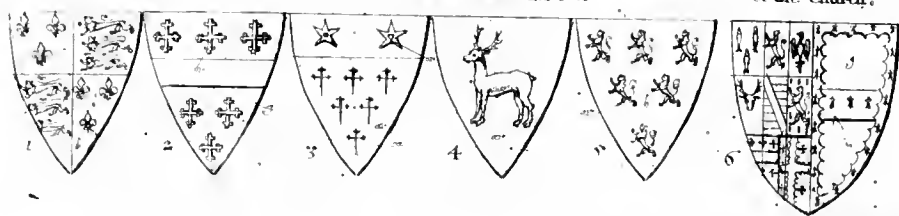
Joh. Beaufitz ar. fir-
marinus domus Pra-
ceptoris de Balshal,
sibi dimiss. per Will.
Torney Priorem Pr.
S. Joh. Jerusalem
in Angl.
Prior Hospital. S. Joh.
Jerusalem in An-
glia.

Rich. Enkeston Cap. penult. Carp. vol.
Martii 1475. f. 63. a.

D. Joh. Weston Cap. 7. Apr. Alc. f. 156.
1486. a.

Shirburne

In the east window of the Chancel.

In a South window
of the Church.

1 E. Edward 7.
2 Beauchamp E. of
Warr.
3 Chilton E. of Hen-
ington.
4 Mac. Carly maun-
Longspe E. of
Salisbury.
6 Lucy wth quarterings
empaling Aston.

Fulbroke.

Following the stream of *Abon* I come next to *Fulbroke*, which perhaps had its name from the depth of the River there. In the Conquerors time, being posselt^d by the Earl of *Mellent*, it contained two hides, having then a Mill rated at xii s. but the whole was valued at lx s. and held by one *Alfred*, a woman, in *Edward the Confessors* days. But as *Shirburne* (last spoke of) with divers other lands that the said Earl of *Mellent* had in this Shire, came to *Henry de Newburgh*, his brother, so did this of *Fulbroke*, as it seems; for in 23 H. 1. *Roger* Earl of *Warwick*, son to the said *Henry*, gave^d to his Collegiate Church at *Warwick*, then newly founded, half a hide of land, and two parts of the Tithes of his demesne here; as also two parts of the Tithes of the Mill: and entfeost *Geffrey de Turvill* or his father thereof; for in 12 H. 2. Earl *William* his son certified^d that the said *Geffrey* held of him one Knights Fee *de veteri feoffamento*: and in 10 R. 1. I find^d, that *William de Turvill* posselt it. After which time till 20 H. 3. I have not met with any more mention of this place; and then it appears^d that *Simon de Turvill*, and *Roger de Craft* answered for half a Knights Fee here, and in *Moderate*; which half Knights Fee in 26 H. 3. was held^d by *Roger de Craft* and *John Mice*, and in 52 H. 3. by *Henry Hubbard*.

How it comes to passe I cannot yet discover, but plain it is, that this Mannour, about the beginning of *Edw. 1.* time, was the inheritance of *Isabell*, wife to *William Gernun*; which *William* and *Isabell* in 11 E. 1. sold^d it to *William de Hynkelee* and *Alice* his wife, and the heirs of the said *William de Hynkelee*; reserving to themselves and their heirs two Messuages one Mill, x s. rent, and two yard land; as also an annuity of six marks of silver yearly, to be payd at the Feast of S. Michael the Arch-Angell, together with the service of one Kts. Fee: which said service of one Knights Fee and Rent of six marks, with the homage and service due from *Nicholas de Vvarwick* and *Joan* his wife for the lands that he held in this Lordship, the said *VWilliam Gernun* and *Isabell* granted^d to *VWilliam de Sutton* in 21 E. 1. And the next year following did the same *Nicholas de Warwick* & *Joan* his wife obtain^d the whole Mannour of *Alice* the widow

of *VWilliam de Hynkelee* before specified, in exchange for the Mannour of *Stoke in Leicester-shire*; whereof being so posselt, in 34 E. 1. he purchased^d of the King a Court-Leet here, to himself and his heirs; as also Assize of Bread and Beer, *Infangthef*, Gallows, and Weyfs, with other privileges; for all which he was to pay^d a certain Rent into the Exchequer, yearly, by the hands of the Shirriff for the time being.

Of this *Nicholas* his parentage I am not very certain, though I find his name in these parts in the times of H. 2. King *John*, and H. 3. but of himself tis apparent, that he was a man learned in the Laws, and wth Atturney generall to the King. In 5 E. 1. he attended *VWilliam de Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick* in his Welch expedition. In 24 E. 1. he was^d one of the Commissioners assigned to enquire after certain malefactors that had trespassed in the Earl of *Warwick's* Park at *Studley*. (in this Shire) the said Earl being then in *Scotland*. In 32 E. 1. one of the Justices of Assize and Gaol-delivery; so also in 1. and 3. E. 2. and had issue two sons, viz. *Nicholas* and *VWill.* which *Nicholas* was he that wedded *Elizabeth* the daughter and heir of *Richard de Loges* of *Chester-ton*; of whom I find nothing farther memorable than what I have observed in *Chester-ton*, except his going^d into *Wales*, with divers other perions of quality in the Kings service in 15 E. 2. and that in 17 E. 2. he is in the list^d of those Esquiers and men at Armes in this County, whose names were then return'd into the Chancery. But *VWilliam de Vvarwick* (his other son) who bore^d for his Armes Sable 6. guttes Or, had this Lordship, though he kept it but a while; for in 18 E. 2. it appears^d, that *John de Hastings* Lord *Bergavenny* died seized of it, leaving *Laurence* his son and heir 5. years of age. After which (scil. the next ensuing year) it was, *inter alia*, assigned^d to *Julian*, then wife of *Thomas le Blount*, as part of her dowrie, by the death of the said *John de Hastings* her former husband, being then valued at xix li. xvii s. ii d. ob. and in like sort was enjoyed^d by *VWilliam de Clinton* Earl of *Huntingdon*, her third husband, who held it of the King in Capite by the payment^d of vi s. ii d. per annum for all services: the last of which family (viz. of *Hastings*) that enjoy'd it, was *John de Hastings*, son and heir to *John* Earl of *Pembroke*, who dyed seized^d thereof in 13 R. 2. without issue, leaving

Reginald

f Domest.
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12. a.h Lib. rub. f.
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1 de N.m Efc. 52
H. 3.n E. lib. 2.
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eq. aut.c Claus. 6
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2. n. 51.

Reginald Lord Grey of **Ruthin** his coſin and next heir, as the deſcent in **ſhillongley** ſheweth.

But by the entail of **Haſting's** lands (whereof in **ſhillongley** I have alſo ſpoke) it came to **William Beauchamp Lord Bergavenny** (a younger brother to the Earl of **Warwick**;) for I find that **Joan** his Lady built a ſumptuous Gatehouſe here, *Hospitium nobilis Domini ſatis habile, ut Duci, ſuo adventu complaceret*, ſaith **Rous** ^k: as alſo a Lodge called by the name of **Bergavenny**, which ſtood undemoliſhed about the later end of King H. 8. time, the ſaid Gate-houſe being ruin'd long before. The next poſſeſſor of it, that I find, was **John Duke of Bedford** (third ſon to King H. 4.) though how he obtained it I have not yet ſeen; who in 10 H. 6. held it by the fourth part of a Knights Fee. This Duke firſt made the Park, and built that little Caſtle of brick and ſtone, within the compaſſe of it, which was ſuch an eye-ſore to the Earls of **Warwick**, as **Leland** ^o affirmeth; and dyed ^p ſeized thereof in 14 H. 6. leaving King H. 6. (his nephew) his coſin and next heir, who in 28. of his reign granted the cuſtody thereof to **John Talbot Lord Liſle**, to hold during life, and to make uſe of the buildings therein for his own proper habitation at all times, except when himſelf ſhould be there.

Being thus in the Crown, I find that K.E. 4. in 2. of his reign, gave it unto **Richard Nevill Earl of Warwick**, and his heirs; after whoſe death, at **Barnet**-field, the Park was granted to **George D. of Clarence**, to hold during life; who ſhortly after obtained an eſtate in tail thereof to himſelf and the heirs male of his body: upon the attainder of which Duke in 18 E. 4. it was certified ^w, that the before ſpecified Caſtle of brick was ruinous; ſo likewiſe the Gate-houſe of ſtone, and the Lodge; as alſo a Chapell, which in times paſt had been a Pariſh-Church. After this, viz. in 2 H. 8. the cuſtody of the Park was granted to **Thomas Lucy**, then one of the Sewers to the King, to hold during pleaſure: But in 1 E. 6. **John Dudley Earl of Warwick** obtained the inheritance of it (together with the Caſtle of **Warwick** and divers other great Lordſhips) upon whoſe attainder, which hapned in 1 Maria. as I have elſewhere ſhewed, the Qu. ^z paſſed it unto Sir **Francis Englefield** Knight, to hold in Capite: Since which it is come to the **Lucies of Cherle-cote** by purchaſe, the laſt Sir **Thomas** having renewed the Park, and, by the addition of **Hampton** woods thereto, enlarged it much.

Touching the Depopulation here, I find, that it hath been very antient; for in 6 H. 6. there were but 4 Inhabitants: nay, very ſhortly after, our Countreyman **Rous** makes this complaint ^b, *Apud ſulbroke* (ſaith he) *quondam erat Rectoria, Eccleſia deſtruiſur Villanis effugatis ſolum Manerium remanet, & reſiduum imparcatur* (he means incloſed) per **Johannem D. Bedfordiæ, fratrem Regis Henrici quinti, qui ibi edificavit turrim nobilem Caſtro aequipollentem, ſed modo quaſi nihil eſt: And a little further he goes on thus, — *& per talem imparcationem via, olim ſecura, modo per ſepes & palos obtenebrata, fit latibulum latronum, carcer fidelium, locus multiformis ſupplicii, &c.* Which Caſtle (being ruinous, as I have ſaid) was pulled down, in the beginning of H. 8. time, by Sir **Will. Compton** Knight, who had then the cuſtody of the Park; and the materials thereof carried to build his Houſe at **Compton-towpate**.**

The Church in 14 E. 3. was valued at 1x. marks; but in 26 H. 8. no notice is taken of it, having been demolish'd before that time.

Patroni Eccleſiæ. Incumbentes, &c.

D. Will. de Clinton Comes Huntindon.	{	<i>Henr. de Burlyngham Pbr.</i>	<i>Mont. f. 2.</i>
		<i>30. Apr. 1337.</i>	<i>2.</i>
D. Sym. Geynesbury Rector Eccleſ. de Hampton Episc.	{	<i>Job. Wodecock Pbr. 6. Cal.</i>	<i>Hem. f. 10. b.</i>
		<i>Oct. 1337.</i>	<i>Woff. vol. 1. f. 10. 2.</i>
D. Juliana Comitissa Huntind.	{	<i>Sim. le Bakere Pbr. 22.</i>	<i>Woff. vol. 1. f. 10. 2.</i>
		<i>Apr. 1338.</i>	
D. Ric. 2. Rex Angl. ratione terr. Joh. de Haſtings Com. Pembr. in manu ſua &c.	{	<i>Henr. Spenser ult. Jan.</i>	<i>Br. vol. 1. f. 16. a.</i>
		<i>1358.</i>	<i>Bar. f. 36. b.</i>
D. Philippa Comitissa Pembr.	{	<i>D. Will. de Stanceby 19. Julii 1363.</i>	
		<i>Ric. Taylour Pbr. 14. Junii 1370.</i>	<i>Lyn. f. 4. a.</i>
D. Episcopus.	{	<i>D. Ric. de Whaſſford Pbr.</i>	<i>wak f. 38. a.</i>
		<i>18. Martii 1383.</i>	
D. Ric. 2. Rex Angl. ratione terr. Joh. de Haſtings Com. Pembr. in manu ſua &c.	{	<i>Thomas Shepey 23. Apr.</i>	<i>Ibid.</i>
		<i>1384.</i>	
D. Philippa Comitissa Pembr.	{	<i>Job. Harry Cap. penult. Maii 1388.</i>	<i>ib. f. 52. 1.</i>
		<i>D. Henr. Norreys Pbr. 28. Julii 1389.</i>	<i>ib. f. 65. 1.</i>
D. Episcopus.	{	<i>Thom. Tymburland 1. Oct.</i>	<i>Tid. f. 26. b.</i>
		<i>1398.</i>	
D. Episcopus.	{	<i>Edm. Hecker Cler. 24. Oct.</i>	<i>Carp. vol. 1. f. 144. a.</i>
		<i>1457.</i>	
D. Episcopus.	{	<i>Rob. Enkbarow Cler. 4. Julii 1468.</i>	<i>ib. f. 216. b.</i>
		<i>Ric. Newman Cler. 6. Oct.</i>	<i>Carp. vol. 2. f. 13. b.</i>
D. Episcopus.	{	<i>1470.</i>	
		<i>Ric. Ewer in Sacra Theol. Fac. 2. Nov. 1543.</i>	<i>Bell. f. 36. b.</i>

Hampton super Avon.

A Little lower, upon an aſcending ground, ſtands **Hampton**, heretofore called **Biſhops-Hampton** for the reaſons I ſhall forthwith ſhew, but of later times **Hampton super Avon**; which, being given to the Biſhoprick of **Worceſter** in the Saxons time, was then involved with **Stratford super Avon**, and by the Conquerors Survey certified to contain xii. hides, there being then a Church, as alſo a Mill rated at vi s. viii d. and Woods of a mile in length, and as much in breadth: all which, together with three Houſes in **Warwick** (as part thereof) were at that time valued at xx li.

Continuing to the ſaid Biſhops, it was in 33 H. 3. found to be one of the towns belonging to their Barony; and in 39 H. 3. **Walt. de Cantilupe** (the then Biſhop) obtained a Charter of **Free-warren** for himſelf and his ſucceſſors in all his demefn lands thereof. After which, viz. in an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) the value of it, is thus ſet forth; ſcil. in Rent of Aſſize vi li. Three carucates of land at xx s. a carucate. One Dovecote at vi s. one Mill at xx s. The Pleas and perquiſits xx s. and the profits of the ſtore xx s. But in 3 E. 6. (for ſo long it continued to the ſucceeding Biſhops) did **John Dudley Earl of Warwick** obtain it (inter alia) in exchange, from **Nich. Heath** Biſhop of **Worceſter**, for certain lands in **Worceſter-ſhire**; and the ſame year parted with it again to the King for a more advantageous bargain of lands, lying in **Oxford-ſhire**, and elſewhere: but, having a deſign to repoſſeſſe it once more, he accompliſh'd his purpoſe the next year following,

lowing, in exchange for lands lying in **Northumberland**, and other places : howbeit, his attainder shortly after ensuing, **Queen Mary**, in 3. & 4. of her reign, granted^m the inheritance thereof, together with the advowson of the Rectory unto **Thomas Lucy** of **Cherlecoate** esquire, whose posterity do enjoy it at this day.

The Church (dedicated to **S. Peter ad Vincula**) was in an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) valuedⁿ at xlv. marks, there being then a Portion of xx s., to the Monks of **Cobentre** issuing out of it : But in 26 H. 8. I find it ratedⁿ at lv li. xiii s. iv d. vi s. viii d. being then allowed for **Synodalls** and **Procurations**, and iv li. for a Pension to the Vicar of **Walsperton**.

Patroni Ecclesiæ. Incumbentes, &c.

- Giff. f. 224. b.
Ib. f. 318. a.
Ib. f. 370. b.
Geyn. f. 30. b.
D. Episcopus Wigornia.
Wolff. vol. 2. f. 48. b.
Ib. f. 104. b.
Br. vol. 1. f. 17. a.
Ib. f. 31. a.
Wak. f. 30. a.
Ric. Rex Angl.
Ib. f. 65. a.
Ibid. b.
Cliff. f. 13. b.
Pev. f. 61. b.
D. Episc. Wigorn.
Morg. vol. 1. f. 36. b.
Carp. vol. 1. f. 156. b.
Gyg. 2. f. 56. b.
Magr. Ric. Ewer in S. Theol. Bac. virtute advoc. per I. Bel.
Heath. f. 21. b.
Episc. Wig. T. Henneage mil. & aliis concess.
Bul. f. 33. a.
Thomas Lucy de Cherlecoate mil.
- Magr. Sim. de Balyndon 3. Non. Apr. 1284.
Magr. Nigellus le Waleys Cler. 9. Cal. Junii 1290.
Hugo de Babington 3. Id. Apr. 1293.
D. Walt. de Morton Subdiac. Non. Sept. 1305.
Magr. Rob. de Chigewell Cler. 18. Junii 1341.
D. Sym. de Geynesburgh 23. Sept. 1346.
Thomas de Mershton 1. Junii 1356.
Magr. Ric. de Cleanger 9. Maii 1361.
Joh. Parkere Cap. 3. Apr. 1382.
D. Thomas Fladbury Pbr. 10. Aug. 1389.
Ioh. Burbache 17. Sept. 1389.
D. Ric. Clifford Pbr. 4. Maii 1402.
Ioh. Wareyn Cap. 5. Maii 1414.
Magr. Edw. Prentys Cler. 14. Febr. 1425.
Henr. Sharpe Legum Doctor 20. Dec. 1460.
Magr. Rob. Haldefworth S. Theol. & Decret. Doctor 9. Nov. 1508.
Magr. Joh. Jolyffe in S. Theol. Fac. 24. Sept. 1556.
Ric. Hill Cler. 13. Dec. 1586.

Patroni Vicariæ. Incumbentes, &c.

- Ren. f. 1. a.
Walt. de Morton Rector.
Wolff. vol. 2. f. 54. a.
D. Rob. de Chilwell Rector.
Ibid.
Ric. f. 15. a.
Rector ejusdem Ecc.
Cliff. f. 12. b.
Magr. Joh. Burbache Rector.
Pev. f. 25. b.
Joh. Tissebury Rector.
Ib. f. 78. b.
Rector ejusdem Eccl.
- Adam de Utlicote 8. Cal. Nov. 1308.
D. Ric. de Wykingeston Subdiac. 17. Cal. Apr. 1342.
D. Ric. Toky Pbr. 8. Maii 1342.
Walt. Mullewarde 12. Cal. Aug. 1367.
D. Ric. Ferne Pbr. 11. Apr. 1402.
Ric. de Chelmescoate Cap. 22. Oct. 1410.
D. Ric. Wodehouse Cap. 5. Dec. 1416.

Hampton super Avon.
In a North window of the Chancell.
In the East window of the Chancell.



1. Cantelupe.
2. Beauchamp
E. of Warr.
3. D. Haldefworth
pardon here
temp. H. 8.

Hatton super Avon.

This had its name originally from the Heath near which it stood, and being a member of **Hampton** past with it to **John Dudley** Earl of **Warwick**, and since that to the **Lucies** of **Cherlecoate**, as the Records which I have cited in **Hampton** will manifest; but it hath been anciently depopulated, as our Countreyman **Rous** intimates^p.

p Hist. M.
1 Rous p
143. j

Hunscote.

This is also in the Parish of **Hampton super Avon**, but long^a since depopulated. The first mention I find of it is in 8. Joh. where it appears, that **William de Ludinton** impleaded **Walter fitz Raph** for half a hide of land lying therein; who very shortly after past away all his interest here unto **Thomas de Erdinton** (of whom in **Crofton** I have spoke) which **Thomas** dyed seized thereof in 2 H. 3. whereupon it was committed to the custody of **William Marshall** Earl of **Pembroke**. From this **T. de Erdinton** it descended to **Henry** his great grandchild; who in 7 E. 1. was certifiedⁿ to be joint Lord thereof with one **William de Bladintone**, holding it of **Margery de Cantelupe** (of whom in **Aven-Druet**, I have made mention) by the third part of a Knights Fee, the said **Margery** holding it over of **Theobald de Verdon**, and he of the Earl of **Warwick**. It was also then found that the said **Henry** held at that time one carucate of land here of **Will. de Stafford**, and he of the said **Margery**, &c.

Which **Henry** in 23 E. 3. did his homage^w to the said **W. de Stafford** (then of **Wromshull** in **Com. Staff.**) for the lands lying here, so held of him as hath been said; viz. 1. mess. and 4. yard land in demesne, and two yard land in Villenage; acknowledging that he held them of him by the xiith part of a Knights Fee, and declaring it to be a member of **Amulcote** in **Staffordshire**, having been so granted to his Ancestour, **Thomas**, by the before specified **Walt. fil. Radulfi**, as above is expressed. All which continued in the family of **Erdington** for divers ages, as by severall^x authorities is manifest: but this was not the whole Mannour: for in 10 H. 6. it appeareth^y that **Thomas Erdington** Esquier had but a part thereof, and one **Thomas Muston** the residue, who in that Record is stiled **Dominus de Huntescote**: Both which parts, about King E. 4. time (as I guesse) were purchased by Sir **William Lucy** of **Cherlecoate** Knight,

for

2 Es. 8 H. for I find that he dyed ² seized thereof in 7 H. 7. leaving Edmund his son and heir; whose posterity doe still enjoy it.

Alveston.

2 Regist. Wigorn. in bibl. Cotton. f. 136. **T**His, lying on the other side the River, pertained to the Church of **Worcester** long before the Norman Conquest: for I find ^a that Bishop Oswold granted unto Eadric, his God-father, three mess. lying in this place, to hold for his own life, and to two such others as he should assign them unto; but after that to return unto the said Church of **Worcester**. In that grant, bearing date in the year DCCCLXVI. it is written **Canalstune**, which shews that the name originally sprung from some ancient possessor thereof, **Eanulfus** having been an appellation very frequent in those elder times: but after this it was injuriously taken and withheld from the Bishops by certain great men, for the space of many years, untill that **S. Wulfstan** (the venerable Bishop of that See) purchased it for a large summe of money of King **William** the Conquerour, and gave it to the Monks of that place in the third year of King **William Rufus**, as by his grant appeareth; which, for the solemnity of it, I have here inserted.

Ex Regist. todam vincto n. 5 D. & ap. n. m. f. 2. b. *Ego^b Wlstanus gracia Dei Wigorniensis Ecclesie Pontifex, Monasterium S. Dei genitricis Mariæ à pia memoria beato scil. Oswaldo prædecessore meo in sede Episcopali constructum, majori honore & dignitate amplificare cupiens, non solum in Ecclesia constructione, & ordinatione, verum etiam & Monachorum ibidem Deo famulantium illud locupletare studui augmentatione. Quod utrumq; Dei omnipotentis miseratio per me servum suum adimplere ex parte dignata est: Nam cum à me paulo plus quam xii. inventi fuissent fratres, usq; ad quinquaginta à me ibi congregati sunt, in eodem Monasterio Dei mancipati servicio. Unde factum est, ut sicut numerum fratrum, ita etiam ad eorum opus augere opportunum duximus possessiones terrarum: Consilio ergo inito cum optimatibus meis, terram quandam xv. hidarum, quæ **Alvestun** ab incolis nominatur, multo tempore à quibusdam potentibus hominibus injustè possessam, maximo labore & pecunie donatione à Rege **Willielmo** seniore adquisivi. Adquisitam verò ad victum eorundem fratrum in eodem Monasterio Deo servantium dedi; eamq; super Altare S. Dei genitricis Mariæ, pro remedio anime meæ, atq; ejusdem Regis, filiiq; sui **Willielmi** similiter Regis, in testimonio tam optimatum ejus, & meorum, quam etiam totius populi devotè obtuli, anno Dominica Incarn. M. LXXXIX. indit. XII. regni autem **Willielmi** junioris tertio, Episcopatus verò mei XXVII. ingressione nostra in novum Monasterium quod construxi in honore ejusdem Dei genitricis primo die S. Pentecostes. Adjuro igitur & obtestor per nomen terribile omnipotentis Dei, tam cunctos fratres & coepiscopos meos successores, quam etiam omnes Christiana fidei cultores, ut sicut sua statuta & decreta inconvulsa servari desiderant, sic hanc meam donationem & elemosynam subtrahere & minuire non audeant. Si quis autem Demoniacò instigatus spiritu, hanc meam donationem, quod absit, subtrahere, vel ab eorum scilicet Dei servorum possessione, auferre, sive in aliquo minuire conatur, ex auctoritate Patris &*

*Filii, & Spiritus Sancti, omniumq; Sanctorum Patrum, Prædecessorum meorum, & mea excommunicatione, anathemate æternæ dampnationis perpetualiter constringatur, & cum **Juliano** Apostata, Ecclesiarum Dei raptore & destructore in die Judicii dampnetur, nisi à talibus conatibus desistat, & digna penitentiâ Deo, ipsiq; D. i. servis satisfaciât: Hac verò servantibus vita & pax æternæ perenniter in cælestibus.*

*Nomina enim testium, qui huic meæ donationi, & intersuerunt, & consenserunt, hæc sunt; Ego **Wlstanus** Episcopus hanc meam donationem propria manu firmavi, & Sigillo corroboravi; Hiis testibus **Thomas** Prior, cum omni congregatione **Wigornensis** Ecclesie, **Algericus** Archidiaconus, **Colemannus** Monachus & Cancellarius Episcopi, **Frihtericus** Capellanus ejus, cum omnibus Clericis Episcopi, **Urlo** Vicecomes cum omnibus militibus Vicecomitatus ejus; **Ordricus** dapifer, cum omni Curia Episcopi; **Alwinus** similiter dapifer Episcopi, **Ordricus** Præpositus ipsius villa, & plurimarum villarum Episcopi.*

And hereunto did King **William** the younger add his Confirmation. Of which wrongfull possession thereof to the prejudice of that Church in **Edward** the Confessors days, let us observe what **Domesday-book** witnesseth, **Briestwinus** T. R. E. (scil. tempore Regis **Edwardi**) tenuit in **Albestone** vii. hid. & dim. De hac terra habet **Eldred** * **Archiepiscopus** **Sacam** & **Socam**, & **Toll** & **Tem**, **Cerise**, & omnes alias forisfacturas, præter illas quæ uor quas Rex habet per totum suum regnum: Hæc testantur filii eius **Lewinus**, **Edmar** & alii quatuor; sed nesciunt de quo, an de Ecclesia, an de Comite **Leuric**, ^a cui serviebat, hanc terram tenuit. Dicant tamen quod ipsi tenuerunt de **L. Comite**, & quo volebant, cum terra, poterant se vendere: Reliquum autem septem hidarum & dimid. tenuit **Brietenodus** & **Aluvin**; sed Comitatus nescit de quo tenuerunt: **Wlstanus** autem Episcopus dicit se hanc terram deplacitasse coram **Regina** **Matilde** in præsentia quatuor Vicecomitatum, & inde habet Breve Regis **W.** & testimonium Comitatus **Warwici**.

By which Survey it also appeareth, that there were then three Mills yielding xl s. xi. licks of Eeles and a thousand; as also four Houses in **Warwick** belonging thereto, rated at xvi d. the value of all then being xv li. Five hides of which fifteen, I find that King **H. 1.** for the health of his own soul, and of Queen **Maud** his wives soul, did by his speciall Charter make free unto them from all payments and exacti-
c Pat. 1. f. E. 1. n. g. 10. per Inspx. h Pat. 29 E. 3. p. 2 m. 12. per Inspx. i MS. in Scac. penes Rem. R. k Pat. 33 H. 8. f. 5. l Pat. 2 Eliz. p. 13. another

another Patent^m of it to *Edw. Williams &c.* After which it came to *Lodowike Grevill*, who soldⁿ it to one *John Hey*; which *John* died^o seized of it 30. Jan. 13. *Eliz.* leaving *Thomas* his brother and heir 50. years of age.

Of the Church (dedicated to *S. James*) I find no valuation, neither in 19 E. 1. nor 14 E. 3. as of others, in respect it was a member of *Hampton-Episcopi*, as by the Presentations to the Vicaridge will appear.

Patroni Vicariæ. Incumbentes, &c.

Giff. f. 31. a.	Magr. Thom. de Cantilupo Rector Eccl. de Hampton-Episc.	Ric. de la Mare Pbr. 4. Id. Oct. 1269.
Ib. f. 95. b.	Ric. de Tadington Curator & Custos Rector Eccl. de Hampton.	Umsfredus de Cerincestre Cap. 4. Non. Sept. 1279.
Ib. f. 317. b.		D. Will. de Pecco Pbr. 2. Non. Apr. 1289.
Ib. f. 320. a.	Nigellus dictus le Waleys.	Phil. de Nova terra Pbr. 14. Cal. Aug. 1290.
Cob. f. 27. b.	Rector Eccl. de Hampton-Episc.	Phil. Baldewyn Cap. 7. Id. Nov. 1321.
Wolff. f. 13. b.		Walt. le Hoppere Cap. 21. Junii 1339.
Wit. f. 12. b.	D. Episc.	Joh. de Stapelford Cap. 3. Id. Feb. 1365.
Wak. f. 27. a.	Rector Eccl. de Hampton Episc.	Joh. Compton Pbr. 5. Non. Oct. 1380.
Ib. f. 39. a.	D. Episc.	Ric. Watts Pbr. 5. Sept. 1384.
Ib. f. 50. a.		Joh. Jenkyn Pbr. 19. Dec. 1387.
Carp. vol. 1. f. 116. a.	Rector Eccl. de Hampton-Episc.	D. Galf. Dun 4. Maii 1454.
Carp. vol. 2. f. 79. b.		D. Thomas Mason Cap. 12. Aug. 1476.
Alc. f. 58. b.		D. Will. Blamford Cap. 26. Sept. 1479.
Ib. f. 162. a.	Ric. Lavander Archid. Leic. Rector Eccles. de Hampt. Episc.	D. Thomas Wager Cap. ult. Sept. 1486.
Mort. f. 24. b.		D. Will. Lye Cap. 10. Junii 1488.
Bell. f. 11. b.		D. Will. Cowherd Pbr. 26. Aug. 1540.
Heath f. 13. b.		Will. Warwyk Cler. 19. Oct. 1549.
Bul. f. 16. a.	Rector Ecclesia de Hampton Episc.	Nich. Knowles Cler. ult. Apr. 1579.
Ib. f. 25. b.		Rob. Dowley Cler. 14 Jan. 1608.
Ib. f. 109. a.		Magr. Joh. Dowley 24. Jan. 1624.

On the wall of the Church is this Monumentall Inscription.

Here lyeth buried the body of Nicholas Lane gent. who deceased the xxvi. day of July An. D. 1595.

Tidington.

This was also belonging to the Church of *Worcester*, in the Saxons time, and involved with *Alveston* (as I guesse:) for in the year 985. did Bi-

shop *Oswold*, by the consent of King *Ethelred*, and *Elfric* Earl of *Merca* passe^p a Lease thereof to *Eadric* his servant for three lives, it then consisting of five dwellings: but in the Conquerors Survey there is no mention, in particular, of it: neither have I afterwards seen any thing thereof till 8 E. 3. that upon the taxation^q of a Fifteenth and Tenth it was certified to bear somewhat a greater proportion than *Alveston*; yet was it not a distinct Mannour of itself, but a member of that, and so past^r from the Crown in 33 H. 8. to the Dean and Chapter of *Worcester* before specified; and is at this day reputed parcell thereof.

Bridg-town.

This place hath its name by reason of the situation thereof so neer to *Stratford*-bridg: but the chiefest thing memorable in it is^f, that there hath been an Heremitage, whereunto the Chapell of *S. Mary Magdalen* in this village belonged; which Heremitage was antiently endowed^t with lands by some of the Powers of *Ryen-Clifford*, for reparation of the before specified Bridg: all which were confirmed^u thereunto by *Thomas Power* Esquier in 22 H. 6. who constituted^w one *John Rawlyns* to be Heremite there during his life, appointing, that he should yearly celebrate an *Obit* in the Parish-Church of *Stratford* before mentioned, upon the Eve of *Corpus Christi*, for the souls of the Parents and Ancestors of him the said *Thomas Power*. The donation of which Heremitage, upon the grant of *Ryen-Clifford* from *Christopher Power* to *William Clopton* in 5 H. 8. is therewith^x past to him the said *William* and his heirs; since when (and not before that ever I could see) this place hath been reputed a Mannour, the said *William Clopton* being certified^y to dye seized thereof 4. Jan. 1 *Eliz.* From whom is descended *Thomas Clopton* of *Clopton*, that hath the like right therein at this day: but the site of the Heremitage was in 3. & 4. Ph. & M. granted^z to the Hospitall of *Savoy*, in the Suburbs of *London*.

Loxley.

This place was given^a by *Offa* King of the Mercians unto the Church of *Worcester* about CCC. years before the Norman Conquest, and continued thereto till the time of King *Canutus* the Dane: but then the whole Realm being burthened with grievous taxes, and a Constitution made, that if any place did fail in payment by the space of 3. days of what was so exacted, he that should depofite the money to the Shiriff might presently possesse himself thereof; this, with divers other lands (whereof *Ludington Dratton*, and *Wilcote* in this County were part) was by that crafty advantage most injuriously taken from it; Sed Deus hanc sui rapinam absq; ultione non dimisit (saith the^b Monk of *Worcester*) nam unusquisq; eorum, qui huic fraudi operam dederunt, digna ultione percussi, aut luminibus privati, aut paralyfi dissoluti, aut in insaniam versi sunt; plurimi etiam semetipsos interfecerunt.

But at the Norman invasion one *Eatstannus* had the greatest part of it, as his freehold; which by the

p Reg. Wigorn. in bibl. Cotton. f. 95. a.

q Rot. penes S. A. eq. 447.

r Pat. 33 H. 8. p. 5.

Ex Cartul. de Clopton, penes Thom. Clopton ar.

x Ibid.

y Esc. 2 E. 12.

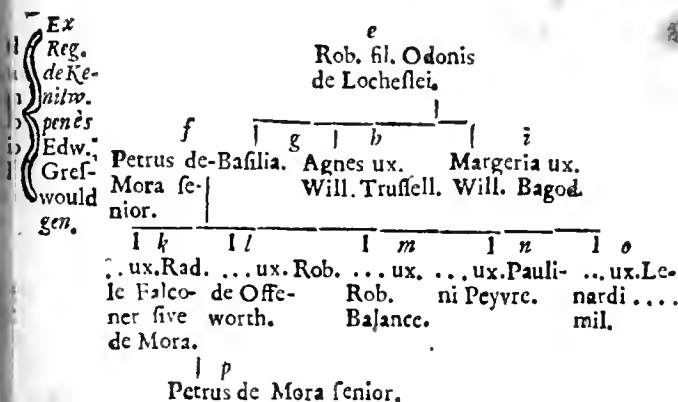
z Pat. 3. 4. Ph. & M. p. 12.

a Ex Reg. predict. penes D. Cap. Wigorn. f. 1.

b Ex Reg. Wigorn. bibl. Cotton. f. 1. b.

the Conq. was disposed of (*inter alia*) to the E. of **Spellent**, as may appear by the generall Survey shortly after made, where it is written **Locheslei**, & certified to contain 4. hides, all which excepting one virgate held by **Hugo fil. Constantii** of **Hugh de Grentemaisnill**, and valued at *v s.* were rated at *iv li. xv s.* there being then a Church. Another hide, by the same Survey, may seem to have been here, though it be in that place written **Lochelham**, which was then in the Bishop of **Worcester's** hands, and rated at *xxv s.* But that which the Earl of **Spellent** had, came to his brother **Henry de Newburgh** Earl of **Warwick**, as it seems, with the rest of those lands in this County, which the same **Henry** and his posterity enjoy'd: for by what I shall shew anon, it will appear to have been of their Fee.

Whether **Robert fil. Odonis**, who lived in H. 2. time, was the first that had it by the Earl of **Warwick's** grant, or whether it were his father I am not sure; but that the said **Robert** posselt it, and made it the place of his residence, is out of doubt; for in his grant ^d to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, of *Cxx. acres* of his demesn lands here, with a messuage roft and croft, and *ii s.* Rent, which for *xii. marks* of silver he sold to them, he writes himself **Robertus fil. Odonis de Lochesleia**. And besides this so sold by him, he gave unto them, for the health of his fathers soul, whose body lay buried in that Monastery; and for the good estate of himself and his posterity, pasture for *x. Oxen* and *C. Sheep* in his demesn lands here. Which **Robert** left issue onely 3. daughters his heirs, whose matches and descendants I have here inserted.



Of **Peter de Mora** great grandchild to **Rob. fil. Odonis**, I find that he was a liberall Benefactor to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, for it appears ^q, that about 38 H. 3. he gave them the Mannour-house here at **Lorley**, and all his possessions belonging thereto, besides his lands at **Westcote** and **Boxton-Bagot**, with the advouson of that Church, **Will. Mansell** being then high Shiriff of this County, and a witnesse thereto; which was confirmed ^r to them by **Will. Maucluit** Earl of **Warwick** in 47 H. 3. And that the Canons of **Kenilworth** had here, in ^r 19 E. 1. one carucate of land, valued at *xvi s.* in Rent of Assise *viii s.* and one Mill rated at *iv s.* at which time the Monks of **Worcester** had *xviii s.* Rent of Assise in this Lordship. But it seems that the Ancestour of **John de Waston** (Lord of **Walton D'eivile**) was enfeoffed by the Canons of **Kenilworth** in the greatest part of this Lordship; for it appears that the said **John** held the same of them by Knights service: and in ^u 20 E. 3. **Baldw. Frevill** and **William Trussell** answered for half a Knights Fee in this place. Which Canons having a great share here, in 25 E. 3. purchased ^v of **John** the son of

John de Peyto *xiv. messuages* more, with two carucates, five yard land, three acres of meadow, and *x s. ob.* Rent in this place. All which, together with the rest whereof they were posselt before, coming to the Crown upon the dissolution of that Monastery, was 28 Martii 33 H. 8. granted ^x to **Thom. Cawarden** Esq. and **Elizabeth** his wife, and the heirs of the body of the said **Thomas**; and afterwards coming to **Lodowyk Grevill** Esquier, and **Francis Gyll** Yeoman, was by them sold ^y to **Edward Nevill** Esquier, but continued not long with him: for in 12 Eliz. **William Underhill** dyed ^z seized of it, leaving **William** his son and heir aged *xiv. years* and six months.

The Church, being given to the Monastery of **Stone** in **Staffordshire** (which was a Cell to the Priory of **Kenilworth**) by **Rob. fil. Odonis** before specified; and confirmed ^a thereto by **Baklia de Mora** in 1 Joh. was in **Edward 1.** time rebuilt, and newly consecrated ^b upon the Sunday next after the Feast of **S. Thomas** the Martyr *an. 1286.* 14 E. 1. by **Godfrey Giffard** Bishop of **Worcester**, who then preacht therein upon this Text, *Sanctificate domum hanc quam edificasti.* In anno 1291. (19 E. 1.) it was valued ^c at *x. marks*, and the Vicaridge in ^d 26 H. 8. at *5 li. 6 s. 8 d.* out of which was then allowed *xii d.* for Synodalls.

Patroni Vicariæ.

Incumbentes, &c.

- (**Joh. de Warwyk** Subdiac. Giff. f. 48. c.
9. Cal. Martii 1274.
D. Walt. de Banneburi Cap. Cob. f. 34. a.
19. Cal. Jan. 1323.
Will. de Bradewey Pbr. 13. Br. vol. 1. f. 21.
Jan. 1356.
Will. Hankyns Pbr. 27. Ib. f. 37. b. 1.
Sept. 1361.
Will. Merston Pbr. 27. Ju- cliff. f. 16. a.
nii 1402.
Joh. Attewelle 24. Maii Pev. f. 18. b.
1410.
Joh. Compus Pbr nlt. Julii Ib. f. 65. b.
1414.
D. Rob. Wynn Cap. 23. Aug. Morg. vol. 1. f. 10. b.
1422.
D. Will. Northampton Cap. Morg. vol. 2. f. 25. b.
22. Martii 1420.
D. Henr. Sywell Cap. 13. Ju- Pult. f. 91. b.
lii 1431.
D. Thomas Ennok Cap. 18. Carp. vol. 1. f. 28. a.
Dec. 1445.
D. Thom. Kynasley Cap. 4. Ib. f. 65. b.
Jan. 1448.
D. Thom. Carpenter Cap. Ib. f. 95. a.
20. Aug. 1451.
D. Joh. Broun Cap. 8. Oct. Ib. f. 132. b.
1455.
D. Hugo Byker Cap. 9. Oct. Ib. f. 164. b.
1461.
Nich. Lytleton Cap. 4. Ju- Ib. f. 185. b.
nii 1464.
D. Ric. Potter Cap. 13. Julii Gyg. vol. 2. f. 51. a.
1507.
D. Will. Hilley Cap. 22. Ieron. f. 24. b.
Nov. 1525.
D. Joh. Hybbins Cap. 21. Ib. f. 43. a.
Maii 1530.
D. Episc. per lapsum. **Will. Prycks** Cler. 3. Junii Heath. f. 36. b.
1562.

Bull. f. 7. b.

Eliz. Angl. Regina.

Ib. f. 24. a.

Ib. f. 94. b. Jacobus Rex Angl.

Will. Jeffes Cler. 16. Dec.

1572.

Joh. Duppa Cler. 22. Feb.

1583.

Will. Debarck Cler. in art.
Magr. 7. Julii 1613.

Stratford super Avon.

THIS place was above CCC. years before the Norman Conquest belonging to the Bishoprick of Worcester, and given thereto by Ethelardus a Viceroy in Worcester-shire, as is evident from the words of S. Egwine's Charter (the third Bishop of that See, and Founder of Evesham Abby) which I will here recite, *Cum maxime florerem in diebus Ethelredi Regis Merciorum, capi eum benigne precari, ut mihi concedere dignaretur antiquum canobium, quod Flaundenburgh nuncupatur; quod sibi evenit ex hereditate sua uxoris, qua fuit Ostruthis vocata: Satis ille libenti animo quod poseebam concessit. Hoc canobium postea dedi Ethelardo sub regulo, qui erat, Rex illius Provinciae quae Witce dicitur, pro alio canobio quod Streathforde nominatur.*

About an hundred years after it came thus to the Bishoprick of Worcester, Berhtuulf King of Mercia granted divers privileges thereto, the substance of whole Charter in respect of its great antiquity, and rarity I have here inserted. *In nomine Domini (&c.) ego Berhtuulf, gratia divini largiente, Rex Merciorum, de remedio animae meae praecogitans, diem tremendum districti examinis ante oculos cordis mei componens; cogitans; quod aliquid de istius mundi regni perceptione promerit ipso in perpetuum elemosynam, ac libertatem Ecclesiasticam Deo vivo in aeternum erogarem; ideo, cum consensu & licentia Episcoporum & Principum meorum, & omnium seniorum gentis nostrae, donabo Heaberto meo venerabili Episcopo, huius libertatis privilegium, & eius familiae in Weger-nacestre, illius Monasterii bt Catne, quod appellatur Alstra Stretford, cuius quantitas est .xx. manentium, eo quod placabile pecunia acceptus fui, id est x. lib. argenti; ea conditione, ut libera permaneat in sempiternum soluta & liberata sit ab omni iugo humanae servitutis, ab omnibus secularibus tributis & vectigalibus, cum cunctis utilitatibus ad illam Ecclesiam recte pertinentibus, scil. campis vel silviunculis, pascuis vel pratis, fluminibus vel piscationibus, ab opere regali & pasture regis, & principis vel juniorum eorum, ab hospitum refectioe, vel venatorum etiam, eorumque Regis, falconum & aucuporum, & puerorum qui ducunt canes: Quid plura? ab omni tribulatione noti & ignoti, magni & modici libera ceteris. Istas in eum, quamdiu fides Christiana prebuerit apud Anglos in Britannia in se permaneat (&c.) esta est autem hac donatio Anno Domini incarn. D. CCXLV. Indict. VIII. in loco regali qui dicitur Tomeuorthig in Nativitate Domini (&c.)*

It was thought (as Leland^f saith) that the Monastery, here mentioned, stood where the Church is now situate. By the Conquerors Survey it appeareth that Stratford was rated at xiv. hides and a half, and then posselt by S. Wolstan Bishop of that Dioces, there being at that time a Church; as also a Mill yielding x s. per annum

and a thousand Eeles; but the value of the whole extended to xxv li. In that Record it is written *Stradforde*, the name having been originally occasioned from the forde or passage over the water, upon the great street or road leading from Henley in Arden towards London.

The next mention I find of this ancient Manour, is in that Register, belonging to the Bishop of Worcester, called his *Domesday-book*, composed about H. 2. time, where it is said to contain xv. hides and one yard land; whereof *Frethricus de Bishopesdane* held three hides, *Stephen (le Poler)* in *Clifford* two hides and a half; the Monk, (id est of Worcester) one virgate: *Frethricus de* one hide; *Adam de Scetrive* one hide and a half, &c.

That it was the possession of those Bishops for some hundreds of years in the Saxons time, may appear by what I have already said; And that it continued to their successors for many ages after the Norman invasion, I shall proceed to make manifest; not neglecting to take notice what advantages have accrued thereunto, either by their procurement from the Kings of this Realm, or were vouchsafed to it by their own speciall favours; whereof the weekly *Mercate* upon the Thursday is not the least; which, as it hath precedency in time, so doth it deserve the first mention; for it was granted^h by King Richard the first unto *John de Constantis* Bishop of Worcester 25. Jan. in the seventh year of his reign. Which Bishop immediately thereupon, by his own Deedⁱ reciting the said Charter of King Richard bestowed on his Burgesses of *Stratford* (for by that name he calls them) the inheritance of their Burgages, paying yearly for each of them to himself and his successors xii d. for all services at four times in the year; viz. at the Feast of S. Michael iii d. the Nativity of our Lord iii d. at Easter iii d. and at the Feast of the Nativity of S. John Baptist iii d. to every of which Burgages he thereby allowed three perches and a half in breadth, and twelve perches in length; and that they should be free of Toll, for ever, according to the custome of *Wytholl*; excommunicating all persons that should presume to make violation of those their privileges. All which, *Margerius* the next Bishop confirmed^k. Next unto whom succeeded *Walter Grey*, who, towards the later end of King John's reign, obtained a grantⁱ for an yearly *Faire* here, beginning on the Even of the holy Trinity, and to continue for the two next days ensuing; which Charter bears date 29 Oct. 16. Joh.

Touching the originall occasion of which meetings called *Faires*, let us hear what the learned *Speiman*^m hath observed—*Cum autem Christiani ad insignes aliquas celebritates, praesertim encenia & dedicationes Ecclesiarum Festa annua peragenda convenirent: adesse utiq; Mercatores solebant, sua mercionia sub ipsis Ecclesiis atq; in caemiteriis distrasuri. And a little below he thus goes on.—Pariter vero convenisse ium ad merces vendendas tum ad emendas Mercatores quam plurimos; atq; ita Festum cum Nundinis, Nundinas cum Festo miscuisse. Tunc enim non solum advolant ipsi parochiani (saith he) sed & vicini plurimi; majorq; semper frequentia pro Ecclesia & villa dignitate. And further he takes notice, that this ill custome in the succeeding ages increast much, not onely by the concurrence which the Parishioners themselves had thither at that time, but*

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but even multitudes from the neighbouring Towns; and that the meeting was always the greater, as the dignitie of the Church and Town became more eminent than ordinary; as of *S. Peters* at *Westminster*, *S. Bartholomew's* in *Smithfield*, *S. Cuthberts* at *Durresme*, &c. Neither (saith he) is it a hard matter to guesse by the *Faire* day, in case it have been ancient, to what Saint the Church is dedicated: And that this is so we have also an evident testimony here, the Church of *Stratford* being dedicated to the *Holy Trinity*.

For the authority usually given, by speciall Charter, to keep such *Faires* or meetings, he also gives a very good reason—*Cum vero ex tanta hominum frequentia (saith he) periculosi saepe tumultus orirentur, tenendarum Feriarum prerogativa solius Principis diplomatibus est indulta.* As for the antiquitie of the word *Faire*, which shews of what great continuance the thing it self hath been, it is no lesse then from the Britans, *Faire* in their language (which Doctor *John Davies* in his *Britannico-Lat. Vocabularie*, derives from the Greek word *φειω*, being the same with *merces* in Latin) signifying as much as *Nundina*, *Forum* and *Mercatum* doth. And that such *Faires* were frequently kept upon the Sunday in former times, as this here had used to be, is evident by this instance which I shall give. In the year of our Lord 1200 (being the second of King *John's* reign) the Abbot of *Flay*, a man both devout and learned, came into *England* (saith my Authorⁿ) and preaching very zealously in sundry parts, amongst other of his pious doctrines, he prohibited the keeping of *Faires*, and *portates* on the Lords day—*Nundinas^o vero & Mercata Dominice diei adeo interdixit, quod omnia ferè quæ diebus Dominicis per Angliam fieri consueverant, constituerentur in una hebdomada sequentium feriarum: Sicq; Dominicis diebus fidelis populus divinis solummodo vacans obsequiis, omne opus servile penitus abdicavit: verumtamen tempore procedente pleriq; ut canis ad vomitum sunt reversi.* You see, after a while, his preaching was quite forgot, as appears plainly here; for this Charter, for a *Faire* to be kept on *Trinity Sunday*, was about xiv. years after those good documents of that holy Abbot. Nor indeed do I see that this prophane usage was left, till by a Statute^p law made a long time after, *scil. 27 H. 6. all such goods or merchandize, which should be exposed to sale upon Good-Friday, Corpus Christi day, Ascension day, All Saints day, the day of the Assumption of our Lady, Whitsunday, Trinity Sunday, or other Sunday (the four Sundays in Harvest excepted) were to be forfeited to the Lord of the Libertie or Franchise, where such Faire should happen to be kept.* But the restraint for keeping them in the Church-yards, (antiently usuall) was much elder; viz. by the Statute of *Winchester* 13 E. 1. cap. 6.

Having spoken thus much as to the first occasion of *Faires*; viz. the concourse of people to keep the Festivall of the Churches Dedication; it will not be amisse (I think) to say something of the Feast of Dedication it self, now vulgarly called the *Wake*,

That these Feasts were ancient we have the testimony of holy Scripture, *Facta sunt encenia, id est festa dedicationis in Hierosolimis* (saith *S. John*⁹) & *Jesus ambulabat in templo in porticu Solomonis ad confirmationem illius festivitatis.* And *S. Augustin* in his Homily upon that Text

saith, *Illum diem quo Templum dedicatum est, Judæi solenniter celebrabant.* That they were originally kept on the same Saints day, annually, unto whose memory the Church was dedicated, there is no scruple to be made: which dutie so performed by Christians, was by *S. Basil*^t termed *λατρίαν τῷ θεῷ*, and with all *τιμωρὰς τῆς ἐκκλησίας*. id est a worship of God, and a reverence to the Martyrs. Neither can we judge lesse than that the pious and devout munificence of him that was the Founder and endower of the Church, was likewise then gratefully remembered. Of the service used in that solemnity I shall not make rehearfall, referring my Reader to *Durandus*^t, where it is particularly described: but to the end it may appear how it came to passe that the yearly celebration of that Festivall was, and yet is called the *Wake*, I shall briefly make some discovery.

Antiquitus^t in precipuis festivitatis (saith the same Author) duo nocturnalibus agebantur officia, & populus, qui ad festa venerat, tota nocte in Dei laudibus in Ecclesia vigilabat, quod adhuc Romæ, & in plerisq; locis in magnis festivitatis, præsertim Sanctorum patronorum Ecclesiarum observatur. And in another place he says—*Et vocabatur Vigilia, quia habuit initium à Pastoribus vigilias noctis super greges suas servantibus.* And he goes on—*Sed quia lessores & Cantores conveniebant, & turpibus Cantilenis, & saltationibus, & commensationibus, & potationibus, & fornicationibus intendere ceperunt; propter hæc & multa alia inconvenientia quæ fiebant, hujusmodi Vigiliæ sunt interdictæ, & institutum ut loco earum fiant Jejunia, quæ Jejunia adhuc retinent nomen officii; nam communiter Vigiliæ & non Jejunia nuncupantur.*

The substance of this I have found Englished in an old Manuscript Legend of *S. John Baptist*, as followeth.—*And ye shall understand and know how the Evyns were first forso in old time. In the beginning of holt Chirche it was so that the pepull cam to the Chirche with candellys benyng and wold Wake, and coome with light toward night to the Chirche in their debotions; and astir they fell to lecherie and songs, daunces, harping, pyping, and also to glotony and sinne, and so touned the hollnesse to cursydnes: wherefore holy faders ordeined the pepull to leve that Waking, and to fast the Evyn. But hit is callyd Vigilia that is Waking in Englysh, and it is callyd the Evyn, for at Evyn they were wont to come to Chirche.*

Howbeit, the direct time when this prohibition for coming so to Church in the Evening was made, hath not as yet appeared to me; but I do conclude it to have been very antient: for though *Simon Islip* Archbishop of *Canterbury* in the year 1362. (36 E. 2.) by vertue of that appointment^u made by Pope *Gregory* the ninth for observation of some speciall Holy days, and leaving the rest thus, *quas singuli Episcopi in suis Diocæsisbus cum Clero & Populo duxerint solenniter venerandas*,^w comanded that *Solennitas Dedicationum Ecclesiarum Parochialium, & Sanctorum in quorum honore Ecclesia parochiales dedicantur*, according to the Canon Law *Dist. 1. cap. 16. 17. Dist. 3. cap. 1.* yet there is no doubt to be made (considering what is before exprest) but that such solemnities of the Churches Dedication were no lesse antient than the primitive times of Christianity, and annually kept for many ages upon the same Saints day to

^t Basil. in Psal. 114.

^t Rationale divin. lib. 7. f. 251.

^t Ib. lib. 6. 140. b.

^u Decret. Greg. cap. 5. Tit. de Feriis.

^w Lindw. Provinc. Constit. f. 52. a. Col. 2. cap. Ex Scripturis.

^x Gratian de Consecratione.

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to whose memory such dedication was made; but in proceſſe of time certain inconveniencies being found in the obſervance of thoſe very dayes, eſpecially ſuch as hapned in Harveſt, when a little neglect may occaſion much loſſe, many of them were by ſpeciall authority from the Biſhop, for that very reaſon altered, and the ſolemnity transferred to the next Sunday following, or ſome other Sunday; as I have ſeen (for inſtance) of **Ladcaſter** and **Biſhop-Wilton** in **Yorkſhire**, where the Churches Feſtivall of the one, being on the 28, of *Auguſt*, was in the year MCCC. xiv, aſſigned to be kept on the Sunday next enſuing the Feaſt of the Decollation of *S. John Baptiſt*; and of the other², which fell out on the fifteenth of *September*, to be obſerved the Sunday enſuing. Which alteration, forasmuch as it broke the ancient courſe and order, perhaps occaſioned, for uniformities ſake, that Injunction of King *Henry*, made in the year 1536. (28. of his reign) whereby with the common aſſent and conſent of the Prelates and Clergy of this his Realm in Convocation lawfully aſſembled (amongſt other things) he decreed, ordained and eſta- bliſhed, that the Feaſt of Dedication of Churches ſhould in all places throughout this Realm be thenceforth celebrated and kept on the firſt Sunday of the month of *October* for ever, and upon none other day. Since which time that Rule hath been obſerved in divers places (as I have particularly taken notice) eſpecially where the Saints day unto whom the Church was dedicated hapneth in the Winter time; but where it falls out in that time of the year that the weather is warm and proper for merry meetings, it is generally ſeen that the ſaid Feſtivall is yearly kept on the Sunday next following ſuch day, though not by commemoration of the Saint in any particular Church ſervice; but by holding up the Cuſtome of Feaſting amongſt friends and good neighbours, with the exerciſe of dancing and other ſports, which time is now uſually called the **Wake** through moſt parts of this Kingdom.

But returning to **Stratford**, and the ſucceſſive Biſhops that were Lords thereof, I find, that *William de Bleyſ*, then being Biſhop, procured a Charter^a for another *Faſte*, to be kept, here, on the *Eve* of *S. Auguſtin*, and on the day & morrow after; which Feſtivall falls yearly on the ſeventh *Cal.* of *June* (being the 26. of *May*;) And within xvi. years after, *Walter de Cantilupe* obtained another^b to be yearly kept on the *Eve* of the *Exaltation of the Holy Croſſe*, the day, and two days following (*viz.* 14. *Oſt.*) which Charter bears date at **Wincheſter** 23. Dec. 24 H. 3. This indeed hath continued till the preſent times, frequented by multitudes that come from far and neer unto it, the Toll whereof was very antiently leaſed^c for ix s. iv d. and the Toll of the *Mercate* at^d xvi s. per annum; which *Walter* ſate Biſhop for divers years, & in 39 H. 3. obtained a Charter^e of **Free-warren** for himſelf and his ſucceſſors in all their demein lands here, bearing date at **Sperton** 2. Apr. Another *Faſte* likewise did *Godfrey Giffard* (when he was Biſhop) procure, in 53 H. 3. to be held for three days, *viz.* the *Eve* of the *Aſcenſion* of our Lord, commonly called *Holy Thursday*, and upon the day and morrow after. And moreover the next year following got a new Charter^f for renewing the *Faſte* again on the *Eve* of *Trinity Sunday* (ſo granted by King *John*, as aforeſaid) and to continue for three days after.

Touching the revenue which the ſaid Biſhop had here in anno 1291. (19 E. 1.) I find^h that it was in Rent of *Aſſize* xx li. two carucates of land rated at xx s. one Mill yeilding C. s. the pleas and perquiſites lx s. and the profits of the ſtore xx s. But it ſhould ſeem that the ſaid *Thursday Mercate* grew in time to be neglected; for it appears, that *Walter de Maydenſtane*, made Biſhop of **Worceſter** in 2 E. 2. did in the very firſt year of his conſecration obtain a new Charterⁱ for one to be kept upon the ſame day every week; and added alſo another *Faſte* thereto, to begin yearly on the *Eve* of *S. Peter and Paul* (being at the later end of *June*) and to hold for xv. days. Which Charter bears date at **Wincheſter** 4. Martii 2 E. 2.

And now that the *Mercate* became thus ſetled, it was not long ere that the Paving of the town began; for in 5 E. 3. did one *Robert de Stratford*, (then Parſon^k of the Church of **Stratford**, but afterwards highly advanced, as I ſhall ſhew by and by) procure a Patent^l for taking Toll for the ſpace of four years, upon ſundry vendible commodities that ſhould be thicker brought for ſale, towards defraying the charge thereof: which Patent being directed *Ballivis & probis hominibus villa de Stratford ſuper Avone* expreſſeth, that it was obtained *ad requiſitionem dilecti Clerici noſtri Roberti de Stratford*; And was afterwards twice renewed at the request of the ſaid *Robert*; *viz.* in 8 E. 3. for four years longer, and in^m 10 E. 3. for two years more.

This *Robert de Stratford* was afterwards Archdeaconⁿ of **Canterbury**; next^o Biſhop of **Chicheſter**, and then Chancelour^p of **England**; brother likewise^q to *John de Stratford* Archbiſhop of **Canterbury**, of whom I ſhall ſpeak anon; who aſſuming his ſurname from hence (being the place of his birth) bore a more than ordinary affection thereto. In 13 E. 3. *John de Peito junior* (who was a Lawyer, as in **Cherterton** I have ſhewed) obtained a Leaſe^r for life of this Mannour, from *Wolſtan* then Biſhop of **Worceſter**, at the Rent of lx li. per annum. But little is there memorable of the ſucceeding Biſhops relating to this place till 3 E. 6. that *Nicholas Heath* paſt^s it away to *John Dudley* Earl of **Warwick** in exchange for certain lands in **Worceſterſhire**; which, Earl the ſame year, parted^t with it to the King, upon an advantageous bargain for lands in **Oxfordſhire**, and other places; but with an eye to have it again, as it fell out he had in 7 E. 6. by another exchange^u. Upon the attainder of which *John*, in 1. *Maria* (being then Duke of **Northumberland**;) this, called by the name of the Mannour of **Old-Stratford** with the reſt of his lands, eſchacting to the Crown, was immediatly granted^x by the Queen to *Joan* his Dutcheſſe; but afterwards, *ſcil.* in 3. & 4. Ph. & M. to^y the Hoſpitall of **Savoy** in the ſuburbs of **London**.

The next thing I am to take notice of concerning this town, that is by the Kings Letters^z Patent bearing date 28. *Junii* 7 E. 6. it was made a Corporation, conſiſting of a Bailiff and Burgeſſes, who were to bear the name of Aldermen, and to have a Common Seal, &c.

The Church, here, (dedicated to the holy *Trinity*) is of a very antient ſtructure, little leſſe than the Conq. time, as I gueſſe by the fabrick of the Tower-ſteeple; but part thereof, beſides, hath been rebuilt at ſeverall times; *viz.* the South Ile by² *John de Stratford*

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wet penes
Archiep.
Eber. f. 113.

z Id Kempe
f. 196.

i Cart. 2 E.
2. n. 24.

k F. levat.
xv. Paſch. 3

2 E. 3.

l Pat. 5 E.
3. p. 3. m. 102.

m Pat. 8 E.
3. p. 1. m. 33

n Pat. 10 E.

3 p. 2. m. 32.

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q ſul.

r Pat. 13 E.
3. p. 2. m.
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s Pat. 3 E.
6. p. 3.

t Ib. p. 9.

u Ib. p. 9.

w Pat. 7
6. p. 8.

x Pat. 1.
p. 5.

y Pat. 3.
4. Ph. 6

z Pat. 1.
6. p. 13.

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b Cart. 24
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e Cart. 39
H. 3. m. 6.

f Cart. 53
H. 3. m. 13.

g Cart. 54.
H. 3. m. 9.

Stratford Archbishop of Canterbury about the beginning of *Edward 3.* time; the Quire^b by *Thomas Balsall* Doctor in Divinity and Warden of the same Church, being then Collegiate, in *E 4.* time: and the North and South Crosse by the Executors of *Hugh Clopton* (sometime Lord Mayor of London) in *H. 7.* time. The Rectory, as it extended to the Chapelryes within the Parish, was in anno 1291. (19 E. 1.) valued^d at xxxv. marks: but the Patronage thereof, belonging to the Bishops of *Worcester*, was purchased^e by *John de Stratford* Archbishop of *Canterbury* in 10 E. 3. from *Simon Montacute* then Bishop of *Worcester*, which Archbishop gave it to the Chantry founded by himself in a certain Chapell adjoining to the said Church on the South side, built by him to the honour of God, and of *S^t Thomas* the Martyr: for the appropriation whereof unto that Chapell, he gave^e unto the same Bishop of *Worcester*, and his Successors, in recompence of the damage, which they might thereby sustain, one mess. one carucate of land, and x s. Rent with the appurtenances in *Perseley-Grove* *juxta Hampton super Avon*, to the yearly value of x. marks. But there is no particular valuation of this Church in 26 H. 8. other than amongst the revenues of the Chantry before specified, which then had the reputation of a Colledge, whereunto it was appropriated. Neither was there any Vicaridge endowed till after the dissolution of the said Colledge, as by the Institutions thereto may be discerned.

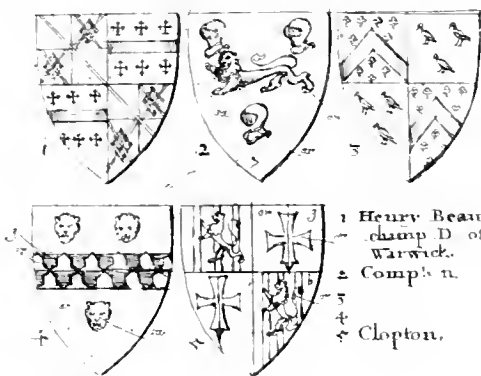
Patroni Ecclesiar. Incumbentes &c.

G. f. 383.	V Vill. de Grenesfeld Cler. 10. Cal. Oct. 1294.
R. f. 23. b.	Jac. de Anisio Cler. Cal. Julii 1310.
D. Episc. Vigorn.	Ioh. Vane Cler. 11. Cal. Apr. 1313.
D. Hem. de Hastings Cler. Non. Sept. 1336.	
D. Rex ratione vacat. Episcopat. Wigorn.	Joh. Geraud 18. Martii 1334.

Patroni Vicar. x.

D. Maria Regina, ratione attinet. Joh. Ducis Northumb.	Reg. Dios Cler. 15. Nov. 1553.
D. Eliz. Angl. Regina.	Joh. Brechgirdle art. Magr. 27. Febr. 1560.
Ambrosius Comes Warwici.	Magr. Ric. Barton Cler. 17. Febr. 1584.
Ric. Alchurch, ex concess. Joh. Rushton.	Joh. Rushton Cler. 26. Febr. 1589.
Edw. Grevill de Milcote ar.	Ric. Biseild Cler. 23. Jan. 1596.
Jac. Rex Angl.	Thomas Wilson Cler. 22. Maii 1619.

Stratford super Avon Armes in the Windows of the Church.



At the upper end of the Quire is a fair Monument, having a statue thereon cut in Alabaster, and in a gown, with this Epitaph.

HERE LYETH interred the body of *John Combe* Esquire, who departing this life the tenth day of July A^d D. 1614. bequeathed by his last Will and Testament to pious Charitable uses these summes ensuing, annually to be paid for ever; viz. xx s. for two Sermons to be preach^t in this Church. vi li. iii s. iv d. to buy ten gownes for ten poore people within the Borough of Stratford; and one hundred pounds to be lent to xv. poore tradesmen of the same Borough from three years to three years, changing the parties every third year, at the rate of 50 s. per annum; the which increase he appointed to be distributed towards the reliefe of the Almes-poor there. More he gave to the poore of Stratford xx li. Virtus post funera vivit.

On the North side of this Quire is a very large and goodly Monument raised neer four foot high from the ground, and curiously carved: The portraiture in brasse fixt on a great Marble stone, which covereth it, hath been long since torne away, as also the Inscription on the verge thereof; but *Leland* affirmeth it to have been erected for *Doctor Balsall* sometime Deane of this Collegiat-Church, who built the said Quire as I have, in my discourse of the Church, already observed.

In one of the windows, as by M^r Belcher's notes I find, was written;

Thomas Balsall doctor of divinity recedised this quire and dyed anno 1491.

In the Arch betwixt the said North Ile and the Church, is there a fair tablet with the Armes of *Clopton* empaling *Kyte* and this Inscription.

To the memory of *THOMAS CLOPTON* of Clopton in the County of Warwick Esquier, and *Eglentine* his wife one of the daughters of *John Kyte* of Ebrington in the County of Gloucester Esquier. The said Thomas departed this life the 22th day of August Anno Domini 1643. The said *Eglentine* departed this life 22th day of November A^d Dom. 1642. They left issue two sons, *John*, and *Thomas* Clopton.

In the body of the Church lyeth in fair marble,
with a portraiture a brasse thereon, and this
Inscription.

Anno millesimo C. quater lx. quattuplato
vnicus eximitur annus Pageste obijt Agnes,
et nonas Junij, q̄lde fuit illa magistra
annis undenis cura mansio sit modo cellis.

Monumentall Incriptions in the Quire.

HERE LYETH interred the body of Anne,
wife of William Shakespeare, who departed this life
the 6. day of Aug. 1623. being of the age of 67
years:

Uheratu mater, tu lac vitamq; dedisti
Ve mihi pro tanto munere Saxa dabo,
Quam mallet amoveat lapidem bonus Angelus
orem
Exeat ut Christi Corpus imago tua,
Sed nil vota valent, venias cito Christe, resurget
Clausajacet tumulo mater, & astra petit.

On another.

Here resteth the body of Thomas Nashe Esquier.
He mar. Elizabeth the daug. of John Hall gentle-
man: He dyed Aprill 4. Anno 1647. aged 53.

Fata manent omnes hunc non virtute carentem
Ute neq; divitijs abstulit aura dies.

Abstulit, at referet lux ultima, siste viator,
Si peritura paras, per mala parta peris.

On another.

Here lyeth the body of John Hall gent. he marr.
Susanna daughter and coheir of William Shakespere
gent. he deceased November 25. Anno 1635, aged
60. years.

Hallius hic Situs est medica celeberrimus arte
Exspectans regni gaudia, leta Dei.

Dignus erat meritis qui Nestora vinceret annis
In terris omnes, sed rapit aqua dies

Ne tumulo quid desit adest fidissima confus
Et vita Comitum nunc quoq; mortis habet.

On another.

Here lyeth the body of Susanna wife of John Hall
gent. the daughter of William Shakespere gent.
She deceased the 2. day of July Anno 1649.
aged 66.

Witty above her sexe, but that's not all;
Wife to salvation was good Mistr. Hall,
Someth'ing of Shakespere was in that; but this
Wholly of him with whom she's now in blisse,

Then Passenger ha'st ne're a teare,
To weepe with her that wept with all;
That wept, yet set her selfe to chere
Ther'up with comforts cordiall.

Her love shall live, her mercy spread,
When thou ha'st ne're a teare to shed.

The Epitaph upon the Earl of Tormes his Mo-
nument represented on the next page.

THOMAS STAFFORDUS strenuus
militum ductor, in Hibernia, & merito suo eques
auratus, serenissimis magna Britannia regibus
Jacobo & Carolo, eorumq; conjugibus Anna
& Henrieta-Maria, ob fidelem præstitam ope-
ram inter domesticos charus, quia cum illustri
Comite, ejusq; conjugē diu familiariter vixit
hic pariter requiescere voluit, donec Christi Re-
demptoris voce ad eternam gloriam induendam,
una cum triumphatis beatorum cælis resuscitabi-
tur superstitibus: Valedixit anno ab exhibitō in
carne Messia supra Milleimum sexagiesimum
..... postquam omnibus notis gratis
annos vixisset

D. O. M.

ET

MEMORIÆ SACRUM.

Qui in spem immortalitatis mortales hic deposuit
exuvias Georgius Carew antiquissima nobilissimaq;
ortus prosapia, eadem scilicet mascula stirpe qua il-
lustrissima in aldinorum in Hibernia & Winde-
riensium in Anglia familia à Carew-castro in agro
Penbrochiensi cognomen sortitus est. Ab inenite a-
tate bellicis studiis innutritus, ordines in Hibernia
adhuc juvenis contra rebellem Desmondia Comitē
primum duxit. Postea Elizabetha felicissima me-
moriam Regina in eodem regno consiliarius, & tor-
mentorum bellicorum præfectus fuit; Quo etiam mu-
nere in variis expeditionibus, in illa præsertim longē-
celeberrima qua Cades Hispania expugnata sunt an-
no MDXC. I. feliciter persūctus est. Demum,
cum Hibernia universa domestica rebellionis &
Hispanica invasionis incendio flagraret, Memoria
præfectus per integrum triennium contra hostes tan-
internos quam externos multa fortiter fidelitēq;
gessit. Tandem in Angliam revocatus à Jacobo mag-
na Britannia rege, ad Baronis de Clopton dignitatem
ovectus, Anna regina Procamerarius & Thesaurar-
ius, Tormentorum bellicorum per totam Angliam
præfectus, Garnsea Insula gubernator constitutus,
& in secretioris consilii senatum coaptatus est. Ja-
cobo deinde ad cælestem patriam evocato; Carolo filio
usq; adeo charus fuit, ut inter alia non vulgaria be-
nevoli effectus indicia, ab eō Comitē de Tormes ho-
nore solenni investitura exornatus fuerit.

Tæmus vir, natalium splendore illustris; belli &
pacis artibus ornatissimus; magnos honores propria
virtute consecutus, cum ad plenam & adultam se-
nectutem pervenisset, pie, placideq; animam Deo
creatori reddidit Londini in adibus Sabaudia.

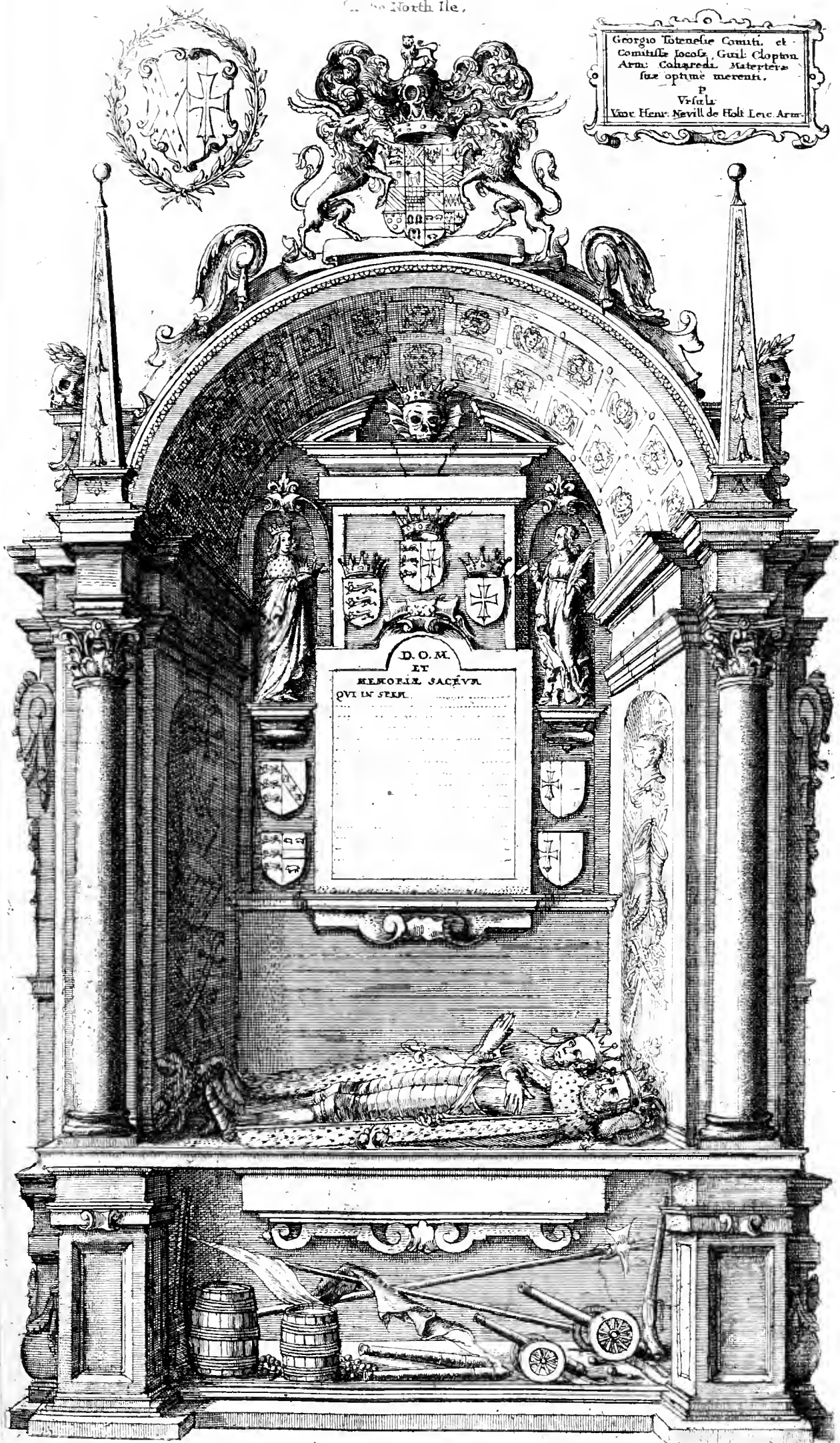
Anno Dominica Incarnationis, juxta Anglicam
computatioem MDCCXXIX. die Martii XXVII.

Vixit annos lxxiii. menses serè decem
Jostia Clopton, cujus effigies hic cernitur, anti-
quā Cloptonorum familia, filia primogenita &
heres, ex semisse, Gulielmi Clopton de Clopton
armigeri, conjugis mæstissima viri charissimi
& quæ merito [cum quo vixit annos xlix]
memoria pariter ac sua, in spem felicissime re-
surret. Monumentum hæc pro supremo mu-
nere, sua hinc habrym; consecravat.

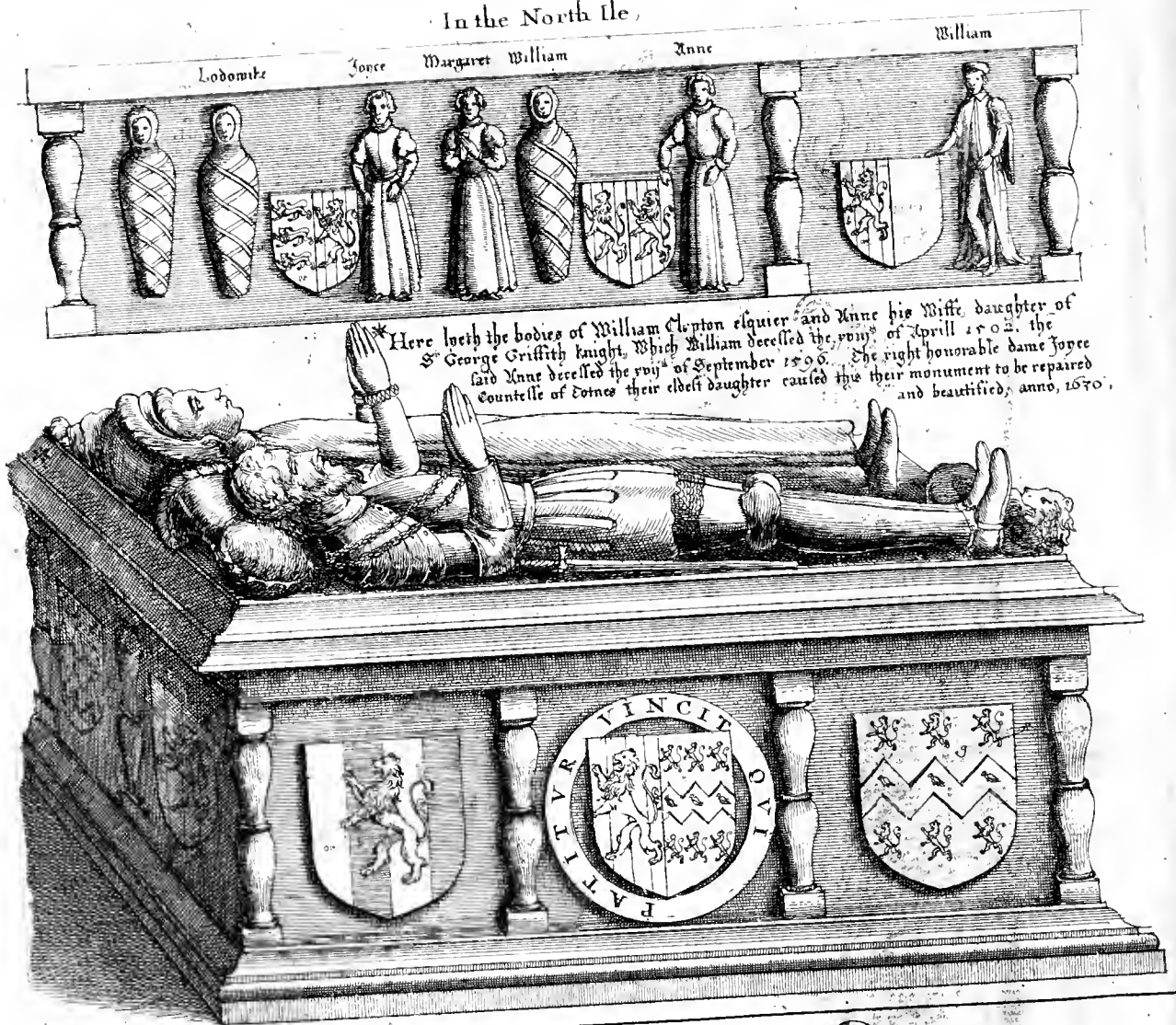
Illam ætatis annos 78, & 14. die Januarii
obijt, Anno Domini Incarnat. MDC 36.

North Ile.

Georgio Totenche Comiti. et
Comitisse localis, Gual. Clouston.
Arm. Coharred. Matertera
suz optime merenti.
P
Vrula:
Vint Henr. Navill de Holt Lenc. Arm.



In the North Ile,



Here lieth the bodies of William Clenton esquier and Anne his Wiffe daughter of
S^r George Griffith knight, Which William decessed the xvijth of April 1502. the
said Anne decessed the xvijth of September 1590. The right honorable dame Joyce
Countesse of Downe their eldest daughter caused this their monument to be repaired
and beautified, anno, 1670.

In the North wall of the Chancell
is this Monument fixt.

Iudicio Pylium gemo Socratem, arte Maronem
Terra tegit, populus mare, olympus habet.

Stay passenger why goest thou by so fast
Reach if thou canst whom envious death hath plac't
wth in this monument Shakspeare with whom
Quick nature dyed, whose name doth deck the tombe
Far more then cost, such all that he hath writ
Leaves living art but page to serve his wit.

Obijt A.D. 1616
21. 53. die 23 Aprilis

Near the wall where this monument is erected
lyeth a plaine free stone, underneath w^{ch} his
body is buried, wth this Epitaph.

Good freind for Iesus sake forbear
To digg the dust inclosed here
Blest be the man that spares these bones
And curst be he that moves my bones



I come now to speak of the *Chantry* before specified, afterwards known by the name of the *Colledge* of *Stratford super Abon*. This was^h founded in 5 E. 3. by *John de Stratford*, already spoke of (then B^p. of *Winchester*) in the South Ile of the said Church, newly by him built; and consisted of five Priests, for whose maintenance he firstⁱ settled one messuage in *Stratford super Abon*, with the Mannour of *Inge*, in this Parish: which five Priests were to celebrate^k divine service, to the honour of God, in the said Ile or Chapell perpetually at the Altar of *S^t Thomas the Martyr*, for the good estate of the said *John*, and of *Rob. de Stratford* his brother (afterwards Archdeacon of *Canterbury*, Bishop of *Chichester*, and Chancelour of *England*, as I have already observed;) and for the souls of *Rob. de Stratford* and *Isabell* his wife, father and mother to the said *John* and *Robert*; as also for the good estate of *Edw. 3.* then K. of *England*, for the Bishop of *Worcester*, for the time being, and his successors; and for the souls of all the Ks. of *England* and Bishops of *Worcester* deceased; together with the souls of the Brethren, Sisters and Benefactors to the said Bishop of *Winchester*, and all the faithfull departed this life: Of which 5. Priests, two were to be perpetuall, and one of those the *Custos* or *Warden* of that Chapell, to govern the rest, and be called *Warden* of the Bishop of *Winchester's* Chapell at *Stratford*; & the other the Sub-warden: but the rest to be temporary, viz. removable at the pleasure of the said *Warden*. As for the particular Rules touching the government thereof, with the divine service specially to be celebrated therein, I shall for brevities sake omit their recitall, in as much as they are at large in the Register^l, and confirmed^m by *Adam de Orleton* Bishop of *Worcester* ix. Cal. Martii. 5 E. 3.

And now that the work of this *Chantry* was thus happily begun, there wanted no care in the pious Founder to enlarge its endowment: for in 7 E. 3. he gaveⁿ thereunto lxx s. yearly Rent issuing out of certain lands here in *Stratford*; and (being shortly after advanced to the Archbishoprick of *Canterbury*) granted^o the Patronage thereof in 10 E. 3. to *Simon Mountacute* then B^p. of *Worcester* and his successors for ever, purchasing^p the advowson of the Church of *Stratford* from the said Bishop, and adding it thereto; which was forthwith appropriated^q unto it, as I have already declared. And for the farther advantage of these his *Chantry*-Priests and their successors, did he obtain divers immunities and priviledges, both to themselves and their tenants; as appeareth by K. *Edw. 3.* Charter^r, bearing date at *Westminster* 26. Martii 11. of his reign, and confirmed by other succeeding Kings. And yet thinking all too little, did he more augment their possessions; giving^s unto them one messuage, and two carucates of land lying in *Inge*, before mentioned; three^t mess. and 6. tofts situate in *Stratford super Abon*, with^u 7. other mess. lying also there. The other Benefactors that it had were these, *Adam de Styvinton* of *Stratford*, who gave^v thereunto 4. acres of land lying in *Ingen*; *Nicholas de Dudley*, Parson of *Kings-Swinford* in *Worcestershire*, 4. ^x mess. 70. acres of land, 3. acres of meadow, and xv d. yearly Rent with the appurtenances in *Dudley* (Com. *Wigorn.*) with Common of Pasture for all manner of Cattell, except Goats, in the wood called *Pensigned* neer *Dudley* aforesaid; And *John Noie* and *Rog. le Dis* here Priests eight^y mess. three shops, and three

tofts in *Stratford* above said.

The Houle of square stone, for the habitation of these Priests, adjoining^z to the Church-yard, was built^a by *Raph de Stratford*, first^b a Canon of *Pauls*, and afterwards^c Bishop of *London*; whose good affections to this town, (being his^d birth place) stir'd him up to that pious work, of which he began the structure in 26 E. 3. with ten Carpenters, ten Masons and their servants, as by the Kings Letters Patent^e of speciall protection to them, till the same should be finished, appeareth. And after this did King H. 5. in 1. of his reign, grant thereunto an ample Charter^f of priviledges, wherein that of King E. 3. is recited and confirmed: So that now, being thus fitted with a Mansion, as also their revenues and immunities much increased, it was not long ere it had the reputation of a Church Collegiate; for by that title^g was the *Custos*, or *Warden* thereof, presented in anno 1423. 1 H. 6. unto which, *Thomas Balshall* D^r of Divinity, and *Warden* in E. 4. time, added a fair and beautiful Quire, rebuilt^h from the ground at his own costs; on the North side whereof he lyeth entombed, under a goodly raised Monument, whereupon his portraiture in brasle, with an Inscription was set, which are now utterly torn away.

To whom succeeded *Raph Collingwode*, D^r likewise in Divinity and Dean of *Litchfield*; who pursuing the pious intent of the said D^r *Balshall*, which was not in his life time accomplished, institutedⁱ to the honour of Almighty God, the *Holy Trinity*, the blessed Virgin, and *S. Thomas the Martyr*, by the consent of *Sylvester Gygles* then B^p. of *Worcester*, four Children Choristers to be daily assistant in the celebration of divine service in that Church, as also nominated and admitted by the Warden for the time being; which Choristers, by his said Ordination, should always come by two and two together into the Quire to *Mutens* and *Vespers*, on such days as the same were to be sung there, according to the *Ordinale Sarum*; and at their entrance into the Church, bowing their knees before the Crucifix, each of them say a *Pater noster* and an *Ave*. And for their better regulation did he order and appoint, that they should sit quietly in the Quire, saying the *Mutens* and *Vespers* of our Lady distinctly, and afterwards be observant to the Offices of the Quire: That they should not be sent upon any occasion whatsoever into the town; That at Dinner and Supper-times they should constantly be in the Colledge to wait at the Table: and to read upon the Bible, or some other authentique book; That they should not come into the Buttry to draw beer for themselves or any body else: That after Dinner they should go to the singing School; and that their School-master should be one of the Priests or Clerks appointed by the discretion of the *Warden*, being a man able to instruct them in singing to the Organ: as also that they should have one Bed-chamber in the Church, whereunto they were to repair in Winter time at 8. of the Clock, and in Summer at nine; in which lodging to be two Beds wherein they were to sleep by couples; And that before they did put off their clothes they should all say the prayer of *De profundis* with a loud voyce, with the prayers and orisons of the faithfull; and afterwards say thus, *God have mercy of the soule of Rauf Colyngwode our Founder, and Master Thomas Balshall a speciall benefactor to the same*.

And for the maintenance of these Choristers, he enfeoff^k S^t *Edw. Grevil* K^t. *Jo. Grevil* Esq. & others, k *Ibid.*

in certain lands, situate in **Stratford, Drayton, and Binton** within this County; which Feofment bears date 7 Octob. 7 H. 8. But it was not long after that this Colledge, thus compleated, came to ruine with the rest, as a preparative whereunto was that Survey¹ in 26 H. 8. by which the revenue of the lands and tithes belonging to it, is certified to amount to Cxxviii l. ix s. id. At^m which time, besides the *Warden* (sc. M. John Bell) and the Sub-warden, there was one Priest who served the cure for the Parishioners, and had vi l. xiii s. iii d. salary, 3 Chaplains, 3 Clerks, and 4 Choristers, whose severall salaries, for brevity, I omit to mention; Robert Porter being then Steward of their Court, whose fee was xx s. per an. and Hugh Reynolds their Bayliff, who had also xl s. annuity. Howbeit, at the suppression thereof in 37 H. 8. (by the Statute made that year) I find another Surveyⁿ taken, where the yearly value is certified to be no more than Cxxvii l. xviii s. ix d. Anthony Barker being then *Warden*, and having a stipend of Lxxvii l. v s. v d. per an. Out of which was paid to D^r Bell, then Bishop of **Worcester** (the preceding *Warden* as hath been observed) the yearly summe of xxii l. for a *Pension*. The site of which Colledge in 4 E. 6. was granted^o to John Earl of **Warwick** and his heirs; who being attainted in 1 Maria (as I have elsewhere shewed) it came again to the Crown, and therein continued long (it seems) for in 18 Elizabetha Ric. Comingsby had a Lease thereof, granted^p to him by the Queen for 21 years.

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The Gild of the Holy Crosse.

The next thing, whereof I have taken notice in this town, is the *Gild of the holy Crosse*; but the originall of this Fraternity I do not find recorded; neither have I teen any formal Foundation thereof till 4 H. 4. Whence it is evident, that such meetings were at first used by a mutuall Agreement of friends and neighbours, and particular Licenses granted to them for conferring lands

or Rents to defray their publique charges (in respect that by the Statute of *Mortmain* such gifts would otherwise have been forfeited) as in this place may be discerned: For in 5 E. 3. several persons of this town had¹ leave to amortize divers particular petty Rents thereunto, which they charged upon certain Houses and lands situate within the compasse thereof: And in 7 Richard 2. one Richard Fille, (an Inhabitant of this place) gave¹ thereunto eight mels, one toft, and half a yard land lying in **Stratford, Cliffoz, and Shotriche** without Licentie; for which respect they were seized into the Kings hands: but in such great request did it grow, within a short time after, that K. H. 4. by his Letters Pat.^r dated at **Westm.** 8 Junii in the 4th year of his reign, reciting that whereas Thomas Aldbury Clerke, Nich. Sauser jun. and Thomas Compton sen. stood enticost of xx mels. 3 shops, 4 s. 4 d. Rent, half a yard land, and the moytie of 2 Burgages with th'appurtenances, lying within the towns of **Stratford super Avene, Bruggeton, and Ruyne-Cliffoz**, to the use of this Fraternity, which being antiently begun had continued till that time without the Royall Licentie; and that divers lands and Rents had been given thereto, which K. E. 3. by his Letters Pat. dated 12 Nov. 5 E. 3. confirmed; the said King therefore taking into consideration the devout intention of the Founders and Continuers thereof, then gave License to the said Thom. Nich. and Thom. and to the rest of the Brethren and Sisters of the same Gild, that they and their successors might not only continue the same; but if they should think fit, make and begin a new Fraternity, of themselves and others to the honour of the *Holy Crosse* and S. John Baptist. And that the Brethren and Sisters thereof, for the time being, might from year to year choose 8 Aldermen out of their said Fraternity, which said Aldermen, and their successors should have power to elect a certain Master and two Proctors of their Gild for to govern the lands and revenues thereto belonging.

And that the said Feoffees might assigne the said Messuages, Lands, and Rents to the said Master and Proctors and their successors for ever, to provide two or more Priests to celebrate divine service for the good estate of the said K. H. 4. Queen Joan his Consort, of Nich. de Bubbewith the said King's Chaplain; as also of the Master, Proctors, Aldermen, Brethren, and Sisters thereof, which then were, or should after that time be; and for the good estate of all the Benefactors and maintainers thereof: And moreover for the souls of the said K. Henry, Joan his Consort, Nich. de Bubbewith, and of the Master, Proctors, Brethren, and Sisters thereof after their departure out of this life: as also for the souls of the father and mother to the said King, of Constance his late Queen, and of all the faithfull deceased: Which Pat. was confirmed¹ by King H. 6. at **Westminster** xv Junii 7 H. 6.

To which Gild also, were Henry Lisle of **Gorbult** in this County Esq; with Eliz. his wife Benefactors; who in E. 4. time gave¹ thereunto the Rectory or Chapell of **Little-Willmescote**, with all the Tithes thereto belonging; appointing that the Priest at his first Masse every day in the same Gild should say *De profundis* before the sacred Lavatory, for the good estate of the said Henry and Elizabeth, and for their souls after their departure out of this World; as also for the souls of their Ancestors

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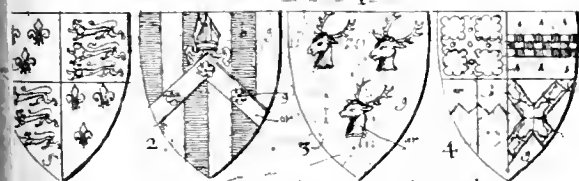
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for] the good estate of their posterity, and the health of their souls likewise after this life.

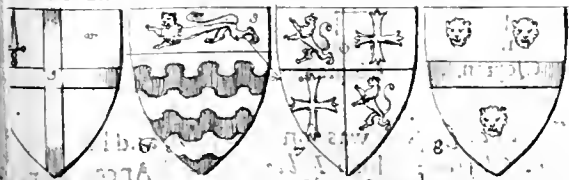
At the time of the general Survey taken in 26 H. 8. there were 4 Priests belonging to this Gild, each of which had 5 l. 6 s. 8 d. yearly salary; And a certain Clerke, who was Schoolmaster there, having x li. per an. wages. But by the Survey made in 37 H. 8. the Lands and Tenements, with the Tithes of *Welcombe* certified to belong thereto were valued in the whole at 50 l. 23 d. ob. per an. at which time it appeareth, that there was a manferr House for the Priests, having 5 Chambers, 1. Garden, and a Dovehouse appertaining to the same; and that one *Dulam* was Master of the Grammar School there, having x li. per an. annuity: as also that the four Priests of the said Gild had yearly salaries of Cvi s. viii d. apiece: And that the other Officers were these; viz. *John Combes* Steward of all the Lands and Possessions belonging thereto, having xx s. per an. Fee; a Cooke Serviter to the Priests x s. per an. a Clerk serving in the Chapell there liii s. per an. The Bayliff or Collector of the Rents xxvi s. viii d. per an. And there is this farther observable from the said Survey; viz. that once a year, at receiving the Officers accounts, there was a Feast made of ancient custome, to which the whole Fraternity with their Tenants and Fermors did resort, there being liii s. viii d. assigned for defraying the charge of it: That the annuall allowance for wine and wax spent in the Chapell was xl s. To the said 4 Priests for severall Diriges there sung vi s. viii d. And to 4 poor people, who were of the same Fraternity, and fallen to decay in their estates liii s. viii d. per an. amongst them.

Besides which, it further appeareth, that K. H. 4. before specified was accounted the Founder thereof; and that at the time of the said Survey one of the Priests belonging thereto, then Teacher of the Grammar School, did use to celebrate divine Service within a Chapell standing in the midst of the said town, in regard that the Parish Church, situate out of the town, was so far distant from a great part thereof, that many impotent and poor people could not well resort thereto. Which Chapell was reedified in a very beautifull manner (as is yet to be seen) by *Hugh Clopton* sometime Lord Major of London, and dedicated to the holy Trinity, towards the later end of H. 7. time, as appeareth by his Testament: but of him I shall speak more particularly in *Clopton*.

Stratford Super Avon.
Armes in the windows of this Chapell.



Armes cut in Stone on the Front of the Porch.



Armes cut in Stone on the Front of the Porch.

On the North side of this Chapell was a fair House built of brick and timber by the said *Hugh*, wherein he lived in his later dayes, and dyed. On the South side of which Chapell stands the Grammar School founded by one *Johne* a Master of Arts, born in this town, near which he had some patrimony that he gave thereto. And near to the said School stands an Almshouse, which before the dissolution of the Gild had x poor people maintained therein by that Fraternity of the Holy Crosse before spoke of. Which School and Almshouse by the Letters Pat. of incorporating this Town in 7 E. 6. were appointed to be continued and maintained, the Inhabitants having then granted to them for that purpose all the lands and possessions which belong'd to the said Gild, excepting the House formerly mentioned, which was by the same K. past away the precedent year unto *Thomas Reeve* and *George Cotton* Londoners, and their heirs, to hold of the Mannour of *East Greenwich* in Socage.

Besides all this, here is at *Stratford* a fair Bridge of stone, over *Avon*, containing xliii arches, with a long Causey at the west end of it, walled on both sides: which Bridge and Causey were so built in H. 7. time by the before specified *Hugh Clopton*, whereas before there was only a timber Bridge and no Causey, so that the passage became very perillous upon the overflowing of that River. One thing more, in reference to this ancient Town is observable, that it gave birth and sepulture to our late famous Poet *Will. Shakespere*, whose Monument I have inserted in my discourse of the Church.

I now come to the particular Hamlets that are within the compasse of this large parish, being x. in number; viz. *Welcombe*, *Inge*, *Clopton*, *Bishopston*, *Drayton*, *Dodwell*, *Shottery*, *Ludington* and *Rupn-Clifford*; of all which in their order.

Welcombe.

This place had its appellation, originally, from the Spring rising in that deep valley, which now beareth the name of *Welcombe*; but there is no other mention of it in Record, that ever I could see, than the bare nomination amongst the Hamlets within the Hundred of *Pathlow* in the Rolls for collection of the xv and tenth in 8 E. 3. 20th H. 6. and the like; and in the Survey of 26 H. 8. it being a member of the Mannour of *Old-Stratford*.

Inge.

This was also originally a member of *Old-Stratford*, and signifyeth in our old English a meadow, or low ground, the name well agreeing with its situation. The first mention that I find of it is in 20 H. 3. occasioned by an Assize of *Novell disseisin* brought against *John Comyn*, by one *Mund Giffard*, for a water-course here: but that it was first a member of *Hampton super Avon* there is no question to be made, and granted in Fee by some of the Bishops of *Gloucester* to the Ancestor of *Adam de Crombe*: for by an authentique Register

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gister^p in the Bishop of **Worcester**'s custody, it appeareth that the said **Adam** held in this place 5 hides of that Mannour: and amongst the witnesses to a Deed made by **James** the son and heir of **John de Clopton**, temp. E. 1. there is one **Simon** Riled^q **Dominus de Wyng**, which **Simon** was son^r to the same **Adam de Crumbe**, and in 2 E. 3. sold^t this Mannour to **Rob. de Stratford** then Parson of the Church at **Stratford**, **Will. Harewell** having then an estate therein for the life of **Joane** his wife; which estate the said **Robert** purchased^u of them in 4 E. 3.

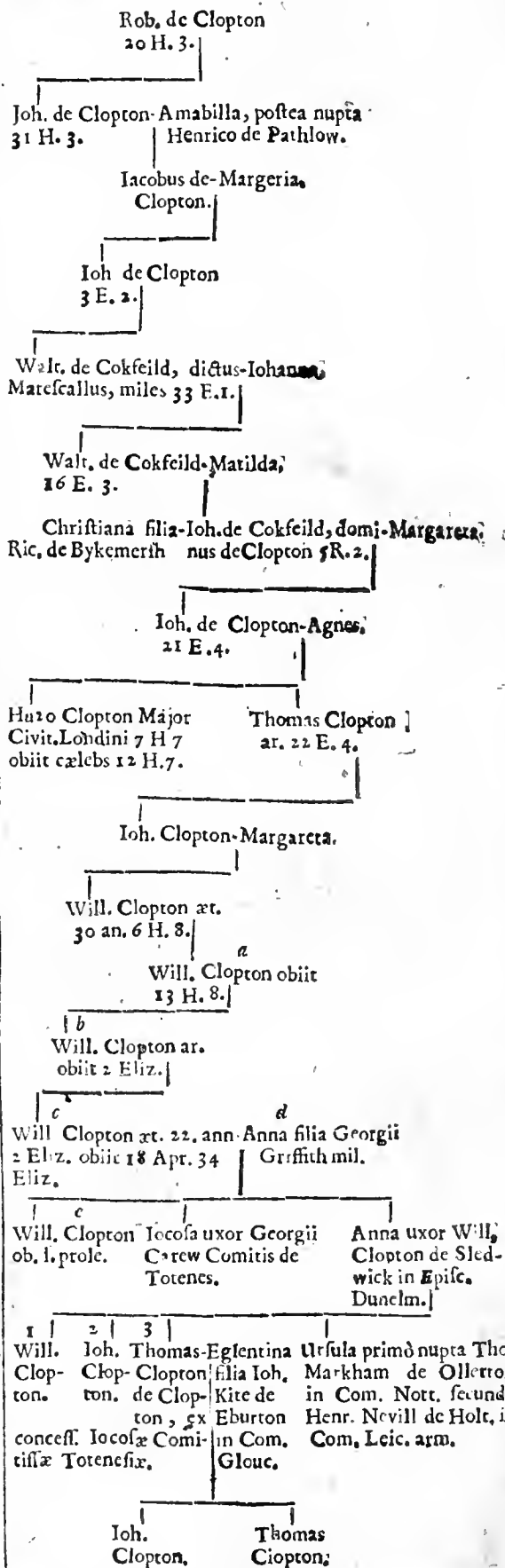
It seems that this purchase so made by him, was for the use of his brother, viz. **John de Stratford** then Bishop of **Winchester** &c. as I have in **Stratford** observed; for the next year following did he passe^v over his title therein unto him; who having obtained License^w from **Adam de Orleton** then Bishop of **Worcester** (of whole Fee it was) thereupon granted^x it unto the Chantry then newly by him founded at the Altar of **S. Thomas** the Martyr in the South Ile of **Stratford** Church, whereof I have already spoke. To which Chantry it continued till the dissolution thereof; and then coming to the Crown was by K. E. 6. in 2. of his reign granted^y unto **Ric. Pallady** Gent. and **Francis Foxall** Citizen and Mercer of **London**, to be held in Capite by the xth part of a Kts. Fee. Which **Ric.** and **Francis** past it away shortly after to **Thomas Hawkyns**, alias **Fisher**, of **Warwick**; who in 1 **Maria** sold it to **Will. Clopton** Esquier.

Clopton.

It is somewhat probable that this was originally a member of **Stratford super Avon** and so, consequently, belonging to the B^s of **Worcester**; for I find^z that **S. Oswald** B^p. of that See in K. E. the 1st Edw.'s time, by the consent of the Covent of **Worcester**, granted to one **Eadric** his servant 3 M. fluages and a half, lying here, for three lives; and afterwards to return to the Church of **Worcester**. But these ere long, became alienated from those B^s as it seems; for by the Conquerors Survey^a, where it is certified to contain 5 hides, it appeareth that it was then part of the p^{ss}essions of **Rob. de Stadford**, (but written **Clostone** by mistake of the transcriber) which 5 hides were then valued at 1st and held of him by one **William**; and that in **Edw.** the Confessors days **Ode** and **Aileva** had the inheritance thereof.

In 13 **Job.** being accounted^b for 1 Kts. Fee, I find it rank^c amongst those that belong'd to the Barony of **Stafford** in this shire: but how or when it pass'd from any of those Barons to the family of **Mountfort** I have not seen; howbeit, that some of them possess it 'tis cleer; for **Peter de Mountfort** in H. 3. time granted^d it to **James de Clopton** and his heirs, by the name of his Mannour of **Clopton**, with a certain place adjoyning called the **Grove**, excepting onely out of this conveyance 1 mess. 8 yard land and a half, 105 acres of land, and 7. acres of meadow; and excepting a certain place in **Grove** with pasturage for ten Oxen and Kine, and 2 Horses; all which he had formerly granted to **Isabell de Norton** and **Edm. de Norton** her son: By which grant to the said **James** and his heirs; he reserved to himself and his heirs x s. of silver to be yearly payd at the Feasts of **S. Mich.**

th'Arch-Angell and the *Annuntiation* of our Lady by even portions, in lieu of all services saving for-reign, and 3 appearances in the year at his Court of **Beldefert**.



This **James de Clopton** was son^e of **John**, and he of **Rob. de Clopton**; which **Robert** and his Ancestors, assuming their surname from this place, were antiently Inhabitants here, as it seems before they became owners thereof. But **Walter**, grandchild to the said **James**, assumed^f the surname of **Cockfield**, being owner of **Cockfield** in **Essex**, where he then

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then had his residence. He was also called ^h *Marshall*, (perhaps in respect of that office in the Kings household) and by these two names, *scil. Cockfield* ^{alias Marshall}, did *James* his grandfather settle upon him and his heirs this Mannour house at *Clopton*, with the greatest part of his lands in this Village, and in that place called the *Grove*; *Isabell de Norton* before specified in 8 E. 1. releasing unto him all her right in the lands, which she had so obtained from Sir *Peter de Montfort* as is before express.

To which *Walter* succeeded *Walter* his son and heir, and to him *John*, who residing here reassumed the surname of *Clopton*; and having License ^m from *John Carpenter* Bishop of *Worcester*, about the beginning of *Edw. 4.* time, erected an Oratory within this his Mannour house, for himself and his own family: but within few years after *Thomas Clopton* his son and heir built a fair Chapell here, and made special suit to Pope *Sixtus* the 4th for leave to have divine service celebrated therein, which was accordingly granted to him and his heirs 14 Cal. Aug. an. 1474.

Of this family (and a younger brother to the same *Thomas*) was *Hugh Clopton*; who being a wealthy Mercer in the City of *London*, bore the Office of Lord Mayor in an. 1492. 8 H. 7. and was a special Benefactor to the town of *Stratford super Abon*; for at his own costs he built that fair Bridge of Free-stone, consisting of xiiii arches, with the Causey at the west end thereof, substantially walled on each side; and made a Way 3 miles from *Aplebury* towards *London*, and one mile on this side that town: And by his Testament appointed that his Executors should finish that beautiful Chanell of the *holy Trinity* in the said town of *Stratford*, the Fabrick whereof was begun in his life time. He bequeathed also C. marks to be given to xx poor Maidens of good name and fame dwelling in *Stratford*, *sc.* to each of them five marks a peice at their marriage; and likewise C^t to the poor householders in *Stratford*; as also L^{ib} to the new building the crosse Ile in the parish Church there. To the Colledge of *Stratford super Abon* CC^{li}. To the poore householders in *London* C^{li}. To poor Maidens marriages in *London* C^{li}. To poor Schollars; *viz.* three at *Oxford* and three at *Cambridge*, every one xx^s the quarter for 5. years. To the Hospitall of *S^t Thomas of Acres* xx^{li}. To the Hospitall of *Bethlem* xl^s. To the other Hospitalls xl^s a peice. To the Prisoners of *Bedgate* vii^{li}. To those of *Andgate* vii^{li}. To those of the *Kings-bench* 4^{li}. To those of the *Marshalsey* 4^{li}. To the Chamber of *London* in recompence for disobeying his oath, which he observed not, or misused xl^{li}. To the common Box of the *Mercers* x^{li}. To the Fellowship of the Venturers, resident in *Zeland*, *Brabant*, or *Flanders* v^{li}. Flemish. To the Fellowship of the staple at *Calais* x marks. To divers of his kindred C^{li}. a year; some 5^{li} per an. a peice; and the portions of any deceasing to be spent in repairing of Bridges, High-wayes poor Churches, poor Householders, and the like charitable uses.

This Testament bears date 8 Sept. 12 H. 7. By which also he bequeathed his body to be buried in the Chapell of *S. Katherine* in the parish Church of *Saint Margaret Lothbury* within the City of *London*, in case he should depart this life in *London*, or within twenty miles thereof; but if at *Stratford super Abon*, or in *Warwickshire*,

then in the Church of *Stratford*, within the Chapell of our Lady, between the Altar there, and the Chapell of the *Trinity* next adjoining thereto; and for his Funerall appointed four Torchcs, with 4 Tapers and no more; two of which after the solemnizing thereof, and of his *Months-mind*, to remain for the high Altar. And further directed that his Executors should provide an honest Priest to serve within that Church where his body should happen to be buried, for the space of xx years next ensuing his decease, there to pray for his soul, and for the souls of *John* his father, *Agnes* his mother, and all Christian souls: And that the said Priest should be bound to say thrice every week, during the said xx years, *Placebo* and *Dirige*, with Commendations, taking every year for his salary, if he served in *London*, xi marks; and if at *Stratford* upon *Abon* ten marks per an. And dying a Bachelor 15 Sept. 12 H. 7. was buried in the Church of *S. Margaret* in *Lothbury*, according to his said appointment.

It seems that being a very wealthy man, he got this Mannour of *Clopton* from his elder Brother's posterity; but deceasing without issue it came to them again, *Will Clopton* being found his cosyn and heir, who had livery thereof in 19 H. 7. Which *Will.* was owner also of *Cockfield* in *Essex*; for by a pardon that he had in 5 Henr. 8. he is stiled *Will. Clopton de Clopton in Com. VVarw. armiger*; *alias Will. Cockfeild de Cockfeild in Com. Essex ar.* From which *Will.* descended *Will. Clopton Esq*; who had two daughters and heirs; *viz.* *Joyce* the wife of Sir *George Carew* K^t created Lord *Carew* of this *Clopton* 5 Maii 3 Jac. and Earl of *Totneis* 7 Febr. 1. Car. who dyed without issue; And *Anne* married to *Will. Clopton* of *Sledwick* in the Bishoprick of *Durham* descended by a younger branch, from the Family before specified.

Bishopston.

OF this place there is no mention in the Conquerors Survey, because it was a Hamlet pertaining to *Stratford*; and therefore, belonging to the Bishop, gave occasion that it had the name of *Bishopdone* at first attributed thereto, the situation being at the foot of an indifferent Hill, as the syllable *done* or *dune* imports. In King H. 1. time *Frethricus de Bissopdone* was enfeoffed thereof by *Sampson* then Bishop of *Worcester*, as may seem by that Certificate which his successor made in 12 H. 2. in these words *Isti sunt feoffati de dominico a tempore Sansonis Episcopi; Frederic de Bissopdon 1. mil. (Sc.)* This *Frethric* (or *Eraric*; for so he is sometimes written) lived to a great age, there being mention of him in 9 R. 1. and had issue *Will.* his son and heir; who being a Knight and in that Rebellion with the Barons against King *John*, was of the retinue to *Walter de Beauchamp*, one of the principall of them, for which his lands were seized into the King's hands, but returning to obedience he had restitution of them in the last year of that King's reign. To whom succeeded *Will.* who had severall employments of much trust and note, in his time, within this County. From 11. till 20 H. 3. he was frequently in Commission as a Justice of Assize. In 16 H. 3. he, with *John de Lodbeoc* were constituted the King's Elchaetors here. In 21 H. 3. he was in Commission for the collecting of a xxxth and in 56 H. 3. one of the Justices for the

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t Efe. 13 H. 7.
u Stow's Survey f. 192.

w P. 2. i. 9 H. 7. p. 2. m. 6.

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y Ex Reg. vocat. the Red book penes Episc. wigorn.

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h Claus. 21 H. 3. in d.

i Pat. 56. H. 3. in d.

Gaol delivery at **Warwick**.

To him succeeded Sir **Thomas de Bishopdon** Knight his son^a and heir; and to Sir **Thomas Sir William**: howbeit of these I find little else notable than that they were Knights. But the next was Sir **John de Bishopdon**, who served in the Parl. held at **Worce** in 12 E. 2. as one of the Knights for this shire, being then seized of these Lordships, viz. **Bishopston, Bishopswode** (viz. **Bushwode**) **Lapworth** & **Thorndon** in this County; **Larksfote** in **Gloucestershire**, **Little Cokesey**, **Herdelwyk**, **Peperwell**, and **Wareley** in com. **Wiltsh.** in all which he had **Free warren** granted to him by a special Charter^a bearing date at **Newcastle** upon **Tine** 26 Sept. 13 E. 2. In 14 E. 2. he was^a a Knight, and in the Rebellion with **Thomas Earl of Lanc.** for which in 16 E. 2. he had pardon^p for xii Pence. In 18 E. 2. he was in^a Commission for conservation of the peace in this shire, and to take care that the Articles contained in the Statute of **Winchester** were observed. In 1 E. 3. he served^a in the Parl. at **Westminster** as one of the Knights for this shire; and was in Commission^f for the levying a xvth. and tenth in this County; So also in 2 E. 3. for^a collecting of a xxth. In 4 E. 3. again one of the Knights for this shire in the Parl. held at **Westm.** and the next year following constituted^w one of the Justices for conservation of the Peace.

Frethricus de Bishopdone
temp. Regis Steph.

Will. de Bishopdone-Juliana filia Henrici
9 R. 1. de Montforti.

Will. de Bishopdon
11 H. 3.

Thomas de Bishopdon-Cecilia una filiarum &
miles 31 H. 3. cohær. Henrici Pipard.

Will. de Bishopdon-Christiana
miles temp. E. 1. relicta 14 E. 1.

Joh. de Bishopdon-Bearrix filia & hæres
miles 14 E. 2. Joh. de Sheldon.

Rog. de Thomas de Johanna Joh. de Bishopdon-Isabella fi-
Bishopdon-Bishopdon filia Edm. don 11 E. 3. lia Joh.
con 14 7 E. 2. de Grafton Stretch
E. 3. militis militis.

Alicia filia & hæres Thomas de Bishopdon
ux Walt. de Clodshale. 8 R. 2.

Will. de Bishopdon-Philippa
m 15 H. 5. 17 H. 6.

Philz. filia & cohæres ux. Philippa ux. Will.
Thomæ Palmer de Holt Catesby mil.
in Com. Leic. ar.

Bearing a special affection to the Hospitall of St **John Baptist** in **Warwick**, he gave^x thereunto the moyle of the advowson of the Church of **Morton Merhull** in this County; and having wedded^z **Beatrice** the daughter and heir of **John de Sheldon**, dyed^a in 14 E. 3. being at that time^x Bayliff to the

K. in his Forrest of **Leckhay** in **Gloucestershire**, which he held by **grand Sergeantie**, leaving **Roger** his son^b and heir; which **Roger** bore^c for his Armes **bende of six pieces Or and Azure, with a canton ermine**, and dyed leaving issue **Alice** his daughter and heir wedded^d to **Walt. de Clodshale** (of which **Walter** and his family I shall speak in **Saltley**) whereupon this Lordship of **Bishopdon** came to **John**, brother to the said **Roger**, by virtue of an Entail^e made in 11 E. 3. whereby Sir **John de Bishopdon** Knight seised it, with other lands, upon his issue male by dame **Beatrice** his wife. Which last mentioned **John**, being a man of eminent parts, was in 32 E. 3. constituted^f Chancelour of the Kings Exchequer, and took to wife^g **Isabell** the daughter of Sir **John Streich** Knight. To whom succeeded^h **Thomas**, and to him Sir **Will. Bishopdon** Knight, Sherffⁱ of this County and **Leicestershire**. in 5 H. 5. and in 6 H. 5. constituted^k one of the Commissioners for arraying of men in this Shire. Of this Sir **Will.** I farther find, that being retained^l by the Earl of **Warwick** for the fortifying of **Calais**, he served in that employment with one **Launce** and two **Archers** amongst the Knights that then were under him, taking for his **Launce** and one **Archer** xxⁱⁱ per an. and for the other **Archer** x. marks per an. without their diet: but he resided, for the most part at his Mannour of **Alscote** in **Gloucestershire**; and having in 17 H. 6. entailed^m this, with divers other Lordships; on the issue which he should beget on the body of **Philippa** his wife, left only two daughters his heirs; **scil.** **Eliz.** and **Philippa**, the former marriedⁿ to **Thomas Palmer** of **Holt** in **Leicestershire**, from whom likewise, by a daughter and heir, the **Newells** of **Holt** are descended: the other^o to Sir **Will. Catesby** Knight. Who in her right had this Mannour of **Bishopdon**, which by the attainder of **Will. Catesby** in 1 H. 7. (whereof in **Lapworth** I have spoke) came to the Crown; and in 3 H. 7. was, *inter alia*, granted^p by the King to Sir **John Risley** Knight, and the heirs male of his body: but by a speciall Act^q of Parl. in 11 H. 7. was restored unto **George Catesby** Esq; son and heir to the said **Will.** together with the rest of his said Fathers forfeited lands: whose grandchild, viz. Sir **Will. Catesby** K^r in 24 Eliz. sold^r to sundry persons the particular Tenements within this Lordship; amongst which one was past to **Will. Askew** of **Lapworth**, by the name of the Mannour; which **Will.** afterwards sold it to **Andrew Archer** of **Tanworth** Esq; from whom it descended to his son and heir, Sir **Sim. Archer** Knight, and by him was lately granted to **John Greene** and **Thomas Greene** yeomen, and their heirs, who being Inhabitants here, are yet posselt thereof.

The Chapell here (dedicated to St **Peter**) is very antient, as may appear by the Ordination^s thereof, made in K. **John's** time, in the presence of **Mauritius** then Bishop of **Gloucester**, by S^r **Will. de Bishopdon** Knight who gave thereunto in pure Almes of his own demesn xiiii acres of land in one field, and as much in another; as also 4 acres of his land held by servile tenure: and pasture for 8. Oxen in what places soever his own Oxen should graze, excepting in his meadows: and moreover covenanted with **Mauritius** then Parson of **Stratford super Avon**, that he and his Tenants there, would sustain all the charges concerning the said Chapell; viz. in building it up, keeping it

claus.
a 14. E. 3
b p. 2. m
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c Ex au
tos. p
nes
d Rob.
Arden
ar.

e F. leuat
xv. Pasch.
11 E. 3.
f Pat. 32
3. p. 2. m.
g Ex aut
penes Ca
D. Carin
ton.

h Ex aut
in Scac. m
supra.
i Rot. F.
H. 5. m.
k Pat. 63
5. in d. m.
l Rot. in b.
Hatton.

m Rot. in
Scac.
n F. de
com. leu
xv. Pasch.
17 H. 6.
o Ex au
p. H. 7.
rers
q Pat. 5
7. p. 1. m.
r Pat. 11
17 H. 7.
rot. 13.

s Ex ip
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t Ex aut
penes S.
eq. au.

k Ex autog.
in Scac. m
baga de
Catesby.

l Ex autog.
penes S.
Mountfort
ar.

m Claus. 12
E. 2. m. d. m.
7.

n Claus. 13
E. 2. p. 27.
o Ex autog.
in Scac. m
supra.

p Rot. F. 18
E. 2. m. 21.

q Pat. 18 E.
2. in d. m.
35.

r Claus. 1 E.
3 in d. m. 15

s Pat. 1 E. 3.
p. 3. m. 8. m.
ced.

t Claus. 2 F.
3. m. 17.

u Claus. 4 E.
3. in d. m. 7.

v Pat. 5
E. 3. p. 1. in
d. m. 24.

a Ex autog.
penes S.
Mountfort
ar.

b Plac. de
T. Trin. 14
E. 1. rot. 57.

c Ib.

d Ex autog.
penes S.
Joh. Walsen
Gen.

f Ex autog.
penes Car.
D. Caring-
ton.

in repair, and providing the Chalice, Books, Lights, Vestments, and all other necessities therein: and that the mother Church of **Stratford** should receive the whole tithes of Corn and Flax throughout the parish of **Bishopston**, with the bodies of the dead, and all *Oblations* to be made in the said mother Church, with *Mortuaries*, after *Mass* celebrated in the said Chapell: but all other *Obventions* and small Tithes given by the said Knight and his Tenants, the Priest serving in that Chapell to receive: which Priest and his successors, to be thenceforth appointed by the Parson of **Stratford** for the time being, had "in 37 Henr. 8. the small Tithes of this Village for his salarie.

Drayton.

This, long before the Norman Conquest belonging to the Bishoprick of **Worcester** (as a member of **Stratford**) was in the days of K. **Cnutus**, through the power of the Danes, taken from them, as by the Register^w of **Worcester** appeareth, where it is written **Dractun**: but the next mention I find of it (for it is not specified in the Conquerors Survey) is in H. 2. time, *Geffrey de Clinton* (the second) then restoring^x it to one *Giffard de Lucerna*, as heir to *Rob. de Lucerna*, his brother, unto whom he had given the inheritance thereof in lieu of speciall service that he had performed to the said *Geffrey* in his Castle of *Simili* and elsewhere, to hold by the service of one Kts. fee; granting also, that *Herbert* son to the said *Giffard*, and his heirs should hold it of his said father and his heirs by the same service. From which time till the days of K. H. 3. I have not seen any more thereof; but then, viz. in 20 of that Kings reign, did *Sim. de Drayton* hold^y half a Knights Fee here of the Earl of **Warwick**; so also in^z 36 H. 3. And in 1 E. 1. was *Raph de Lodington* seized^a of 4 yard land and a half here, which he held of the King by the Rent of xx^s per an. payable at *Michaelmas* only; but soon after it appears^b that these 4 yard land and a half were held by the said *Raph. of Will. de Beauchamp* E. of **Warwick** by the service of the eighth part of a Knights Fee, and the Rent of xx^s yearly to the King; and that it was part of the land belonging to the Normans, which was so seized on, as in *Wilmecote* I have spoken.

Shortly after this I find that *Ric. de Peito* (of whom in **Chelsterton** I have spoke) had two yard land here, granted^c to him and his heirs by *Royse Trussell*, which she purchased of *Walt. de Lodington*; for which land *Anabill*, the daughter of *Walter* son of *Will. de Lodington*, commenced suit^d against him the said *Ric.* and the above specified *Walter* in 6 E. 1. How or when this *Ric. de Peito* increast his estate here I have not seen; but that his descendants enjoyed a considerable part of this Village, these subsequent instances will shew; scil. *John de Peito sen.* in^e 20 E. 3. the xth part of a Knights Fee; and *John de Peito*, his son, with *Beatrix* his wife, 1 mess. 2 carucates of land, 4 acres of meadow, and xxx^s Rent, here and in **Dodwell**, of Sir *Will. Trussell* Kt. which continued^f to his posterity for many ages.

Dodwell.

This petty Hamlet I take to be a member of **Draston**; for I find no mention at all of it in Record, other than in those Inquis. which specify the lands in **Draston** belonging to the family of *Peito*, in all which it appears that they extended likewise into this.

Shotery.

This village was given to the Church of **Worcester** by K. *Offa* about DCCCC. years since, it then containing 33 Houses, as by his Charter, whereof I have here inserted part, may appear, + *Regnante imperpetuum domino, universitatis creatore, ego Offa Rex Merciorum aliquam partem terra, id est xxxiii. casatorum in jus ecclesiastica libertatis Wigornensis concedens libentissime largior: ejusdem agelli nomen est Scottarit, quem tamen agrum flu. vio quem dicunt Afen constat interlui, &c.* But in the Conquerors Survey there is no mention of it, in regard that, being then belonging to the Bishopr. of **Worcester**, it was involved with **Stratford**: Of which Bishoprick in H. 2. time, I find^h that *Adam de Scettriva* held here one hide and a half of land; but little else have I seen memorable of it till E. 3. time, that *Ric. son* and heir of *Ric. de Baginden* grantedⁱ to *Rob. de Stratford* (Parson of **Stratford**) his whole right and title to all his lands therein that descended to him by inheritance from his father; which grant bears date at **Stratford** super **Abon** the Tuesday next after the Feast of St. *Mathew* the Apostle, 6 E. 3. Whether this was it, which afterwards past by the name of the Mannour of **Shotersche** I know not; but certain it is that the said *Robert de Stratford* by his deed^k bearing date on Saturday the feast of *All Saints* 28 E. 3. (being at that time Bishop of **Exchester**) entailed this his Mannour of **Shotersche** upon *John de Bishopston*, and *Isabell* the daughter of *John Stretch* and the heirs of their two bodies, and for lack of such issue to return to him the said Bishop and his heirs.

The next mention of it, that I meet with, is^l that in 17 R. 2. the Monks of **Chelham**, having without the royall license seized it into their hands as part of the possessions of *Thomas Newnham* Clerke, their bondman, by reason whereof it became forfeited to the Crown, the K. thereupon granted it to Sir *Will. Arundell* Knight, to hold and enjoy so long as it should continue in the Crown for the cause aforesaid. Divers conveyances do I also find, ⁿ about that time, of this Mannour; viz. in 17 R. 2. by the same S^r *Will. Arundell* to *John Prat*, *Thomas Wells* Clerke, *John Pycard* and *Will. Venlock* Esq; and in 8 H. 4. by the said *T. Wells* and the rest to *John Olney* Esq; and his heirs: as also the same year by the said *John Olney* to *Ric. Earl of Arundell*, Sir *Thomas Burdet* and S^r *Allured Trussell* Kts, with others: but all these were only in trust, as I conceive; for *John Harewell* Esq; (of whose family I shall speak in **Cotton-Warren**) being posselt thereof in 4 H. 4. had the same year a License^o granted to him from *John Clifford* then Bishop of **Worcester** to have divine service celebrated by a fitting Priest in the Oratory within his Mannour house here at **Shoterech**; which License bears date 29 Martii an. 1402 (4 H. 4.)

g Reg. W. gorn. in bibl Cotton. f. 107.4.

h Ex Reg. f. quodam penes Episc. Wigorn.

i Ex aut. tog. penes Car. D. Carington.

l Pat. 17 R. 2. p. 2. m. 30.

n Ex autog. penes eund. D. Carington.

o Clif. f. 8. a

Here we see (and so it alwaies was upon the like permission) that the License for this Oratory was for a fit Priest to celebrate divine service therein; which care of the Bishop was not without great reason, and the authority of an Imperiall Constitution of no less antiquity than the famous Emperour *Justinian*; which forbiddeth men to have the sacred mysteries administred in their private Chapells, least under that pretence Hereticks should do secretly those things which are unlawful: in which consideration he therefore commandeth, that if they would use their private Oratories otherwise than onely for their private Prayers, the Bishop should appoint them a Clerk whom they might entertain for that purpose: All which is plain by later Constitutions made in the time of *Leo*; *It was thought good* (saith^r the Emperour) *in their judgement which have gone before, that in private Chapells none should celebrate the holy Communion, but Priests belonging unto greater Churches; which order they took, as it seemeth, for the custody of Religion, lest men should secretly receive from Hereticks, insted of food, the bane of their souls, pollution insted of expiation.*

To the descendants of which *John Harewell* did this Mannour continue so long as the male line lasted; and then by partition⁹ made betwixt the Sisters and coheirs of *Thomas Harewell*, bearing date 4 Feb. 25 H. 8. was it allotted to *Agnes* the wife of *John Smith* one of the Barons of the Kings Exchequer, in whose line, together with *Wotton-mawen* before specified, it still continueth.

Ludington.

His place being in the Saxons time belonging to the Bishoprick of *Worcester*, and by the power of the Danes, in the reign of *Canutus*, with other lands taken^r from that Church, was in *Edw.* the Confessors time posselt^r by 4 Theins, and reputed for two Mannourss, but after the Norman conquest by the Earl of *Shelton*, being esteemed at xii hides by the Survey^r then taken, which were held of him by 4. Knights and valued at vi l. In which Survey it is written *Luditone*, having had its originall appellation from the name of some antient possessor thereof, as I guess. From this Earl it came to *Henry de Newburgh* (Earl of *Warwick*) his Brother; and was granted by him, or Earl *Roger* his son, to the ancestour of *Rob. de Valle* in H. 1. time, as that certificate^u made by *Will. Earl of Warwick* in 12 H. 2. doth manifest; at which time *Rob. de Valle* held it of the same Earl by the service of half a Kts. fee; in whose line it continued till the issue male failing, it came by a daughter and coheir to *Burdet*, as the descent here inserted doth shew.

Of these, the third *Robert* was a Justice^w of Assize in this County in 17 and^x 20 H. 3. and his son *Robert* a Kt. y in 21 E. 1. as also in 3 E. 2. in Commission^z for assessing and collecting a xvth. and tenth; and afterwards a Coroner in this County; but being not able to attend that office in respect of his great employment for severall eminent persons, the Shiriff in 14 E. 2. had command^a to cause another to be chosen. To which *Robert* succeeded his son, called *Rob. de Vaal jun.* who went^b in that Welch expedition of 15 E. 2. which

I take to be it that was occasioned by the difference betwixt *John de Monbray, Rog. Mortimer*, c Pat. 18. E. 2. p. 1. in d. m. 35. and *Hugh le Despenser* the younger, touching the land of *Gowher* in *Wales*. This *Robert* was in 18 E. 2. constituted^c one of the Commissioners for conservation of the peace in this County, and for taking care that the Articles contained in the Statute of *Winchester* should be observed; and in 20 E. 2. and^e 1 E. 3. one of the Justices for the Gaol delivery at *Warwick*; as also a Commissioner^f for assessing and collecting a xxth. in this County; and in 7 E. 3. being a Kt. bore^g for his Armes a Fesse chequy betwixt 3. Lions rampant. d Pat. 20. E. 2. in d. m. 5. e Pat. 1. E. 3. p. 1. in d. m. 23. f Pat. 1. E. 3. p. 3. m. 18 in ced. g Ex autog. penes Ioh. Ferrers.

Rob. de Valle
12 H. 2. |

Robertus de Valle-Nichola filia
6 Ioh. | Ade de Crumbe^r

Robertus de Valle
17 H. 3. |

Rob. de Valle miles-Perronilla
2 E. 1. | 9 E. 2.

Eliz. relicta Steph. de Aldermarston.

Rob. de Valle jun. 15
E. 2. miles 7 E. 3. |

Ioh. de Valle *Elianora ux. Ge-Cath. ux. Henrici*
ob f. prole rardi Burdet de ci filii Ric. le
34 E. 3. Skindon. | Noreys 7 E. 3. |

Ioh. Burdet alter con-
langu. & hered. Ioh.
de Vale 36 E. 3.

Ioh. Norrys
36 E. 3.

To whom succeeded *John* his son^h and heir, a Commissioner likewise for levying a xvth. and xth. in this County in 27 and 28^k E. 3. which *John* died^l without issue in 34 E. 3. (leaving *John Burdet* and *John Norrys* his Cosens and heirs) murdered as it seems; for I find that *Will. Abbot* of *Evesham* had in 39 E. 3. a pardon^m for the same: by means whereof the inheritance of this Lordship came at length to *Burdet*, though an estate therein some other persons had for a while: for in 2 H. 4. *John Wyard* (of whom I shall speak in *Alspath*) was certifiedⁿ to hold the 4th part of a Kts. fee here, in right of his wife, of the Earl of *Warwick*; and in 11 H. 4. *Rob. Castell* had *Freewarren* granted^o to him in all his demesne lands here, and in *Alspath* aforesaid: And in 10. H. 6. it was found^p, that Sir *Thomas Burdet* of *Arrow* in this County Kt. together with *John Welsh* of *Sheldestey* in com. *Wigorn* Gent. held two messuages and 2 yard land here by the service of the 4th. part of a Kts. fee: To which Sir *T. Burdet* the whole right in this Mannour came at length to be fixed, as by his Feoffment^q thereof in 21 H. 6. appeareth; and so descended to his great grandchild *Ric. Burdet* (as the Pedegree in *Arrow* sheweth.) To whom succeeded *Anne* his daughter and heir married^r to *Edw. Conway* Esq. by which means the inheritance hereof devolved to their posterity, *Edw. Vicount Conway* (of whom and his family I shall speak in *Ragley* and *Arrow*.) now possessing it.

The Priest serving in this Chapell had^r in 26. H. 8. v li. vi s. viii d. per an. for his stipend, paid unto him by the Warden of the Collegiate Church at *Stratford super Avon*; and the like salary^s had his successor in 37 H. 8. but I find no more than one presentation thereto, and that was, by the Warden

p Leo Consist. 4. Vide etiam ibid Consist. 15.

q Ex autog. penes prefat. D. Carington.

r Regist. Wigorn. in bibl. Cotton. f. 136. b.

s Domest. lib.

u Lib. rub. f. 104. a.

w Pat. 17.

H. 3. in d.

x Pat. 20.

H. 3. in d.

y Gift. f. 375. b.

z Pat. 3. E.

2. m. 37.

a Claus. 14

E. 2. m. 11.

b Pat. 15.

E. 2. p. 2. m.

30.

h F. levat 20. Hill. 8 E. 3. i Rot. F. 27 E. 3. n 10. k Rot. F. 28 E. 3. m 5. l E. 3. 36. n E. 3. p. 2. n 63. m Pat. 3. E. 3. p. 1. n E. 3. 2. E. 4. o Cart. d. an. 11. 12. H. 4. 13. p Rot. in Scac. penes Rem. R. q Ex autog. penes Will. B. ton ar. r E. 3. 1. 6. s M. S. penes S. A. eq. aut. f. 22. a. t Ex ali Cod. M. penes eundem S. A. f. 20. a.

Warden of the Chantry at the Altar of S. Thomas the Martyr in the said Collegiate Church, of one Morg. John Pebworth Priest 20 Apr. an. 1420.

Ruin-Clifford.

IN the Conqueros time Rob. de Stadford posselt one^w hide and 1 virgate of land here, then held of him by one Hugh: but before the Norman invasion it was the freehold of Saward; the rest of this Hamlet being a member of Stratford, as I shall shew by and by. I am of opinion that the posterity of the said Hugh residing here, assumed from hence the surname of Clifford; the last male branch of which family, that continued owners hereof, was John de Clifford, who in H. 3. time past^x away all his lands here to Raph le Power Son of Margerie his Sister, which makes me conclude that he had no Children of his own. It is very like that Hugh le Poer an assistant^y to the Barons against K. H. 3. became Husband to her the said Margerie; for I find that the same Hugh was seized^z of two Carucates of land lying here in Clifford: Neither is it to be doubted, but that Steph. le Pober, who held² two hides and a half of land in this place, temp. H. 1. (then called Clifford-minor) of Margerie de Bohun, was lineall ancestour to the said Hugh; which Margerie had a grant^b of them from Simon Bishop of Worcester, they being parcell of his Mannour of Stratford.

That it continued for many descents in the family of Power, is apparent, Christopher Power, son and heir of John Power being the last; who by his deed^c bearing date 12. Feb. 5 H. 8. granted it to Will. Clopton of Clopton in this County Esq. and his heirs: the last of which Cloptons that dyed^d seized thereof being Will. Clopton of Clopton aforesaid in 7 Eliz. But the next that posselt it was^e John Combes; which John left issue^f Edward, who dyed 16 Junii 39. Eliz. leaving 3. daughters and heirs; scil. Joyce the wife of Francis Cornwell, but formerly of John Garnet, Anne, and Elizabeth.

Milcote.

BEING now on the South of Avon, I come to Milcote, situate on the very border of this County, being within the Parish of Utterton in Gloucestershire. This in the Saxons time belonging to the Bishoprick of Worcester (as a member of Stratford doubtless) was by violence wrested^h from it in the time of Canutus the Dane; yet afterwards did Elstanus and Wulstan, both Bishops of that See, reenjoy it again till the Norman invasion: but then Egelwine Abbot of Evesham, a powerfull man with the Conqueror, being no less than a Judge in those parts, having by purchase obtained the one half thereof from him that had posselt himself of it, promised the Bishop, that if he would give him leave to have his part for a term of years, he would not onely pay him a certain Rent for it; but at the end freely restore unto him the other half therewith; wherunto the Bishop assented: Howbeit, after that the Abbot had thus got it into his hands, he held it whilst he

lived without payment of any thing at all; And after the Norman invasion Odo Bishop of Balue (the Kings Brother) with the rest of the lands belonging to that Abby: But at the time of the generall Survey one Stephen hadⁱ it, the extent thereof being certified at 3. hides, which were valued at L s.

It should seem that it came shortly after to Raph Boteler (of whom in Overley I have spoke) for I find that upon the foundation of his Priory at Alcester in 5. Steph. he gave^k all the Tithes of this his Lordship thereto. But it continued not to his posterity; for in 12 H. 2. Geoffrey Martell posselt^l it, and shortly after that one Madiho; and in 30. H. 2. the King by Eichaet^m, at which time the Shiriff accountedⁿ x l. for the ferm thereof, and Liiti s. payd^{*} for xvi. Oxen towards the storing of it for the King's use. Howbeit, about the beginning of K. John's time it was given by the K. to Geoffrey de Hauvill, as appeareth by that Precept^o to the Shiriff for delivering possession thereof, in which it is written Mellescot (yet formerly Melcote). But Hauvill had not the inheritance of it, as is evident by the Letters Pat.^p of K. H. 3. dated 4 Martii 15. of his reign, whereby he granted to the said Geoffrey, that if Joan his wife should chance to overlive him, she should hold it during her life, paying two marks yearly into his Exchequer. Which Joane survived him a great while, for by the King's Charter^q bearing date 10 Junii 29 H. 3. whereby he granted it to Geoffrey de Langley (of whom in Pinley I have spoke) the said two marks per an. due to the Exchequer during her life, were transmitted to him the said Geoffrey and his heirs; who, having the inheritance of this Mannour then bestowed on him to hold by the service of a fore Sparhawk to be payd yearly into the Exchequer for all secular services and demands whatsoever, the next year following obtained a Charter^r of Freewarren (inter alia) in all his demesn lands here, though he was not then in possession thereof, Hauvill's widow being at that time living: which fore Sparhawk, so reserved, was accordingly payd^s, as I could by many more authorities make manifest.

To this Geoffrey succeeded John de Langley his grandchild, who in 13 E. 1. claimed^t here a Court Leet, with Assize of Bread and Beer; alledging that K. H. 3. was seized of those Liberties at that time when he gave the inheritance thereof to the same Geoffrey, and that they past in generall words by that grant: But to this the King's Atturney answered, that during the time that Geoffrey de Hauvill and Joan his wife held it by the grant of K. John, the K. and his Bayliffs were posselt of those Liberties; and after the death of her the said Joane he seizing the Mannour into his hands, granted it onely to the said Geoffrey and his heirs, as appeareth by his Charter; so that by reason of this Answer the said John de Langley had a further day given him to make good his challenge. From which John de Langley it descended^u to Joan the daughter and heir of Geoffrey his grandchild, first married to John the Son of Sir Alan Cherleton of Apley Kt. and afterwards to Sir John Trillow Kt. (as by the Descent in Pinley appeareth) which Sir John Trillow and Joan in 42 E. 3. were certified^w to hold it of the K. in Capite by that payment of the fore Sparhawk or ii s. per an. for all services.

Howbeit, after the deccase of this *Joan* without issue, Sir *Iohn de Peto* Kt. being Colen and next heir unto her, entred ^x upon it without due proccels of Law, and demised ⁱ it to *Raph Earl Stafford*, *Hugh de Stafford* his son, *Ric. de Stafford* Brother to the said Earl, and *Alice Perers*, to hold for terme of their lives, and the longer liver of them; for which trespass they had a pardon ^z from the K. in 47 E. 3. but the inheritance thereof did Sir *Iohn Worth* Kt. recover ^a against the said Sir *Iohn de Peto*, and the rest, in 50 E. 3. as his right by descent from the before specified Sir *Iohn Trillow* and *Joane*; and the next year following, by speciall License ^b for that purpose, entailed ^e it by Feoffment upon the issue of his own body, and for want thereof upon Sir *Walter Beauchamp* Kt. and the heirs male of his body, with remainder to the right heirs of the said Sir *Iohn Worth*: which Sir *Iohn* dying ^d without issue in 14 R. 2. Sir *W. Beauchamp* became posselt thereof; by ^c vertue of the said Entail. But it was not long ere that the said Sir *W. Beauchamp*, and all the rest that had right therein past it to *Will. Gre-vill* of *Campden* in *Gloucestershire*; who to strengthen his title, obtained a Release ^f from the said *W. de Peto* Colen and heir to *Geffrey de Langley*, bearing date at *Spilcote* 5 Nov. 22. R. 2. which *W. Gre-vill* being so posselt thereof entailed ^g it, in 3 H. 4. on the issue male of his body by *Joan* his wife, and for want of such issue upon his other Sons, and the issue male of their bodies successively; scil. *Iohn*, *Lodwick*, and *Wil.* with remainder to his right heirs.

-Will. Gre-vill de -Johanna soror Philippi Walterus
Campden obiit 2 H. 4. Thornbury militis, obi- Cokesey
it 37 H. 6.

Ludovicus-Margareta filia Joh. Gre-vill-Iocosa Hugo
Gre-vill 3. & hæres Egidii de Campden relicta Coke-
H. 4. Arden de Drai- 3 H. 4. Bea- sey.
ton mil. cham.

Will. Gre-vill Joh. Gre-vill de Charlton-Iohanna
fil & hæres obi- r. g s in com. Glouc. miles relicta
it 39 H. 6. obiit 20 E. 4. 120 E. 4.

Gre-vill Cath. soror Tho. Gre-vill, Anna. Mar-
vill & cohæres alias Cokesey, miles, defun- gare-
Rob Pointz, ctus s. prole 12.
14 H. 7.

Ioh. Gre-vill-Iohanna.
de Milcote
14 H. 7.

Edw. Gre-vill-... filia ... uxor
miles, obiit 20 Thomæ Edm. Tame
H. 8. [Denton. militis.

Ioh. Gre-vill Fulco Gre-vill miles, à
miles obiit quo Dominus Brooke.
2 E. 6.]

Edw. Gre-vill miles-Margareta filia & una hæres, Wil.
obiit 2 Eliz. [Willington ar.

Ludovicus Gre-vill ar-Thomasina filia
morte multatus apud Will. Perre mil.
Warwick.

Edw. Gre-vill miles-Iohanna filia Thomæ
Bromley mil, summi
Angliz Cancellarii.

Ioh. Gre- Iocosa Marga. Maria Kath. Iana.
vill obiit ux. ux. Ed. ux. ux. Eliz.
f. prole. Edw. Pennel Arth. In- Con- ob.
Whi- tace. In- gram. stan- f.p.
taere. gram. cja.

Of this name, viz. *Greyvill* or *Greynvill* (for both ways it is written) there was of an elder date in this County, as in *Burmington* I have shewed; but whether that they of *Campden* were of the same line I cannot say: and therefore of what family this *Will. Gre-vill* was, I am yet to learn; as also what is memorable of him other than his death, which hapned ^h in 2 H. 4. at *Campden* above specified; in the Parish Church whereof he lyeth ⁱ buried, leaving *Joane* his wife, Sister ^k of Sir *Philip Thornbury* Kt. surviving, who lived ^l a long time after, and *Iohn* his son and heir, but by a former wife, as may seem by the Entail before mentioned; which *Iohn* resided ^m also at *Campden*, and being Shiriff ⁿ of *Gloucestershire* and the Marches of *Wales* in 6 H. 4. bore ^o for his Arms Or, upon a Cross engrailed, within the like border ^p *points in the dexter quarter*. This *Iohn* wedded ^q *Joyce*, Sister to *Hugh*, but daughter of *W. alt. Cokesey*; by reason whereof, *Thomas* her grandchild became heir to *Cokesey's* lands, as I shall shew by and by. But *Iohn* the son and heir to the same *Iohn* and *Joyce* dwelt ^r at *Cherleton-Regis* in com. *Glouc.* and by the death of *Joane* his grandfather's second wife, hapning in 28 H. 6. came to posselt ^s this Mannour of *Spilcote* (which she held during life) where making then his residence, he became first a Justice of Peace in this Shire, from

the last year of K. H. 6. reign; then, scil. in 1. E. 4. Shiriff ^t of this County and *Leicestershire*. In 5 E. 4. he was Knighted. In 13 E. 4. he again bore the Office of Shiriff ^u for these Shires; in which year he had livery ^v of the lands descended to him by the death of his mother: and in 17 E. 4. being then Shiriff ^w the third time, bore the same cote that his father did, excepting the *Annulets upon the Cross*, as by his Picture, together with his wife, both kneeling in their surcotes of Armes in the East Window of the Parish Church at *Winton* in this County, appeareth: but departed ^x this life 6 Aug. 20 E. 4. and was buried in the Church of *Wetton super Abon*, as may seem by the direction of his Testament ^y; leaving *Thomas* his son ^z and heir, and two daughters; viz. ^a *Anne* and *Margaret*: which *Thomas*, in respect of the inheritance he enjoyed by descent from his grandmother, assumed the surname ^b of *Cokesey*; and having forthwith livery ^c of his said fathers lands, being then 26 years of age, (residing here at *Spilcote*), was the same 20 E. 4. constituted ^d Shiriff of this County and *Leicestershire*; and at the Coronation of K. H. 7. one ^e of the Knights of the Bath, then created; concerning which Order, I shall here take leave to make a short digression.

That the making of Knights, by this solemn manner of *Bathing*, and other sacred Ceremonies (notwithstanding the originall thereof, cannot now be discerned) is of no less antiquity than the times of our ancestors the Saxons, is not (I think) to be doubted: for though in that mention made by ^f *Will. Malmesb.* of K. *Alfred* making his grandson *Athelstan* a Knight, he instances no more than the purple Robe, with the Sword and rich Belt; yet 'tis apparent, that when *Geffrey* of *Anjou*, in order to his marriage with *Maud* the Empreß, onely daughter to our King *H. I.* was made Knight at *Roan*, by the same K. *Henry*, on *Whitsunday* an. 1227. (27 H. 1.) it is said by ^g *Iohn* the Monk of *Spurmonster*, that he, with xxv. Ec-

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quires, then attending him, were *Barbed*, according to ancient Custom: *Illucescente die altera Balneorum usus, uti Tyrocinii suscipiendi consuetudo expostulat, paratus est* (saith he.)

And concerning Robes, and other ornaments, goeth thus on: *Comperto Rex à Cubiculariis, quod Andegavensis, & qui cum eo venerant ascendissent de Lavacro, iussit eos ad se vocari. Post corporis ablutionem ascendens Comitis Andegavorum generosa proles Gaufridus, bysso retorta ad carnem induitur, Cyclade auro texta supervestitur, Chlamide conchylii, & muricis sanguine tincta tegitur, caligis holofericis calceatur, pedes ejus solatariis in superficie Leucentos aureos habentibus muniantur. Ejus verò consodales, qui cum eo militiæ suscipiende munus expectabant, universo bysso & purpura innovantur. And moreover: Talibus itaque, ut pretaxatum est, ornamentis decoratus, &c. adducti sunt Equi, allata sunt Arma; distribuntur singulis prout opus erat; There being put upon him harness of double Mail, and gilt Spurs, a Shield of the Lions of Anjou hung on his neck; a rich Helm on his head, and an armed Spear put into his hand; and lastly a Sword out of the King's store, *ab antiquo* (saith he) *ibidem signatus, in quo fabricando Fabrorum superlativus Galannus multa opera & studio desudavit*: And that thus armed, he mounted a Spanish Horse, which was also first given him by the King, the Feast that belong'd to his reception of this dignity (called *Festum Tyrocinii*) being honoured with Tournaments and Maïques, which lasted no less than seven days.*

Of which Courtly Ceremonies, most plain it is, that the use hath continued ever since, even through all ages, till towards these later times, though (perhaps) in some particulars varied: For it appears that King John, in 6 of his reign, being to confer this dignity on Thomas Sturmy, directed his Writ to the Sheriff of *Warwickshire*, for to make preparations to that purpose; which runs thus: *Præcipimus tibi, quod facias habere Thomæ Sturmy, valetto nostro, unam robam de Scarletto, cum quadam penula de byssis, & aliam robam de viridi, vel burnetta, & unam Sellam, & unum par Loicnorum, & capam ad plumam, & unam culcitram, & unum par lintheorum, quoniam ipse fiet miles. And of K. H. 3. his Knighting Alexander the third K. of Scotland (on Christmas day an. 1252.) at York and xxii. more with him, being the day preceding the said Alexander's marriage of Margaret, daughter to K. Henry, Math. Paris saith thus: *Baltheo donavit militari, qui omnibus vestibus pretiosis & excogitatis, sicut in tam celebri Tyrocinio decuit, ornabatur.**

But as these Courtly Ceremonies, have been thus antiently used, so were there also sacred, as is evident by the testimony of Ingulphus; viz. a solemn Confession, Vigils in the Church, Receiving the Sacrament, offering the Sword on the Altar, with redemption of it, and the Bishops Abbots, Monks, or other Priests, putting it on him that was to be thus created; as by what he expresseth touching Hereward an English Gentleman (Lord of *Waine* in *Lincolnshire*) upon his return out of *Flanders*, when he was made a Kt. by Brand, his Uncle, then Abbot of *Peterborough*: *Quoniam Anglorum erat consuetudo* (saith he) *quod, qui militiæ legitime consecrandus esset, vesperâ precedente diem suæ consecrationis ad E-*

piscopum, vel Abbatem, vel Monachum, vel Sacerdotem aliquem contritus, & compunctus, de omnibus suis peccatis, confessionem faceret; & absolutus, orationibus & devotionibus, & afflictionibus deditus, in Ecclesia pernoctaret; in crastino quoque Missam audiret, Gladium super Altare offerret, & post Evangelium, Sacerdos benedictum Gladium collo militis cum benedictione imponderet; & communicatus ad eandem Missam sacris Christi mysteriis, denuo Miles legitimus permaneret.

And that this usage of offering the Sword at the Altar, continued in after times, together with the reason thereof, we find very evident from *Jan. Sarisburiensis* — *unde jam inolevit consuetudo, solennis* (saith he) *ut eadem die qua quisque militari cingulo decoratur, Ecclesiam solemniter adeat, Gladioque super Altare posito & oblato, quasi celebri professione factâ, seipsum obsequio Altaris devotat, & Gladii, id est officii sui regem Deo spondent famulatum; neque necesse est ut hoc proficiatur verbo, cum legitima professio in litia facto eius videatur inserta. And Petrus Blesensis* who lived in the same age (scil. temp. H. 2.) further explaineth the same: *Hodie Tyrones* (saith he) *ensos suos recipiunt de Altari, ut proficiantur se filios Ecclesie, atque ad honorem Sacerdotii, ad tuitionem pauperum, ad vindictam malefactorum, & patriæ liberationem Gladium accipisse.*

All which, the learned Selden (from whose discourse upon this subject, the substance of what I have said, is gathered) supposeth to be continued, under the name of *Vigils*, upon that solemn Knighting of Geoffrey of Anjou before specified: So that, from what hath been said, we may clearly conclude, that as well the Sacred as Courtly Ceremonies, used at the conferring this dignity, have been very antient; and, very probably, observed in such sort, as by this following Narrative (being a translation from an ancient tract thereof, in French) may be seen: whereunto, for its better illustration, the following Figures, (delineated from a fair Book, in which they were drawn in much larger proportions, and in Colours, about K. Edw. the ivth time, by the great care and curiositie of that learned and worthy person, my singular friend Edw. Dylke Esq. and in his Notes upon *Upton*, already made publick) are here added.

Here followeth the order, and manner of creating Knights of the Bath, in the time of Peace, according to the Custom of England.

I. **W**Hen an Esquire comes to Court, to receive the Order of Knighthood, in the time of Peace, according to the Custom of England, he shall be honourably received by the Officers of the Court; sc. the Steward or the Chamberlain, if they be present, but otherwise by the Marshalls and Ushers. Then there shall be provided two Esquires of Honour, grave and well seen in Courtship, and nurture; as also in the feats of Chivalrie, and they shall be Esquires, and Governours in all things relating to him, which shall take the Order above-said.

2. And

m De Nugis Curial. lib. 6. Cap. 10.

n E. 3. 21.

o Tit. of Honour p. 1. 2. Cap. 5. p. 781.

p Ex cod. M. S. in officio Arm. [L. 5.] f. 28. a.

q Penes Gu. l. le Neve eq. aur. Claren. R. Arm. r Edit. Lond. 1674

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2. And if the Esquire do come before Dinner, he shall carry up one Dish of the first course to the King's Table.

3. And after this the Esquires Governours shall conduct the Esquire, that is to receive the Order, into his Chamber, without any more being seen that day.

4. And in the Evening the Esquires Governours shall send for the Barbour, and they shall make ready a Bath, handsomely hung with linnen, both within and without the Vessel, taking care that it be covered with Tapistrie, and blankets in respect of the coldness of the night. And then shall the Esquire be shaven, and his hair cut round. After which the Esquires Governours shall go to the King and say; Sir it is now in the Evening, and the Esquire is fited for the Bath, when you please: whereupon the King shall command his Chamberlain, that he shall take along with him, unto the Esquires Chamber, the most gentile and grave Knights that are present, to inform, counsell and instruct him touching the Order, and feats of Chivalrie: And in like manner, that the other Esquires of the Household, with the Minstrells, shall proceed before the Knights, singing, dancing, and sporting, even to the Chamber dore of the said Esquire.

5. And when the Esquires Governours shall hear the noise of the Minstrells, they shall undress the said Esquire, and put him naked into the Bath: But at the entrance into the Chamber, the Esquires Governours shall cause the Musick to cease, and the Esquires also for a while. And this being done, the grave Knights shall enter into the Chamber without making any noise, and doing reverence to each other, shall consider which of themselves it shall be that is to instruct the Esquire in the Order and course of the Bath. And when they are agreed, then shall the chief of them go to the Bath, and kneeling down before it, say with a soft voice: Sir! Be this Bath of great honour to you; and then he shall declare unto him the feats of the Order, as far as he can, putting part of the water of the Bath upon the shoulder of the Esquire; and having so done, take his leave. And the Esquires Governours shall attend at the sides of the Bath, and so likewise the other Knights; the one after the other, till all be done.

6. Then shall these Knights go out of the Chamber for a while; and the Esquires Governours shall take the Esquire out of the Bath, and help him to his Bed, there to continue till his body be dry; which Bed shall be plain, and without Curtains. And as soon as he is dry, they shall help him out of Bed; they shall cloath him very warm, in respect of the cold of the night; and over his inner Garments shall put on a Robe of Russet with long sleeves, having a Hood thereto like unto that of an Hermit. And the Esquire being out of the Bath, the Barbour shall take away the Bath, with whatsoever appertaineth thereto, both within and without, for his Fee; and likewise for the Coller (about his neck) be he Earl, Baron, Banneret, or Batcheler, according to the Custom of the Court.

7. And then shall the Esquires Governours open the dore of the Chamber, and shall cause the antient and grave Knights to enter to conduct the Esquire to the Chapell: And when they are come in, the Esquires sporting and dancing shall go before the Esquire, with the Minstrells, making melodie to the Chapell.

9. And being entred the Chapell, there shall be wine, and Spices ready to give to the Knights and Esquires. And then the Esquires Governours shall bring the said Knights before the Esquire to take their leave of him; and he shall give them thanks, all together, for the pains, favour and courtesie, which they have done him: and this being performed they shall depart out of the Chapell.

8. Then shall the Esquires Governours shut the dore of the Chapell, none staying therein except themselves, the Priest, the Chandler and the Watch. And in this manner shall the Esquire stay in the Chapell all night, till it be day, bestowing himself in Orisons and Prayers, beseeching Almighty God, and his blessed Mother, that of their good grace they will give him abilitie to receive this high temporall dignitie, to the honour, praise, and service of them; as also of holy Church, and the order of Knighthood. And at the Day-break, one shall call the Priest to confess him of all his sins, and having heard Mattines and Mass, shall afterwards be commended, if he please.

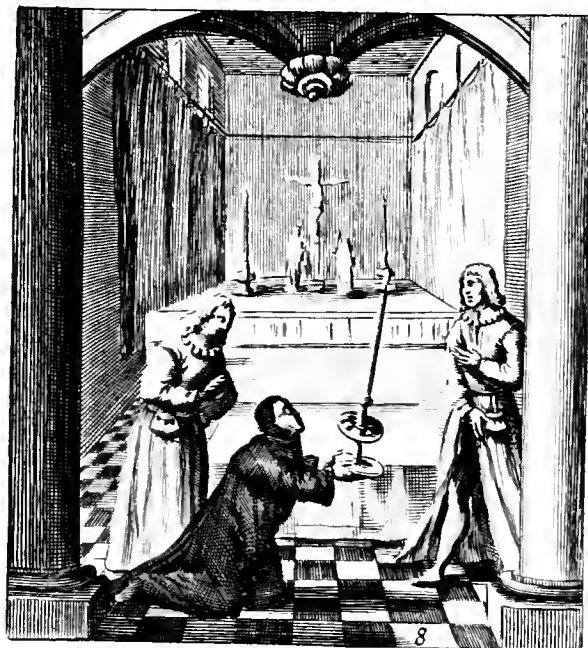
10. And after his entrance into the Chapell, there shall be a Taper burning before him; and so soon as Mass is begun, one of the Governours shall hold the Taper untill the reading of the Gospell; and then shall the Governour deliver it into his hands, who shall hold it, himself, till the Gospell be ended; but then shall receive it again from him, and set it before him, there to stand during the whole time of Mass.

11. And at the elevation of the Host, one of the Governours shall take the Hood from the Esquire, and afterwards deliver it to him again, untill the Gospell in principio: And at the beginning thereof, the Governour shall take the same Hood again, and cause it to be carried away, and shall give him the Taper, again, into his own hands.

12. And then, having a Penny, or more, in readiness, near to the Candlestick, at the words verbum caro factum est, the Esquire, kneeling, shall offer the Taper, and the Penie; that is to say the Taper to the honour of God, and the Penie to the honour of the person that makes him a Knight. All which being performed, the Esquires Governours shall conduct the Esquire to his Chamber, and shall lay him again in Bed, till it be full Day-light. And when he shall be thus in Bed, till the time of his rising, he shall be cloathed with a covering of Gold, called Singleton, and this shall be lined with blew Cardene. And when the Governours shall see it fit time, they shall go to the King and say to him: Sir! when doth it please you that our Master shall rise? Whereupon the King shall command the grave Knights, Esquires, and Minstrells, to go to the Chamber of the said Esquire, for to raise him, and to attire and dress him, and to bring him before him into the Hall. But before their entrance, and the noise of the Minstrells heard, the Esquires Governours shall provide all necessaries ready for the Order, to deliver to the Knights, for to attire and dress the Esquire.

And when the Knights are come to the Esquire's Chamber, they shall enter with leave, and say to him: Sir! Good morrow to you, it is time to get up, and make your self ready; and thereupon they shall take him by the Arme, to be dressed, the most antient of the said Knights reaching him his Shirt; another giving him his Breeches, the third his Doublet; and another putting upon him a Kirtle of red Tartarin: Two other shall raise him from
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the Bed, and two others put on his nether stockings with soles of leather sowed to them: Two other shall lace his sleeves, and another shall gird him with a Girdle of white leather without any Buckles thereon: Another shall combe his Head; another shall put on his Coife; Another shall give him his Mantle of silk (over the Bases or Kirtle of red Tartarin) tyed with a lace of white silk, with a pair of white Gloves hanging at the end of the Lace. And the Chandler shall take for his Fees, all the Garments, with the whole array and necessities wherewith the Esquire shall be apparelled and clothed on the day that he comes into the Court to receive the Order: As also the Bed wherein he first lay, after his Bathing, together with the Singleton and other necessities: In consideration of which Fees, the same Chandler shall find at his proper costs, the said Coife, the Gloves, the Girdle, and the Lace.

13. And when all this is done, the grave Knights shall get on Horsback, and conduct the Esquire to the Hall, the Minstrells going before, making Musick: But the Horse must be accounted, as followeth: The Saddle having a cover of black-leather, the bow of the Saddle being of white wood quartered. The Stirrop-leathers black; the Stirrops gilt; The Paitrell of black leather gilt, with a Cross patè gilt, hanging before the breast of the Horse, but without any Crooper: The Bridle black, with long notched Reines, after the Spanish fashion, and a Cross patè on the front. And there must be, provided a young Esquire, courteous, who shall ride before the Esquire, bare-headed, and carry the Esquire's Sword, with the Spurs hanging at the handle of the Sword: and the Scabberd of the Sword shall be of white leather, and the Girdle of white leather, without Buckles. And the Youth shall hold the Sword by the point, and after this manner must they ride to the King's Hall, the Governours being ready at hand.

14. And the grave Knights shall conduct the said Esquire; and so soon as they come before the Hall dore, the Marshalls and Huishers are to be ready to meet him, and desire him to alight: And being alighted, the Marshall shall take the Horse for his Fee, or else C. s. Then shall the Knights conduct him into the Hall up to the high Table; and afterwards up to the end of the second Table, untill the King's coming, the Knights standing on each side of him, and the Youth holding the sword upright before him, between the two Governours.

15. And when the King is come into the Hall, and beholderth the Esquire ready to receive this high Order, and temporall dignitie, he shall aske for the Sword and Spurs, which the Chamberlain shall take from the Youth, and shew to the King: And thereupon the King, taking the right Spur, shall deliver it to the most noble and gentile person there; and shall say to him: Put this upon the Esquire's heel; and he kneeling on one knee, must take the Esquire by the right Leg, and putting his foot on his own knee, is to fasten the Spur upon the right heel of the Esquire; and then making a Cross upon the Esquire's knee, shall kiss him: which being done, another Knight must come, and put on his left Spur, in like manner. And then shall the King, of his great favour, take the Sword and gird the Esquire therewith: whereupon the Esquire is to lift up his Armes, holding his hands together, and the Gloves betwixt his Thumbs and Fingers.

16. And the King putting his own armes about

the Esquire's neck, say, Be thou a good Knight, and afterwards kiss him. Then are the antient Knights to conduct this new Knight to the Chappell, with much Musick, even to the high Altar; and there he shall kneel, and putting his right hand upon the Altar, is to promise to maintain the rights of holy Church, during his whole life.

17. And then he shall ungirt himself of his Sword, and with great devotion to God and holy Church, offer it there; praying unto God and all his Saints, that he may keep that Order, which he hath so taken, even to the end: all which being accomplished, he is to take a draught of Wine.

18. And at his going out of the Chappell, the King's Master-Cook, being ready to take off his Spurs, for his own Fee, shall say: I the King's Master-Cook am come to receive your Spurs for my Fee; and if you do any thing contrary to the Order of Knighthood (which God forbid) I shall hack your Spurs from your heels.

19. After this the Knights must conduct him again into the Hall, where he shall sit the first at the Knights Table, and the Knights about him, himself to be served as the others are: but he must neither eat nor drink at the Table, nor spit, nor look about him upwards or downwards, more than a Bride. And this being done, one of his Governours having a Handkerchief in his hand, shall hold it before his face, when he is to spit. And when the King is risen from his Table, and gone into his Chamber, then shall the new Knight be conducted with great store of Knights, and Minstrells, proceeding before him unto his own Chamber; and at his entrance the Knights and Minstrells shall take leave of him, and go to Dinner.

20. And the Knights being thus gone, the Chamber dore shall be fastned, and the new Knight disrobed of his attire, which is to be given to the Kings of Armes, in case they be there present; and if not, then to the other Heraulds, if they be there; otherwise to the Minstrells, together with a mark of silver, if he be a Knight Bachelor; if a Baron, double to that; if an Earl, or of a superior rank, double thereto. And the russet Night-cap must be given to the Watch, or else a Noble.

23. Then is he to be clothed again with a blew robe, the sleeves whercoft to be straight, shaped after the fashion of a Priest's: and upon his left shoulder to have a Lace of white silk, hanging: And he shall wear that Lace upon all his Garments, from that day forwards, untill he have gained some honour and renown by Arms, and is registred of as high record, as the Nobles, Knights, Esquires, and Heraulds of Arms; and be renowned for some feats of Arms, as aforesaid; or that some great Prince, or most noble Lorde, can cut that Lace from his shoulder, saying: Sir! we have heard so much of the true renown concerning your honour, which you have done in divers parts, to the great fame of Chivalrie, as to your self, and of him that made you a Knight, that it is meet this Lace be taken from you.

21. After Dinner the Knights of honour, and Gentlemen, must come to the Knight and conduct him into the presence of the King, the Esquires Governours going before him; where he is to say: Right noble and renowned Sir! I do in all that I can give you thanks for these honours, curtesies, and bountie, which you have vouchsafed to me: and having so said, shall take his leave of the King.

22. Then are the Esquires Governors to take leave of this their Master, saying: Sir! We have according to the King's command, and as we were obliged, done what we can; but if through negligence we have in ought displeased you; or by any thing we have done amiss at this time, we desire pardon of you for it. And on the other side! Sir, as right is, according to the Customs of the Court, and ancient Kingdoms, we do require our Robes and Fees, as the King's Esquires, companions to Bachelers, and other Lords.

Having said thus much, of this ancient and honourable Order, I return to the before specified Sir Thomas Cokeley.

The next year following (sc. 2 H. 7.) he was made a Banneret^h for his good service done in the Battail of **Stoke**: and in 4 H. 7. one^l of the Commissioners for making choice of Archers in this County to be sent into **Britanny** for releif of that Dutchy. The next year was he constituted^k one of the Justices for Gaol delivery in this County; and in 6 H. 7. a Commissioner^l for arraying of men in defence of this Realm, then in danger of an invasion by **Charles** the ixth. King of **France**; being also from the 6th. to the 12th. of H. 7. in Commission^m of the Peace in this Shire upon the severall renewings thereof. But **Leland** saith, ⁿ that he was a Rissler and slew a Bastard-son of **Stafford** of **Worcestershire**, notwithstanding the great brag that the **Staffords** bore in that County. This **Thomas** dyed^o in 14 H. 7. leaving **Rch. Russell** and **Rob. Winter** his Coheirs and heirs, ^p as the Descent in **Wylke** sheweth; by which it seems that his two sisters above specified had no issue: whereupon this Mannour, by force of the entail made in 3 H. 4. refocted^q to **John Greவில்** great grandchild to **Lodowik**, second son to the first **William**; which **Lodowik** took^r to wife **Margaret** the daughter and heir of **Sir Gil s Arden** Kt. by whom he had the Mannour of **Dzaltton**, near **Banbury** in **Orfordshire**, where he dyed 28 Aug. an. 1438. (17 H. 6.) and is interred^s, leaving **Will. Greவில்** his son and heir, who departed^t this life within two years after. To which **Will.** succeeded . . . **Greவில்**, who wedded^u **Catherine** the sister and coheir to **Rch. Pointz**, by whom he had issue the same **John Greவில்**, heir to this Lordsh p by **Sir T. Cokeley's** death without issue male, as above said: which **John** in 15 H. 7. was^x one of the Justices for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**; and in^y 17. and^z 18. in Commission of the Peace in this County.

To whom succeeded **Edm.** his son and he r, first constituted^a a Justice of Peace in this Shire in 1 H. 8. and shortly after Knighted^b, but dyed in 20. H. 8. without any thing else memorable of him, and was buried^c in **St. Annes** Chapell: in the Church of **Wotton** super **Avon**, according to the appointment of his Will, leaving issue **John**^e his son and heir, and **Fonke**^d a younger son, of whom and his posterity I shall speak in **Beauchamps**. Corrc: which **John** was^e one of the Kts. for this Shire in that Parliament of 30 H. 8. so fatal to the Religious Houses; and being Knighted^f at the Coronation of **K. Edw. 6.** dyed^g 25 Nov. the year following, leaving **Edm.** his son and heir 30. years of age, who married^h **Margaret** one of the daughters and heirs to **Will. Willington** of **Bercheton** in this County, and dyedⁱ a Kt. 24 Dec. 2. Eliz. To whom succeeded **Lodowik** his son and heir then 22 years of age; who being an ambi-

ous spirited man, procured License^k from **Q. Eliz.** k Pat. 9. in 9 of her reign, to make a Cattle here at **Mill-cote**, and to call it **Mount-Grevill**, which accordingly he began to do on the top of the Hill above a quarter of a mile Southwards from the old Mannour house, as is to be seen by part of the fabrick yet standing: and therefore the better to support his greatness, though he had very fair possessions in this and other Counties, he eagerly coveted the estate of one . . . **Web** a wealthy Bachelor, who had been his servant, and then was Tenant to him at his Mannour of **Dzaltton** in **Orfordshire**; for obtaining whereof he plotted the murder of him, and forged a Will to entitle himself thereto (as from credible tradition I have heard.)

To accomplish which execrable design, he invited him to his House at a **Christmas** or **Easter** season, there to make merry (then residing at **Seatoncote** in **Gloucestershire**) and having so train'd him thither, hired two of his servants to strangle him in his bed; which being accordingly effected, he caused it to be given out in the House that the old man was fallen very sick, and not like to live; whereupon the Parson was sent for to write his Will, and one of the Murtherers convey'd into the bed with the dead man, about whom the curtains were close drawn, and he dolefully groaning as not like to continue long; so that being in this seeming weak condition, as not able to give directions how the Will should be made, all spoken by him (with a counterfeit voice too) was by way of answer to questions; viz. how and to whom his estate should be disposed, which (in short) was to his Master, meaning **Lodowik Greவில்**, excepting a Legacy to an Attorny in **Banbury**; whose mouth thereby being stoppt, no one else, as he thought, would expect any thing, or at least not go about to question the Will: which being accordingly effected, and the company desired to depart the room, that the sick man might repose himself a little, the News of his death was soon after spread in the House, whereupon people were called up, who finding him dead in the bed, took order for his buriall.

And now that all this Pageant was over, Master **Greவில்** thought himself secure enough of his large Legacy. But to the end we may see how divine vengeance ceases not to prosecute such bloody actions, though carryed on with never so much closeness and subtilty, the discovery of this wicked murder was, ere long, thus brought to light. One of the Assassins being in his Cups at **Stratford**, dropt out some words amongst his pot-companions, that it lay in his power to hang his Master; which expression being, by one that heard thereof, related to the other Murtherer, he presently acquainted Master **Greவில்** therewith; who thereupon resolving to prevent the danger of any such further babbling, advised that he should be closely made away; and for effecting thereof, within a short space following, sent them both out in the night season upon some pretended business, by which means the other took his advantage to dispatch him, and cast his body into a pit of water, which afterwards floating was discovered by passengers; and upon enquiry when and with whom he had been last seen, the villain was brought in question, who forthwith confest the whole business, thereby detecting his Mr. throughout; for which they both had their tryals at **Warwick**, where Mr. **Greவில்**, to prevent the loss of his

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his lands, stood mute, and so having Judgement to be prest, suffered death accordingly.

To whom succeeded *Edward* his son and heir in the inheritance of this Lordship, and other lands of great worth. Of which *Edward* I have heard, that in his younger years, inadvertently shooting an Arrow upright out of a long Bow, it fell upon his elder Brother's head, and kill'd him; and that their Father was so little sensible of this sad mishap, that he made a jest of it, telling him that it was the best shoot he ever shot in his life: but whether it was the judgement of God to put a period to the line of *Lodowik* before mentioned, for that horrid murder of *Web* and one of his servants, or for what else I may not take upon me to judge: certain it is that the whole estate came in short time after to be strangely wasted; for so great were *Sir Edm. Grævil's* debts, and leaving issue onely Daughters, that his lands were exposed to sale by *Sir Arthur Ingram* a *Poskeshire* Kt. (Husband to *Mary* the fifth of them) and this Mannour then purchased by *Lionell* Earl of *Arundel*, whose son and heir now enjoys it.

Dorsington-parva.

This, though it be in the Parish of *Welford* in com. *Glouc.* is in *Warwickshire*, and in the Conquerors time was posselt by the same *Stefanus*, who then had *Wilcote*, being certified to contain 1 hide, which one *Ordric* held before the Norman invasion. With *Wilcote* also it came to *Geffrey Martell*, and so likewise to *Hauvill* and *Langley*, as the Records I have there voucht will manifest: but after the 4th. of *E. 3.* I have not found any farther mention at all of it in Record, till 9 *H. 8.* that *Maud Rous* Widow was certified to have converted CC. acres of land, lying in this place, from tillage to pasture in 17 *H. 7.* and decaying three Ploughs, being then posselt of the Capitali messuage. From which *Maud* did descend *Sir John Bromie* of *Ragley* Kt. (as in *Ragley* appeareth) who in 3 *E. 6.* posselt it.

Binton.

This, being situate on the brow of an Hill, about half a mile distant from the River *Abon*, was one of the towns which *S. Egwyn* gave to the Abby of *Chesham* upon the foundation thereof in the year 709. but in the time of *K. Ed.* the martyr wrested from it (with other great possessions) by *Alferus* a potent Ruler in these parts, who expelled the Monks and placed Canons there, disposing of this place to certain of his Knights: so that upon the Conquest by *D. William*, it was given to some of his Normans; for it appears by the generall Survey, soon after made (where it is written *Beminton*) that *Will. fil. Corbucion* (of whom in *Stodley* I shall speak) held two hides here, and had 4 quarters of Corn and 8 sticks of Eeles out of his part in the Mill; and 3 quarters of Salt from *Wiche* as appurtenant to his part of the Mannour: all which being valued at xxx s. were the freehold of one *Edricus* before the Norman invasion. The residue of this town was then posselt by *Gerinus*, *Urso* de *Abitot*, and

Osbernus filius Ricardi, that which *Urso* held extending to two hides, with a Mill rated at ii s. was valued at xls. having been the freehold of *Ervi* in *Edm.* the Confessors days: but the certain proportion which belong'd to *Osbernus* cannot be discovered, forasmuch as it is certified and valued in gross, together with what he had in *Hilborough*; all which one *Lodric* was owner of in the Saxons time.

But the next mention I find thereof is in 1 *Job.* a Fine being then levied betwixt *Alex. de Bereford* and *Henry de Deniton* of lands here; which *Henry*, as a witness to a deed of lands in *Graston* is written *Henricus de Buvintona*; so that doubtless the first *n* in the name of this place is mistaken, and that it should be an *n*: for in 20. *H. 3.* it is likewise written *Bubintone*, at which time *Henry de Buvintone* held 2 parts of 2 Kts. fee here of the Earl of *Warwick*, and *Nich. de Buvinton* a fourth part: So also in 36 *H. 3.* where *Raph de Buvintone*, then held the 5th. part of 2 Kts. fee here, of *Will. de Carrilupe*, unto whom *Corbicon's* fees were granted, as in *Stodley* shall be shewed. Of this family was one *Henry de Buvintone* the last heir male, to whom succeeded *Alice* his Daughter and heir, wife of *Elias de Wonecote*, which *Elias* wrote himself Lord of this place in 21 *E. 1.* so also in 9 *E. 2.* and had issue *Will. de Wonecote*, owner thereof in 19 *E. 2.* which *Will.* about the later end of *E. 2.* time, being one of the Coroners in this County, was in 1 *E. 3.* found insufficient to bear that Office, and removed: and in 20 *E. 3.* certified to hold a Kts. fee in this place of the Lord *Stafford*.

But from this *Will.* having not seen any private evidence, I cannot exhibite a perfect succession, nor shew directly when *Elias de Wonecote* before mentioned brancht from the house of *Wilmecote*, near *Stratford super Abon*: howbeit, that he so did I am confident enough, in regard that upon the death without issue of *Eliz.* Daughter and heir to *John de Wynecote*, which hapned in 24 *E. 3.* *Will. de Buvinton* is found to be her Colin and next heir, and at that time lx. years of age. Of this line was *Tho. de Wynecote*, a Commissioner with others for collecting a Subsidy in this County in 2 *R. 2.* as also *Walt. Wynecote*, who by the name of *Walt. Wynecote*, of *Benington* Gent. was in 10 *H. 6.* certified to hold 8. mels. & 12. yard land, here, by the service of half a Kts. fee. To whom succeeded *Ric. Wynecote* L. of this Mannour in 11 *E. 4.* But the last of them that had to do here was *Tho. Wynecote*, who in 23. *H. 8.* sold this Mannour with the advouson of the Church to *Sir George Throkmorton* Kt. by whom it became disposed of to *Nich. Throkmorton* his second son: which *Nich.* by the name of *Sir Nich. Throkmorton* Kt. past it to *Will. Walter* Esq. in 1 & 2 *Ph. & M.*

This *Will. Walter*, being of *Wimbleton* in com. *Sur.* dyed seized thereof 10 Sept. 29 *Eliz.* leaving *Will.* his son and heir 40 years of age; from whom descended *Sir Will. Walter* Kt. who had issue *James* that dyed young, and two daughters; viz. *Eliz.* married to *Sir John Sackville* of in com. *Cantii* Kt. & *Catherine* to *Knighton Ferrers* Esq. son and heir to *Sir John Ferrers* of *Dunsburne* in com. *Herts.* Kt. whose marriage being without her Fathers consent, occasioned him to settle this Mannour, with the rest of his lands in *Warwickshire*, upon his Sister *Catherine* and her heirs; who had issue by the said *Mr. Ferrers* one onely daughter

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ter married to . . . *Fanshaw* son and heir to Sir *Thomas Fanshaw* of *Ware-Park* in com. *Herts.* Kt. of the Bathe, she her self taking to her second husband Sir *Sim. Fanshaw* Kt. Brother to the said Sir *Thomas*.

Besides the Mannour, already spoke of, there were certain lands lying in *Binton*, which anciently belong'd to the Abby of *Woblesley*, and w^h in an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) were certified to be one Calucate with two Dovehouses, but by whom given to that Monastery I know not: howbeit these, by the name of the Mannour or Grange, called *Binton-grange* in 35 H. 8. were granted out of the Crown (*inter alia*) to *Francis Sheldon* Gent. and his heirs, who the same year past them away to Sir *George Throkmorton* above specified, by which means they were sold with the Mannour and advowson above said to *Will. Walter*, and are now come to Mr. *Fanshaw*, therewith. But that which here belong'd to *Osbernus fil. Ricardi* in the Conquerors time, was afterwards posselt by the family of *Hubaud*, who had lands in *Wylbozow*, close by; for in 6 E. 2. after the death of *John de Hastings*, it appears^w that *John Hubaud* held half a Kts. fee of him, here and in *Wylbozow*: the like being evident^{*} in 49 E. 3. after the death of *John de Hastings* Earl of *Wembroke*.

The Church in an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) was valued^{*} at xiii. marks, and in² 26 H. 8. at viii l. over and above x s. v d. ob. for Procurations and Synodals.

the Church having been long ago devoured by depopulation, whereof our Countryman *Rous*,^b who lived about 200 years since, makes no small complaint.

To the posterity of *Grentemaisnill* it continued not; for such was the alteration made upon the advancement of *Henry de Newburgh* to the Earldom of *Warwick* (towards the later end of the Conquerors reign) that as the greatest part of those possessions, which the E. of *Spellent* his Brother had in this County, were conferred upon him; so also had he a share of these that *Hugh de Grentemaisnill* then enjoyed, of which this place was part, as is evident by that Certificate^c made in 11 H. 2 where *Will. Earl of Warwick* expresseth, that *Osbert Trussell* then held it of him by the service of one Kts fee, and that it was *de Veteri Feoffamento*, id est whereof the ancestor of the said *Osbert* had been enfeoffed temp. H. 1. and so consequently by the said Earl *Henry*: By which also I gather, that the same *Osbernus* was he to whom it had been granted, and (in all probability) grandfather to the said *Osbert* surnamed *Trussell*, who held it in 11 H. 2. as is above exprest. From this *Osbert* is it, that the severall families of *Trussell*; viz. of *Cablesdon* and *Atton-Trussell* in *Staffordshire*; of *Flore* and *Gayton* in *Northamptonshire*; of *Aylmesthorpe* in *Leicestershire*, and of this and other places in *Warwickshire* are descended, as the Pedegre (which I have the rather here inserted, because I shall speak historically in relation to some of them) doth shew.

Of *Will.* son an heir to *Osbert* I find, that he wedded *Agnes*^d one of the Daughters and coheirs to *Rob. fil. Odonis* of *Lorley* in this County; whose inheritance was distributed^e to them in 25 H. 2. and that he confirmed^f to the Monks of *Combe* certain lands lying in *Cotes* (id est *Coton juxta Church-Ober*) which he had in right of his said wife. To him succeeded *Ric. Trussell*, who was of the retinue^g to *Walt. de Beauchamp* in that Rebellion of the Barons against K. *John*, towards the later end of his reign; for which respect his lands were seized on: but it should seem that at length he returned to his obedience; for I find that the Sheriff had command to restore^h them unto him again. This *Richard* gaveⁱ to the Monks of *Stoneley* a messuage lying in *Lorley* before mentioned, unto which grant his Seal of Arms is affixed, whereby it appeareth that he bore *Frette with a labell of 6 points in chief*; of which I have the rather taken notice, in regard that some of his posterity bore wholly *frette* for their Arms, as I shall shew by and by: And had issue *Will.* and *Richard*, which *Ric.* was slain^k in the battail of *Evesham* in 49 H. 3. fighting there on the Barons part; and for that cause were his lands in *Wylberton* and *Willenhall* in this County, together with this Mannour of *Billesley*, then seized^l on: but it seems he had no issue; for *William* his Brother went away with the estate: which *William* was a man of great account in his time, and added much to his own inheritance, by the marriage^m of *Roesia* Daughter and heir to *William Pantulf* of *Cablesdon* in *Staffordshire*.

Osbertus

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t Pat. 35.
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u Ib. p. 18.

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et dñe Johanne uxoris eius, et pro anima dñi Johis Salmon quondam
rectoris istius ecclesie.

Billesley.

About a mile further Northward, lyes *Billesley*, which being part of the lands that *Hugh de Grentemaisnill* had in this County by the Conquerors gift, was at that time held of him by one *Osbernus*; and in the generall Survey^a then taken, where it is certified to contain 5. hides, which were valued at C s. written *Billesley*. There was then a Church, and divers Inhabitants, as by that Record also appeareth; and likewise a House in *Warwick* belonging to this Mannour; all which before the Norman invasion were posselt by one *Baldwinus*: but at this day there is no more left than the Mannour house, and scarce half the Church that anciently stood there, all the town with the rest of

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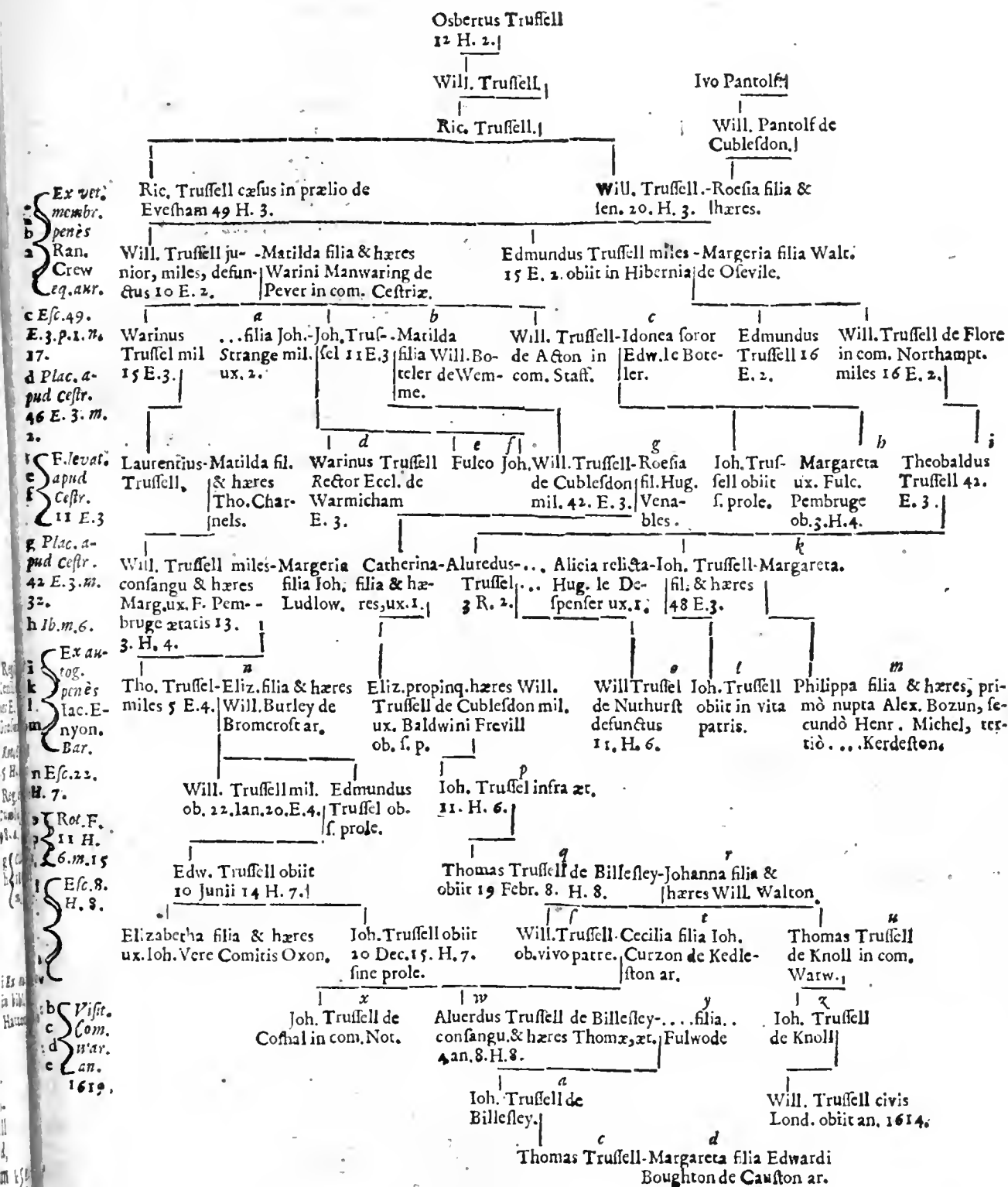
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The first mention I find of him is in "20 H. 3. where, upon the Aid for the marriage of, Isabell the Kings sister to the Roman Emperour, he answers for one Kts. fee, held in this place of the Earl of Warwick: but afterwards, viz. ° in 25. 26. and 27. H. 3. he was in Commission; with other persons of note in this County, for the Gaol delivery at Warwick; and in 30 H. 3. was he constituted Shiriff of this County and Leicestershire, as also Governour of Sandep Castle;

in which office of Shiriffalty he then continued for the space of two years. In 37 H. 3. I find him a Justice of Assize in this County; so also in 39. and 40 H. 3. In the later of which years, as also in 41. H. 3. he was again in Commission for delivery of the Gaol at Warwick, and to enquire of Robbers, with other malefactors in this County, and to proceed against them according to the Laws and customs of the Realm. Of his issue, scil. William and Edmund it appears, that they

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were both Knights^w; and that betwixt the said S^r Will. and S^r Andrew de Asley (of Asley) there was a Fine levied^{*} in 13 E. 1. touching the service of one Knights Fee, as also of homage that the said Sir Andrew challenged of him for his lands here in Willelme; for which homage and service the said Will. had been distrained by the Earl of Warwick, whereas he held them immediately of the said Andrew, and he of the Earl: But by this Fine it was concluded, that from thenceforth the said Will. and his heirs should be wholly discharged thereof, paying Scutage to the said S^r Andrew and his heirs according to the rate of x^l pro quolibet Scuto whensoever it should happen.

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In 25 E. 1. he had Summons^y amongst divers other great men to appear at London well accounted with Horle and Armes on Sunday next after the Octaves of S. John Bapt. to attend the King in his voyage beyond Sea. In 4 E. 2. upon complaint made to the K. that Will. de Bereford and some others had highly scandalized John de Somery (Baron of Dudley) by reporting that he had taken upon him so great authority in Staffordshire that no man could have Law or Reason by means thereof; and that he domineer'd there more than a King; as also that it was no abiding for any man in those parts, except he well brib'd the said John de Somery for protection, or yeilded him much assistance towards the building of his Castle^{*}; and that the said John did use to beset mens Houses, in that Country, for to murder them; as also thereby extorted large summes of money from them; this Will. Trussell, with Alan la Zouch were appoin-

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h Ex Coll.
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i Pat. 9 E. 3
p. 2. m. 3.
k Pat. 12.
E. 3. p. 1. m.
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l F. levat.
16 E. 3.
m Ex au-
tog. penes S.
A. eq. aut.
n F. levat.
apud cest.
11 E. 3.
o Plac. a-
pud cest.
10 E. 3.
p m. d. m.
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Commissioners by the K. to enquire and certifie the truth therein. Whether it were he or his son Will. I am not sure, but I rather suppose it to be him that adhered to Thomas Earl of Lancaster, Guy de Beauchamp E. of Warwick and others in the murder of Piers de Gaveston; for in 7 E. 2. I find that Will. Trussell, with those Earls and others, had his pardon^a for that offence. In 8 E. 2. he was constituted Shiriffe^b of this County and Leicestershire; and wedded^c Maude the daughter and heir^d to S^r Varin Manwaring Knight, by which means the Mannour of Wernicham and divers other Lordships in Cheshire and elsewhere came to this Family; but was dead^e in 10 E. 2. leaving his wife alive, afterwards married^f to Sir Oliver de Burdeaux a neer servant^g to K. Edw. 2. and 3. sons; viz. John, Will. and Varine, all Knights: which Oliver had his residence here; for in 17 E. 2. I find him in the list^h of those Kts. and Esquiers of this County, whose names were then certified into the Chancery.

But John was of Cablesdon in Staffordshire; and in 9 E. 3. gaveⁱ x^l yearly Rent issuing out of his Mannour of Rode in Cheshire to 3. Priests daily celebrating divine service in the Parish Church of Wernicham, beforementioned, for the health of his own soul, as also of his mothers; and the souls of all the faithfull departed. In 12 E. 3. he had Licen^kse to make a Castle of his habitation there. In 16 E. 3. he wrote^l himself of Adon, and his brother Will. of Cablesdon; and bore^m for his Armes Or frette gules, with a besant on each joyn of the frette, and for his Crest an Ases head couped, issuing out of a Coronet. By his first wife he had issueⁿ Sir Will. Trussell of Cablesdon Kt. who in 20 E. 3. being in Calceign upon the Kings immediate service had a special Patent^p of protection for all his servants and goods; and in

27 E. 3. a pardon^q for beating of Will. Musard, then Lord of Wolbarington in this County, and killing one of his servants. In 30 E. 3. he attended Edward the black Prince in his French expedition; and behaved himself so valiantly in that memorable battel of Poitiers, wherein he was one of those that fought neer unto his person, that the said Prince, in consideration thereof, gave him an annuity of x^l per an. during his life, to be received out of his Exchequer at Chester; and after that another annuitie of x^l more, as by his Charters^r, the one bearing date 15 Dec. 37 E. 3. and the other 26 Aug. 40 E. 3. which the K. confirmed, doth appear: At which time the K. granted to him a Licen^sse to impark his wood at Shybride-Pales in Shropshire, and to make a Castle of his Mannour house there.

In 33 E. 3. he again attended^u Edw. Prince of Wales into France; and in 1 R. 2. was retained by Indenture^w to serve the K. in his French wars with 40 men at Armes, of which number himself with two other Knights to be part, and the rest to be Esquiers, all well and fittingly arrayed for that Voyage, wherein John of Gant D. of Lanc. commanded in chief, his Army consisting of three thousand men at Armes and 3000 Archers: for which service the said Sir Will. was to receive the accustomed wages of War. In 3 R. 2. I find him again retained^x to serve the said King as Governour of the Castle of Calais for the space of one whole year, beginning at the Feast of All Saints, with 19 men at Armes, 20 Archers, and 10 Hobelers; of which number ten men at Armes, and ten Archers were to serve on Horsback and to be well and sufficiently accounted for the war: And for this service to receive for himself ii^s per diem, for every of his men at Armes i^s per diem, for his Archers on Horsback ix^d per diem, for his Archers on foot vi^d and for his Hobelers viii^d. But before the expiration of this year he died; viz. on^y Sunday in the first week of Lent, leaving Eliz. daughter of Sir Alured Trussell (one of the retinue^z unto T. Beauchamp Earl of Warwick) by Catherine his own daughter, his next heir, not fully 8 years of age; which Eliz. was afterwards married^a to Sir Baldwin Frevill Knight, and dyed^b without any issue: unto whom Margaret daughter of Sr. Will. Trussell (second brother to Sir John before specified) was found next heir, she being then the wife of S^r Fouk Pembridge Knight. Which Margaret dying^c also issuelesse, on S^r Barnabas day 3 H. 4. left a fair inheritance to Will. Trussell son of Laurence, son of Sir Warine Trussell Knight, the third brother to the above mentioned Sir John.

As for this Mannour of Willelme it was by Fine levied^d in 6 R. 2. betwixt Sir Alured Trussell Knight Plant. ff. and the same Sir Fouk Pembridge Knight; and Margaret his wife Deforc. entailed upon the said Sir Alured and the heirs male of his body, unto whom it accordingly continued till of late time that it was sold away, as I shall shew by and by. But of this Sir Alured and his descendants I shall respite what I have to say for a while, and take a view of the other branches of this ancient family, some of which had fair estates in this County, though their principall seats were elsewhere: And of these I will first begin with S^r Will. Trussell, brother to the abovesaid S^r John. In 7 E. 3. he was constituted^e Governour of the Castle of Beaumaris in Northwales. In 8 E. 3. Shirriff^f of Anglesey, and Governour^g

q Pat. 27.
E. 3. p. 1. m.
22.

r Pat. 41.
E. 3. p.
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u Plac. a-
pud cest. 33
E. 3. m. 35.
w Ex autog.
penes Cler.
Pell.

x Ibid.

y Plac. a-
pud cest. 3
E. 4. R. 2
m. 26.

z Ex com-
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penes Wil-
Peirpoint
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a Ex vet.
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b Plac. apud
cestr. 13. E.
14. R. 2. i
d. m. 13.

c Plac. apud
cestr. 3. H. 4
in d. m. 3.

d Mens.
Pascb.

e Pat. 7. 1
3. p. 2. m. 1

f Rot. F.
E. 3. m. 5.

g Pat. 8. 1
3. p. 2. m. 3

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of the same Castle, both for life; and in 9 E. 3. Eschaetor^h for all the Counties from Trent Southwards. But I am not sure that any more of the historicall passages, wherewith I have met, do concern this Sir Will. Trussell, being rather of opinion that they belong to Sir Will. the son of Sir Edmund; and therefore have I referred them to him, of whose line I purpose to speak in the last place; and shall now come to Sir Warine and his descendants.

This Sir Warine heldⁱ **Willesley** during his life by Lease from Sir John^h his elder brother; and resided here, as it seemes; for in 15 E. 3. being then a Knight, he had License^h granted by **Wolstan** then Bishop of **Worcester**, that himself and **Maud** his wife might have divine service celebrated by a fitting Priest in a private Chapell here, so that it should be without prejudice of the mother Church; which License was to continue only for two years. To him succeeded **Laurence** his sonⁱ and heir, who by marriage^m with **Maud** daughter and heir to Sir **Thomas Charnells** of **Aylmesthorpe** in **Com. Leic.** much increast his estate, and amongst other lands of her inheritance had the Mannour of **Wilton** in this County, as in my discourse of that place is shewed. Which **Laurence** had issue by her Sir Will. Trussell Knight, who by the death of **Margaret** the wife of Sir **Foulk Pembridge** Knight, daughter of Sir Will. Trussell of **Aton-Trussell** before specified, and heirⁿ not only to her fathers estate, but also, at length to the lands of Sir John Trussell her Uncle (as hath been already shewed) became posselt of **Cubledon** and **Aton-Trussell**, with divers other Lordships lying in the Counties of **Staff.** **Salop.** **Northampton.** **Berk.** **Posff.** and **Essex**; and left issueⁿ Sir^h **Thomas**, and he another Sir Will. Sheriff^p of **Staffordshire** in 6 H. 5. but had his residence in **Leicestershire** (at^h **Aylmesthorpe**) in H. 6. time.

Which Sir Will. Trussell in 11 E. 4. being then the Kings servant in the Office of *Valet de Chambre*, had a grant of the custody of the Kings private Pallace at **Westminster** for life; But afterwards *seil.* in 14 E. 4. he was one^t of the Kts. for the body to the same K. &c. retained^t by Indenture to serve him in his French wars, for one whole year, with six spears, himself accounted for one, and Lx. Archers well and sufficiently armed and arrayed; taking for himselfⁱⁱ *per diem* wages, xii^d *per diem* for the other Spears, and for the Archers vi^d. In 15 E. 4. he bore the Office of Sheriff^u for this County and **Leicestershire**, and dyed^w 22 Jan. 20 E. 4. seized of the Mannours of **Aton-Trussell**, **Wedenhale**, **Shiriff-Hales**, and **Thriff-Haly** lying in the Counties of **Staff.** and **Salop.** **Waburne** in **Posffolk**; **Shotesbroke** in **Berk.** **Aylmesthorpe** in **Com. Leic.** **Langport**, **Eston-Mauduit**, **Perston**, and **Thorp-Malesours** in **Com. Northampton.** **Benington** and **Wenington** in **Essex**; as also of this our **Willesley** in **Warwickshire** (but how that comes to passe I doe not apprehend) leaving **Edm.** his son^x and heir, who departed^y this life 10 Junii 14 H. 7. Eliz. his daughter^z and heir being then not much above two years of age, whose wardship and marriage in 22 H. 7. was granted^b by the King to **John Vere** then Earl of **Orford**, and to **John Vere** cosyn of the said Earl; which **John** married her, and became afterwards Earl of **Orford**; in whose family most of the lands of her inheritance continued till of late time.

I now come to Sir Edmund Trussell Kt. (second son to Will. by *Ryese* the daughter and heir to Will. Pantulf of **Cubledon**) He married^c **Margaret** the daughter to **Walt. de Osewile**, and left issue Will.^d and **Edmund**^e, which **Edmund** having to do at **Spencestre** and other places in this County (as shall there be shewed) was a man of some note and action as well as his elder brother: for I find^f that he assisted **Guy de Beauchamp** E. of **Warw.** and his complices in the murder of **Piers de Gaveston**. It seems that he and his brother had committed some high misdemeanour about the 16 of E. 2. for that year did the K. by a speciall Pat. & dated at **Posff.** 20 Sept. appoint **Robert de Digby** to pursue, arrest and seize upon them. In 12 E. 3. being then a Knight,^h he founded a *Chantry* at **Wilt. Posff.** (as I have there shewed) and gave for his Armesⁱ *argent a Crose fleur gules debraissed with a bend.* . . . but whether he left any issue or not, I cannot determine. So likewise was Will. his elder brother a K^t in 12 E. 2. and then gave for his Armes^j *Argent a Crose fleur gules*: but his principall seat was at^m **Flore** in **Northamptonshire**, though he also posselt **Posff.** **Bagot**, and **Puthurst** in this County. This is the man that was employed by the Commons in that wofull convention of theirs in 20 E. 2. called by themselves a Parliament; who pronounceth the words of Deposition to that unhappy King in this manner, as **Knighton**ⁿ relates, *Ego Will. Trussell vice omnium de terra Anglia, & totius Parliamenti Procurator, tibi Edwardo reddo homagium prius tibi factum; & extunc diffido te, & privo omnipotestate Regia & dignitate, nequaquam tibi de cetero tanquam Regi pariturus.*

There are some circumstances that induce me to think, that he did repent of this strange fact, or at least that he did abhominat that cruell murder of K. E. 2. which so soon followed his said depofal; for though his lands were seized^v on as a **Rebell** by King E. 3. after the beginning of his reign; yet upon his submission in the Parl. held at **Winchester**, he was received into favour again, having had restitution of them, and pardon^w for his offence; which, as I conceive, was for adhering to **Edmund** Earl of **Bent**, brother unto the murdered King, at that time, when being made to believe K. **Edm.** the second was alive, he designed the delivery of him from imprisonment: for^x during that Parliament held at **Winchester** 1 E. 3. was the said Earl of **Bent** arrested, and lost his life for that buisnesse. It seems he was a man of great abilities; for immediately upon receipt of his pardon the King made him his Secretary,^y & sent him Embassadour^z to the King of **Arragon** to treat for a marriage betwixt **Peter** his son and heir, and **Alianore** sister to our K. **Edward**, which took not effect: After which I find him employed as a Commissioner in this County and **Leicestershire** upon sundry occasions; viz. in 6 E. 2. for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**. In 10 E. 3. for hearing and determining cases of Felony and other misdemeanours. In 11 E. 3. for declaring the Kings purposes to the Clergy and Laity upon their lending money to prevent war betwixt **England** and **France**. In 12 E. 3. for conservation of the peace in this County; as also in the Counties of **Worcester** and **Orford**. In 19 E. 3. again for conservation of the peace in this County: In which year being of the Kings Councell, as the Pat. expresseth, he had a grant^z of xliⁱⁱ *per an.* fee to be received

h Rot. F. 9
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l Plac. apud
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m Claus. 1
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n Plac. a-
nd Cest. ut
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E. 4. f. 277
Rot. F. 6
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c Plac. apud
R. apud
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d Ex autog.
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e Pat. 16 E.
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f Pat. 7 E. 2.
p. 1. m. 15. m.
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g Pat. 16 E.
2. p. 1. m. 21.
h F. 4. v. 3
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m Ex au-
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q T. Walf. p.
110. 30.

r Pat. 4
E. 3. p. 2

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w Pat. 11 E.
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x Pat. de
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m. d.

z Pat. 19 E.
3. p. 2. m. 26.

received at *Michaelmas* and *Easter* yearly out of the Exchequer, so long as he should attend that employment.

To which *Will.* succeeded *Theobald*, and to him *John*; of whom and his descendants, I shall here say no more than that he was Lord of *Solihull* in this County, about the latter end of *E. 3.* and beginning of *R. 2.* time, in right of his wife (as when I come to that place shall be manifested,) whose issue male became shortly after extinct: so that *Sir Alured Trussell* Knight (his brother) became Lord of this Mannour, it being settled upon him and the heirs of his body in *6 R. 2.* as I have already shewed; and was one of the most eminent men in *Warwickshire* of his time: for it appears that he served as one of the Knights for this shire in the several Parliaments of *1. 2.* and *4th* of *H. 4.* held at *Westminster*: as also *in 9 H. 4.* at *Gloucester*; and was Sheriff^c of this County and *Leicestershire* in *4 H. 4.* In *9 H. 4.* he was constituted^d Eschaeror for these Counties: in *6 H. 5.* one^e of the Commissioners of Array in this Shire: In *7* appointed^f with others to treat with the people for lending money to the King, and both in *K. H. 4.* and *H. 5.* time, a Justice of Peace in this County for divers^g years: but of his posterity (farther than the Genealogie before inserted expresseth) I can say little, other than that *Thomas Trussell* Esq; bore the Office of Sheriff^h for this County and *Leicestershire* in *23 H. 7.* and bequeathingⁱ his body to be buried in the Church here at *Willesley*, departed^k this life in *7 H. 8.* and that *Thomas*, the fifth in descent from him, sold this his so ancient patrimony in our time to *S^r Robert Lee* K^t son and heir to *S^r Rob. Lee* Alderman of *London*: which *S^r Robert* having so purchased it, new built a great part of the Mannour House, and made it his chief seat, being a Justice of Peace in this County a great part of *K. James* his time, and afterwards as long as he lived, and High

Shirriff in *17* of his reign.

The Church (dedicated to *All Saints*) was in *an. 1291 19 E. 1.* valued^{*} at *xi. marks*; and in *26 H. 8.* at *v^{li} vi^s viii^d* at which time the Synodals and Procurations amounted to *ii^s iii^d*.

* *M. S. in Scac.*
1 *M. S. penes S. A. eq. aur.*
f. 21. 4.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.

Incumbentes &c.

Will. Trussell.

Will. de S. Mauro Cap. *Giff. f. 112. a*
..... *1280.*

Ric. Trussell Cler. *3 Cal.* *ib. f. 297. a*
Jan. 1288.

Rog. de Coningesby Cler. *wolf. f. 12. b*
9 Junii 1339.

Joh. de Hobonere Cler. *S. Germ. f. 129. b*
1 Oct. 1349.

Henr. Coppenhald Pbr. ult. *Br. vol. 1. f. 23. a*
Julii 1357.

Alanus de Vyse Pbr. *15 S. Germ. f. 112. a*
Jan. 1361.

Thomas Ungueon Pbr. *5 wak. f. 93. Junii 1392.*

Ric. Burton Abbas de *Carp. vol. 1. f. 118. b*
Alencestre 20 Oct. 1454.

D. Will. Shirwood *23 Apr. ib. f. 154. b*
1460.

D. Rob. Mercer Pbr. *12 Gyg. vol. 1. f. 8. a*
Julii 1498.

D. Thomas Taylor Pbr. *26 Bell. f. 4. a*
Nov. 1538.

D. Thomas Daygle Cap. *Heath. f. 1. b.*
8 Julii 1546.

Thomas Clerke Cler. *27 Ib. f. 33. b*
Febr. 1560.

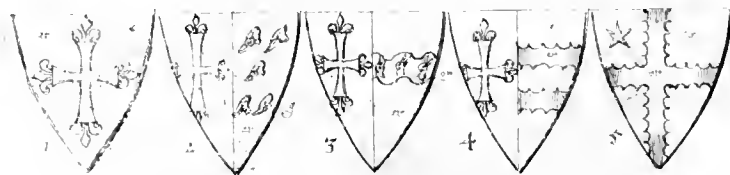
Rob. Spenser Cler. *29 Oct. Bul. f. 10. 1574.*

Ric. Wright Cler. *6 Oct. Ib. f. 100. 1619.*

Magr. Ric. Wright Cler. *1b. f. 108. 20 Oct. 1624.*

Billesley

In the East Window



1 Trussell

2 Trussell empaling

3 Trussell empaling

4 Trussell empaling

5 Trussell empaling

6 Payton

7 Payton

8 Payton

Temple-Grafton.

THIS, containing the Villages of *Ardens*, *Grafton*, and *Willesborough*, was one of those towns given^m to the Abby of *Evesham* shortly after the foundation thereof; but through the oppression of certain potent men, with divers other lands belonging to that Monastery, was takenⁿ away from the Monks long before the Norman Invasion; so that upon the Conquest by Duke *Will.* it became disposed of to some of his followers: for by the generall Survey^o shortly after made, whereby tis

certified to contain *5. hides* valued at *4^{li}* I find that *Osbernus fil. Ricardi* (of whom I shall speak in *Aston-Cantlow*) possessed it at that time, there being then a Church; and that one *Gilebert* was his Tenant thereto: as also that *Mervin*, *Scotin*, *Toti* and *Tosti* held it in *Edw.* the Confessors dayes: but in that Record it is written *Graftone* the *f* being mistaken for an *s*: for out of doubt it was originally both written and called *Graftone*, or *Graefetone*, having its appellation from bushes, which in our old English were called *Greves*. Whether the Monks of *Evesham* did ever actually enjoy it again, is hard to say, though it be plain that much of their ancient possessions was afterwards, through the prudence of some succeeding Abbots regained: but

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163.
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but certain it is that Abbot *Mauricius* (who lived in the reigns of K. *Will. Rufus* and *H. 1.*) made a grant thereof to *Raph Boteler* of *Oberley* (a great man in these parts) Howbeit, long was it not after, ere that one *Bernard de Grafton* became owner of it; for by the grant of a messuage, here, from *Henry* the son of *Rob. Parker*, unto *Geffrey Pancefot* and his heirs (scil. about K. *R. 1.* time) which messuage is said to be de feodo *Henrici Bernardi*, no lesse may be inferred.

I have not yet seen by any Record till 26 *H. 8.* that it had the name of *Temple-Grafton*; for anciently it was called *Grafton superior*, and by that name I find it in 20 *E. 3.* and that which is now called *Arden's Grafton*, *Grafton inferior*: By which name, viz. *Temple-Grafton* it might be supposed that the Knights *Templars* were sometime seized of all, or a great part of this town: howbeit I do not discern that they had any thing to do here, either by that Survey taken of their lands in an. 1185 31 *H. 2.* or in that of 1 *E. 2.* which was after the dissolution of their Order: but in truth it was the Knights *Hospitalars*, upon whome the *Templars* lands were bestowed, who were posselt of it: some whereof they had by grant from *Henry* the son to *Bernard de Grafton* before specified, as appeareth by their publique Instrument bearing date an. 1189. 1 *R. 1.* whereby they gave to *Simon de Arden* and his heirs half a hide of land lying in this place, being all or part of that which they had acquired of the said *Henry*, paying to them and their successors xii^d per an. for all services; so that at the decease of him and his heirs, the third part of the Chattells, which should happen to be upon that land, might for the health of his soul remain to their house.

But though *Henry* was son to the before specified *Bernard*, he was not his heir, as I conceive, but rather *Raph de Grafton*, of whom I find mention in 33 *H. 2.* and 7 *R. 1.* betwixt which *Raph* and *Will. Picot* a fine was levied in 1 *Joh.* of one hide of land lying in this place. Which *Raph* was dead without issue before the 6 year of K. *John*; for then did *Raph Boteler* of *Oberley* give a Fine to the K. of an C^s that he might seize those lands, which the said *Raph de Grafton* held, untill it should be determined by a legall triall, whether he had more right to them than *Henry de Beresford*. What title it was that the said *Raph Boteler* challenged I find not; but plain it is that he prevailed nor; for *Henry de Beresford* enjoyed it, having obtained the interest that *Margaret* daughter to *Will. de Grafton*, brother to the before mentioned *Raph*, had therein, excepting one hide given to *Margaret* her mother in marriage, which was of the Abbot of *Evesham's* fee; in consideration of which grant and quit claim, the same *H. de Beresford* covenanted to maintain her with all necessaries during her life, and to take care of *Will.* her son, and *Felicia* her daughter, that they should be disposed of in a convenient fashion. Upon the death of which *Henry* without issue, all that he had here descended to *Henry de Nafford*, son of his sister *Dionysia*; which in 36 *H. 3.* was certified to be held of the Earls of *Warwick* by the service of half a Kts. Fee.

Howbeit, the posterity of *Nafford* enjoy'd it not long; for it is evident that the *Hospitalars* became posselt thereof shortly after; and in 31 *H. 3.* obtained 2 messuages, 10 acres of land, and one acre of meadow from one *Thomas de Salopesbiri* and *Idonea* his wife; so that in 9 *E. 2.* they were

certified to be sole Lords of this *Grafton*, and to hold it of the Earl of *Warwick* by the service of one Knights Fee. But as all the rest of their possessions came to the Crown by that grand dissolution in 30 *H. 8.* so did this; and was shortly after purchased from the K. by *Will. Sheldon* Esq; and *John Draper*, by the name of the Mannour of *Temple-Grafton*, with the Rectory, and advowson of the Vicaridge. It should seeme that upon partition of the lands past in that Pat. to the said *W. Sheldon* and *J. Draper* (for much more in this and other Counties is thereby granted) this Mannour was allotted to *Draper*; for I find that the said *J. Draper* disposed thereof to *Rob. Draper* a younger son; and of the Rectory, with the advowson of the Vicaridge to his son *Richard*, which *Richard* departing this life 2 *Apr. 8 Eliz.* left *Anne* the wife of *Will. Kempson*, and *Isabell* the wife of *Ric. Gennens* his sisters and heirs: but of the Mannour did *Rob. Draper* dye seized 13 *Junii 5 Eliz.* leaving *Will.* his son and heir two years of age and upwards: which *Will.* married *Margaret* the daughter of *Anthony Sheldon* of *Broadway* in *Com. Wigorn.* and, having no issue by her, serled it upon *Brace Sheldon*, second son of *Will.* eldest brother to her the said *Margaret*; whose son and heir now enjoys it.

Of the Church (dedicated to *S. Andrew*) I do not find any valuation in an. 1291 (19 *E. 1.*) but upon collection of the Nones of Sheaf, Wooll and Lamb in 14 *E. 3.* it was rated at vii^l xlii^s iiii^d and in 26 *H. 8.* certified to be appropriate to the *Hospitalars*, who (it seems) found some Stipendiary to serve the Cure, unto whom there was no certain allowance assigned.

Patroni Vicarie

Incumbentes &c.

	<i>Thomas de Dunington</i> Cap. 4. Non. Maii 1321. <i>Cob. f. 24. a.</i>
	<i>Walt. de Alleste</i> Pbr. 14 <i>Maii</i> 1339. <i>Wolst. vol. 1. f. 11. a.</i>
	<i>D. Henr. de Lighthorne</i> 21 <i>Julii</i> 1340. <i>Wolst. vol. 2. f. 41. b.</i>
	<i>Joh. Miles</i> Pbr. 26 <i>Aug.</i> 1361. <i>Br. vol. 1. f. 35. a.</i>
Prior Hosp. S. Joh. Jerusalem in Anglia.	<i>Rob. Hunte</i> Pbr. 8 <i>Aug.</i> 1361. <i>ib. f. 38. a.</i>
	<i>Thomas Saunders</i> Pbr. 3 <i>Oct.</i> 1363. <i>Bar. f. 25. b.</i>
	<i>W. Will. Fowles</i> Pbr. 15 <i>Dec.</i> 1363. <i>ib. f. 39. b.</i>
	<i>D. Ric. Swift</i> Cap. 15 <i>Oct.</i> 1414. <i>Per. f. 70. a.</i>
	<i>Joh. Fysher</i> Cap. 2 <i>Julii</i> 1420. <i>Morg. vol. 2. f. 14. a.</i>
<i>D. Episc. per lapsum.</i>	<i>W. Will. Clopton</i> Art. Magr. 7 <i>Junii</i> an. 1458. <i>Carp. vol. 1. f. 145. b.</i>
<i>Jac. Rex Angl. per lapsum.</i>	<i>Edw. Lewes</i> Cler. 15 <i>Oct.</i> 1608. <i>Bul. f. 85. a.</i>
	<i>W. Will. Pace</i> Cler. 1 <i>Febr.</i> 1611. <i>ib. f. 90. b.</i>

Arden's Grafton.

This hath been anciently called *Little-Grafton*, as I shall shew by and by; yet, in the Conquerors time not distinguished by any additional name, but then certified to contain 3 hides and

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and one virgate of land, which were valued at xxx^s and posselt by *Will. fil. Corbucionis*, of whom *Leu-ric* and *Eileva* then held it, whose freehold it had been in *Edw.* the Confessor's dayes. After which; viz. in *H. 2.* time, *Raph de Grafion* enjoy'd it, as it seems; for it appears that *Margar. de Grafion*, neice and heir to the said *Raph*, sold³ 3 hides lying in this place (for they are said to be *de feodo Petri de Stodelei*) to *Will. de Arden* in th^x year of *K. John's* reign; whose posterity continuing Lords thereof, gave occasion that it was called *Arden's Grafion*: which *W. de Arden* in 52 *H. 3.* was certified¹ to hold it of the Earl of *Warwick* by the service of half a Kts. fee; to whose widow, *sc. Agatha* it was assigned¹ in dower in 4 *E. 1.* the extent thereof being thus recorded¹; viz. a Mannour House with a garden, Clx acres of land and pasture; four yard land held in Villenage, each yard land yeilding x^s per an. and the Rent of xii^d and a pound of pepper from the Freeholders. By the same extent¹ it also appeareth, that one *Alanus de Grafion* then held 1. yard land in this Village, reckoned for the 5th part of a Kts. fee, and lyable to forrein service upon occasion. But it seems that this Hamlet came to the hands of *K. Edw. 1.* and probably at that time when *Knoll* and other lands in this County were by a kind of exchange past unto him from one of *Arden's* heirs: for in 20 *E. 1.* the same King gave^w it therewith to the Monks of *Westminster* for the celebration of *Q. Alianor's* Anniversary (as in *Knoll* is manifested) to whom it continued till the general dissolution by *K. H. 8.* and was then purchased^x from the Crown by *Will. Sheldon* Esq; and *John Draper*, together with *Temple Grafion*, the possession whereof (for ought I know to the contrary) it hath ever since accompanied.

In this Village had the Monks of *Evesham* a portion of land granted¹ to them by *Wegeat* one of our reputed Earls of *Warwick* before the Norman Conquest; which was confirm'd² to them by *Ufa* his successor, about the year of Christ 964 And in 6 *E. 6.* did one *Roger Swift* die² seized of a certain capitall mcs, lying in this Hamlet, called *Allen's land*, wherunto belonged 500 acres of land, 300 acres of Meadow, 40 acres of Pasture 20 acres of wood, and 200 acres of Heath and Furs, leaving *Frances Swift*, daughter of his son *Edw.* his cosyn and heir; which *Frances* (when the Inquis. after his death was taken) was^b 8 years of age; and afterwards became the wife^c of *Edw. Kempson* Gent. second son to *Will. Kempson* of *Temple Grafion*, and had issue^a *George Kempson*.

Hillborough.

THIS having been anciently given to the Monks of *Evesham*, together with *Grafion*, as I have there observed; but wrested from them in the Saxons time, was soon after the Norman Conquest enjoyed^c by *Urso de Abetot*, and *Osbernus fil. Ricardi*, as by the generall Survey then made appeareth, wherein it is written *Hildeborde* and *Hildeberend*, that which the said *Urso* held being then certified¹ to contain 1. hide and a half, rated at xx^s, having been the Freehold of one *Ernu* in *E.* the Confessor's dayes: But the certain proportion, which *Osbernus* had, cannot be, well known, in regard it is confounded with what he held in *Bent-*

tone (now called *Binton*) all which is there rated at 3. hides and a half, and were held of him by one *Hugh* (as in *Binton* is already shewed) the Mill here being of the same antiquity, if not greater. Whether those Monks ever actually reposelt it again, I cannot affirm; but certain it is, that Abbot *Robert*, who lived² in the beginning of *K. Will. Rufus* his reign, made a grant^h thereof to one *Will. de Sevecurte*, who held it not long as it seems: for it is evident, that about the time of *K. Steph.* or *H. 2.* *Peter de Stodleg* (progenitor to the family of *Corbizon*) and *Henry de Montfort* were owners of a great part thereof; and that immediately upon the Foundation of *Wordestey* Abby, the same *Peter* gave¹ to that Monastery x acres of land lying here, it being in his grant written *Hilburgetworth*: And about the same time did the said *Henry* grant^k also to the Monks of that House, fishing in the river of *Abon*, and free passage with their boat through his floudgates here at *Hildeburweth*, but not the fishing of the said floudgates.

I am of opinion, that the greatest part that *Osbernus fil. Ricardi* had here, came as soon to the ancestors of *Hubaut*, as *Ipsey* did, where I shall more fully speak of that ancient Family: howbeit till 3 *Joh.* I have not seen any thing of them in relation to this place; but then doth it appear that *Henry Hubaut* and *Peter Corbizon* levied a Fine of lands to the use of the Monks of *Wordestey*; which portion of *Corbizons* was in 13 *Joh.* certified¹ to be held also of the Honour of *Ricards Castle* (belonging to the descendants of the same *Osbernus*) by the fourth part of a Kts. Fee: But the whole, lying here in *Hilbertworth*, held of that Honour, was half a Kts. Fee; for so it appeareth^m in 20 *H. 3.* and inⁿ 39 *H. 3.* yeilded vi s. vi d. ob. yearly Rent to the heir of *Will. de Cantilupe*, as a member of *Aston-Cantilupe* in this County, whereof the extent was then certified; which at length came wholly to the said *Henry Hubaut*: For that which *Montfort* had, he granted^o it to *Peter Corbizon* before specified, from whom all that he could lay claim to, was recovered^p by the same *H. Hubaut* upon a tryall in the King's Court at *Westminster*; so that in 20 *E. 3.* this, with *Ipsey* were joyn'd^q together and accounted for one Kts. Fee, being then held of *Hastings E.* of *Pembroke* (as heir to *Cantilupe*) by *John Hubaut* lineall heir to the before specified *Henry*: but afterwards I find^r that they were severed again, and *Ipsey* certified to be held by the whole, and this by the one half of a Kts Fee. To give instances from the authority of Record, that the descendants of the said *John Hubaut* have successively continued Lords of this Mannour, I shall not need, for as much as they are posselt of it at this day; and therefore referring my Reader to *Ipsey*, where I have inserted their Pedegree, I hasten to *Bidford*.

Bidford.

THIS was ancient demesn of the Crown, being posselt by *K. Edw.* the Confessor, and retained by *K. Will.* the Conqueror, as appears by his general Survey, wherein it is certified, that he had v. hides of land here, with 4 Mills yeilding xliii s. iii d. and 150 acres of medow: as also that the woods belonging thereto were then accounted to be 4 miles

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miles in length and one mile in breadth. In that Record it is written **Bedesford**: But besides what the King had here, it appears that the Bishop of **Batour** (sc. **Odo** half brother to the Conq.) then held two yard land and a half, with certain woods also, containing two furlongs in length and one in breadth; all which were valued at *x s.* having been the freehold of **Ernulf** and **Ernegrin** before the Norman Invasion. Of that which belong'd to the Crown, I find that **Maud** the Empreſſe (in *K. Steph. tim*) made the first diminution, by granting to the Monks of **Wordestep**, upon her foundation of that Abby, all that was of her demesne in this Mannour (*totum dominicatum Budesfordie* are the words) whereof, it seems, two of the Mills were part; for so doth the confirmation Charter of her said gift, made by **K. Ric.** the first in 1. of his reign, import; whereby he reserved a power to repossesse that demesne, whensoever he should bestow on them other lands of as good value: but I do not discern that he or his successors ever did it; for the Monks enjoy'd the same, even till the dissolution of that Monastery, as I shall further shew by and by.

As for the residue of this Mannour; *id est* the Tenancies of all sorts, it continued in the Crown till King **John's** time, the Inhabitants being at several seasons, during *K. H. 2.* reign, excoiled to give Aid to the King upon sundry occasions (whereunto his Tenants in antient demesne were then lyable) viz. in *15 H. 2.* towards the marriage of his daughter, four marks; in *19 H. 2.* upon a taxation made by the Justices Itinerant, 7 marks; in *20 H. 2.* *xlv s. viii d.* upon the like; and in *23 H. 2.* *C s.* upon another Aid assent by the then Justices Itinerant. But, upon the marriage of **Joane** daughter to **K. John**, unto **Lewelin** Prince of **Northwales** towards the later end of his reign, was it given by that King unto the said **Lewelin**; for in *17 Joh.* the Shiriff of this County had command, that **Thomas de Erdington**, and **Walt. le Pober** should survey it, and deliver the extent thereof to the Attornies of the said **Lewelin**, and to his use: And in *2 H. 2.* the *K.* directed his precept to the then Shiriff that he should make livery thereof to the same **Lewelin**; expressing that King **John** his father had so given it to him in marriage with the before specified **Joane**; the account of its value for one half year being then *lxxvi s.* Which Prince of **Wales**, being thus possesse hereof, in *4 H. 3.* obtained a grant from the King for a **Mercate** to be kept here every Tuesday, weekly; But the Tuesday being soon found to be an inconvenient day; within *xx.* days following, the Shiriff received command for proclaiming it to be held upon the Friday. After which it was not long ere the said Prince gave it away (*inter alia*) with **Helene** his daughter in Frank marriage, unto **John** surnamed **Scot**, nephew to **Ranulph** Earl of **Chester** by the said Earl's eldest sister: but upon the said **Lewelin** his breaking out in Rebellion, the King taking no notice of such his disposal thereof, caused it to be seized on; howbeit, when manifestation was made of the same grant, the Barons of the Exchequer received command that the said **John Scot** (who was then Earl of **Huntingdon**) should quietly enjoy it.

But the next possessor thereof, of whom I find any mention, was **Baldwin Wake**, in right of **Hawisia** his wife, it being of her inheritance [daughter, as I take it, to **Humfrey de Bohun jun.**

who married **Joane** one of the daughters and heirs to **Rob. de Quincy**, third son of **Saier de Quincy** Earl of **Winchester** by **Helene** the widow of **John Scot** Earl of **Chester** and **Huntingdon**; for **Humfrey de Bohun**, who was taken in the battaill of **Evesham** in *49 H. 3.* had lands here, and in **Brome** for upon the purchase of it made by **Rob. Burnell** Bishop of **Bathe** and **Wells** in *8 E. 1.* from the said **Baldwine** and **Hawise**, there is speciall warranty against the heirs of her the said **Hawise**. Which Bishop having so obtain'd it, within two years after procured a new Charter from the King for the weekly Mercate upon the Fryday bearing date at **Westm.** *24 Nov. 10 E. 1.* And another also of the same date for **Free-warren** in all his demesne lands here: and dying seized thereof left Sir **Philip Burnell** Knight (son of his brother Sir **Hugh Burnell**) his colyn and heir. Which Sir **Philip** had issue Sir **Edw.** who deceased in *9 E. 2.* without issue, leaving **Maud** his sifter and heir, first married to **John Lovell**, and afterwards to Sir **John Handlow** Knight (as by the Descent in **Brome** appeareth) Which Sir **John Handlow** and **Maud** entailed this Mannour upon the heirs male of their two bodies (wherein at that time **Aliva** the widow of Sir **Edw. Burnell** had an estate in dower) and for default of such issue to the right heirs of her the said **Maud**.

By virtue whereof, upon the death of the same **Aliva**, which hapned in *37 E. 3.* **Nich.** son of the said Sir **John Handlow** and **Maud** (which **Nich.** assumed the surname of **Burnell**) had livery thereof; and dyed in *6 R. 2.* leaving Sir **Hugh Burnell** Knight his son and heir 26 years of age, whose son Sir **Edw. Burnell** Knight, dying in his life time without any issue male, it returned to the right heirs of **Maud** the sifter and heir of Sir **Edw. Burnell** Knight before specified; viz. **Henry Lovell** Lord **Morley**, lineal heir to her the said **Maud** by Sir **John Lovell** Knight, her first husband above mentioned. Which **Henry**, being also tenant in tail (sc. to the heirs male of his body) and dying without issue, the estate therein came to **Francis Viscount Lovell**, his brothers son, and his heirs. How it came to passe I cannot tell; but certain it is, that in *H. 6.* time **Joane Beauchamp** Lady **Bergavenny** and others, had an interest in this Mannour; during which they demised it to **Thomas Harewell**, and granted the inheritance thereof in reversion, unto **Thomas** Earl of **Salisbury**, and others: all which was (I suppose) but in trust, in regard it descended to the same **Henry** Lord **Morley**, as I have shewed, and so came to the said **Francis Viscount Lovell**; upon whose attainder in Parliament, about the beginning of *H. 7.* reign, it escheated to the Crown, & therein continued till *6 H. 8.* that the King by his Letters Pat. dated *24 Martii* granted it to **Gerard Danet**, one of the Esquiers for his body, and **Mary** his wife, and to the heirs male of their two bodies: which **Gerard** and **Mary** had issue Sir **John Danet** Knight that dyed in his mothers life time; leaving **Leonard** his son and heir, 29 years of age at the death of the said **Mary** his grandmother. Which **Leonard** in *6 Eliz.* had a confirmation of his estate herein granted to him by the Queen; as also of the Friday **Mercate** every week; with the grant of two **Faires** yearly.

I come now to that Mannour, which belong'd to the Monastery of **Wordestep**. In *13 E. 1.* the Monks of that House were questioned for holding

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a Court Leet here, and clayming Assize of bread and beer therein, who pleaded Preicription for the same; whereupon the Jury certified, that one of the preceding Abbots of **Wozdley**, about an hundred years before that time, built divers houses upon this their Lordship, and placed certain Freeholders there; and that he and his successors had kept a Court Leet, and had Assize of bread and beer in this place; whereupon the Monks were permitted to enjoy those privileges. The extent of what they had here was in an. 1291 (19 E. 1.) certified^o to be v. Carucates of land, then valued at x^a a carucate, and two Mills rated at xx^s. All which, by the name of a Mannour, (together with the site of **Wozdley** Abby &c. after the surrender of that House to the K. use) was, by a special Fine levied in *Trinitie Terme* 30 H. 8. by *John Byley* Abbot of **Wozdley**, and the Covent of that Monastery passed unto the said K. his heirs and successors for ever: who, being accordingly seized thereof, by his Letters Pat.^o dated 1 Junii 37 H. 8. granted it (*inter alia*) to *Tho. Badger, Tho. Fowler* and *Rob. Dyson* and their heirs, there being at that time a certain mansion named **Widsoyd Grange**, with three Mills called the Grange Mills reputed parcell thereof, together with the Tithes of the said Grange and fishing in **Abon**, to be held by the xxth part of a Knights Fee.

It should seem that these Patentees made some partition of the lands so passed to them by K. H. 8. and that thereupon this Mannour with th^e appurtenances was allotted to the said *Thomas Badger*; for by the Inquis.^o taken after his death it appears, that by his last Will and Testament, bearing date 15 Oct. 13 Eliz. he gave the inheritance of the Grange before specified to *Thomas* his son and heir. To *Will.* his younger son and his heirs a House and Land in **Widsoyd**; and to *Ric. and Edward* his other sons and their heirs, the three water Mills, and other lands: which *Thomas*, the son of *Thomas*, dying^o seized of the said Mannour 8 Feb. 38 Eliz. left *Will.* his son and heir then 23 years of age.

In 23 H. 1. two parts of the Tithe issuing out of the Inclosures here, were given^o by *Roger* Earl of **Warwick** to the Collegiate Church of **Warwick**, then newly by him founded; in which Tithes the said Earl claimed interest, as it seems, by reason of the Church of **Salfozd**, within the Parish whereof **Widsoyd** was by him supposed to be. Whether it were really so or not, I will not stand to argue; but sure I am, that though *Bernard*, the first Prior of **Kenilworth** after the foundation of that Monastery, challenged this as a member of **Salfozd** (whereof I shall speak in its proper place) the strongest title thereto that the Canons of that House had, was the grant^o of the said King *Henry* in these words; *Ecclesiam queque de Wudisford, de meo dominio, quam Bernardus Prior dirationavit fuisse de parochia sua de Salfozd*; unto which *Simon* then Bishop of **Worcester** soon added his confirmation^o, as also *Baldwin* his successor in H. 2. time.

About the beginning of King *John*'s time there was controversie betwixt the Canons of **Kenilworth** and the Monks of **Wozdley** about the third part of the Tithes of all that the said Monks had in tillage within this their Lordship of **Wudisford**, and for all the Tithe corne of certain particular grounds there: whereupon appeal being made to the Pope (*c. Innocent* the 3.) who appointed the

Abbots of **Wingswone**, **Bristol**, and **Baintham** to hear and determine the same, it was concluded^x that the said Monks of **Wozdley** should thenceforth pay to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, in lieu of all Tithes due from them to the said Church of **Wudisford** xxxvii s. yearly within the Octaves of *S. Michael*; the said Monks further promising^o, that if at any time afterwards the Monastery of **Wozdley** should receive Tithes within the parish of **Wudisford**, that they would without contradiction pay the tenth sheaf of Corne to the Church of **Wudisford**; which Agreement was so made and ratified An. D. 1206 (8 Joh.) But it seems that the Canons of **Warwick** before mentioned, were not utterly justified out here, notwithstanding the said grant made by K. H. 1. to those of **Kenilworth**: for by the Certificate^o made in an. 1291 (19 E. 1.) upon that general taxation of the Churches, that they then received xx s. as a portion issuing out of the fruits thereof; at which time this Church was valued^o at vii marks and a half: but the absolute appropriation of it to the use of the said Canons of **Kenilworth**, was not till 9 E. 2. by *Walt. Maydenston* Bishop of **Worcester**, whose Instrument^o to that purpose bears date at **Hampton super Abon** xvi Cal. Feb. an. 1315, at which time the Vicaridge was endowed^o, the fruits thereunto assigned being then valued at xxv. marks; and the said Church expressed to be *ab antiquo, tanquam Capella ad Ecclesiam de Salfozd dependens*: In consideration of which Appropriation so made, *id est* to recompence the damage which might redound to the said Bishop and his successors thereby, the Canons of **Kenilworth** then granted^o to him in the name of *Procuracion* the summe of four marks of silver, payable every third year upon the Feast day of *S. Mich.* th^e arch *Angell*: and xx s. yearly to the Monks of **Worcester** (as the Bishop's Chapter) in the name of a *Pension*^o, to be paid at the Feast of the *Annuntiation* of the blessed Virgin.

In 14 E. 3. this Church (dedicated to *S. Laurence*) was valued^o at xi l. but in 7 H. 6. at xi li. vi s. viii d. And in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge^o at viii li. the *Synodalls* and *Procuracions* issuing out thereof then amounting to ix s. v d. ob.

Patroni Ecclesie.

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Henr. de Everdon Pbr. 2 Mayd. f. Id. Sept. 1316.
Rob. Owayn Cap. 28 Ju. wolff. f. 20 nii 1339.
Thomas atte Milne Pbr. Br. vol. f. 8 Sept. 1361. 36 b.
Joh. Smyth 8 Aug. wak. f. 20 1382.
Rob. Last 13 Junii 1b. f. 43 1386.
D. Thomas Stuch Pbr. 1b. f. 9 25 Apr. 1392.
Frater Vill. Pharenfis Tid. f. Episc. 19 Junii 1398.
D. Joh. Calne 13 Maii Pev. f. 5b 1413.
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Pul. f. 19. a	D. Thomas Carpenter Pbr. 28 Maii 1427.
ib. f. 27. a	D. Joh. Ball. Cap. 4 Sept. 1427.
ib. f. 92. a	Nich. Elyot Diac. Vlt. Julii 1431.
ib. f. 123. a	Thomas Morton Cap. Vlt. Feb. 1431.
Mort. f. 19. a	D. Will. Hanow Cap. 10 Julii. 1487.
3gg. vol. 2. 63. a	D. Ric. Seward Cap. 11 Marti 1509.
3ul. f. 4. a	Joh. Moores Cler. 7 Aug. 1571.
ib. f. 10. a	Joh. Wall Cler. 29 Julii 1574.
ib. f. 109. b	Thomas Wright Cler. in art. Bac. 7 Sept. 1625.
Pr. & C. de Kenilw.	
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King's Brome.

THIS, though now a distinct thing from *Burnell's Brome*, was not formerly so. In the year from our Saviours incarnation 711. being given^k by *Ceolred K. of Mercia* (son of *K. Ethelred*) to the Monks of *Cheesham*, it was after the Norman Conquest wrested^l from them by *Odo Bishop of Batheur* (half brother to *K. Will.*) and by the generall Survey^m certified to contain four hides, which being held of him by one *Stefan* were valued at *Lx s.* By that Recordⁿ it appears that five free men were owners of it before the said Conquest; so that considering what is already express^t, it must then be concluded that they held it of those Monks of *Cheesham*. Which *Odo* gave^o it to *Osbernus fil. Ricardi* (of whom in *Aston-Cantelup* I have spoke) who mortgaged it^p to *Egelwyn* Abbot of *Cheesham* for four markes of gold; and because he would not repay that sum, gave it for ever to that Abbot: but when the said *Odo* and *Egelwyn* were both dead, the said *Os* seized^q upon it again, and withheld both the land and money.

It seems that *Raph Boteler* (who first had *D. versley* in *H. 1.* time) got some title, soon after, therein; for upon his Foundation of the Monastery at *Alcester*, in 5 *Steph.* he gave^r the Tithes hereof thereto. What right it was that he had, 'tis certain that the same continued to him but a while; for evident it is, that in 12 *H. 2.* *Geffrey Martellen* enjoy'd it, being then amerc'd^s for some certain purprestures made here; yet was he but the Kings Tenant to it, as the Shiriff's accompt^u of 16 *H. 2.* manifests, where he answereth *C s.* to the Exchequer for the ferm thereof payd by the said *Geffrey*.

After this, viz. in 33 *H. 2.* I find^w that the then Shiriff accounted *lxviii s. viii d.* for the issues of this place, which but a little before one *Will. de Crikkelade* had held: And in 1 *R. 1.* *Cv s.* for the profits thereof, still mentioning the same *W. de Crikkelade's* possessing it: yet in 9 *R. 1.* where the Shiriff accounts for the ferm of the moitie of *Alencester*, under the title *de Escetie*, this of *Brome* is joyned therewith, and certified to have been belonging to *Henry de le Pome*: (of which *Henry*, &c. what he was, I have express^t my opinion in *Alcester*.) But hitherto I cannot distinguish

these two *Bromes*; and therefore whether that spoken of by these Records, which I have cited, do mean both of them involved together, I am not able to determine: yet after this, viz. in 23 *H. 3.* I find that *Robert* the son of *Hamon de Brome*, payd his Relief for 7 yard land in *Brome*, which doth shortly appear to be this *King's Brome*: for in 7 *E. 1.* it was certified^a that the same *Robert*, about the Feast of *S. Gregory 3 E. 1.* enfeoff^b *M^r Will. Pickerell* of one mess, four yard land and a fourth part in *King's Brome* for the xth part of a Knights Fee, and that he had formerly, viz. temp. *Regis Joh. & H. 3.* aliened three yard land to several persons named in the same Inquisition: which *Rob.* notwithstanding what he thus past away, dyed^b seized of three yard land in this place with a House thereupon, leaving *Robert* his son and heir three years of age.

But after this I find little more memorable in relation to this Village, forasmuch as sundry persons became interested in several parts thereof; *Will. le Boteler* of *Dversley* having^c one yard land and a half held by 3 Freeholders; *Walt. Pikerell*^d 1 mess. 1 carucate of land, 3 acres of meadow, and xv s. iii d. yearly rent, held of the K. in *Capite* by the tenth part of a Kts. Fee, whereof he had been enfeoff^e by *Will. Pikerell* (his uncle) before specified. Which *Walter* past^e the greatest part thereof to *Peter de Leicester*; who was certified^f to dye seized of a certain Mannour here, held of the K. in *Capite* by the tenth part of a Kts. Fee. Besides these it appears that *Ric. de Stanford* purchased other lands here; for upon his death in 14 *E. 2.* I find^g that he held one toft, with 4 yard land and a half, here, of the K. in *Capite*, by the service of a pair of Tongs to be paid yearly into the Exchequer by the hands of the Shiriff of this County; which lands came^h afterwards, by marriage of *Stanford's* heirs to the Families of *Hartwell* and *Morehall*.

Burnell's Brome.

THIS Mannour, together with *Widsozd* was purchasedⁱ in 8 *E. 1.* by *Rob. Burnell* Bishop of *Bathe* and *Wells*, of *Baldwine Wake* and *Hawise* his wife, being of her inheritance, as may seem by the warranty^k against her heirs: which Bishop obtained a Charter^l of *Free-warren*, within two years after, for himself and his heirs in all his demesne lands here and left it to Sir *Philip Burnell* his nephew to whose descendants it continued together with *Widsozd*.

'Tis very like that the *Burnells* having here a Mannour house, situate with such great advantages for pleasure and profit, sometimes made their abode here, though their principall seat was at the Castle of *Holgate* in *Shropsh.* but I do not find that any of them had employment in this County, except *S^r Hugh Burnell*, who was in Commission for the Peace here, from 1 *H. 4.* till^m he dyed. That they were men of great note appears by these instances, viz. that from 5 *E. 2.* till his death, Sir *Edw. Burnell*, was summonedⁿ to Parl. with the other Barons: so also^o *S^r Nicholas* from 24 *E. 3.* and *S^r Hugh* from 7 *R. 2.* Which *S^r Hugh* departing^q this world in 8 *H. 5.* had his sepulture^r in the Quire of the Abby at *Hales Owen* under a goodly Tombe of Alabaster built in his life time, near to *Joyce* his wife, daughter and heir to the Lord *Botetort* of *Worcester* Castle in *Worcester-shire*, whose Armes he quartered^s, though the

Robert was produced, manifesting that the Tithes, with the parochial rights of the Court (*id est* the Mannour house) did belong to the said mother-Church of **Welnesford**. In ^q 20 *H. 3.* upon collection of the Aid for marriage of the King's sister to the Rom. Emperour, it answered for one Knights Fee, being there certified under the Fees of *Hugh de Albini*, and expressed to be held of him by *Corbeth*; But in ^q 26 *H. 3.* it is recorded to be of the Earl of **Gloucester** his Fee, and then held by *Rob. Foliot*. What right it was that *Corbet* had here I know not; but it seems that he did not quietly enjoy it: for first I find that in 32 *H. 3.* *Roesia Foliot* brought an Assize of *Novell disseisin* against *Will. Corbet*, for lands here; and in ^q 45 *H. 3.* *Joan Foliot* an Assize of *Mort d'ancestor* against him for this Mannour: which *Will. Corbet* was of **Chadstep-Corbet** in **Worcestersh.**

I am of opinion that this *Joane Foliot* was daughter and heire to the before specified *Robert*, and married to *Ric. de Willamescote*; for by a pleading in 52 *H. 3.* I find that the said *Richard* and *Joan* his wife had to do here; and in ^q 4 *E. 1.* the said *Ric.* was presented for withdrawing his suit due to the Hundred Court for this Village. To which *Richard* succeeded *Henry de Willemescote*; that sold this Mannour to *John de Bloxam* in 35 *E. 1.* Who in 18 *E. 2.* past it away to *Will. de Beresford*; which *Will.* died seized of it in 20 *E. 2.* Whereupon it was (*inter alia*) assigned to *Margaret* his widow in dower. In the family of *Beresford* (whereof I shall speak in **Langley**) it continued for some descents, *S^r Baldw. de Beresford* Knight, grandchild to the before specified *Will.* having **Free-warren** granted to him in all his demesne lands here. But it seems that this *S^r Baldw.* having no issue male of his body, the reversion thereof after the decease of *Eliz.* his wife, was settled upon *Thomas* the son of *Philip St. Clere*; for upon her death in 1 *H. 6.* the said *Thomas* was found to be next heir thereto, though what relation he had to him in blood, I am not very certain: which *Thomas* in 13 *H. 6.* dyed seized of it, leaving *Eliz.* *Alianore*, and *Edith* his daughters and heirs; *Eliz.* being afterwards married to *Will. Lovell*, *Alianore* to *John Gage*, and *Edith* to *Ric. Harecourt* Esquiers. But farther as to its succession can I say no more, than that it was, about the beginning of *Q. Eliz.* time, purchased by the Lady *S. John* widow to *S^r Edw. Griffin* of **Dingley** (Attorney Generall to *Q. Eliz.*) for *S^r Ries Griffin* her son by the said *Sir Edward*: which *Sir Ries* left issue *Edward* his son and heir now owner thereof.

It should seem that a good proportion of this Hamlet was antiently belonging to the family of *Morehall* (of **Morehall** *juxta Wellesford*) for in 20 *E. 3.* *Amicia de Morehall*, with *Will. de Audley* were certified to answer for one Knights Fee here; held of *Will. Corbet*, and by him of the Honour of **Gloucester**; and so divolving to *Clopton* as the Mannour of **Morehall** did, was past therewith by *S^r Will. Clopton* Kt. to *Thomas Crewe* Esq; for life: After which, *Sir John Burgh* Kt. held it for life, as Tenant by the Curtesie of **England**, being of the inheritance of *Joane* his wife daughter and coheir to the said *Will. Clopton*: which *Joane* had likewise severall daughters and heirs (as in **Morehall** is shewed) amongst whom this with the rest of her lands were divided.

The Chapell here is very antient, having been founded by *Will. Foliot* in *H. 2.* dayes; to whom

succeeded *Robert* before mentioned. About the beginning of *K. John's* time there was one *R. Foliot* Parson here, betwixt whom and the Monks of **Welnesbury** there growing some dispute, as to the right of the Tithes arising out of the Court, or Mannour House, an Agreement was made, and confirmed by *Malgerius* then Bishop of **Worcester**, to this effect; viz. that the Monks should thenceforth receive two parts of the Tithe Corn, as they had formerly wont to do, with the moitie of the small Tithes: and that the said *R.* and his successors should have the third part, with the other moitie of the small Tithes: as also all the Tithe Hay of the Lord's demesne, together with the Tithe of such land and other goods as *Will. Foliot*, the pious Founder of the same Chapell, did charitably give thereto.

Having now past through all those places of note in this Hundred, which border upon **Abbon**; descending by the banks of that fair stream farther westwards, I find it, about two miles below **Bloxford**, increased by another pleasant River called **Arrow**, which rising near the **Lickey Hills** in **Worcestersh.** enters this Hundred at **Ipstep**, and so passing Southwards by **Alcester**, at length is united with it near **Saltford**, as the Map will shew. But touching the original occasion of its name, the antiquity of it being so great, I shall only make a guesse; which is, that it might take its first appellation by similitude, as that most famous **Armenian River Tigris** did from the swiftness of its course; for an Arrow was by the *Medes* called *Tigris*, as we find in *Strabo lib. xi Geograph.* And that the current of this is very speedy, need not to be doubted, if we consider from what a lofty ascent the water falls, wherewith by every great showre it is always augmented: Howbeit, before I speak of **Ipstep** in particular, I must not omit to take notice of **Hewell-Grange**, standing in the utmost nook of this Hundred, westwards; as also of those small Hamlets, **Tutnell** and **Coble**, situate within the Parish of **Earbick**, whereof the Chancell is in this Hundred, though the body of the Church be in **Worcestersh.**

Hewell Grange.

This being given to the Monks of **Bordesley** in **Worcestersh.** (near unto which it is situate) by *Maud* the Empreffe, upon her Foundation of that Monastery; and in 19 *E. 1.* rated together with **Lee** (called in the Record **Lega**) at 7 carucates of Land, and every carucate at 1 Mark, having then a Dovehouse valued at 100 *per an.* was with the site of the before-specified Monastery, and all that belong'd thereto, passed to the *K.* in 30 *H. 8.* by a Fine, which *John Biley* the then Abbot, with the Covent of that House levied to the use of the said *K.* his heirs and successors: and by him, together with the whole Abby, granted in exchange, within 4 years following, unto *S^r Andrew Windsor* K^t Lord *Windsor*, for the Mannour of **Stanwell** in **Com. Midd.** with its appurtenances, lying in the Counties of **Midd. Surr. Buck. Berks.** and **Southampton**. Since which time the successive Lords *Windsor* have made it one of their principal seats, and some of them had sepulture in the Chancell of **Earbick**, as their Monuments do testify, a lively representation whereof, through the tender respect of the present Lord *Windsor* to the memory of his noble ancestors, I have here exhibited, foras much as the Chancell, wherein they stand, is in this County, though the Church be in **Worcestersh.**

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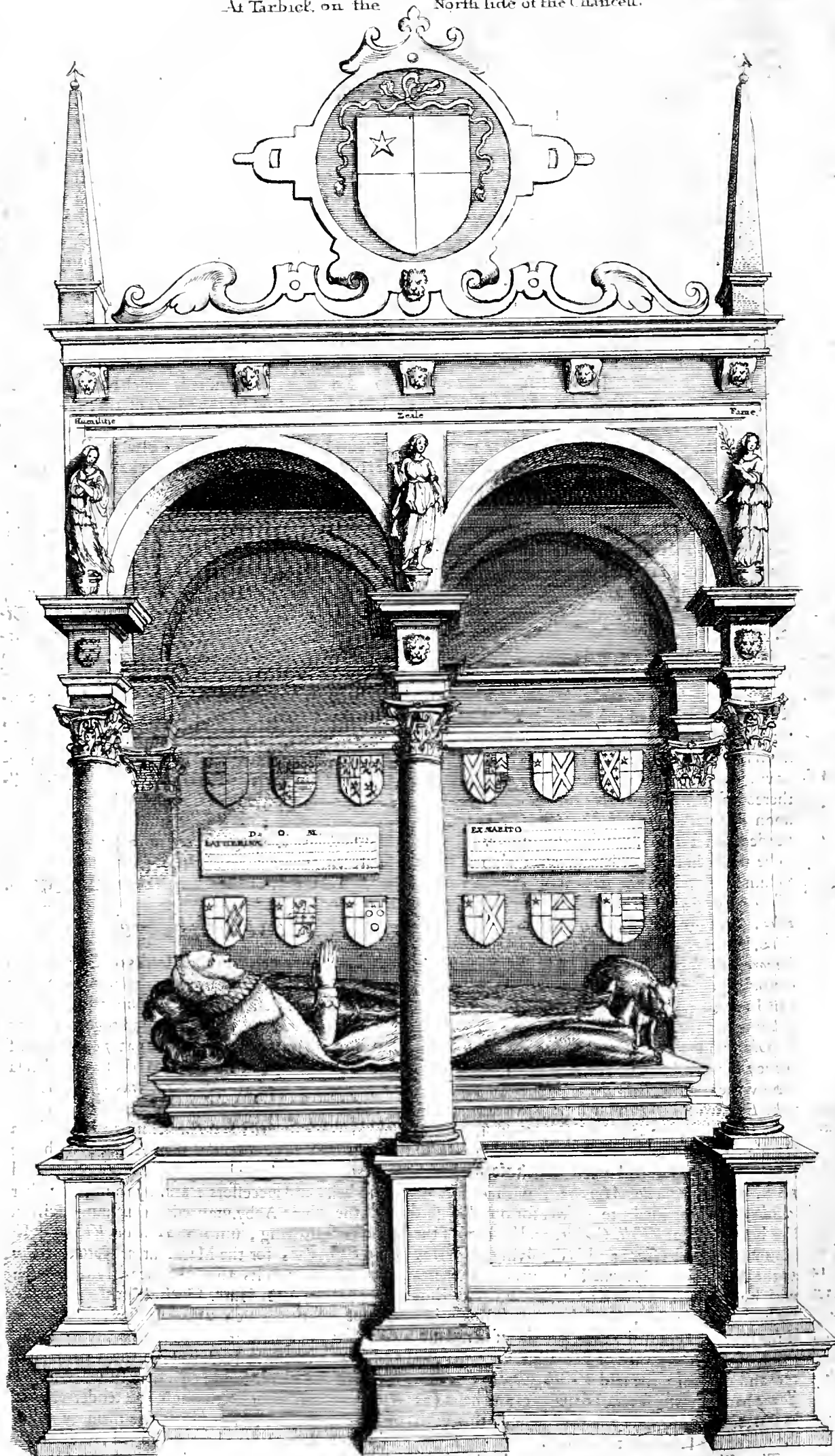
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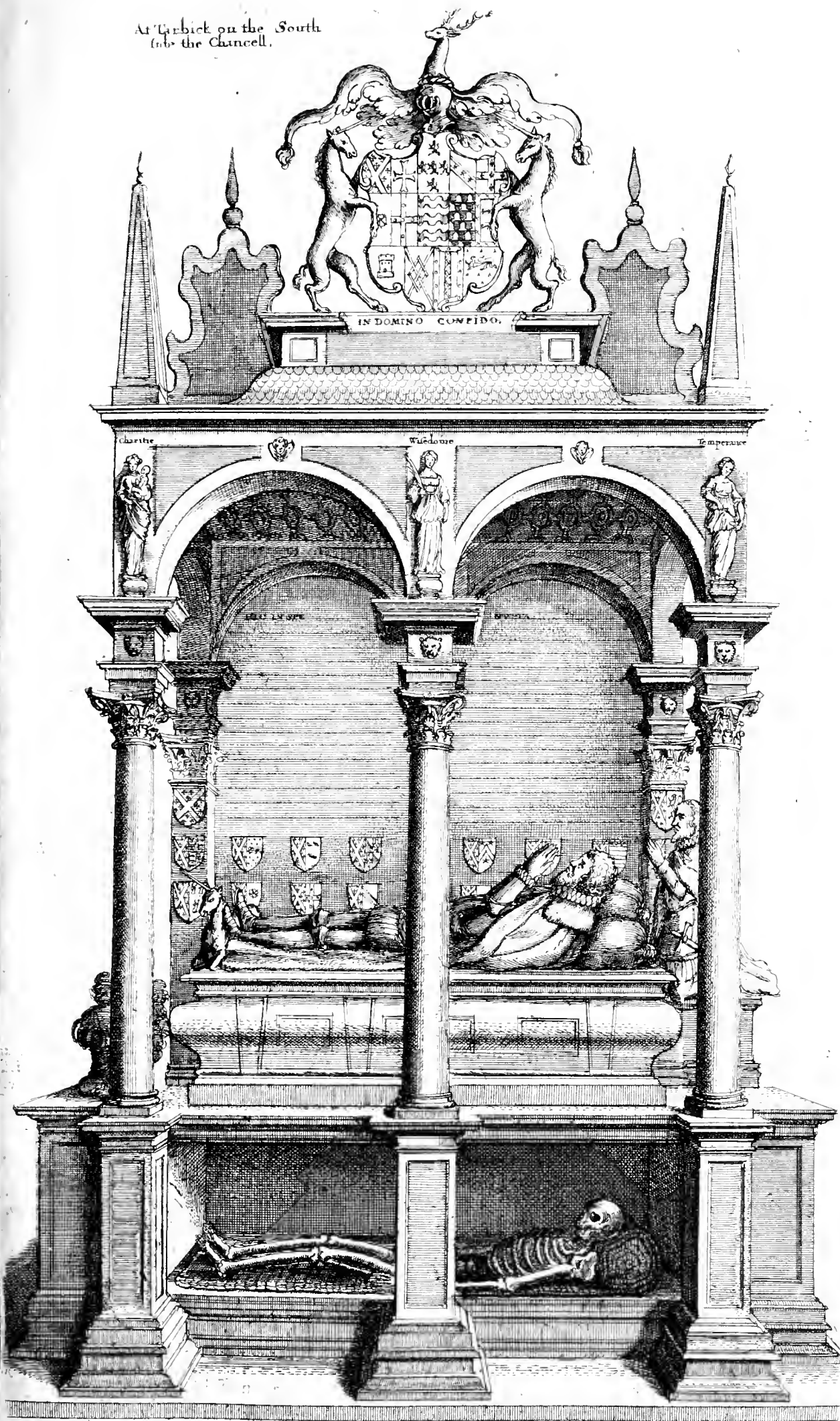
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At Tarbick, on the North side of the Chancell.



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The Epitaphs upon the preceding
Monuments.

[D. O. M.]

Katherina Oxonia filia, Westmerlandia neptis, Staffordia Buckinghamiensis abneptis, Windesoria conjugis, hinc jacent cineres; Qua ortu Vero, partu clara, clarior virtute, Edwardo charis. marito Venetiis defuncto, atate forma florens 33. vita anno, Viduam castitatem, more prisco, incapit, usq; ad sexagesimum vita ultimum sanctè tenuit; novo tunc flagrans amore, novum quasivit & sponsum in cælis Christum: Terrestris hac terra tenet partem; athercam ather.

Obiit 17 Jan. 1599.

Sed ne exemplar castitatis & pudicitia, honore merito, Posteris exemplo hinc carerent, avia sua digniss. Thomas, ex Henrico filio nepos, hoc Monumentum poni curavit.

Ex marito quatuor suscepit filios, Fredericum Dominum Windesore, qui celebs obijt, Henricum dom. Windesore à regione sepultum, qui Annam cohæredem Thoma Rivet equitis aurati uxorem duxit; Edwardum qui Elizabetham Ardington; Andream qui Annam Peccham. Quatuor item filias, quarum Maria & Elizabetha infanti atate obiere; Margareta eximio Johanni Talbot de Grafton Com. Wigorniensis armig. Catherina Roberto Audley de Berechurch Com. Essexiensis armig. nupsit.

Secundum misericordiam tuam memento mei tu propter bonitatem tuam. Psal. 24. vers. 8.

HIC IN SPE
RESURRECTIONIS
OBDORMIT.

Prænobilis Henricus Baro Windsor de Bradenham, filius Edwardi dom. Windesore, & Catherina filia Johannis de Vere Comitiss Oxon. & Dorothea Radulphi Nevill Com. Westmerlandia filia; qui Frederico fratre seniore moriente sine liberis, & paternam hereditatem & honorem adiit; titulis verò animi fortitudinem, in prosperis, in adversis patientiam adjunxit: tam acquisitione quam procreatione verè nobilis, duxit in uxorem Annam cohæredem Thoma Rivet de Chipenham in Com. Cantab. militis filiam, ex Grisilda filia domini Gulielmi Paget Baronis de Beudesfert Custodis privati Sigilli Reg. regnantibus Mariâ & Elizabethâ, ex qua & redditus satis amplios, & liberos (connubii benedictionem) suscepit bis binos masculos: ceteras quinque filias pars major eorum ante ipsos parentes, & in ipsorum cunabulis inter cælestes cohortes ascripti sunt: funebria parentum, & miseriam hujus mundi gustaturi, tres solummodo supervixere, Thomas scilicet filius & hæres; Elizabetha senior nupta Dico Hickman de Kew in Com. Sar. armigero; & Elizabetha junior consanguinea suo Andream Windesore armig. Nobilitatem suam omnibus a-

nimi & corporis dotibus adornavit: Deo devotissimum, Principi obsequentissimum, uxori amatissimum, domesticis liberalissimum & suavissimum omnibus charum semper se præbuit. In hoc agro suo Tardebigiensis, & mansione de Hewell, in ipsa camera ubi primò spiravit expiravit, magna cum Christiana alacritate & fiducia animam in manus Redemptoris placide & quietè commendavit, corpus in hac Ecclesia sepeliri curavit sexto die Aprilis inter Resurrectionis solennia, post partum virginis MDCv. invictissimi nostri Britannia monarcha Jacobi, 3. Etatis sue circiter xliii.

Hoc qualecunque Monumentum, & Epitaphium, meritis suis non satis amplum, obsequii & amoris ergo, patri verè pio, verè Catholico, Thomas maissimus filius & hæres, multis cum lacrimis scripsit & posuit.

Beati qui in Domino moriuntur.

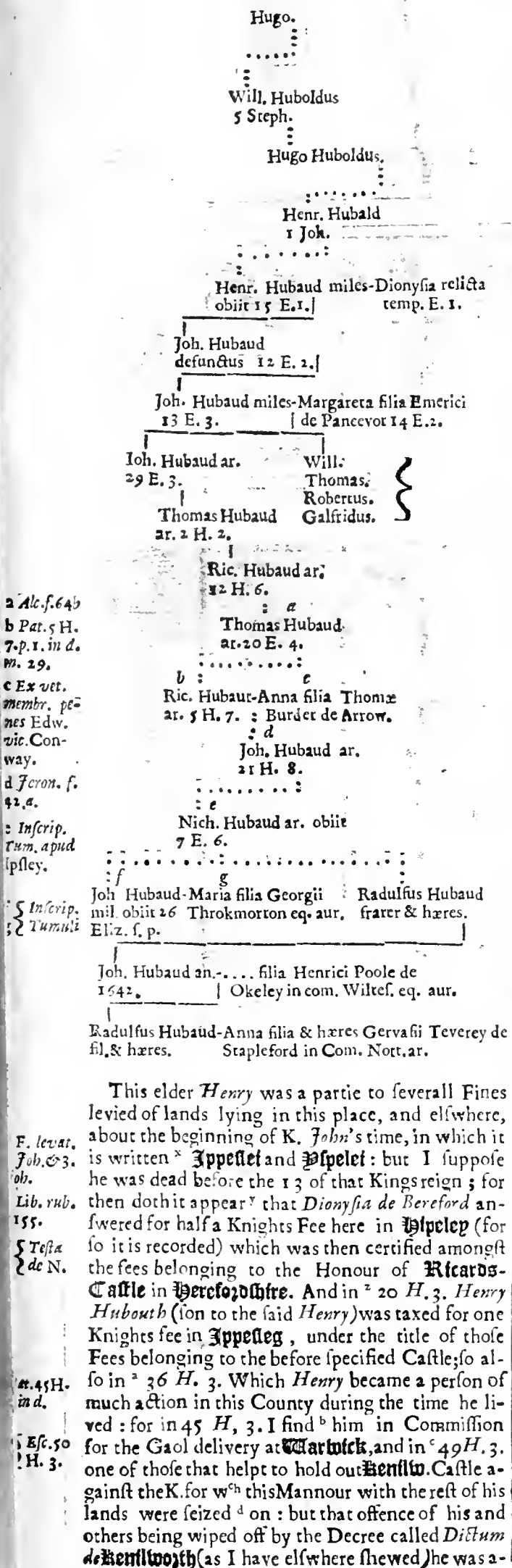
Tutnell and Cogley.

OF these two Hamlets there is very little mention in Record, other than the grant of them to the King by that Fine from the Abbot and Convent of **Wobbsley**; and their disposall, with **Hewell**, to the before specified Lord **Windsor**, as the Patent before cited imports.

Ipseley.

THIS was posselt in the Conquerors time by **Osbernus fil. Ricardi** (of whom in **Aston-Cantilupe** I shall say more) and of him then held by one **Hugh**, having at that time a Church; as also a Mill rated at xvi^d, and woods extending to one mile in length and half a mile in breadth, all which were valued at xl^s; but before the Norman Invasion it belonged to Earl **Algair** (of whom in **Cobentre** I have spoke.) I am of opinio that this **Hugh** was progenitor to that antient family of **Hubaud**, which hath continued Lords of this Mannour in a lineall succession till now: for in H. 2. time I do find one **Hugh Hubald** tenant unto **Osbernus fil. Hugonis**, grandchild to the before specified **Osbernus**, though we now do, and for a long time through corruptnesse in expresseion have pronounced it **Hubaud**, changing the **H** into **n**, as is frequent in the Northern parts, and thereupon so written it to this day. But the first that I meet with in this Countie surnamed **Hubold** is **Will. Hubold** in 5 **Steph.** whom I suppose to have been son to the first **Hugh**, and father to the said **Hugh Hubald**, for the time and other circumstances will well enough bear it. To which **Hugh** succeeded **Henry**, whom I find sometimes written **Hubald**, and sometimes **Hubant**; and to him another **Henry**, though I cannot perfectly distinguish where the first ceased; wherefore I have, upon consideration of the time, seated him for part of H. 2. **Ric. 1.** and King **John's** reign, and accordingly have framed the ensuing Pedegree.

Hugo



gain a Commissioner for the Gaol delivery at Warwicks; sc. in 53, 54, 56 H. 3. 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 E. 1. In 13 E. 1. being questioned for withdrawing his suit from the County Court, and claiming a Court Leet within this his Mannour of Wpseley; by one Inquis. it appears that he disclaimed any such challenge; yet by another^h, whereby John de Hastings was required to shew by what authority he exercised that libertie in his Mannour of Aston-Cantilupe, and extended it into this of Wpseley, it is evident, that Will. de Cantilupe the elder, together with this Henry had done it in K. Henry. 3. time, whereupon that Prescription was allowed; which Cantilupes were great men, and having an eminent seat there, coveted to get the observance of those neighbouring Inhabitants, as it seems, pretending that this Lordship was immediately held of that their Mannour of Aston, and it of Ricard's Castle, in regard that all of them were possess'd by Osbornus fil. Ricardi in the Conquerors time: For though by some Inquisitions it is said to be held of Ricard's-Castle, yet in others was it found to be held of that Mannour; and at last, viz. in 1 E. 1. whether by the potency of Cantilupe, or whether by agreement with Mortimer of Ricard's-Castle, (heir to Osbornus fil. Ricardi, as in Farnborough is shewed) I know not, was certified to be held of George de Cantilupe; and so also in 15 E. 1. of John de Hastings (heir unto Cantilupe) upon the death of the same Henry Hubaud himself, and at severall times after.

To which Henry, who was a Knight before he died, succeeded John Hubaud, within age at his Father's death; for in 12 E. 2. did Sir Eymerie Pauncefote K^t grant and sell to S^r Will. Lucie of Cherlecofe K^t the marriage of the said John, to the intent that he should take to wife Margaret the daughter of the said S^r Will. Lucie; which it seems he did accordingly, as may appear by a Fine levied in 14 E. 2. whereby two parts of this Mannour were settled upon the said S^r Emeric and Joan his wife, for the life of the said Joan (whom I suppose to have been mother to the same John) and afterwards to return unto the same John Hubaud and Margaret, and the heirs of the said John. This John Hubaud, with many other persons of quality, was in 15 E. 2. employed into Wales upon the Kings service, for which he had special Letters of Protection. In 13 E. 3. he was a K^t, and in 18. one of the Commissioners, in this County, assigned to enquire what persons were seized of Lands to the yearly value of C s. and so upwards to a thousand pounds per an. over and above reprises and to certify the same. In 19 E. 3. he had Summons to furnish himself with Horse and Armes against the Feast of S. Laurence to attend the King in his French Expedition: and was also assigned one of the Commissioners of Array in this County, as to the providing of Archers for that service: but he then went not, as it seems; for I find that within 3 months after such his Summons, the K. receiving advertisement that he was somewhat weak in body, so that he could not well undergoe that employment, as also that two of his sons were then in his service beyond Sea; viz. the one in Brittany and the other in Gascoign, he had a special exemption from that voyage.

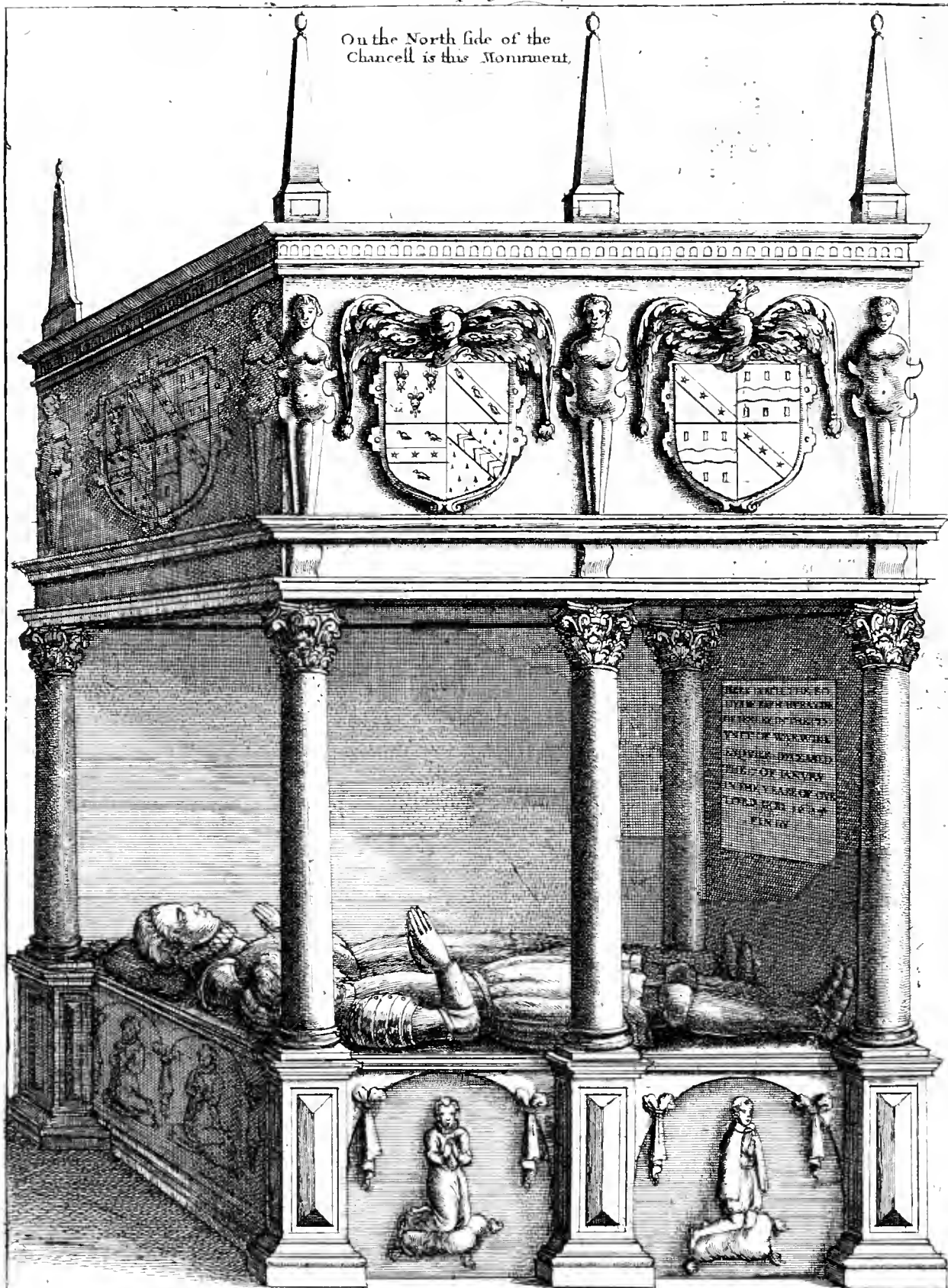
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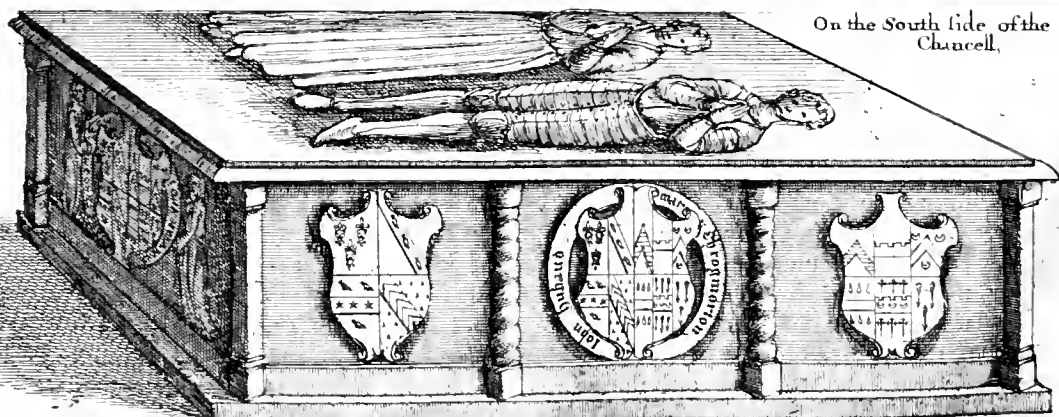
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Ipsley

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Chancell is this Monument.



On the South side of the
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Here lyeth the bodies of John Hubaude of Ipsley knight and of Mary his
wiffe the yongest daughter of George Chrosmorton knight Which John deccased the xxiiith of December in the yere of our lord god 1540
and the said Mary deccased the xxiiith day of March in the yere of our
lord 1541 upon whole soules Ihu have mercy Amen.

In 20 E. 3. he was again appointed * one of the Commissioners in this County for arraying of Clx. Archers for the Wars of France; as also assigned one of the Collectors of a xvth and xth then granted in Parliament for the Kings service, and bore ² for his Armes *Sable a Cheveron betwixt 3. Leopards heads jessant flower de luces Argent*: which coat was assumed by him or his Ancestors for their relation to *Camille* in the tenure of this Mannour, without doubt. To this Sir *John Hubaud* succeeded *John* his son and heir; of whom all that I find memorable is, that in 29 E. 3. he ² was one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held at *Westminster*: And to him *Thomas*, a Commissioner^o in 2 R. 2. for assessing and collecting of a Subsidy in this County, then granted to the King in Parliament; which *Thomas* had issue *Richard Hubaud* Esquier, who is ranked ^c amongst those persons of chief note in this Shire, that in 12 H. 6. Made Oath for observance of certain Articles concluded on in the Parliament then holden, and bore ⁴ for his Armes *the three Leopards heads without a Cheveron, with a labell of 3. points in chief*: But after him I have not seen any thing very memorable of this family, relating to their publique employments, untill Queen *Eliz.* time, that *John Hubaud* Esquier, a person highly favoured by *Robert* Earl of *Leicester*, who bore so mighty a sway in those days, was by him in 14. of the said Queens reign, *pro bono consilio, favore, & fideli amicitia multipliciter impenso & impenderao* (as are the words of his Charter^c) constituted Constable of *Kenilworth* Castle, and chief Steward of all his Mannours and lands lying in this Countie; as also in the Countiees of *Salop*, *Worcester*, and *Montgomery*; and chief Ranger of all his Forests, Parks, and Chafes within those Lordships, having the Fee of x li. per annum granted unto him during life for that service.

The Church (dedicated to *S. Peter*) was in anno 1291. (19 E. 1. valued^t at xii. marks: so also in 14⁵ E. 3. but in^h 26 H. 8. at xii li. at which time the *Procurations* and *Synodalls* were ix s. v d. ob.

Patroni Ecclesiæ. Incumbentes, &c.

vol. 2. a.	<i>Dominus Joh. Hubaud miles.</i>	<i>Joh. Geraud Cler.</i> 14. Apr. 1344.
vol. 142. a.	<i>Leonardus</i> 1348.
vol. 45. a.	<i>Thomas Hebald Dominus de Ippesley.</i>	<i>Gralanus le Wolf Cler.</i> Jan. 1386.
vol. 27. b.	<i>Ric. Hubaud ar.</i>	<i>Thomas Chaturley Cap.</i> 16. Jan. 1410.
vol. 2. b.		<i>D. Ric. Swysie Cap.</i> 5. Junii 1420.
vol. 64. b.	<i>Thomas Hubaud ar.</i>	<i>D. Will. Halford Cap.</i> 28. Martii 1480.
vol. 10. b.		<i>Magr. Hugo Livesay in jure Canon. Bac.</i> 2. Nov. 1482.
vol. 50. b.	<i>Ric. Hubaud ar.</i>	<i>D. Nich. Hubaud Cap.</i> 21. Maii 1493.
vol. 42. a.	<i>Joh. Hubaud ar.</i>	<i>Will. Hubaud Accol.</i> 19. Maii 1529.
vol. 31. a.	<i>Joh. Hubaud ar.</i>	<i>Ric. Sherwyne Pbr.</i> 20. Dec. 1558.
vol. 7. a.	<i>Joh. Hubaud miles.</i>	<i>Will. Bourne Cler.</i> 2. Dec. 1572.
vol. 4. b.	<i>Rad. Hubaud ar.</i>	<i>Clem. Lewes Cler.</i> 22. Feb. 1583.

Eliz. Angl. Regina, per lapsum. *Henr. Daniell Cler.* 13. Aug. 1588. *ib. f. 58. a.*
Rad. Hubaud ar. *Gabrael. Cliff. Cler.* 11. Martii 1588. *ib. f. 58. b.*
Anna Hubaud Vidua. *Joh. Warmstry Cler. in art.* 1b. f. 96. b. *Magr.* 26. Aug. 1615.

In the body of the Church, towards the North side, is there a raised Monument, but of a much meaner structure than either of those in the Chancell (which are represented on the last page) for it is onely of plaine stone-work with an Alabaster cover, whereon is the portraiture of a man and woman graved, and this Epitaph on the Verge;

Here lyeth the bodies of *Nicholas Hubaud* Esquier, and *Dorothe* his Wife; the which *Nicholas* deceased the second day of May in the yere of our Lord *M D llii*; and the said *Dorothe* deceased the xvith day of May in the yere of our Lord *M D llii*. Upon whose soules God have mercy Amen.

In the East window of the North Ile.

Sable 3. Leopards heads jessant flowers de lis Argent. } *Hubaud.*

Gules a Lyon rampant Argent, crowned Or. } *Hubaud.*

In the North window of the Chancell this coat.

Sable, a Cheveron betwixt three Leopards heads jessant flowers de lis Argent. } *Hubaud.*

Studley.

Descending lower on the same side of *Arroto* I come to *Studley*, within which Parish these places of note are situate; *scil. Mappleborough, Skilts, Holt and Madoxgre*. In the Conquerors time the greatest part thereof, *viz.* four hides (in which also stood the Church and a Mill) was possessed by *Will. fil. Corbucionis*, whereunto belonged a Furnace yeilding annually xix. Horse-loads of Salt, and woods extending to one mile in length, and half as much in breadth: All which were then estimated at C s. having been the freehold of *Swain* before the Norman Invasion. But the other part, which in *Edward* the Confessors days belonged to *Godric*, and at that time to *Will. Buenvasleth*, containing onely one hide besides the woods, that were three furlongs in length and two in breadth, and valued therewith at x s. was held of him by one *William*.

Of the before specified *Will. fil. Corbucion*, I find that he was a man of eminent note in this County, having^k lands in *Alminton, Kineton, Sekinton, Wiltshaw, Hadenhall, Moxingham, Weston, Coundon, Barcheston, Mappleborough, Ecclethall, & ibid.*

Grafton, Binton, Bereford, Colberton, Bear-
 ley, and here at Studley, where he or some of his
 descendants had a Castle, as by the ruines thereof
 is evident, and thereat their principall seat, though
 they had likewise fair possessions in **Berk.** and
Staffordshire: I am of opinion that this **William**
 was Shiriff of this County for some part of **William**
 the Conquerors reign; for upon that confirmation
 to the Monks of **Worcester**, of **Alveston** in this
 County, and the Mill at **Salewarp** in **Worce-**
stershire, originally given to them by **S. Wulfstan**,
 the said King directed his speciall Precept¹ unto
Henry Earl of **Warwick**, **Urso de Abetot**, and this
Will. fil. Corbucion, for their quiet enjoyment of
 those places, which **Urso** was then Shiriff of **Wor-**
cestershire, as elsewhere I have manifested. To the
 said **William** succeeded^m **Robert Corbusceon**, who
 in **H. 1.** time, upon the Dedication of the Church
 of **Ecclethale**, gaveⁿ certain **Glebe** thereto. And
 next unto him **Peter** (his brother as I guesse)
 who in some authorities is written^o **Petrus filius**
Willielmi, and in others **Petrus Corbezou**, as also
Petrus de Stodley: which **Peter** was a witness^p to
 severall Charters of **Margaret** Countesse of **War-**
wick, and^q of Earl **Roger** her son; and in **12 H. 2.**
 held^r ten Knights fees and a fourth part of **William**
 Earl of **Warwick** *de veteri feoffamento*: whence I
 conclude, that whatsoever **William** his grandfather
 did possesse in the Conquerors time, upon erection
 of **Henry de Norwiche** to the Earldom of **War-**
wick, the same was given to that Earl; and that
 he newly enfeoffed the said **Peter** thereof: but it
 seems he kept them not long; for I find that he
 passed^s them back to Earl **Waleran**, brother to the
 said **William**.

This **Peter** was a most devout man; for to the
 Monks of **Worcester** he gave^t lands in **Wilbozough**;
 To^u the Knights **Templars** the Mill here at **Stod-**
ley, and certain lands besides: And moreover was
 the pious Founder of that Monastery for **Canons**
Regular here in **Studley**, whereof together with
 its particular endowments, benefactors, and disso-
 lution I shall speak by and by. But to him succee-
 ded **Peter** his son^w & heir, who left very little here
 to his descendants: for it **2 Joh.** he sold to his Te-
 nants of this Mannour, all his wood called the
Hape, to the intent that they and their heirs
 should have Common of Pasture therein for their
 Cattell, saving onely to himself and his heirs the
 paunage and agiltment for Hogs. Besides this it
 appears^y that he gave to **Henry de Montfort**
 (Lord of **Beldefert**) a large proportion of lands,
 here, with **Emme** his daughter in Frank marriage;
 and likewise divers tenements and particular par-
 cels of ground in exchange for that which the said
Henry recovered at **Wilsburgewerthe** (now **Wil-**
bozough) in the Kings Court at **Westminster** by
 a triall at Law: And moreover to **Thurstan Mont-**
fort, son to the said **Henry**, the intire Park of
Stodley, with severall other tenements. So that,
 accounting also the homage and services of certain
 particular Tenants in this place, which together
 with the advouson and patronage of the Priory, he
 granted^z to **William de Cantilupe**, I do not find
 that he left his posterity much more than the bare
 name of the Mannour: for those of the Inhabi-
 tants here, that held of **Cantilupe**, by reason of
 the grant to him so made as aforesaid, appeared^a at
 his Court-leet for **Alton-Cantilupe**, and did par-
 take with the Tenants of that Mannour in sundry
 other priviledges.

Of the particulars which **Montfort** had here, I
 find^b this mention in **24 E. 1.** Upon the Extent
 of **John de Montfort's** lands; viz. that he had ix s.
 yearly Rent, payable from five Freeholders at the
 Feasts of **S. Michael** and the Annunciation of our
 Lady; as also a Park and a certain Meadow held
 of the Earl of **Warwick** by the fourth part of a
 Knights Fee; which Park was then in the hands
 of the said Earl, as it seems; for that very year did
 there a Commission^c issue out to certain persons to
 enquire who those were that had entred therein
 and killed his Deer. But these came at length to
William Beauchamp Lord **Bergavenny**, in such
 fort^d as the Castle of **Beldefert** and town of **Pen-**
ley did. As to what the **Templars** had here, the
 extent thereof, upon the death of **Guy de Beau-**
champ Earl of **Warwick**, was signified^e to be one
 mess, one carucate of land, ten acres of meadow,
 two Mills and xxx s. Rent; all which he had sei-
 zed into his hands, and held during his life as su-
 perior Lord of the Fee, upon the suppression of that
 Order in **4 E. 2.** But it was not long after, that
 the Knights **Hospitalars** posselt the same, with the
 rest of the **Templars** lands, as in **Balghall** shall be
 manifested. That which the heirs of **Cantilupe** had
 here, was held of them by the third part of a
 Knights Fee, **John** the son of **William de la Hay**
 to holding^f it of **John de Hastings** Lord **Berga-**
venny in **18 E. 2.** from whom it came^h to **William**
Beauchamp before specified, with much more of
Hastings lands.

And touching the Mannour, the substance of
 what else I have seenⁱ, is, that **Peter Corbison**
 in **29 E. 3.** enfeoffed the then Vicar of **Studley**
 therein, together with pasturage for a Horse called
 a Hackney, in a meadow there known by the
 name of **Castle-meadow**, to be tyed and flitted
 with an iron chain, from the Feast of the **Purifi-**
cation of our Lady untill the said meadow should
 be mowed; reserving an yearly Rent of three
 broad Arrow heads to the chief Lord of the Fee for
 all services. Which **Peter Corbison** had issue^k one
 only daughter and heir called **Felicia**, married^l to
John Barret of **Shelshull**, unto whom the said Vi-
 car of **Studley** past^m the premisses in **9 R. 2.** which
John and **Felicia** left also a daughter and heir wed-
 dedⁿ to **Atwood**, who had onely issue
 Female, one whereof became the wife^o of
Hunt in **H. 8.** time; from whom **Hunt**,
 who now possesseth the site of the before specified
 Castle, derives his descent.

The Church, being given to the **Canons** of
Studley upon the Foundation of that Monastery,
 as shall anon be shewed; and in anno **1291**, (**19 E.**
1.) valued^p at xv. marks and a half, was very an-
 tiently appropriated to the Priory here; and in
26 H. 8. the Vicaridge rated^q at viii li. not in
 Tithes, but a meer stipend^r payable by the **Canons**
 to the Incumbent for the time being,

Patroni Vicarie

Incumbentes, &c.

Prior & Conv. de Stodleg.	Adam de Hemburi Pbr	Giff. f. 30.
	4. Id. Julii 1290.	a.
	Adam de Stodley Pbr.	12. Ib. f. 37.
	Cal. Julii 1293.	a.
	Nich. de la Sale Pbr.	3. Id. Mem. f. 1.
	Dec. 1338.	a.
	Joh. de Walton Pbr.	3. Dec. woff. 20.
	1345.	f. 93. b.
	Rob. de Ordelescote	4. Ju- Br. vol.
	lii 1354.	11. a.

Henr.

I Pat. 10 E.
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Regist.
de Re-
nibm.
p. 85.

o Ib. p. 18.

p Ib. p. 19.

q Ib. p. 18.

r Lib. rub. f.
104. a.

f Ex autog.
in Offic. Ar-
morum.

t Cart. 51
H. 3. per
Inspex.
u MS. in
Offic. Arm.
[L. 17.] f.
148. a.

w Witlesey
f. 12. a.

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z Witlesey
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c Pat. 24
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d Esc. 13
4. n. 2.

e Esc. 12
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h Esc. 14
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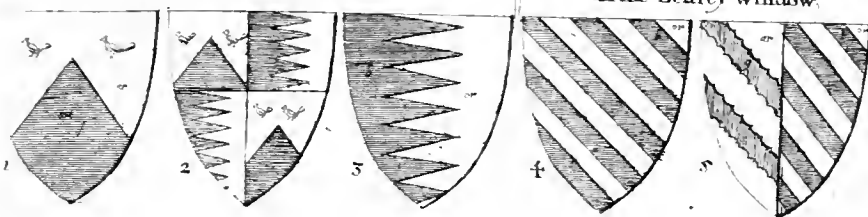
r Ib. f. 17.

Barf. 23. b. D. Episcopus.	Henr. de Geydon Pbr. 14. Dec. 1362.	Prior & Conv. de Stodleg.	D. Milo Sheghe Cap. 2. Ju- nii 1461.
Wit. f. 6. a.	Thomas Newman Pbr. 6. Martii 1364.		D. Thomas Dawes Cap. 13. Aug. 1479.
Wak. f. 10. a. Prior & Conventus de Stodleg.	Petrus Dycones Pbr. 13. Jan. 1375.	D. Episcopus.	Magr. Rob. Knowles S. Lat. f. 2. a. Theol. Dr. 6. Aug. 1536.
Pev. f. 67. a.	D. Joh. Lister alias Tiyhill Pbr. 16. Aug. 1414.	Edm. Knightley miles.	D. Ric. Kylmar 14. Sept. 1541.
Bourch. f. 37. a.	Joh. Campion Pbr. 23. Dec. 1437.	Joh. Knotsford de m- jori Malvern unus	D. Joh. Coxetur Pbr. 23. Sept. 1546.
ib. f. 51. b.	Rob. Ekinton Pbr. 14. Nov. 1438.	servien. D. Regis ad Arma, & Janae ju- conjux una hared.	Rob. Dowse Cler. 21. Mar- tii 1550.
Carp. vol. 1. f. 145. b.	D. Joh. Morton Canon. 26. Apr. 1458.	Edm. Knightley mil.	
			Heath. f. 11. b. ib. f. 15. b.

In the east window of the South Ile.

Studley

In the Belfrey window.



- 1 Middlemore
- 2 Middlemore quartering Edgbaston
- 3 Edgbaston
- 4 Mountfort
- 5 Atwoodempaling Mountfort

Pat. 7 H.
p. 2. m.
2.

In this Church there hath been a Chantry founded in 7 H. 4. by Thomas Middlemore of Edgbaston, for a certain Priest to sing Masse daily at the Altar of the blessed Virgin, on the South part of the same Church, for the good estate of him the said Thomas during this life, and the health of his soul after his departure hence: as also for the souls of his Father and mother, and all the faithfull deceased. Which Chantry was endowed with Lxxx. acres of land, x. acres of meadow, and xliii s. iv d. yearly Rent lying in Studley above mentioned: the revenues whereof in 26 H. 8. were rated at iv li. xliii s. iv d. which sum in 37 H. 8. was yearly received by the Priest belonging thereto, at the hands of M^r Robert Middlemore, notwithstanding he did not duly attend here, but sung in other places at his pleasure.

Efc. 7 H.
n. 18.

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nd. S. A.
3. b.

The Priory of Studley.

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n. 3. per
14 p.

This was first founded in King Stephen's time, by Peter Corbicon (otherwise called Peter de Stodleg, in regard of his residence here) for Canons Regular of S. Augustin's Order, at a place called Wiltun near Wiche in Worcester-shire; and by him endowed with the Churches of the same Wiltun, as also of Stodley, Coston (now Cough-ton in this County) Salperton in Gloucester-shire, and all other Churches of his Patronage, after the death of the Incumbents that had been presented thereto by him the said Peter or his father; and likewise with half the town of Wiltun before specified, three Houses in Worcester, and two Furnaces of Salt at Wiche, and the Tithes of all the rest of his Salt there: And moreover with half the Tithes of all his demesne lands in Tikenapetre in Com Wigorn, the whole proportion of his efforts there, with a Meadow, and the oblations called Chirset of that village; and likewise of C. acres of his demesne lands in Salperton before specified; of the Chapelry of his own House; and all thereto be-

longing, with the freedom from Toll, Tak and many other exactions. Which Canons rested not long at Wiltun, but were translated hither; with an assignation unto them of the Churches above-specified, and an addition of the Church of Anedeburne with the Chapell of Doymetun in Gloucester-shire, and the Chapelry of his own House there: as also the grant of divers particular lands; viz. one yard land in Stodley situate on the bank of the river Arrow, with two curtilages thereunto belonging (which I take to be it whereupon the Monastery was built:) all his lands lying below the high way leading from Wozdley to the bounds of Ip-ley; a Meadow called Brunham; a grove of Alders lying betwixt Stretford and Wastford; a Mill that Edwin Brochard held; lands which had been belonging to one Aschetill, with the wood adjoining; the land of Eluric the Clothier, and the wood situate betwixt Alan's land and that of Roger de la Haye, with certain other lands which appertained to Robert Meriam. And over and above all this, he gave them CC. acres of his demesne lands lying in Salperton before specified; scilicet C. acres in the East field, and C. acres in the West: Confirming likewise his former grant of the said three Houses in Worcester; half the Tithes of Tikenapetre, with the efforts, Meadow, and Chirchset before mentioned; as also the Tithes of his Salt at Wiche, with the two Furnaces there.

But as the greatnesse of this family much diminished in the time of Peter Corbicon son and heir to Peter the Founder, so did also the glory of this Monastery: for it appears, that at such time as the Patronage thereof was granted by the said Peter unto William de Cantilupe and his heirs, the revenues of it were so wasted by ill guidance and government, that there were no more than three Canons then left therein: Neverthelesse, by the pious care and munificence of him and his posterity, it soon came to flourish again: For besides the grant of those his possessions in Shottwell (in this County) which he had acquired from Eustace de

Witlesey
f. 12. a.

Cart. 1
E. 3. ut
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d Witlesey
ut *supra*.

de Mortem and John Wandard, with a House and Curtilage, he vouchsafed unto them the privilege, that ^d whensoever their House should happen to be vacant by the death of their Prior, they should as freely proceed to a new election of another, as any Collegiate Church in such cases used to do; first only craving the Licence of him the said William and his heirs; and after the election so made, then humbly desiring his or their assent thereunto. And moreover, that whereas by Custome in some Monasteries of England, the custody during the vacancy appertained to the Patron; he notwithstanding granted unto them, for him and his heirs, that whensoever any such vacancy should happen, the Sub-Prior and Celerer for the time being, should in the name of him the said William and his heirs, have the custody thereof, so that both or one of them did first repair unto him or his heirs to receive the administration thereof at his or their hands; but that the Bishop nor any other should have ought to do therewith. All which concessions and immunities were ratified by William Witlesey Bishop of Worcester, as his publique Instrument dated here a *Stodley* upon the day of S. Sylvester the Pope Anno 1364. (38 E. 3.) doth testify.

To which William de Cantilupe succeeded Will. his son and heir, who followed the steps of his devout father in bounty to these Canons, as appears by ^e his grant of lands to them, lying in Aston-Cantilupe, to the value of x li. per annum, for the support and maintenance of a certain Hospitall erected by his father neer the Gate of this Monastery, where impotent people might have relief and entertainment. Which William likewise bestowed upon ^f them xx s. yearly Rent, issuing out of certain lands in *Snarkeston* (in Com. Leic.) held of him by *Raph de Charnells*, with pasturage for eight Oxen, two Kine, and one Horse in his own demesne Pasture of *Buchme* and the *Rene*: granting them also power to hold a Court for their own Tenants as freely as ever he himself used to do. And further added ^g the Church of *Hemeston* in *Debonshire* of his patronage; as also all those efforts, with their appurtenances, lying within his Park at *Shelthall*, as they are bounded with the High-way leading from *Spernoze* towards *Aston*; together with the perpetuall patronage of the Church at *Aston*, as also certain lands situate in the Village of *Trente*. And lastly obtained a Charter ^h from King H. 3. dated at *Westminster* 22. Dec. 26 H. 3. whereby he granted to them, that their woods lying within the Forest of *Jfekenham* might be free to themselves, and no Officer of the Kings belonging to the Forest, to intermedle therein, nor presse upon them for hospitality or entertainment without their own good liking.

From other Benefactors they had as followeth; viz. in *Perdeley* (Com. Wigorn.) 33. acres of land given by William Cumin, antiently Lord of that Mannour: as also a certain proportion there and in *Oze*, conferred on them by William de *Edricheston*. In *Ippeley* some quantity by Thomas le Barbour; In *Aldestwelle* by Peter de *Afferugge*; In *Wilton* by John le Koter. A place called the Vineyard, here in *Stodley*, by Peter de *Montfort*. All those lands in *Wike*, within the precincts of *Coughton*, by Constance the daughter to William a Parke (sometime wife of Sir Simon de *Colton* Knight) in her widowhood; which lands she had in frank marriage of her father's gift: and certain lands in *Batton*, given by John de *Stodley* and Ro-

bert de *Freynuse*. All which are confirmed, with divers privileges, as the Charters¹ of King H. 2. H. 3. and *Edw.* 3. do manifest: as also by a Bull of ^m Pope Gregory the ix. bearing date 7. Kal. Martii Anno 1228. (12 H. 3.) whereby likewise they had a speciall immunity from payment of Tithes for any of their lands which they did or should hold in their own occupation. Nor may I omit to take notice that the Lady *Eva de Cantilupe*, widow to the last William, gave ⁿ unto them lands lying within her Mannour of *Lodestwell* in *Debonshire* of C s. per annum value, with the homage and services of sundry Freeholders there; as also an yearly Rent of xx s. per annum, issuing out of the said Mannour, payable at the Feasts of S. Michael, and th' Annunciation of our Lady by equall portions.

But notwithstanding that grant of the Church of *Aston-Cantilupe*, so made by the said William de Cantilupe as aforesaid, some advantage was afterwards taken to the legality thereof; inasmuch as Queen *Eliane*, who had the wardship of John de *Hastings* (one of the heirs to George de Cantilupe) in 4 E. 1. recovered ^o the Advowson thereof in his right: Howbeit in the end, the said Canons obtained it by an exchange, ^p for certain lands lying within the precincts of *Aston-Cantilupe*, which they past to the said John de *Hastings*, about the 24. of E. 1. in lieu thereof. And yet I do not perceive that they enjoy'd it long; for plain it is by what I have elsewhere shewed, that the Canons of *Marstoke*, in this County, had it even till the dissolution of that Monastery.

And being thus inriched with such fair and ample possessions, as by what hath been said appeareth, they began to rebuild their Church, as may seem from the Dedication ^q thereof by John de *Mone-muth* Bishop of *Landaff*, then Suffragan to *Renaud Bryan* Bishop of *Worcester* 3. Non. Junii anno 1308. (1 E. 2.) But after the male line of Cantilupe was so extinguishd as aforesaid, the Patronage of this Monastery, upon partition ^r betwixt the Coheirs, reverted to William la Zouche of *Haringworth*, unto whom one of them was wedded. Which William in 20 E. 3. became also a Benefactor thereto, giving ^s one mess. 4. acres of land, with 51 s. rent lying in *Stodley* and *Mertone* within this County. From which time till the dissolution thereof I find nothing else given thereto, other than the free Chapell ^t of S. Mary Magdalen at *Sponne* neer *Cobentre*, with the lands thereto belonging, by King *Edw.* 4. in 14. of his reign, to pray for the good estate of him and his Queen, as also of *Edward* Prince of *Wales* his eldest son, and for their souls after their departure out of this world, together with the soul of *Richard* Duke of *York* his late father, and all his Ancestors.

Upon the Survey taken in 26 H. 8. the yearly revenue belonging to this Religious House, over and above all Reprizes, was certified ^u to be Cxxv. l. iv s. viii d. ob. Amongst which deductions I find ^w xlvi s. viii d. yearly Rent payable to the Parson of *Strentham* in Com. Wigorn. to be distributed in Almes, and to defray the charges of the Obit annually kept there, for the Lady *Elizabeth Russell* one of the Benefactors to this Monastery. For the Obit of John Bassett, another of the said Benefactors, yearly vi s. viii d. For the Obit of William de Cantilupe xiv s. viii d. To be distributed in Almes to poor people yearly within the Parish of

Ibid.
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of *Studley*, by the appointment of *Peter Corbicon* the Founder vii s. viii d. To poor people every *Maunday Thursday* by direction of the said Founder v s. vii d. And to poor people upon every *Good Friday* by the same appointment v s. So that the totall value thereof being certified under CC li. per annum it was rank't amongst the lesser Houses, and suppressed by Act of Parliament in 27. H. 8. *John Yardley* the then Prior having an annuity * of xv li. per annum assigned unto him by Patent in 28 H. 8. for his life.

After which it continued not long in the Crown: for in 30 H. 8. Sir *Edmund Knightley* Sergeant at Law had a grant of the site thereof, together with the Mannour of *Studley* thereto belonging, and some other lands, to hold in *Capite* by the tenth part of a Knights fee, paying viii li. xi s. ii d. yearly into the Exchequer in the name of a Tenth. Which Sir *Edmund* departing this life ff 2. Sept. 34 H. 8. left the five daughters of his brother *Richard Knightley* of *Upton in Com. Northampton* Esquier, his cousins and heirs^b; viz. *Joane* the wife of *John Knotsford* Sergeant at Armes, *Anne* married to *George Throkmortan* Esquire, *Mary* to *Barth Hussey*; with *Susan* and *Frances* then unmarried. Betwixt whom it came to be divided, as by the distinct parts which these sisters had therein doth appear^c. Whereof the site of the Monastery fell to *Knotsford*, being posselt by his descendants at this day.

Piores de Studley.

Fromundus, temp. Regis Steph.
Rogerus, temp. H. 3.
Frater Joh. le Souche 10 Julii 1338.
Joh. de Gorcote.
Joh. de Evesham Canon. 9. Jan. 1371.
Rob. Wynby Canon. 27. Sept. 1431.
Thomas Bedull temp. H. 6.
D. Ric. Wode Canon. 8. Martii 1454.
Joh. Yardly 26 H. 8.

Eleli per Conventum.

Mapleborough.

This (with the greatest part of *Studley*) being posselt^d by *Will. fil. Corbucionis* in the Conquerors time, and of him held by one *Goisfridus*, did then contain onely one hide besides the woods, of one furlong in length and as much in breadth, all valued at xv s. having been the inheritance of one *Leviet* before the Norman Invasion. But after this I do not find that it retained the name of a Village; for the next notice that I have taken thereof, is in 19 R. 2. where mention is made of it as a part of *Stodley*, *Thomas Midlemore* of *Cogboston* being them certified^e to hold two mess. 400. acres of land, 60. acres of Meadow, and xxviii s. Rent of Assize therein. Which lands in 10 H. 6. were found^f to be in the possession of *John Midlemore* of *Cogboston* (before specified) Esquier, and held by the fourth part of a Knights fee, being in the Record called the Mannour of *Stodley*, and to this day enjoyed by his posterity, lying contiguous

to that large piece of wast called *Mapleborough-green*, which is the only place that now retaineth any thing of that antient name, but was heretofore called the *Hap-wood* as may seem by the endorsement^g upon that deed of *Peter* the son of *Will. Corbucion* of *Studley* to the Freeholders there, in 13 E. 2. confirming the grant of *Peter* his Ancestor, made in 2 *Joh.* for Common of Pasture in that place, as in *Studley* I have observed.

g Ex vet. exempl. penes . . . Hunt de Studley.

Skilts.

This was antiently a Grange belonging to the Priory of *Studley* and written *Skyllis-grange*; but the first mention I have found thereof is in a Perition^h to the Bishop of *Worcester* temp. H. 6. by *Thomas Atwode*, right heir of blood (as he there stiles himself) to *Peter Corbicon* the Founder of that Religious House; wherein he complains against *Thomas Bedull* the then Prior, for keeping a Paramour here; viz. *Joane*, wife to one *John Greene*, by the connivence of her husband; to which *Joane* he sundry times resorted in secular apparell, allowing her Wheate, Malt, Wooll, and other things whereby the Monastery was much impoverished.

It seems that upon Partition betwixt the heirs female of *Knightley*, to whom th said Priory of *Stodley* came after its dissolution, as I have there observed, it fell to *James Dufflyd* in right of *Frances* his wife, one of those coheirs; for in 3 E. 6. did *William East* and others, purchaseⁱ it of the said *James*, together with a fift part of the Mannour of *Stodley*; and in 2 *Eliz.* sold^k it to *Will. Sheldon* Esquier, by the name of two messuages 600. acres of land, 60. acres of Meadow, 600. acres of Pasture, 120. acres of Wood, and 100. acres of Heath and Furrs; all which he imparkt for Deer, and the on South side thereof built a very beautifull House of brick, whereof his posterity (of whom I have spoke in *Welfton* juxta *Chiriton*) are posselt at this day.

i F. levat. Trin 3 E. 6.
k Pat. 2. Eliz p. 9.

Holt.

This being that which belong'd to the Knights *Templars*, and after to the *Hospitalars* (here in *Studley*) was in 34 H. 8. part^l out of the Crown to Sir *Edmund Knightley* Knight, but I find it not called by the name of *Holt*, till 4 E. 6. and then was it certified^m that *Henry Rish-ton* Esquire dyed seized thereof 14. Junii 3 E. 6. by the name of the Mannour or Capitall mess. called *Holt*, with the appurtenances in *Stodelegh*; and 2. mess. 300. acres of land, 50. acres of Meadow, 200. acres of Pasture, and 60. acres of Wood, and underwood to the same belonging, leaving *John Rish-ton* his son and heir then 18. years of age. From which *John* in 2. & 3. Ph. & M. it wasⁿ conveyed to *Raph Rish-ton* gent. who the next ensuing year part^o it to Sir *John Southworth* Knight.

l Pat. 34 H. 8. p. 1.

m Esc. 4 E. 6.

n F. levat. T. Hill. 2 & 3. Ph. & M.
o F. levat. T. Mich. 3 & 4. Ph. & M.

Padongre.

Padongre.

THis was originally a member of that part of **Stodley**, which belong'd to **Corbicon**, and came afterwards to **Cantilupe**: for in 6 E. 2. I find it certified, ^p that *Ric. fil. Ricardi* held the sixteenth part of a Knights Fee here, of *John de Hastings* then deceased, which was valued at *xiii s. iv d.* but little else have I further seen thereof than what tends to the same effect.

Coughton.

Following the stream of **Arrow** I come next to **Coughton**, which, containing within its Parish the Hamlets of **Samburne** and **Witke**, was in the Conq^s. time possess'd by *Turchill de Warwick*, of whom one *William* then held it; and by the generall Survey, wherein it is written **Cotune**, certified ^q to contain three hides of land, having a Mill valued at *xxxii d.* as also one House in **Warwick** yeilding *viii d. per annum*, at which time the Meadows here were estimated at ten acres, and the Woods at six furlongs in length, and four in breadth, wherein there was feeding for 50. Hogs: all which being valued at *L s.* had been the freehold of *Untonius* in *Edward the Confessors* days.

That this was part of those lands belonging to the said *Turchill*, and which were disposed of to *Henry de Neuburgh*, the first Earl of **Warwick** after the Conquest, I am induced to believe from consideration of the tenure; forasmuch as it appeareth by sundry authorities to have been held of the succeeding Earls, as I shall have occasion to give instance by and by. From which Earl I suppose *Peter de Stodley* (sometimes written *Peter Corbicon*) had it: for it appears ^r that upon his Foundation of the Priory at **Stodley** (in H. 1. or King *Stephen's* time) he gave the Church to that House: but it was not long after, ere that a certain family, who assumed their surname from hence, were possessors of it: Of which, *Ranulph de Coton* is the first that I meet with: who held ^f also a Knights Fee elsewhere of the Monks of **Evesham** in 12 H. 2. This *Ranulph* had issue ^t *Simon de Coton*, who towards the latter end of King *John's* reign was in that Rebellion with the Barons, and of the retinue to ^u *Walter de Beauchamp*, for which his lands were seized; but upon his return to obedience he had restitution ^w of them again. Which *Simon* gave to ^x the Canons of **Alcester**, in this County, a certain place in his Woods here at **Coton**, whereupon to erect a House for Hogs; as also one load of Wood for every week in the year.

To him succeeded another *Simon*, who in 5 H. 3. confirmed ^z to the Canons of **Stodley** their right in the advowson of this Church at **Coton**: which *Simon* was a Knight ^a; but having no issue male left his two daughters his heirs, *Cecilie* ^b married to *John de la Mare*, and *Joan* ^c to *William de Spinetto*: whereby, it seems, that this Lordship came by partition to *Spine*; for I find that *Roger de Spine* son ^d to the said *William* and *Joan*, past ^e away the inheritance of it to *Godfrey Giffard* Bishop of **Worcester** in 17 E. 1. by the name of one mess. and three Carucates of land, but the Bishop kept

it not long; for by his Deed ^e bearing date at **Winton** on the Feast day of *S. Luke* the Evangelist ^f 375. b.

21 E. 1. he granted and quit claymed all his right therein, by the name of the Mannour of **Coton**, unto *William* son of *William Spine* and his heirs, which *William*, I suppose to have been a younger brother to the same *Roger*. By what right it was, that *Simon* son to *Rob. de Bruylli* came to have an interest here, I cannot directly tell; yet out of doubt it is that some title he had; and if I may guesse thereat (for authority I have none) I should imagine, that he was descended from *Cecilie* the other coheir of *Simon de Coton* before spoken of: but leaving this to further scrutinie, I proceed to what is apparent; viz. that the same *Simon* in 36 H. 3. held ^g half a Knights Fee in this place of the Earl of **Warwick**; and that about the 20 E. 1. he made a grant ^h of this Mannour unto *William de Luda* Bishop of **Elp**: Howbeit I find that within a short time after (for the Deed bears date at **Thorp Watervill** in **Northamptonshire** the Wednesday next after the Feast of the Nativy of the blessed Virgin 26 E. 1.) Sir *William Tuchet* Knight ⁱ released to the before specified *William Spine* and his heirs all his right in this Mannour, which formerly belonged to the above mentioned *Simon de Bruly*.

To this *William Spine* (the second) succeeded another *William*, who in 9 E. 2. was certified ^j to hold the half Knights Fee in this place, before mentioned, of *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, and departed ^k this life in 10 E. 2. leaving *William* his son ^l and heir: which *William* had divers notable employments in this County for a great part of *Edward 3.* reign. In 19. he was one of ^m the Commissioners appointed about the arraying of Archers for the French Wars. In 20, 22, 23, and 26 E. 3. for levying and collecting the Fifteenths and Tenths then ⁿ granted to the King in the Parliaments of those years. In ^o 29, 31, and 33. E. 3. for conservation of the Peace, and taking care that the Statute of Labourers should be duly put in execution; and bore ^p for his Armes *Sable a Chevron Argent betwixt 3. Crescents Or.* Which *William* left issue *Guy de la Spine*, who being a Knight ^q in 11 R. 2. served as one of the Kcs for this Shire in these severall Parliaments of that King's time; viz. in that of 11. R. 2. held at **Westminster**; in 12. at **Cambridge**; in ^r 14. and 15. at **Westminster**. In which 15. year he was constituted ^s one of the Commissioners in this County for arraying of men; in 21. *Eschaetor* ^t for this County and **Leicestershire**, being at that time of the Earl of **Warwick's** retinue; and in 22 R. 2. Receiver ^u generall unto *Thomas Holland* D. of **Surrey** (who then had the Earldom of **Warwick** in his hands, as I have elsewhere shewed.)

In 1 H. 4. upon that great change, notwithstanding the relation that he had to the Duke of **Surrey**, he was made *Eschaetor* ^v for **Warwick** and **Leicestershires**: So also the ^w same year, and in ^x 4 H. 4. a Commissioner for arraying of men in this County; and left issue two daughters, his heirs; viz. ^y *Alice* wedded unto *William Tracy* of **Wobington** in **Gloucestershire** Esquire, and *Alianore* to *John* the son of *Thomas Throkmorton* Esquire, by which marriage this Lordship of **Coughton** coming to the line of *Throkmorton*, hath continued therein to this day.

Will.

f Testa de Nevill:

Ex autog. penes Rob. Throk mort.

i Claus. 9 E. 2. m. 13.

k Claus. 10 E. 2. m. 9.

l Ex autog. penes eund. R. T.

m Rot. Franc. 19 E. 3. m. 27.

n Rot. F. d. n. d. an.

o Pat. de n. d. an. in d.

p Ex autog. penes eund. R. T.

q Claus. 11 R. 2. in d. m. 4.

r Claus. 12 R. 2. in d. m. 14.

t Claus. 14 R. 2. in d. m. 30.

u Claus. 15 R. 2. in d. m. 26.

w Pat. 15 R. 2. p. 2. in d. m. 6.

x Rot. F. 2 R. 2. m. 33.

y Ex comp. Ball. warw. Com. penes W. Peirpoint ar.

z Ex comp. E. c. penes S. A. eq. aur.

a Rot. F. 1 H. 4. m. ult.

b Pat. 1 H. 4. p. 1. in d. m. 36.

c Pat. 4 H. 4. p. 2. in d. m. 9.

d Ex autog. penes prefat. R. T. Bar.

Kings of **England**, of *Katherine* late Queen of **England**, and for the soul of *John Throkemorton* before specified, *Thomas* his father and *Anne* his mother, with their Ancestors, and all the faithfull deceased.

Which King also, in consideration of the good service performed by the said *John Throkemorton* deceased, to himself, and to *Henry* the fourth and fift, his father and grandfather, late Kings of **England**, in the Office of *Chamberlain of the Exchequer*, gave^a further license to them the said *Thomas* and *Alianore*, that they or either of them, or the heirs of the longer liver of them might found a *Chantry* of one Priest to sing divine service every day during the world at the Altar of the B. Virgin in the Parish-Church of **Fladbury** before specified, for the good estate of him the said King, and of all those above mentioned, and to endow the same with lands to the value of x li. per annum. Till the time of the said *Thomas Throkemorton* it seemes that this family was not wholly posselt of **Coughton**; but then did *John Tracy*, son and heir of *Alice* the other daughter and coheir of Sir *Guy Spize*, by his Deed^b, bearing date 29. *May* 27 H. 6. grant unto him the said *Thomas* and his heirs that moitye thereof by inheritance belonging to him. Of which *Thomas*, all that I have seen further memorable is, that in^c 5 E. 4. he underwent the Office of Shiriff for this County and **Leicester-shire**; and that he departed^d this life in 12 E. 4. leaving *Robert* his son and heir xxi. years of age, whom I find a Justice of Peace in this County from 2 R. 3. till towards his death, as by the renewing^e of those Comissions at severall times appeareth.

In 2 H. 7. this *Robert* made^f the Park here at **Coughton**, inclosing^g therewith a certain Common ground called **Wike-wood**; whereunto he afterwards added^h **Samburn-beath**, and **Spiney's-Leps**, lying within the said Lordship of **Samburne**: and the same year was a Commander inⁱ the Kings Army at the battail of **Stoke**. In^k 5. 6, 15, 17, 21, and 23 H. 7. he was in Commission for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**. In^l 6 H. 7. for arraying of men, against the preparation made by *Charles* the eight King of **France** then threatening **England** with an Invasion. In 10 H. 7. he received summons^m, with divers other persons of quality to appear before the King in person upon the Feast day of *All Saints* the same year, to receive the Order of Knighthood, upon advancement of *Henry* the Kings second son to the Dukedome of **Borke**, and creating him Knight of the Bath; in honour whereof these were to be made Knights of that Order: yet do not I find by any Commission, that he had the title of Knight attributed to him tillⁿ 17 H. 7. That he was a man of singular piety, the sundry bequests contained in his Testament^o do sufficiently manifest; and of no lesse devotion, as may seem by his Pilgrimage to the *Holy Land*, which in 10 H. 8. (having seeld his estate) he undertook; but dyed^p beyond Sea in that journey. By which Testament, bearing date on the Feast day of *S. Philip and Jacob*; anno 15 18. (10 H. 8.) he bequeathed his body to be buried in the Parish Church here at **Coughton**, under the Tombe in the midst of the Church, in case he should dye within this Realm; appointing that not above vi li. xiii s. iv d. should be spent at his said buriall and Months mind, and that to be given to Priests celebrating thereat; nor any entertain-

ment in meat and drink for other, than such Priests and Clerks, with poor people that lived by Almes.

And further directed, that forthwith after his buriall there should be said for his soul in the Monasteries of **Studley** and **Cheetham** xxx. Masses of *Jesu*, every Priest saying such Masse to have iv d. for his labour. And moreover willed, that the East window of the Chancell at **Coughton** should be glazed at the charge of his Executors, with the story of the *Dome*; as also that xx s. should be given to the glazing of the East window of the North Ile there, with the representation of the *seven Sacraments*; and as much for the East window of the South Ile, that to be of the *seven works of Mercy*. He also willed that the Image of our Lady should be set on the North side, at the end of the Altar in the said South Ile: and the Image of the Angell *Gabrael* on the same side of the Ile, at the pillar between the Ile and the Chancell, with a Roll in his hand of greeting, looking towards our Lady: And at the South end of the said Altar, the Image of *S. Raphael* painted and gilded: And that in the North Ile, at the North end of the Altar, the Image of the *Trinity* to be placed, and at the South end the Image of *S. Michael*; all which Images to be richly painted and gilded.

And besides this, he further willed, that certain lands, to the then value of xvi li. per annum, purchased by him of sundry persons there named, should be put into the hands of Feoffees, to the use of a Priest to sing perpetually in the North Ile of **Coughton** Church, for his soul and the souls of his Ancestors; and that thenceforth the said Ile should be called the *Trinity Chapell*, and the Priest the *Trinity Priest*; which Priest also to teach a Grammar School freely for all his Tenants Children, and to have yearly thereof viii li. and his Chamber; but the residue of the said xvi li. to be payd monthly to five poor men dwelling in the Almshouse here in **Coughton**; viz. every one vii d. a week and his Hout-room for ever; the residue viz. viii s. viii d. to go to the reparation of the Almshouse. And that the said Priest should every Sunday say a Masse of the *Trinity*, Wednesday Masse of *Requiem*, and Friday Masse of *Jesu*, in case he were disposed; and once in the week *Drige* for his soul and all Christen souls, except the dayes before rehearsed fell upon double Festivalls. Which poor men, so to be placed in the said Almshouse, to be chosen out of those that had been his Tenants, or serving men at the discretion of his son and heir, and heirs successively. Advertising his son and heir, that if he should to amortize this land for those uses, it would be a meritorious deed, and for which he should have Gods blessing and his; and adjuring that none should break this his Will under pain of the Churches Curse. Whereunto, when he was upon his Pilgrimage to the *Holy Land* (as I have said) he added, that *Anthony* his son should have his best ambling Horse to offer at *S. Thomas* Hospitall in **Rome** for a Mortuary, his son *Michael* his next best Horse: and that his goods, which he had sent before to **Florence**, should be divided betwixt the said *Anthony* and *Michael*. Which Will was dated 10. Aug. anno 15 18. and proved 9. Nov. anno 15 20.

To this Sir *Robert* succeeded *George* his son and heir, who being a Knight^q in 17 H. 8. was one of those that attended^r in Court at that solemn Coronation of Queen *Anne* in 25 H. 8. and in 18. and

b Ex autog.
penes praefat. R.
Throkemorton B.

c Rot. F. 5.
H. 5. m. 7.
d Esc. 12 E.
4. n. 33.

e Pat. de
iisd. an. in
dorso.

f Inq. super
depop. 9 H.
8.

g Inq. super
depop. 3
E. 6.

i Polyd.
Virg. hist.
Angl. p.
573. n. 40.

k Pat. de
iisd. an.
in d.

l Pat. 6 H.
7. in d. m.
5.

m Claus. 10
H. 7.

n Pat 17
H. 7. p. 2. in
d. m. 4.

o Manwaring. q. 2.

p Let. Itin.
vol. 4. f.
167.

q Ex Reg
Gilde de
Knoll penes
S. A.
eq. aux. f.
194. a.

r M S in
Offic. Arm.
[M. 7.] f.
35 H. 75. b.

Rot. P. de 35 H. 8. executed the office of Shiriff for this
ifd. an. County and **Leicestershire**. This Sir *George* built
that stately Castle-like Gatehouse of free-stone,
here at **Coughton**, intending (as it should seem) to
have made the rest of his House suitable thereto:
and having erected a fair Monument for himself,
and the Lady *Catherine* his wife standing towards
the North-side of the Chancell, as I shall shew
by and by, bequeathing his body to be buried
under the same, departed this life in 1. *Maria*,
as may seem by the Probate of his Testament,
leaving issue a fair offspring. Of which I find that
Robert the eldest was Shiriff of this County and
Leicestershire in 1. *M.* being then a Knight.
That *Clement* the third son, was of **Waseley** in this
County (of whom and his descendants I have there
spoke.) That *Nicholas*, the fourth, was a Knight,
and in 1. *Eliz.* employed as Ambassador to *Francis*
the second King of **France**, and *Mary* Queen
of Scots his consort, to expostulate the matter with
them for assuming the Armes of **England** in their
quarterings: and afterwards *scil.* in anno 1567. 9
Eliz. into **Scotland**; at which time the said
Queen was most barbarously kept in prison by
her rebellious subjects, where and when they ex-
orted a resignation of the Regall power from her,
unto which he having perswaded her to subscribe,
signified to Queen *Eliz.* that it was of no validity,

forasmuch as she had been constrained thereto by
the terror of a bale imprisonment.

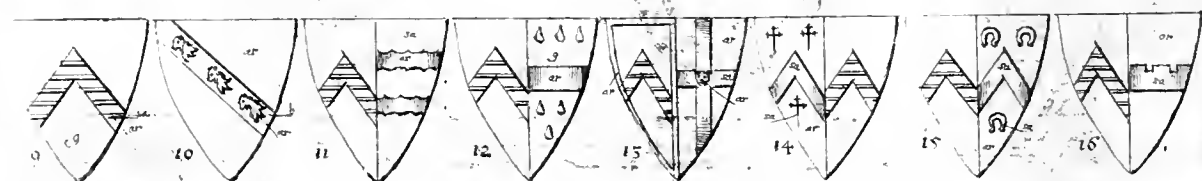
His other negotiations I shall not stand to par-
ticularize, referring my Reader to M^r *Cambden's*
Annals of Queen *Eliz.* reign, Anno *scil.* 1570. 2 lb.p.193.
where he speaks of his death; and unto *Stow's*
Survey of **London** for his Epitaph on a fair Mo-
nument of Alabaster, wherein his statue in armour
is cut, situate on the south side of the Chancell in
St Catherine Creechchurch near **Algate**, within that
City. But touching the other sons of the said Sir
George I find not much memorable, except it be
of Sir *John* his seventh son, Knighted by Queen
Eliz. in the first year of her reign, whose Epitaph
upon his Monument in the Chancell here at
Coughton doth sufficiently declare his eminency
and worth. Which Sir *John* had issue *Francis*, at-
tainted in 26 *Eliz.* for Treason layd to his charge,
as having conspired, God knows what, in behalf of
the Queen of Scots. To the before specified Sir *Rob-
ert* (eldest son of Sir *George*) succeeded *Thomas*,
and to him *John*; and to him Sir *Robert Throk-
morton* Baronet, erected to that dignity by Letters
Patent bearing date at **Pottingham** 1. Sept. 19.
Caroli; and to him Sir *Francis* now living: whose
severall marriages the Pedegree before inserted
sheweth.

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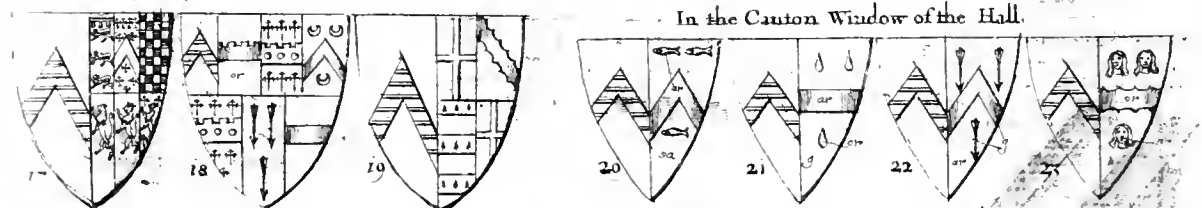
* MS. in
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[M. 18.]

b Annal.
Eliz. per
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Coughton
Armes in the parlour windows.

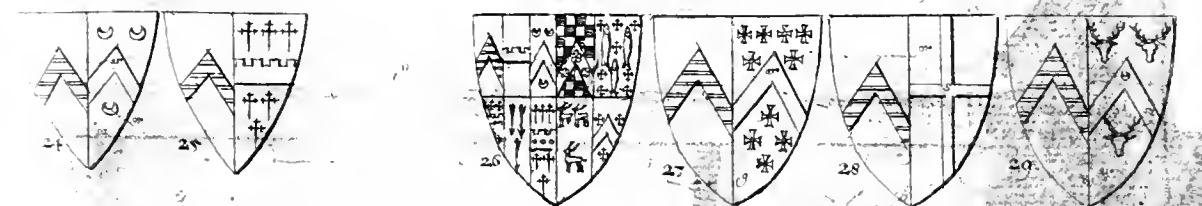


In the Canton Window of the Hall.



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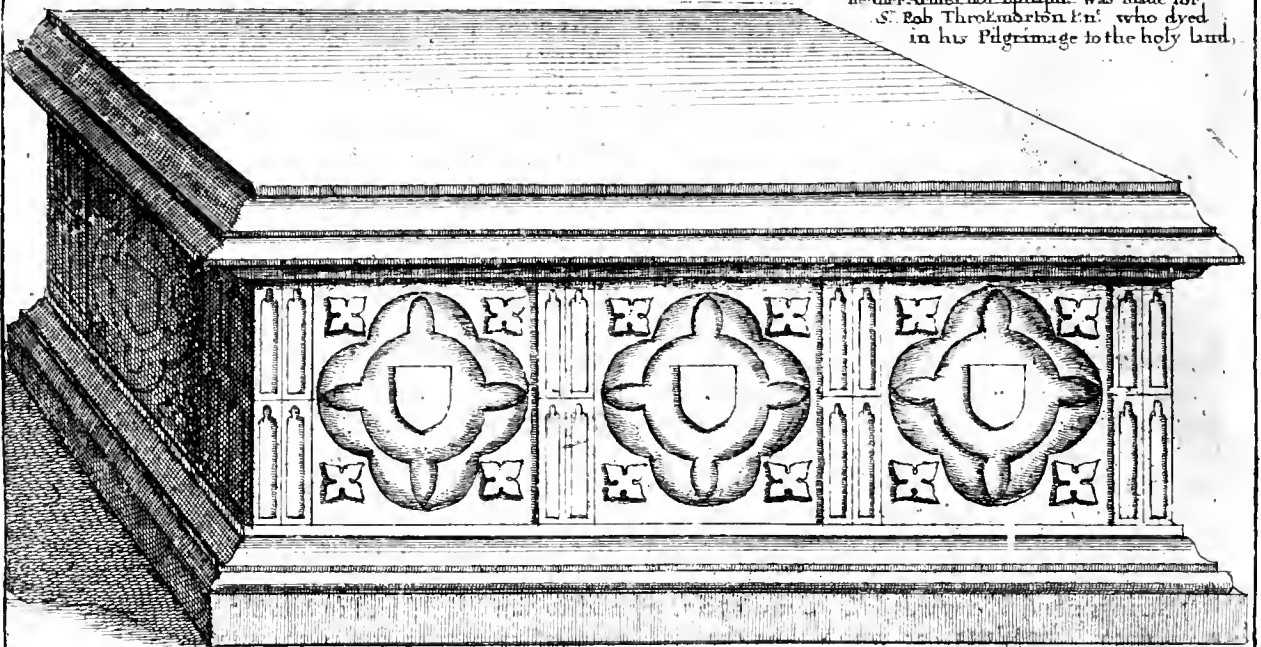
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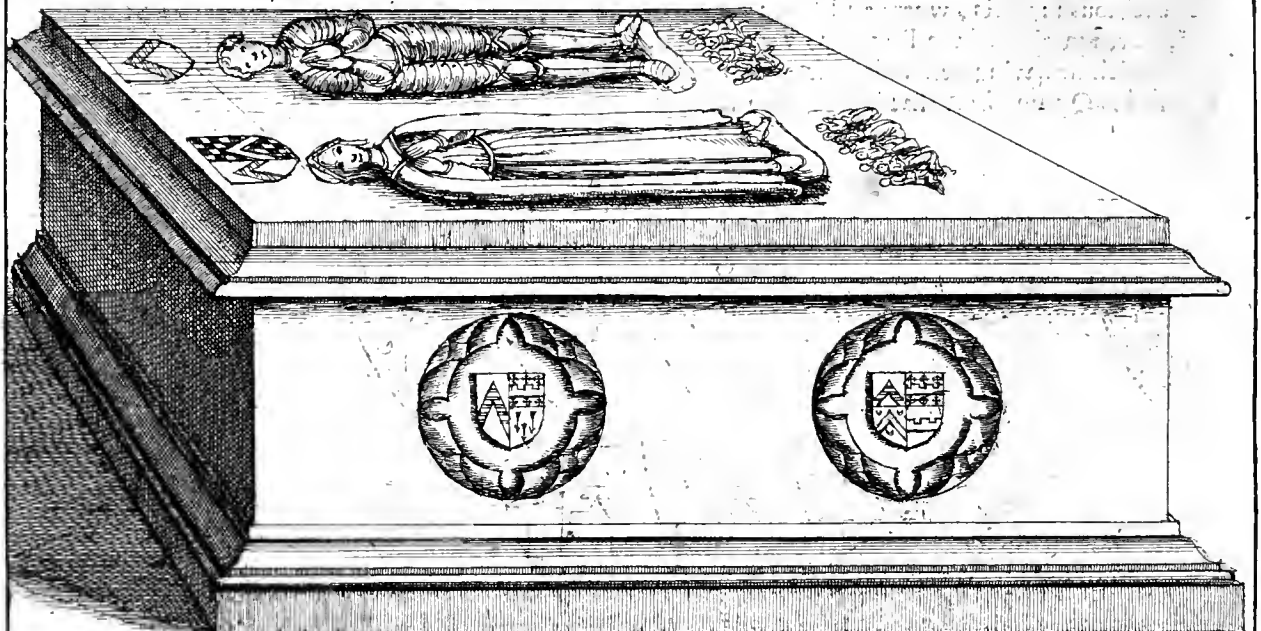
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13 Throgmorton empaling Bruges
14 Davenport empaling Throgmorton
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17 Throgmorton empaling Berkley
with quarterings
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19 Throgmorton empaling Hulse
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23 Throgmorton empaling Marrow
24 Throgmorton empaling Spiny
25 Throgmorton empaling Olney
26 Throgmorton w quarterings empaling Vaux w
27 Throgmorton empaling Berkley
28 Throgmorton empaling Hulse
29 Throgmorton empaling Wharwood</p> |
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The Church (dedicated to **S. Peter**) was given phen's time by *Petrus fil. Corbucionis*; Founder of
to the Canons of **Stowley** in H. 1. or King Ste- that Monastery, (as hath been already intimated)

This fine monument of gray marble standing
in y^e middl of the Church, whereon there is
neither Armes nor Epitaph, was made for
S^r Rob Throckmorton K^t who dyed
in his Pilgrimage to the holy land.

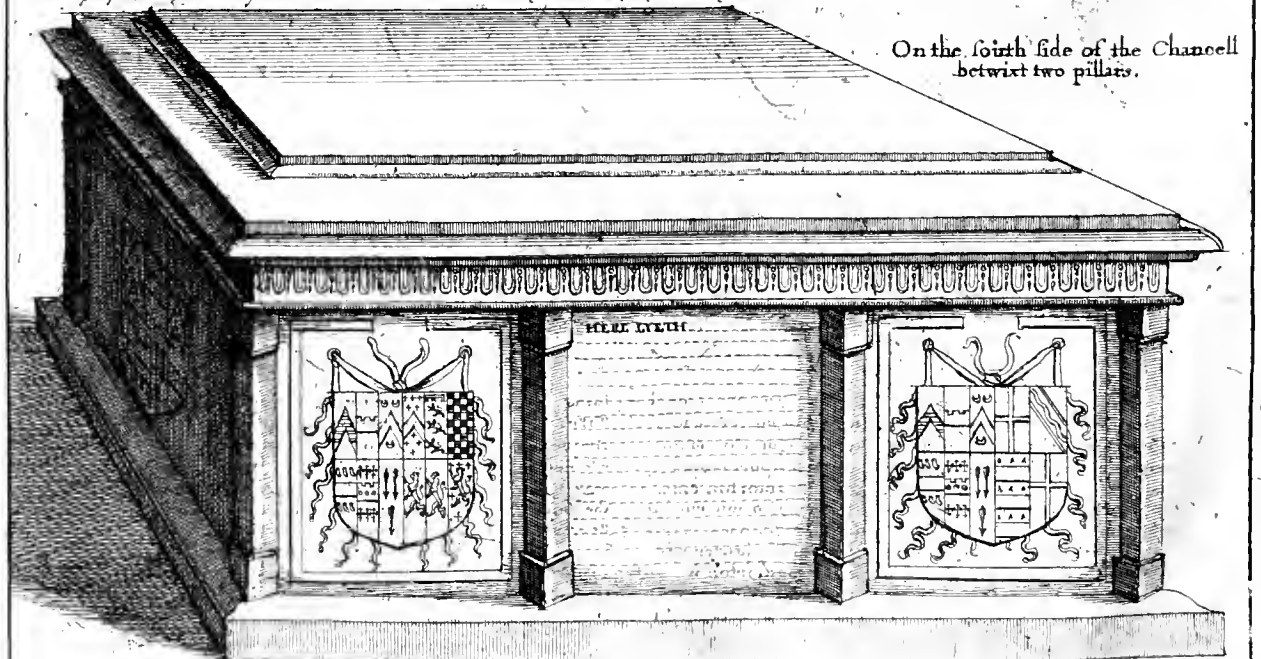


Between two pillars on the North side of the Chancell.



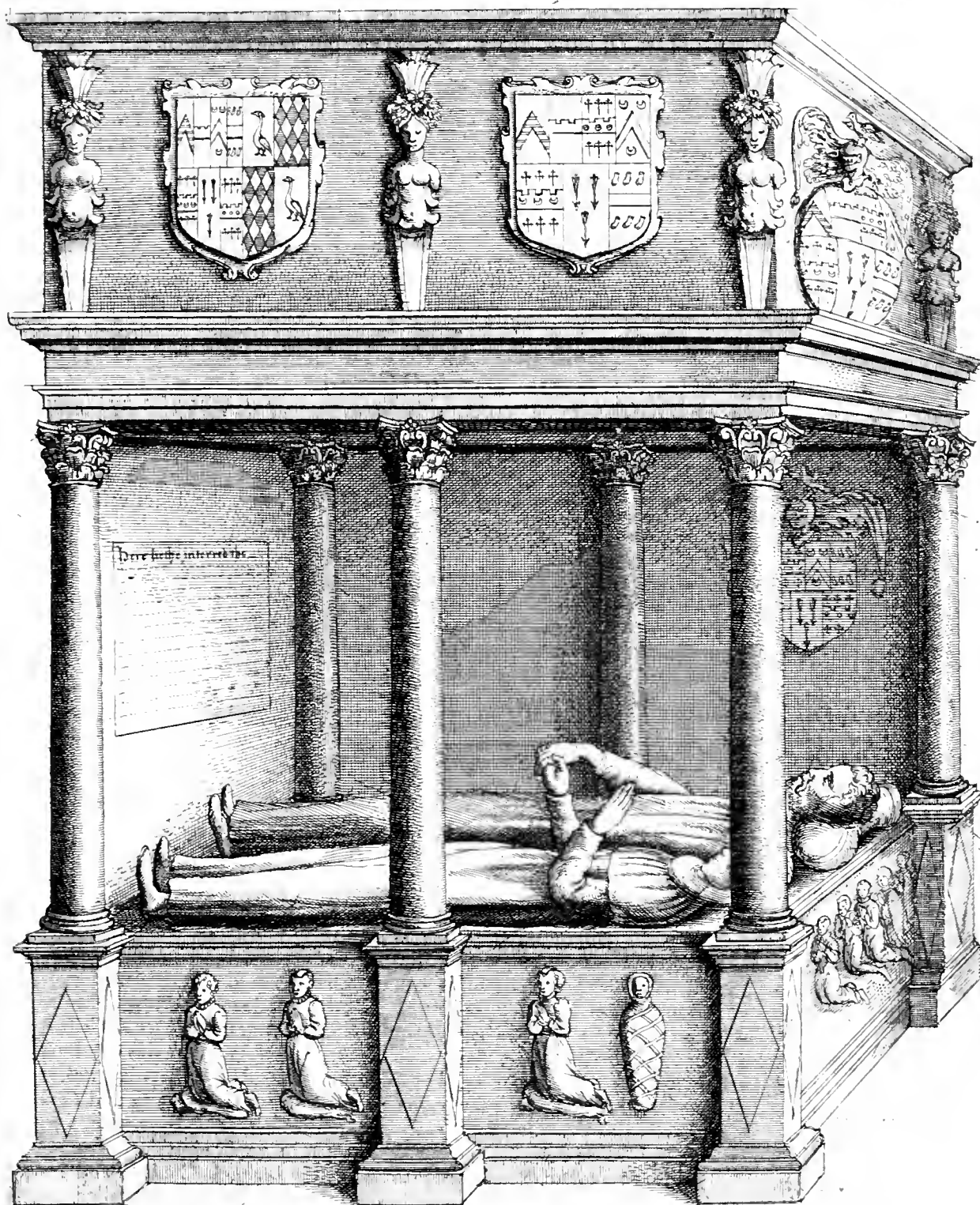
Of your Charitie praye for the soule of S^r George Throckmorton Knight and dame Katherine his Wyfe one of the daughters of S^r Nicholas Vause
Knight lord Harroden, Whiche S^r George decessyd the ... day of ... in the yere of the incarnation of oure lord god a M cccc ... and dame
Katherine died the ... day of ... on Whose soules Ihu haue mercy amen.

On the South side of the Chancell
between two pillars.



d F. levat. and confirmed ^d to them by *Simon de Cotten* in 5 in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was rated ^f at x li. out of f MS. pe-
 Crast. Mich. H. 3. In anno 1291. (19 E. 1.) it was valued ^e at which then issued for Synodalls and Procurations nēs S. A.
 5 H. 3. viii. marks and a half, the portion then belonging ix s. v d. ob. and a yearly Pension of xxvi s. viii d. eq. anr. f. 21,
 e MS. in to the Vicar being rated at vi. marks iii s. iv d. But to the Canons of Studley. a.

On the South side of the Chancel



here lieth interred the bodie of Sir John Throckmorton Knight of Ikenham the seventh sonne of Sir George Throckmorton Knight of Coughton
 sometime master of the requests unto queene Marie of happy memorie, who in respect of his Capitall service bestowed upon him the office of Justice
 of Chetter and of her counsaile in the marches of Wales. in whiche roome hee continued xxvi. yeares and supplied within the same time the place
 of Vice president the space of iii. yeares. he had to Wife Margerie Pottenham daughter of Robert Pottenham Esquier, by whome he had eleven
 sonnes and iii. daughters. He departed this life the 22 of May a 1560 His Wife survived who lived and dyed his Wydow a... and
 is here also interred on whose soules God have mercy.

The Epitaph upon Sir Robert Throkmorton's Monument, represented at the bottome of pag 562.

Here lyeth buried Sir Robert Throkmorton Knight, son ad heir of Sir George Throkmorton Knight; which Sir Robert was twice wedded in the fear of God; first to Merell Barkley one of the daughters of the Lord Barkley, and did beget on her bodie 3. sons and 4. daughters; second to the Lady Elizabeth Hungerford, sometime wife of the Lord Hungerford, and one of the daughters of the Lord Hussie, by whom he did beget two sons and five daughters: who departed this life for happier estate the day of Anno Domini 15....

On the other side of this Monument are these verses.

Conditur hoc tumulo generosa gloria plebis;
Luget ut amissum patria chara patrem
Nam plebs patronum clari sensere parentem:
Fautor erat miseris pauperibusq; pius:
Religiosus amans observantissimus aequi,
Sincerus cultor principis atq; Dei.
Armatum sensere hostes, sensere togatum,
Pacificum cives, clarus utroq; fuit.
Auxerunt famam nepotes, clariq; nepotes
Undiq; multiplici prole beatus erat.
Erudienda bonos virtutis semina liquet
In cinerem rediit qui fuit ante cinis
Vita dedit mortem letam, mors ultima vita
Vita fugax obiit, vita perennis adest,
Magne Roberte vale diva virtutis alumna,
Namq; tenes superas, non rediture, domos.

Circumscribed on the freeze of this Monument.

*O miser respice finem qualis sum
in brevi eris; vigila ergo quia
nescis diem neq; horam.*

Upon a plate of brasse fix't on the North wall of the Chancell, is this Inscription.

Of your charite pray for the soul of dame Elizabeth Throkmorton the last Abbas of Denpe, and Aunt to Sir George Throkmorton Knight, who deceased the xijth day of Januarie in the yere of our Lord God a. 1555. who lieth here tumilate in this tombe & on whose soule and all Chyisten soules Jesu have mercy. Amen,
Vivit post funera virtus.

Patroni Vicariae. Incumbentes, &c.

vol. 1. col.
1 f. 12. a.
ep. f. 11. a.

S. Germ. f. Prior & Conventus de
257. b. Stodley.

Bourch. f.
77. a.

Carp. vol. 2.
f. 18. b.

Joh. Grenhull Pbr. 29.
Maii 1339.
Joh. de Somburne Pbr. 23.
Apr. 1378.
Thomas de Balle Cap. 1.
Off. 1434.
Rob. Conper Cap. 20. Sept.
1440.
D. Hugo Lynesay Pbr. ult.
Apr. 1471.

D. Henr. 8. Rex Anglia.

Thomas Throkmorton generosus.

Ric. Berkley de Lancombe in Com. Gloucest. ar. & Will. Norwood de Lech-Hampton in dicto Com. ar.

D. Henr. Shelmerdyne Cler. Bell. f. 18. b.
23. Apr. 1541.

Thomas Ireland Cler. 6. Bul. f. 63. a.
Apr. 1593.

Leonardus Digby Cler. 10. Ib. f. 108. b.
Dec. 1624.

The Armes which were lately standing in the windows, being onely such as had been set up at the new glasing of them, in Sir George Throkmorton's time, I have purposely omitted, in regard they were no other than such as be in the windows of the Mannour-house, whereof I have taken notice.

Samburne.

OF this place, having its originall denomination from that little Sandy brook nigh unto which it stands, I find very ancient mention, viz. in anno DCCXIV. it being then (*inter alia*) given to the Monastery of **Woburn** by Egwin Bishop of **Worcester** upon the Foundation thereof; and in the Conquerors Survey^h certified to be parcell of the lands belonging to that Monastery; at which time it contained three hides valued at xxx s. the woods extending to one mile in length and half a mile in breadth. The Monks of which House, clayming a Court-Leet here, with other priviledges in 13 E. 1. by Prescription, which were allowed, continued owners thereof till the dissolution of that Monastery: After which King H. 8. by his Letters Patent bearing date 10. Dec. in 32. of his reign, sold^k it by the name of the Mannour of **Samburne** to Robert Throkmorton Elquier, and his heirs: by whom, with **Coughton** beforementioned, it is posselt at this day.

g. Monast. Anglic. p. 146.
h. Domest. lib.

i. Rot. de Quo W.

k. Pat. 32. H. 8. p. 8.

Wike.

THIS was originally a member of **Coughton**, for ought I could ever discern: But the most ancient mention I find^l of it is in H. 3. time; where it appeareth that **Constance** the daughter of **Will. de Parco** had lands therein, given with her by her father in Frank marriage unto **Simon de Colton**. After which, scil. in 6 H. 3. there was a^m Fine levied of half a hide of land here, betwixt **Robert de Verdun** Plantiff, and the said **Simon** and **Constance** Deforc. But all that I have else seen of this place, is, that in 32 E. 3. **Will. de Peto** releasedⁿ to **Nich. de Lichfield** Clerke, and his heirs, all his right therein, where it is called the Mannour of **Wike**, lying in the town and fee of **Cokton**: Howbeit, there are few at this day that know where it lyes, it being totally depopulated and included within **Coughton Parke**.

l. Cart. 1. E. 3. m. 3. per Inspect.

m. Penes Camer. Scac.

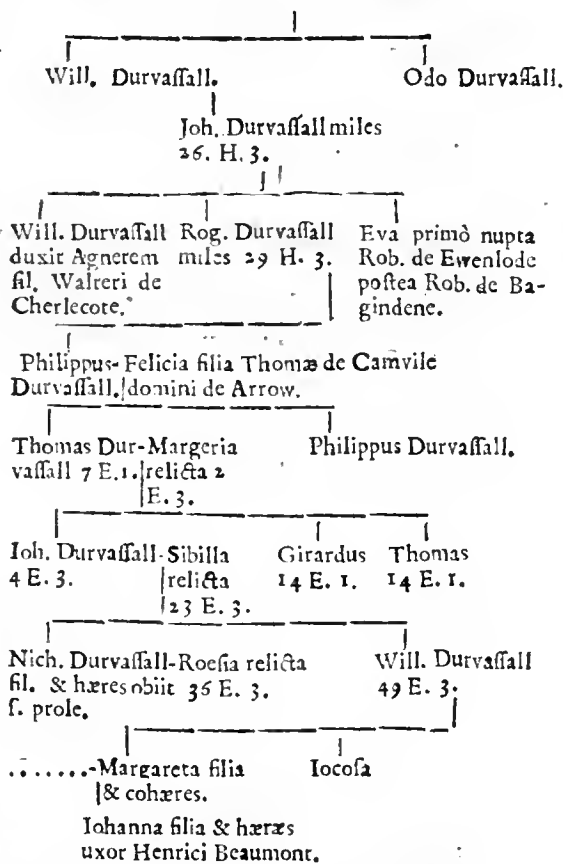
n. Plac. et ram R. Term. Hil. 32 E. 3.

Spennall.

Spernall.

Passing to the other side of **Arrow**, I come next to **Spernall**, antiently written **Spernoure**. This in the Conquerors time being in the possession of **William Buenvasteth**, and held of him by one **Hugh**, was then rated at two hides, having a Mill of 4 s. besides 7. stickes of Eeles: all which, with the extent of the woods, containing three furlongs in length and one in breadth, was valued at 21 s. I am of opinion that this, with the rest of those lands which the said **William Buenvasteth** had in **Warwickshire**, came by some agreement to **Henry de Newburgh** the first Earl of **Warwick** of the Norman line; for plain it is, that the ancient Earls of that stock, were Lords of it; and that the **Durvassals** had a grant^p thereof from one of them, to hold in *Sergeanty*; viz. by the service of giving attendance upon the Earl and his heirs, at the Castle of **Warwick**, or at their Mannour-houses of **Claverdon**, **Tanworth**, and **Sutton**, at which of them he or they should happen to reside, upon *Christmases-day*, *Easter-day*, and *Whitsun-day*, then and there to perform the service of *Chief Butler* at those times, and receive a certain fee for the same.

Ex ipfis autog. penes R. Throk-morton Bar.



Ex autog. nēs Rob. Throk-morton B.

Pat. ab au. t. usque H. 3. in vso. Claus. ab 13. usque H. 3. in vso. Pat. 18 H. in dorso. Rot. F. 19 3. m. 5. Claus. 25 3. in d.

The first of which family that I have met with from any good authority, is **William Durvassall**, whose antiquity is no lesse^a than H. 2. time (as I guesse) for I find that **John Durvassall** his son and successor, had great employment in this County from 11 H. 3. sometimes as a Justice of Assize, and sometimes of Gaol-delivery: and that in 16 H. 3. he was constituted one of the Commissioners for assessing and collecting from the Inhabitants of this Shire, the fourtieth part of all their movable goods for the Kings service: In 19 H. 3. a Commissioner with **John de Lodbroc**, for assessing a Tallyage upon all the Kings demefn lands in this County, excepting Burroughs, Towns, and Cities. In

25 H. 3. associated with the Shiriff and some eminent persons, to see what defects were in the King's Castles within this Shire: and in 26 H. 3. assisted the said Shiriff and others, in the executing a Commission for assessing and imposing the quantity and quality of Armes upon the Inhabitants thereof; as also for conservation of the peace: About which time likewise I find^y that he was a Knight, and Steward to **Thomas Earl of Warwick**: as also a benefactor to the Monastery of **Wotton**, by granting^z thereto certain lands lying in **Bulkeley** neere **Benley** in **Arden**.

To which **John** succeeded Sir **Roger Durvassall** Knight, and to him **Philip**, who had issue **Thomas** (as the descent sheweth) which **Thomas** was one of the Coroners in this County about the beginning of E. 2. time. But there is little, else memorable, that I have seen, relating to this family, the issue male whereof extinguished about the later end of E. 3. time; and therefore to make a perfect discovery how the succession of this Mannour pass through the female branches, is beyond my skill, forasmuch as I find some contradiction in the severall Records relating thereto; some of them making good the descent as it is here drawn; and others shewing^b that one **William Spennore**, who dyed about the fifth year of King **Henry** the 4. was seized thereof as Tenant for terme of life, the reversion pertaining to **Walter Holt**, as son and heir of **Alianore**, daughter of **Nicholas Durvassall**. Nor what this **William Spennore** was, do I yet know; for he is written also **Will. Durvassall dominus de Spennore**: but he was a man of some note in that time: for in 5 R. 2. he served^c as one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held at **Westminster**, so^d also in 7 R. 2. in the Parliament held at **Salisbury**. In 8 R. 2. he was one of the Commissioners of Array in this County. And in 18. again one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament held at **Westminster**.

But leaving his parentage thus uncertain, I shall descend to the next possessor of this Mannour; viz. **Walter Holt** before specified, then in minority (and son^e to **John Holt** of **Bardeley**) who accomplishing his full age in 5 H. 4. had livery thereof; and shortly after enscoted **John Reve** Vicar of **Coughton** thereof; who departing this life before the estate was past out of him, **Thomas Reve** his brother became intitled thereto as his heir: which **Thomas** quitted all his right therein unto **William Wybbe Esquier**, and his heirs, as by his Decd bearing date the Wednesday next after *Easter* 7 H. 6. appeareth. But it was not long after this, that **John Throk-morton Esquier** (of whom I have spoke in **Coughton**) having an affection thereto, in respect of its vicinity to him, obtained it by purchase; viz. the one moytieⁱ from **Henry Beaumont** and **Joan** his wife (which **Joan** was grandchild and one of the coheirs to **William Durvassall** (as the descent sheweth) and the other^k from **William Vernon** and **Margaret** his wife in 21 H. 6. it being of her inheritance^l, though whose daughter I cannot directly affirm. Since which time it hath been possessed by the descendants of the said **John Throk-morton**, and continues theirs to this day.

Of the Church, antiently but a Chapell^m unto **Coughton**, I findⁿ, that **Henry Bishop of Worcester**, temp. R. 1. appointed that the Canons of **Stabley**, as in the right of their Church of **Coughton**, should have the buriall of all such the Inhabitants here, as were not of a free condition;

S s i and

x Claus. 25 H. 3. p. 2. in dorso.

y Ex autog. penes pref. Rob. Throk-morton.

z Ex autog. penes pref. Rob. Throk-morton.

a Claus. 4 E. 2. m. 4.

b Claus. 5 H. 4 m. 8.

c Claus. 5 R. 2. in d. m. 5.

d Claus. 7 R. 2. in d. m. 1.

e Pat. 8 R. 2. p. 2. in d. m. 30.

f Claus. 18 R. 2. in d. m. 6.

g Rot. F. 3 H. 4. m. 17.

h Ex autog. penes pref. R. Throk-morton.

i Ibid. F. levat. xv. Pasch. 19 H. 6.

k F. levat. xv. J. Bapt. 21 H. 6.

l F. levat. xv. Mich. 22 H. 6.

m Brian: vol. 2. f. 16. a.

and that shortly after that Ordination so made, the most part of them, being Tenants by bond-service, dyed of a violent Pestilence; in respect whereof, the Lords of those lands were necessitated to dispose of them to others, not of the like quality: whereupon in proceſſe of time there grew controverſie betwixt the Nunns of **Cokehull**, and the same Canons of **Studley** touching the said right of sepulture, by reason that those Nuns had obtained^p the advowson of this Chapell from those Canons in 11 H. 3. But about the 30 E. 3. **Reginald Bryan** then Bishop of **Worcester** composed the difference, ordering^p that the Canons of **Studley** in right of their Church of **Coughton**, should have the buriall onely of such whose residence then was or should be upon that land formerly so held in Villenage, and the Nuns of **Cokehull** of the rest.

In anno 1291. 19 E. 1. upon the valuation of the Churches then made, it was certified^r, that the portion which the Canons of **Studley** had at that time out of this Church, amounted unto xxv s. and that of the Nuns of **Cokehull** xx s. But after this, viz. in 38 E. 2. I find^r that **William Witlesey** Bishop of **Worcester** sealed the matter of Tithes here, betwixt those Nuns and the Parson of this Church, as by his Instrument appeareth: and that in 26 H. 8. the Rectory was valued^r at 4 li. the Synodalls and Procurations then amounting to ii s.

Patroni Ecclesiz. Incumbentes, &c.

p F. leant.
craft. Mart.
11 H. 3.
q Brian, n.
supra.

r MS. in
Scac.

f Witlesey
f. 7. b.

c MS.
penes S.
A. q. auv.
f. 21. b.

Giff. f. 35. a.

lb. f. 471. a.

Wolff. vol. 1. f. 18. a.

Wolff. vol. 2. f. 93. b.

Wit. f. 26. b.

Tid. f. 50. a.

Peu. f. 56. a.

lb. f. 57. a.

lb. f. 67. b.

Morg. vol. 2. f. 12. a.

Pult. f. 18. b.

lb. f. 153. a.

lb. f. 123. a.

S. Germ. f. 1. 247. b.

lb. f. 257. b.

Carp. vol. 1. f. 47. b.

lb. f. 142. a.

lb. f. 148. b.

Alt. f. 90. a.

Carp. vol. 2. f. 152. b.

Priorissa & Conv. de
Cokehull.

Will. de Birmingham Cap.
Id. Aug. 1270.

Gerardus Durvassall Ac-
col. 2. Cal. Junii 1300.

Joh. de Grenhulle Pbr. 18.
Julii 1339.

Nich. atte Sale Pbr. 3.
Dec. 1345.

D. Rob. Floure 22. Nov.
1368.

Thomas Muttolow Cap.
23. Apr. 1399.

Ric. Bacalar 20. Aug.
1413.

Ric. Fernynghale 6. Oct.
1413.

D. Will. Pyriton Cap. 27.
Aug. 1414.

D. Joh. Fitz. 15. Maii
1420.

D. Joh. Corbyn Pbr. 18.
Maii 1427.

Thomas Balle Cap. 15.
Sept. 1430.

D. Thomas Eveshams Cap.
16. Febr. 1431.

D. Ric. Hawkflow Cap. 10.
Febr. 1433.

D. Thomas Flecham Cap.
27. Apr. 1435.

D. Joh. Wok Cap. 8. Febr.
1446.

D. Christoph. de Wyhurst
26. Apr. 1457.

D. Thomas Persons Cap.
8. Nov. 1458.

D. Oliverus Rigby Cap.
12. Julii 1481.

D. Henr. Wheler Cap. 19.
Dec. 1485.

Tho. Knotsford gen.
virtute concess. **Joh.**
Trussell de Billesley
ar.

D. Episc. per lapsum.

Will. Tirrie de Cough-
ton, virtute concess.

Cath. relicta Nich.
Fortescu, &c.

Georgius Paysons Yeo-
man, virtute concess.

Will. Fortescu ar.

Nich. Fortescu de
Cokehull. ar.

Rob. Cleyfild Diac. 20.
Dec. 1561.

Thomas Penford Cler. 23. lb. f. 36. a.
Martii 1562.

Thomas Philips ult. Sept. Bull. f. 12. a.
1575.

Humfr. Style Cler. 12. lb. f. 14. b.
Apr. 1578.

Sam. Clerke Cler. 21. Julii lb. f. 84. a.
1607.

Edw. Lewes Cler. 7. Julii lb. f. 90. b.
1611.

In the windows of the Church
these Armes.

Cheque Or, and Azure The old Barles of
a Cheveron Ermine. } **Warwick**.

Gules, upon a Cheveron Arg. 5. } **Throkmor-**
barrs gemelle sable. } **ton.**

Sable a Cheveron Arg. } **Spine.**
betwixt 3. Gressants Or.

On a marble in the body of the
Church is this Epitaph.

Hic jacet Willielmus Parsons vir quondam
magne honestatis, qui obiit anno Domini
MCCCCLXXXII. xviii. mensis Decembris; &
Johanna uxor ejus, quorum animabus misere-
atur Deus Amen.

Morton-Bagot.

THis in King **Edw.** the Confessor's days, being
part of the possessions belonging to **Waga**, of
whom in **Motton-Warren** I shall speak, came with
it also to **Rob. de Stadford** by the Conqueror's gift;
and by the generall Surveyⁿ then taken was cer-
tified to contain one hide, valued at xl s. and held
by **Herveus** his undertenant. But in H. 2. time
Rob. fil. Odonis was ownerⁿ of it, who had three
daughters and heirs, whereof **Margerie** the yongest,
marrying^x to **William Bagot**, brought part there-
of to him: which continuing to his posterity for
some descents, and they residing here, gave occa-
sion that it had the addition of **Bagot** usually put
thereto, for distinction from the severall other
spoysons in this County; the other copartners with
Bagot in this place, being **Trussell** and **de Mora**,
descended from the said **Rob. fil. Odonis** by his other
daughters, as in **Lorley** is manifested. Of which,
William Trussell in 36 H. 3. was jointly^r certified
to hold half a Knights Fee here, with **Robert Bagot**,
of the Lord **Stafford**; for it was a member^r of that
Honour. But that which **Robert de Mora** had in
this place, with the advowson of the Church
(which fell to his share) he granted^r to the Ca-
nons of **Kenilworth** about 38 H. 3. together with
all this interest in **Lockfle** and **Westcote**; to be
held

Heath. f. 35.
b.

lb. f. 36. a.

Bull. f. 12. a.

lb. f. 14. b.

lb. f. 84. a.

lb. f. 90. b.

lb. f. 84. a.

lb. f. 90. b.

lb. f. 84. a.

lb. f. 90. b.

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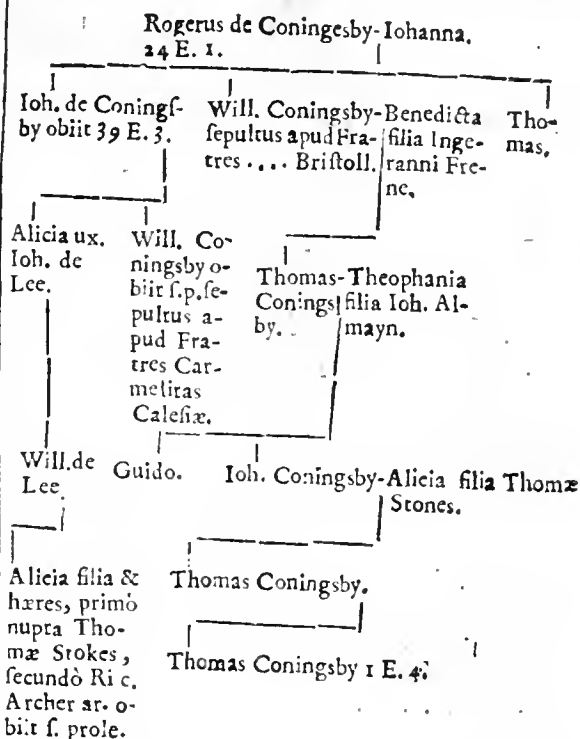
lb. f. 90. b.

lb. f. 84. a.

held of him the said *Peter* and his heirs, paying vi d. yearly to the Church of **Lockfle** at the Feast of *S. Michael*, towards the maintenance of a Lampe there.

I am of opinion that *William Bagot*, Shirriff^b of this County and **Leicester** in 44. and 45 H. 3. and afterwards from 47. to 56 H. 3. (for the greatest part of those years) was son to the before specified *Robert Bagot*, and had his residence here at **Spoxton**. Which *William* was certainly a person of singular fidelity to the Crown, otherwise so great a trust would not have been committed to him in those turbulent times: wherein his diligence appeared to be such, as that the King, by his special Precept^d bearing date at **Kenilworth** 25. Sept. in 50. of his reign, required the Barons of his Exchequer, that he should receive no prejudice for not making his account at *Michaelmasse* shortly ensuing, forasmuch as he was then in attendance upon his person there, that being the time when the Castle underwent a six months seige, as I have elsewhere shewed. To whom also the King about the same time granted^e the custody of all the Castles, lands, and tenements of *Robert de Ferrers* (Earl of **Derby**) then in Rebellion; signifying his Royall pleasure to all the Tenants of those lands, that they should be answerable to him concerning them, accordingly. Neither was he in lesse reputation with *Edw. 1.* as it seems; for in the second year of that Kings reign, he had Commission^f with *William de Beauchamp* then Earl of **Warwick**, *Roger de Clifford* and others, to go unto the Ford of **Montgomery** in **Wales**, the month after *Easter*, and there to hear and reform such things as were amisse, contrary to the Articles of Peace betwixt the said King and *Lewelin* Prince of **Wales**.

This *William Bagot*, being also of **Hyde** in **Staffordshire**, bore^h for his Armes *Arg. two Cheverons azure*, and had issue *William*, *Robert*, and *Hervey*. Of these, *William* was a Knightⁱ and in 24 E. 1. in consideration of an hundred and thirty marks sterling, sold^k this Mannour to *Roger de Coningsby* and *Joane* his wife and their heirs; *Will.* his father then (stiling himself *quondam Dominus de la Hyde in Stafoord*) confirming^l the grant: and so also *Hervey Bagot* brother to the said *Will.* the younger. Which *Roger Coningsby* being thus possessor thereof, in 32 E. 1. obtained a^m Charter of **Free-warren** to himself and his heirs throughout all his demesne lands here: and having a speciall relation to Sir *Philip Marmion* of **Tamworth** Castle in this County, was the Executor of his Testamentⁿ; whereby it appears that he had a grant from the Monks of **Sperevale**, (to whom the said Sir *Philip* had been a Benefactor) that himself and his heirs might present a fit Clerk for the increase of their Covent, to be shorn a Monk, in that Abby, there to celebrate divine service for the soul of the said Sir *Philip* perpetually: and after the decease of that Monk, to present others successively to the worlds end. Which *Roger*, observing the affection of those Monks so freely shewed therein, out of his abundant gratitude and pious inclination, gave them towards the ornament of their Church, all the Vestments that belong'd to the Chapell of the before specified Sir *Philip Marmion*: and left issue *John Coningsby* his son and heir. Which *John* in 17 E. 2. was certified^p in the list of those Esquiers and other men at Armes of this County, whose names were then returned into the Chancery; and bearing^q for his Armes *Gules 3. Cones Argent*, was



Ex ipsa autogr. penes T. Coningsby de Mortox-Bagot gen.

in 18 E. 3. one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held at **Westminster**, and in 31 E. 3. a Commissioner^r for putting the Statute of Labourers in execution throughout this County. But in 39 E. 3. he departed^s this life, leaving *William* his son^t and heir, and *Alice* a daughter, married^u to *John de Lee*. Which *William* being a Knight^x before his death, dyed^y without issue, and was buried^z in the *White Friars* at **Calest**. Whereupon *Alice* his sister became his heir, and possessor this Mannour, leaving it to *William de Lee* her son and heir; from whom it descended to *Alice* his daughter and heir, first, the wife of *Thomas Stokes*, and afterwards of *Richard Archer* Esquier. But dying without any issue, the inheritance thereof resorted to *Thomas Coningsby*, great grandchild unto *Thomas*, son of *William*, second son of *Roger de Coningsby* and *Joan*, the first purchasers before specified, as next heirs at Law to the said *Alice*. From which *Thomas Coningsby* doth *Thomas*, now of this place, derive his descent.

1 Pat. 18 E. 3. p. 2. in d. m. 26. 1 Pat. 31 E. 3. p. 1. in d. m. 20.

Ex autogr. penes pref. T. C.

How it comes to passe I know not, but the *Trussells* of **Willesley** have been reputed Lords of this Mannour for a long time, and had also an interest in the advowson of the Church, as by some Records^a and other authorities appeareth.

The Church (dedicated to the *Holy Trinity*) was granted to the Canons of **Kenilworth** by *Peter de Mora* about 38 H. 3. and presented to, by them onely, for many ages: and in anno 1291. (19 E. 1.) valued^b at vi. marks and a half; but in 26^c H. 8. at vi li. the Synodalls then issuing out of it, being xii d. per annum: yet was it never appropriated to those Canons, that I could discern; Neither have I seen how the *Trussells* came to the patronage thereof.

2 F. levat. mens. Pasch. 6 R. 2.

b M. S. in Scac. c M. S. penes S. A. eq. an. f. 21. a.

Patroni Ecclesie. Incumbentes, &c.

D. Episcopus. Henr. de Lichfeld Cler. Cal. Giff. 363. Nov. 1292. b. Will. de Hanley Cap. . . . Ib. f. 370. b. 1293. Rog. de Haukebiri Diac. Ib. f. 445. a. 3. Non. Junii 1299. Siff 2 Magr.

Maid.f.37.

b.

Cob.f.20.a.

Wolff.vol.1.

f.18.a.

Br.f.26.b.

S. Germ. f.

112.b.

Pev.f.59.a

Pult.f.33.b

1b.f.70.a.

1b.f.142.a.

1b.f.146.b.

Bourch.f.

50.a.

Alc.f.81.a.

1b.f.152.a.

Mort.f.20.

b.

1b.f.52.a.

Gyg.2.f.

34.a.

Bell.f.18.a.

Heath.f.

16.a.

Bull.f.90.

b.

Prior & Conv. de Ke-
nilworth.Aluredus Trussell
miles.Will. Trussell ar. do-
minus de Morton-
Bagot.

D. Episc. per lapsum.

Prior & Conv. de Ke-
nilworth.Humfr. Co. Staff. ra-
tione minoris etat.
Joh. fil. & her. Will.
Trussell ar.Thomas Trussell Do-
minus de Morton.Aluredus Trussell
ar.Mauritius Gwyn Re-
tor de Lodington
Petroburg. Dioc.Magr. Will. de Mees Ac-
col. Non. Nov. 1315.D. Joh. de Campeden Pbr.
Cal. Maii 1320.Thomas Pal. Pbr. 20. Ju-
lii 1339.Rad. de Ullenbale 11. Apr.
1359.Henr. de Copenhale Pbr. 15.
Jan. 1361.D. Rob. Ayleston 8. Nov.
1413.Thomas Gale Cap. 21. Dec.
1427.Ric. Bate Pbr. 4. Sept.
1429.Joh. Spenser Cap. 1. Mar-
tii 1432.D. Will. Alcock Cap. 13.
Aug. 1433.D. Joh. Porrey Pbr. ult.
Aug. 1438.D. Henr. Whelar Cap. 13.
Feb. 1480.D. Rob. Parke Cap. 17.
Nov. 1485.D. Thomas Bownell Cap.
12. Febr. 1487.D. Thomas Bett Cap. 16.
Aug. 1493.D. Rob. Dolley 13. Apr.
1504.D. Joh. Farley Cap. 14.
Apr. 1541.Henr. Shelmerdyne Cler.
29. Sept. 1551.Ric. Emerson Pbr. 16. Oct.
1610.avaritia & cupiditati, misericordia Dei se indignos
afficiebant. Ad hunc locum accedens beatus Egwi-
nus predicavit illis regnum Dei.

Which S. Egwin that thus preacht to the Inha-
bitants here, whom plenty of worldly wealth had
made so vitious (as my Author observes) was the
third B^p. of **Worcester**, and the pious Founder of
that goodly Monastery at **Evesham**, about the year
of Christ DCC. whose endowment thereof, toge-
ther with those munificent concessions made there-
unto by **Kenred** his kinsman, as also by **K. Offa**, were
confirmed in a generall Synod^d held at this place,
at which were present **Bertwald** Archbishop of
Canterbury, and **Wilfrid** Archbishop of **Exeter**.
Howbeit, this Synod is there said to be *in loco qui*
Alne dicitur; yet from what **Capgrave** before re-
cited hath exprest, and the judgment of that lear-
ned man, it need not be doubted but that this was
the place; and, originally called **Alncester** (as 'tis
very like) from its situation so neer the river **Alne**,
the confluence whereof with **Arrow** is close by
the Southern side of the town, as the Map doth
shew. And of the same opinion is **Leland**, judging
that the old town stood most by the side of that
stream: And so do the Inhabitants; by tradition
still say, though the greatest tokens of buildings
are now found in that field lying Southward of the
town, towards **Arrow**, which from the dark co-
lour of the ground is called **Blackfield**, or **Black-**
lands at this day.

Nevertheless though it was a place of so great
antiquity and no lesse eminency, as by what hath
been said appears, there is no mention of it at all
in the Conqueror's Survey; neither till H. 1. time
have I seen so much as the name of it in our pu-
blique Records, where then I find it by the title
of **Francus Burgus Domini Regis** (meaning that
King) which addition of Burrough continued to
it long after; for in 23 H. 2. it payd 4. marks
Aid to the K. amongst other the Burroughs of this
County. But in the account of **Bertram de Verdon**,
Shiriff of this Shire in 22 H. 2. (as also divers years
before and after) where he answers x li. for the ferm
thereof, I find it placed under the title *de Escae-*
tis: And in severall years after till 1 R. 1. is the
said ferm accounted for under the like title: in most
of which the words of the Record run thus; viz.
de extru de Alencestre qua fuit Comitibus Reginaldi.
Now who this *Comes Reginaldus* was, and by
what means he became so posselt of it, I shall here
declare.

It is not unknown to those, who are any whit
acquainted with the Story of our Kings, that King
H. 1. had a large illegitimate offspring by certain
Concubines; amongst which one is said to have
been a daughter and coheir to Sir **Robert Corbet**
Knight, upon whom he begot a son called **Regi-**
nald, advanced to the Earldom of **Cornwall** by
King **Stephen** in the fift of his reign. To this Sir
Robert, for that fair Damsells sake, did the said King
give **Alcester**, the inheritance whereof, had it
not been diverted, would have legally descended to
his two daughters and heirs; whereof the one, viz.
the Concubine, was wedded to **Henry Fitz-Her-**
bert the King's Chamberlain, and had issue by him
a son called **Peter**; and the other to **William**
Botereil (or **Botreaux**.) But it seems the King's fa-
vour to his Bastard son was such, that **Peter Fitz-**
Herbert could not obtain the moiety lawfully be-
longing to him: for cleer it is that the said Earl **Re-**
ginald enjoy'd it; and so in all probability should
Henry

Alcester.

Returning back to the stream of **Arrow**, it
brings me next to **Alcester**, a place whose
great antiquity, the old foundations of buildings,
Roman bricks, and coines, both in gold, silver and
brasse, which even in our time have been frequen-
tly there found, do sufficiently manifest. To which
notable tokens may be also added that ancient Ro-
man way, viz. **Wenild Street**, which coming
from **Winnemouth** (neer **Derby**, and **Lichfield**), ex-
tends it self over a nook of **Sutton-Park**, and the
great wast called **Colfield**, crossing the river **Tame**
about a mile above **Aston juxta Birmingham**;
and thence thwarting the Countrey (as the Map
sheweth) runs in a streight line hither, being still
called **Ackle-Street** for a great part of the way. Nei-
ther doth its name import lesse, the later part
thereof; scil. **Cestre** or **Cester**. (an expression used
by our Ancestors the Saxons) denoting a City or
fortified place: for so it was as **Capgrave** ob-
serves—*Erat namq; (faith he) juxta Evesham*
ad octo miliaria, Castrum Alnacestre regale
tunc mansum; *cujus loci habitatores, quanto re-*
rum opulentia, & temporalium abundantia affue-
bant, tanto magis gula & luxuria dediti, studentes

* Id est ha-
bitatio.

d Spelm
215.

c Lel. 1.
vol. 4.
168.

f Testa
N.

g Rot. P.
23 H. 2.

h Rot. P.
H. 2.
i Rot. P.
ii. d. an

k Vincens
discov. of
Errors p
130.

l Ord. vi.
p. 950. A.
m Will.
Malm. f.
105. a. n
30.

n Vinc
o ut su

p Testa
Nevill.
q Cart.
114. B. n.

r Rot. P.
Ric. 1.

Henry his son, had he not been guilty of some great offence (adhering to the King's enemies in **POITOU**, as it should seem) by reason whereof it was seized into the King's hands, as an Eschaet; immediately upon the death of his Father, which hapned in 21 H. 2. After which, viz. in 9. R. 1. under the title likewise of *de Eschaetis*, did the Sheriff account for the Ferme of one moytie (together with the like part of **Brome**) the Record expressing thus, *qua fuerunt Henrici de la Pennel*; which Henry was the same man (without doubt) for that he had a son called Henry is manifest; and that the said Earl had a Mannour in **Cornwall**, called **Penhel**, whereof tis to be presumed, by reason of his birth or habitation there, he might assume that surname, there is probability enough.

From whence I conclude, that notwithstanding the due title thereto was in *Fitz-Herbert* (as I have shewed) yet by reason that the said Earl actually held it, upon advantage taken against his son, it was seized into the King's hands, and the profits thereof accounted for by the Sheriffs for divers years, as I have already intimated: But at length it was disposed of by King **John** (as I guesse) to one **Hamon Falconer**; for upon the said King's grant thereof to **Peter Fitz-Herbert** in the sixth of his reign, in consideration of xx. marks Fine by him payd, care was taken that the said **Hamon** should be furnished with other lands, to as good value, out of the said Kings Eschaets. The Record, whereby the said **Peter** had seisin of it, expresseth the same thus; viz. *medietatis Manerii de Alencester, quam pater suus tenuit*: By which it should seeme, that before the Earl of **Cornwall** had it, **Henry Fitz-Herbert** was, in right of his wife, posselt thereof. But the rest was cleerly enjoyed by **Will. Boterell**, in right of **Alice** his wife, the other daughter and coheir also to the said **Robert Corbet**, and continued to the posterity of the said **William**, of whom and his descendants I shall speak anon: which moyties became not united of many ages: In the mean time therefore whilst they were thus in severall hands, let us see what is observable, either touching the persons that posselt them, or the place it self; and first of **Peter Fitz-Herbert** and his successors.

This **Peter**, after he had so obtained the eschaeted moytie, as above said, grew exasperated for that large Scutage exacted by the King for maintenance of his Army in **Poitou** (16 Joh.) for which the Barons broke out into Rebellion, and therein continued during the life of that King, by reason whereof, his lands here in **Alencester** were seized, and committed to the custody of **Will. de Camvill**: but in 1 H. 3. returning to obedience, he had restitution of them again. It seems that King H. 3. requiring the arrears of that Scutage; in the fifth of his reign, this **Peter** was questioned for six marks due thereupon, but had his discharge for the same, in regard he produced testimony that he had maintained Souldiers at his own costs in the said Army at that time: In which year he had also the Kings Letters mandatory to his Tenants, requiring their contribution to him, according to the rate of x.s. for every Knights Fee, towards the defraying of that charge he was at in attendance upon the King at the siege of **Witbam Castle**. In 13 H. 3. he had Letters of protection for a journey beyond Sea, wherein he was also to attend the King.

This **Peter** confirm'd to the Monks of **Alcester**,

whatsoever lands they were posselt of in this place, granting unto them freedom of paunage for their Hogs in his Woods here, with timber out of the same woods for their necessary occasions, and Common of pasture for their Cattell; and left issue **Herbert**, commonly called *Herbertus fil. Petri*, who in 25 H. 3. came to a composition with **Emma** the widow of the before specified **H. Falconer** (there called *Hamo de Brome*) for her thirds in this moytie: which **Herbert** shortly after past away all his right in the said moytie to **Robert de Chann-dys**, who held it in 33 H. 3. Howbeit this was not the inheritance, as it seemes; for that did **Walt.** the son of **Will. de Beauchamp** purchase of **Reginald** son to the same **Peter Fitz-Herbert** in 56 H. 3. whereupon was reserved the forrein service of half a Knights Fee. After which time the posterity of the said **Walter** enjoy'd it for very many ages, having a goodly Mannour-house here, whereat frequently making their residence, they had sundry eminent employments relating to this County; for which respect purposing to speak historically of them, I have inserted the ensuing Genealogie.

This **Walter** was brother to **William de Beauchamp**, the first Earl of **Warwick** of that Family; and being signed with the Croffe for a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 53 H. 3. had a Legacy of CC. marks bequeathed to him by his Father, towards his better performance of that Holy Voyage. In 21 E. 1. he obtained a Charter bearing date at **Canterbury** 14. Julii, for an yearly **Faire** to be held at this his Mannour of **Alcester** for eight days; viz. on the Even of **S. Giles** and seven days following. In 26. of the same Kings reign, he had Summons (amongst other great men) to appear at **Barleol** upon the Even of **Pentecost**, well furnished with Horse and Armes, to march against the Scots; and was the same year with the King in that eminent battail of **Falkirk**. In 28 E. 1. he had **Freewarren** granted to him in all his demesne lands here at **Alcester**; as also at **Wotwylk**, and severall other places in **Warwickshire**; at which time he was Steward of the King's Household. In that memorable Certificate sent unto the Pope by all the Peers of **England** sitting in the Parliament at **Lincoln** 12. Febr. 29 E. 1. whereby they asserted King **Edward's** superiority over the Realm of **Scotland**, the name of this **Walter** is there subscribed, with the addition of *Dominus de Alcester*; whence I guesse that he then resided here. It seems that the time for the **Faire** here, so obtained as aforesaid, was found inconvenient: for in 30 E. 1. in exchange thereof, the King granted another Charter to him, for to translate the same unto the Even of **S. Faith the Virgin**, and to continue seven days following. In 31 E. 1. he attended the King again into **Scotland**, as appears by his being in person at that notable siege of **Haerlabe-rok**.

But of this Sir **Walter** (for he was a Knight) I find no farther mention worthy the taking notice of, other than that he wedded **Alice** the daughter of **Tony**, she being allied to him in the fourth degree of consanguinity; which marriage was long after ratified, and the Children begot betwixt them decreed legitimate, by **Godfrey Giffard** Bishop of **Warwick**, as having authority from the Pope, in as much as they knew not of the impediments at the time of that contract made: And that about the 31. of E. 1. he departed this life,

o Testa de Nevill.

p F. leuat. craft. Anim. 25 H. 3.

q Testa de Nevill.

f F. leuat. mns. Pasch. 56 H. 3.

Beauchamp's Court.

r Giff. f. u 11. b. w

x Cart. 21 E. 1. n. 4.

y Class. 26 E. 1. in d. m. 6.

z Rot. penes Wile Neve eq. aur.

a Cart. 28 E. 1. n. 4.

c Ab exemp. ejusd. penes Camer. Scac.

d Cart. 30 E. 1. n. 16.

e Rot. penes pref. Wile Neve.

f Giff. g f. 217. h

j Ex autog. penes Rob. Arden ar.

Will. de Bellocampo-Isabella soror & hæres
53 H. 3.

Will. Mauduit Comitis
Warwici.

Will. de Bellocampo Comes Warwici, jure materno.

Walt. de Bellocampo-Alicia filia
53 H. 3. Tony.

Egid. de Bello-
campo 3
E. 3.

Katherina
Bello-
campo 3
E. 3.

Will. de Bello-
campo hæres
2 E. 3.

Walt. de Bello-
campo obiit
13 E. 2.

Johanna filia Joh. de Beau-Elizabetha
Joh. de Cherle- champ 25 7 H. 4.
ton jun. 25 E. E. 3.

Will. Beauchamp-
de Powyke 9 H. 5.

Cath. una filia
& cohær.
Gerardi Willelmi
9 H. 5.

Walt. Beauchamp
Chivalier 3 H. 5.
(a quo Beauchamp
Baro S. A. nand.)

† Mills q. Eliz. ux. Tho-
ma Swinford
6 H. 5.

Joh. Beauchamp-Margareta f. soror Ri-
miles Thesaur. cardis Feiters ar. con-
Angl. 28 H. 6. didit Testam. 3 H. 7.

Ric. Beauchamp-Eliz. filia Humfr.
25 H. 6. Stafford mil. 25 H. 6.

Rob. Willough-
by dominus
Brook.

Eliz. una
filiæ & cohær.
Edw. Willoughby obiit
vivo patre.

Anna uxor
Ric. Ligon. Will. Rede.
Margar. uxor,
Will. Rede.

a Rot.
b Judic.
c temp.
H. 8. p.
3. n. 6.

Fulco Grevill-
Eliz. una consangu.
miles filius fe-
cundus Edw.
Grevill mil.

& cohær.
Willoughby domini
Brooke.

Anna obiit
ux. Fran-
cis D'au-
trey mil.
ob spole.

Blanchia
ux. Fran-
cis D'au-
trey mil.
ob spole.

Fulco Grevill-
miles, obiit
an. 1606.

Anna filia Rad.
Nevill Comitis
Westmerl.

Robertus-
Grevill

Blanchia filia
Whitney.

Fulco Grevill miles,
dominus Brook obiit
cœlebs anno 1628.

Margareta ux. Ricardi
Verney mi-
litis.

Fulc. Grevill-Maria filia
obiit... Au-
gusti 1632.

Christopho
Copley
de Sprod-
borough in
Com. Ebor.

Robertus Grevill-Cath. filia Franciscei Ruf-
dominus Brook. fell Comitis Bedfordiz.

k Esc. 2 E.
3. n. 24.

life, leaving the said *Alice* a widow, and three sons; viz. * *Walter*, *William*, and * *Giles*. Which second *Walter* in 10 E. 2. upon the death of *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick* (his kinsman) had the custody of the lands belonging to *Warwick* Castle, together with the said Castle, during the minority of his heir, committed to him, and the same year was constituted Sheriff of this County and *Leicester*shire. In 13 E. 2. he obtained a Charter for another *Faire*, to be yearly kept here for 8. days, beginning on the Even of *S. Barnabas* the Apostle. In 1 E. 3. he was constituted Constable of *England*, but dyed the year following: whose brother *William* then found his heir, and xl. years of age, did not enjoy this Lordship of *Alcester*, in regard the said *Walter* had about xii. years before, settled it upon *Giles de Beauchamp* another brother. Of which *William* all that I have seen memorable is, that upon the death of *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick* (who was Sheriff

* F. de div.
com. levat.
Off. 7. 3 E.
3.

1 Rot. F. 10
E. 1. m. 1.

m Pat. 10
E. 2. p. 2. m.
7.

n Rot. F. ut
supra m. 14.

o Cart. 13
E. 2. n. 4.

p MS. in
bibl. Deu-
ves. p. 216.

q Rot. F. 2
E. 3. m. 5.

r Esc. 2
E. 3. n.
24.

of *Gloucestershire* by inheritance) he had the custody of that County committed to him during the minority of his heir.

1 Rot. F. 10
E. 2. m. 15.

But of *Giles* I find, that in 15 E. 2. he was made Sheriff of *Caernarvonshire*, and Governor of the Castle of *Beaumaris*: that in 14 E. 3. he had a Charter to fortify his Mannour-house here at *Alcester*, with a wall of lime and stone, and to embattle the same for the use of himself and his heirs: and having had summons to the severall Parliaments amongst the other Barons, from 20 E. 2. to 9 E. 3. he left issue *John*, of whom I have seen but little, other than his funding a Chantry in the Parish-Church here at *Alcester*, in 36 E. 3. (whereof I purpose to speak particularly in its proper place) and he Sir *Will.* Lord of this place and *Powick*, and Sir *Walt. de Beauchamp* a younger son, from whom the *Beauchamps* Barons *S. Amand* did descend: which *Walter* in 4 H. 4. was retained by Indenture to serve the King in a voyage royall, that he intended for *France* in his proper person, with four men at Armes, himself accounted for one, and xii. Archers; whereof the third part were to serve on Foot, and the rest on Horseback, for one whole year, taking for himself ii s. per diem: For his men at Armes xii d. and for his Archers vi d. And in 3 H. 5. to serve the King for one whole year, in a voyage that he made in person into *Guttenne*; in which service he was to have four men at Armes, and xii. Archers, all on Horseback; and to receive xl. marks a piece for his men at Armes, and xx. marks a piece for each of his Archers.

u Pat. 15 E.
2. p. 1. m. 9.

w Cart. 14
E. 3. n. 38.

x Claus. de
iisd. an. in d.

y F. de div.
com.
levat. xv.

P. 25 E. 3.

z E. 3. 36 E.
3. p. 2. m. 10.

a 5 March
b 7. 19.

c Ex autog.
penes Cler.
Pell.

c Ibid.

But I come now to Sir *William* the elder brother; of whom it appears, that in 16 R. 2. he was made Constable of the Castle of *Gloucester*; In 3 H. 4. Sheriff of *Gloucestershire*, and in 1 H. 5. of *Gloucestershire*. This Sir *William* took to wife *Catherine* one of the daughters and heirs of *Gerard Willelmi*, and left issue Sir *John Beauchamp* Knight, who in 17 H. 6. upon the death of *Richard Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick*, was constituted one of the Commissioners unto whom the Guardianship of all his Castles and lands, during the minority of *Henry* his son and heir, were granted: and in 22 H. 6. purchased of *Thomas Botereux* the other moyle of this Mannour of *Alcester*, which had continued in that Family for divers descents, as I shall shew anon. And being now intire Lord of the whole, in 25. of the same King's reign, obtained a speciall Charter; which, reciting that he the said *John* and his Ancestors had time out of mind enjoyed a Court-Leet of all their Tenants and Inhabitants within this town, to be kept twice every year; viz. once after *Easter*, and once after *Michaelmasse*; as also *Weyfs*, *Streys*, and all other privileges to a Leet belonging; together with a *Mercate* upon the Tuesday every week, and a *Faire*, yearly, on the Sunday next after the Feast of *S. Fayth* the Virgin, did confirme them to him and his heirs.

d Pat. 16 R.
2. p. 2. m. 16.

e Rot. F. 3
H. 4. m. 18.

f Rot. F. 1
H. 5. m. 9.

g Billa in-
dors. 9 H. 5.

h Rot. F. 17
H. 6. m. 10.

i Rot. F. 22
H. 6. m. 3.

k Cart. 25.
E. 2. 16 H. 6.
n. 20.

And moreover in consideration of the good and acceptable services performed unto that King, and to King *Henry* the first his father, had he by the same Charter, a grant of sundry other privileges; viz. Return of Writts, and all other Mandates, Precepts, and Attachments belonging to the said King his heirs and successors, his Justices, Escheators, or other Commissioners, Steward and Marshall of his household; as also of all Summons of the Exchequer, levying of *Estreats* from the said Exchequer,

chequer, execution of Writts and Attachments, &c. all which thenceforth to be performed and executed by the said Sir John and his heirs, or such Officers as he or they should appoint within this town, and precincts of the Mannour: so that no Shiriff, Coroner, Bayliffe, or other Officer belonging to the King, should have ought to do there. To which was further added, that the said Sir John and his heirs should have cognisance of all Pleas belonging to any of the King's Courts, touching such lands and tenements as are within this town and Mannour; of Debts, Accompts, Trespasses, Covenants, Contracts, and causes of Contracts, arising within the limits of them: as also of Assizes of *Novell disseisin* and *Mort D'ancefor*, *Jurates*, and Certificates of all lands and tenements within the same, to be held before the Steward to him and his heirs, here, for the time being. And likewise full power and authority of holding, hearing, and determining before their Stewards, without any speciall Writ from the King, Pleas of *Pie ponders*, and all other Pleas of Debts, Accounts, Trespasses, Covenants, Contracts and other Controversies whatsoever, arising within this town and Mannour, or their precincts, although they exceed the summe of xl s. value; and to make out Proesse against such persons as shall be lyable to any action or distresse by his and their own Officers and Ministers, and to attach their persons within the said town and Mannour and precincts of them, in case they have not goods whereby to be summoned and distreined.

And moreover that the said Sir John & his heirs should have the privileges of *Infangthef*, and *Outfangthef*, the goods of Felons & Fugitives, and all such as are condemned & put in exigend for Treason or Felony; as also the Chattells of persons outlawed, whether it be at the King's suit or at the suit of the party, with the Chattells of those that are *Felones de se*, or any way confiscated: And likewise all Fines, and Redemptions, Issues, Amerciaments, and Forfeitures; with Fines for license of concord, *Tear*, *Day*, *Strepe*, and *Wast*, of all his and their Tenants, as well resident as not resident within this town and Mannour, and their precincts, in whatsoever of the King's Courts they shall happen, &c. And that neither the King's Steward, Marshall, Coroner of his Household, Clerk of the *Mercate*, for the time being; nor any servant or Officer belonging to any of them, shall have power to meddle within the same, or the precincts thereof: nor any Purveyor to take any thing there, from him the said John, his heirs, or any the Inhabitants of this place. And further that all the Tenants thereof, as well resident as non-resident, should be for ever quit of *Toll*, *Stallage*, *Pontage*, *Pavage*, *Murage*, *Kayage* and *Chiminage* in all places, as well by Land as Water, throughout the whole Realm of **England**, and elsewhere within the King's dominions: And lastly that he and his heirs should have another *Faire* yearly within this Town, beginning on the Even of *S. Dunstan*, and continuing for two dayes following. Which ample Charter bears date at **Westminster** xviii Nov. in the year before specified.

After which ere long, viz. in 28 H. 6. was he made Lord Treasurer of **England**, but in that Office he continued not long; as also a Commissioner for conservation of the Peace and assessing of Subsidies in this County: but in these (I presume) he acted little, in respect of his

other great employments, being a Baron of this Realm, and summoned^m to severall Parliaments in the said King's time. By his Testamentⁿ bearing date ix. Apr. An. 1475. 15 E. 4. he bequeathed his body to sepulture in the Church of the *Dominican Friars* at **Alcester**, in a new Chapell to be made on the North side of the Quire: To which House of *Friars* for his buriall there he bequeathed the value of xx. marks to be had in vestments and stuff, besides a pair of Organs of his own; residing at that time at **Chelchith** in the County of **Wiltshire**: Appointing that a Priest of that *Friery* should daily say Masse at the Altar within the said Chapell before his Tombe, after the Order of a *Trentall*, for his soul, and the souls of his Father and Mother, Brethren, and Sisters, his Children and Ancestors souls; and especially for the souls of Sir John Fastolf Knight, *Will. Botreaux*, and all Christian souls; taking by the week for the said Masse to daily to be said viii d. for evermore. Which Chapell and Tombe, with his statue thereon in Alabafter, he did by the said Testament ordein that his Executor should cause to be made; and^o departed this life the same year, leaving Sir Ric. Beauchamp Knight his son and heir, then 40. years of age; who in the private Chapell of this Mannour-house here (called^p by the name of **Beauchamps-Court**) having speciall License^q from the Bishop of **Gloucester**, wedded *Eliz.* the daughter of Sir *Humphrey Stafford* Knight, by whom he had issue three daughters, that were his heirs; viz. *Eliz.* married to Sir Robert Willoughby Lord Brook (first summoned to Parl. by that title in 7 H. 7.) *Anne* to Ric. Ligon, and *Margaret* to *Will. Rede*: which Sir Robert had^r in her right this Mannour of **Alcester** in partition, and dyed^s seized thereof 10 Nov. 13 H. 8. leaving *Eliz.* *Anne* and *Blanch* his cosins & next heirs; viz. daughters of *Edw. Willoughby* his son by the before specified *Elizabeth*.

Of which daughters, so in minority, *Eliz.* the eldest was committed to the tuition of Sir *Edward Grevill* of **Spilcote** Knight; who obtained her wardship (as I have by tradition^u been informed) with purpose to marry her unto John his son and heir: but she better affecting *Fouke*, the younger, became his wife; to whom she brought this Mannour of **Alcester**, with other lands: which *Fouke* much enlarged^v his Mannour-house at **Beauchamps-Court**, taking stone and timber from the then newly dissolved Priory at **Alcester**, for^w that purpose: as also his^x Park with part of the wast belonging to this Lordship, and bere the Office of Shiriff^y for this County and **Leicestershire**, in 34 H. 8. being then a Knight; so also in^z 1 E. 6. and departed^b this life 10. Nov. Anno 1559. (1 *Eliz.*) leaving issue *Fouke* his son and heir, and Robert a younger son: which *Fouke* was Knighted^c in 7 *Eliz.* (being then^d 29 years of age) In 12 *Eliz.* he came first into^e Commission for conservation of the Peace in this Shire; and departing this life in an. 1606. 4 Jac. left issu by *Anne* his wife, daughter to *Raph Nevill* E. of **Westmerland**, *Fouke* his son and heir. Which last recited *Fouke* having been a servant in Court to Q. *Eliz.* & made^f Under-Treasurer and Chancelour of the Exchequer by K. *James*; as also one of the privy Councill, and a Gentleman of his Bedchamber; in 15. of that King's reign, obtained a speciall Charter^g confirming all such liberties as had been granted to any of his Ancestors in the behalf of this Town, upon a new Rent of x s. per annum then reserved to the said K. his heirs & successors;

m *clerk. de*
n *issd. an. m.*
do. so.
n *Legg. 9.*
13.

o *E. 15 E.*
4. n. 1.

p *MS. penes*
S. A. eq.
aur. f. 15. b.
q *Car. p. vol.*
1. f. 47. a.
r *E. 16 H.*
8. n. 3.

s *Ibid.*

u *Per H.*
Ferrers ar.

v *Lel.*
w *Itin.*
x *2. of. 4.*
z *f. 168.*
y *Inq. super*
depop. 3 E.
6.

z *Rot. P.*
a *de issd.*
Lan.

b *Inscrip.*
Tum. apud
Alcester.

c *MS. in*
Office Arm.
[M. 18.]

d *E. 8.*
Eliz.

e *Pat. 12*
El. 2. p. m.
do. so.

f *Pat. 12*
Jac. p. 18. n.
3. & n. 6.

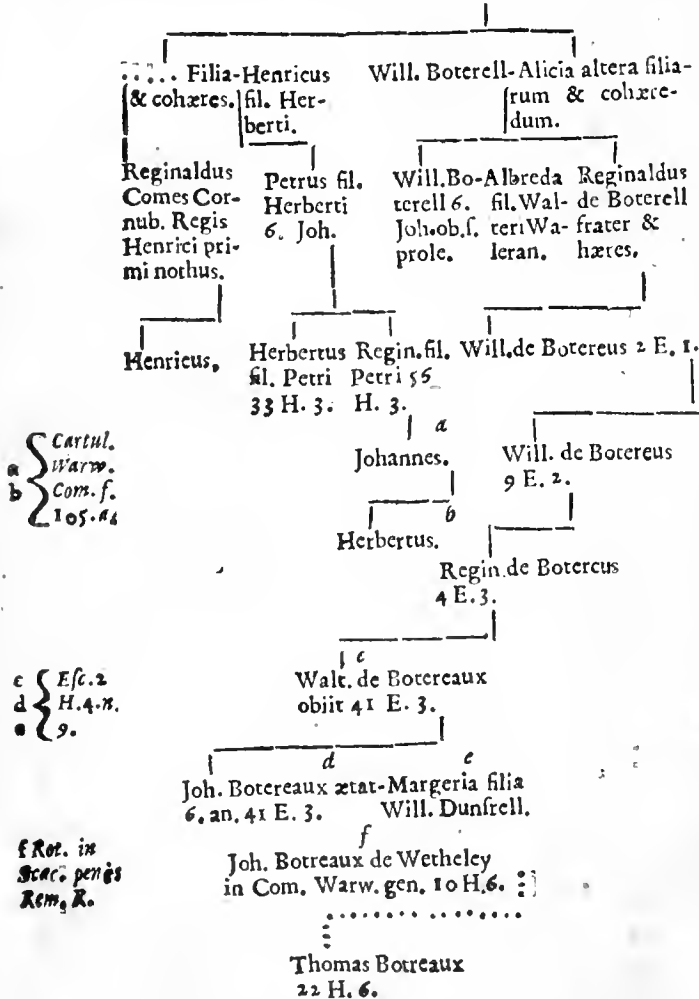
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h Pat. 18 cessors; and was created Lord Brook of Beau-
 lac. p. 13. champs-Court before mentioned 9. Jan. 18. Jac.
 with limitation of that Honour, for lack of issue
 male of his own body, unto Robert Greuill, son of
 Fouk, son of Robert before specified, a younger son
 to the first Sir Fouk.

This Fouk Lord Brook, obtaining the Castle of
 Warwick from King James, when it was in a ve-
 ry ruinous condition, bestowed so much cost in the
 repairs thereof, beautifying it with most pleasant
 Gardens and Walks, and adorning it with rich fur-
 niture, that, considering its situation, no place in
 this part of England doth compare with it for
 stateliness and delight: But delaying to reward one
 Hayward, an ancient servant, that had spent the
 most of his time in attendance upon him, being ex-
 postulated with for so doing, received a mortall stab
 on the back, by the same man then private with
 him in his Bed-chamber at Brook-house in London,
 30. Sept. Anno 1628 (5 Car.) who, to consum-
 mate the Tragedy, went into another room, and
 having lockt the dore, pierced his own bowells
 with a sword. After which, viz. 27. Oct. the said
 Lord Brook's body, being wrapt in Lead & brought
 to Warwick, was there solemnly interred in a
 vault on the North side the Quire of S. Maries
 Church, under that beautifull Monument erected
 by himself, whereof I have there taken notice. To
 whom succeeded in this his Lordship of Alcester,
 and divers other lands of great value, the before
 specified Robert Greuill Lord Brooke, by vertue
 of a speciall grant, whereby they were so settled.

I now come to speak of that Family of Botre-
 aux, which posselt the other half of this Mannour,
 till 22 H. 6. as I have intimated.

Robertus Corber,



Of Will. de Botreux, who married Alice one of

the daughters and coheirs to Rob. Corbet, I find that he confirmedⁱ to the Monks of Alcester all that they there held of his Fee; and that he left issue Will. and Reginald; which second Will. in 6. Joh. gave^k two Horses for the great saddle, and one Porway Goshawk to the King, for license to marry Albreda the widow of John de Ingeham, daughter to Walter Waleran, over and above CCC. marks payd by her for the like permission. In^l 5 H. 3. he attended the K. in person with his Army at that memorable seige of Wistham Castle in Lincoln. Wtre; and, in consideration of that service, had the King's Letters mandatory for assessing Scutage upon his Tenants according to the rate of x s. for every Knight's Fee: but being a man of an active Spirit, I find^m that he did put himself in Armes with some of the Barons in 17 H. 3. when the Nobility grew discontentedⁿ that the K. received so many Poi-
 vins into places of power and trust, whereupon his lands here at Alcester were seized^o upon for so doing.

To him succeeded Reginald his brother^p & heir, who had livery of his inheritance in 27 H. 3. but adhering to the Barons in that great Rebellion of 49 H. 3. had this his Lordship of Alcester again seized^q on; which by the Decree called *Dictum de Kenilworth* (whereof I have elsewhere spoke) were restored again. Of this Reginald I have not seen any more, than that he died^r about the beginning of E. 1. time, leaving Will. his son and heir, who, doing his fealty, had livery^s of the inheritance descended to him. To whom succeeded another Will. who made this his place of residence, as it seemes; for in 17 E. 2. he was in the list^t of those Knights and men at Armes of this County, whose names were then certified into the Chancery, though his chief seat was at Botreux-Castle (alias Boffe-Castle) in Corn- wall: But the next that had to do here was Regi-
 nald Botreux, a younger son to the last Will. upon whom this Mannour was settled^u in 4 E. 3. and upon the issue male of him and Isabell his wife, with remainder to his right heirs. From which Reginald descended Thomas Botreux, who in 22 H. 6. sold all^w that he had here, by so ancient a succession, to Sir John Beauchamp of Polwyk, as I have already observed.

A word or two now of the Tenure, which it seems was by *Sergeanty*; for so doth it appear by severall authorities (scil. in^x 27 H. 3. &^y 33 H. 3.) Item dicunt (saith the Record^z) quod villata de Allencestre, ex utraq; parte debet respondere domino Regi per *Sergeantiam*, sed nescitur qualiter, nec per quod *servitium*: but afterwards I find it cleer; for in 32 E. 1. upon the Relief paid by Will. de Botreux for the moiety of this town, it is there said^a to be held of the King per *servitium invenien- di medietatem Equitis armati, cum uno Equo dis- cooperto in guerra Regis*. Of the homage and ser- vice reserved by Reginald Fitz-Herbert, upon his grant of the moytie of this Lordship unto Walter de Beauchamp & his heirs in 56 H. 3. I find that Her- bert fitz John, his grandchild, passed it over unto Guy de Beauchamp Earl of Warwick, and his heirs, by his Deed^b dated at Westminster on Munday 5. Maii, 8 E. 2.

The Church, though at first given^c by Raph Bot-
 ler to the Monks of Alcester, upon the Founda-
 tion of that Monastery in 5 Steph. afterwards came
 to the Nuns of Cokenhill in Com. Wigorn. which
 Monastery was founded^d by Isabell the wife to
 William de Beauchamp the first Earl of Warwick
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a Mich. R.
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of that Family; for the advowson whereof, the said Nuns were at suit^e with *Peter Fitz-Herbert* and *Will de Boterell* (Lords of **Alcester**) in 11. H. 3. after which time they quietly enjoyed it, as it seems by their Presentations thereto. In anno 1291 (19 E. 1.) it was rated^e at xii. marks, the portion which the said Nuns had out of it being two marks and a half. The like valuation do I find^e in 14 E. 3. It seems, that upon the rebuilding of it, the Dedication became altered: for in 11 H. 3. it bore the name of *S. Nicholas*; but in 6 H. 6. of *S. Faith* the Virgin, at which time the value was certified^k to be no more than xii. marks: but in 26 H. 8. it extended^l to xvi. l., there being yearly paid^m for *Procurations* and *Synodals* x s. v d. ob. per annum out of it, and xxvi s. viii d. as a *Pension* to the Prioress of **Cokehill**.

Patroni Ecclesiz. Incumbentes, &c.

Joh. de Dekene Pbr. 9. Junii 1339.
Ric. Bernet Pbr. 16. Oct. 1361.
D. Thom. Tyffeld Pbr. 7. Aug. 1368.
Rob. Aumeney Pbr. 24. Nov. 1379.

Thomas Crew.

Priorissa & Conv. de Cokehill.

Joh. Somerville de Bordeley ar. & *Anna* ejus ux. Executrix Testam. *T. Evance* gen. nuper mariti sui, per concess. Prior & C. de Cokehill.

Fulco Grevile miles.

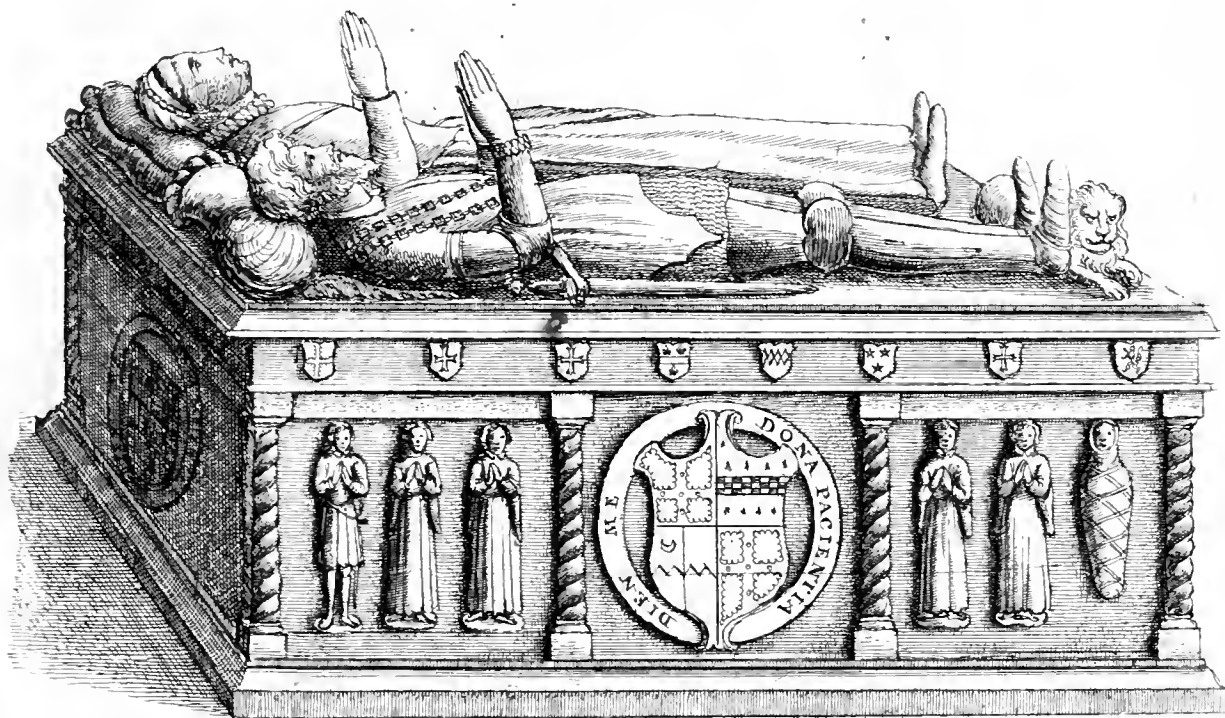
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Ric. Newbold Pbr. 25. Apr. 1402.
Joh. Tymmes 5. Febr. 1434.
Rob. Beaufant 10. Nov. 1435.
D. Joh. Lyde Cap. ult. Off. 1469.
Magr. Ric. Harris in decret. Bac. 7. Junii 1470.
D. Will. Hyot 1. Jan. 1480.

D. Will. Walker Pbr. 19. Maii 1544.

Joh. Stokton Cler. 20. Junii 1578.

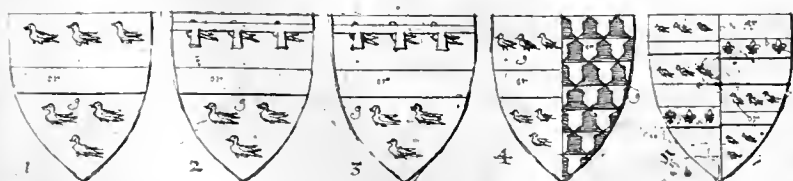
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S. Germ. f. 256. b.
Bourch. f. 11. b.
Carp. vol. 1. f. 243. b.
Carp. vol. 2. f. 11. a.
Heath. f. 3. a.
Bul. f. 15. a.

In the South Ile,



Here lyeth the body of *foulke Greynll* knight and lady *Elizabeth* his wife, the daughter and heire of *Edward Willoughby* Esquier, the sone and heire of *Robert Willoughby* knight lord of *Broke*, and lady *Elizabeth* one of the daughters and coheires of the lord *Beauchamp* of *Powick*, w^h *foulke* dyed the 2^d day of *November*, Anno dni *1447*, and the laide lady *Elizabeth* his wife departed the 12^d day of the year of our lord God *1447*. of whose soules god have mercy, Amen,

Armes in the windows of the Church.



1 Beauchamp of Powick.
 2 Beauchamp impaling Ferrers.
 3 Beauchamp quartering Misset.

Within this Parish Church were two *Chanteries*, the first in a Chapell of our Lady, founded by one of the *Botelers* of *Oversley* (I suppose *John*; for in 15 E. 1 he presented to it) the Priest serving there being to sing Mass every day at six of the Clock in the morning, and to pray for the souls of the Founders. To which *Chanterie* did *Petronill* the Widow of *Rob. Squyer* of *Alncestre* in 7 E. 3. give 3 Messuages, xvi acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, and xx s. Rent, with the appurtenances, lying in *Alcester*, for divine service to be celebrated there, for the soul of E. 2. late King of England; as also for her own and her husbands souls, their children, ancestors, and all the faithfull deceased: the revenue whereof was in 26 H. 8. certified to be yearly worth vi l. out of which certain Rents were deducted: but in 37 H. 8. vi l. v s. ix d.

The Priests belonging to this *Chantry* were successively presented thereto by the *Botelers* of *Oversley* before mentioned, and afterwards by the *Nevills*, untill 6 H. 7. that Sir *Will. Beauchamp* of *Alcester* and others, obtained the patronage thereof.

The other *Chantry* was founded in 36 E. 3. by *John* the son of *Giles de Beauchamp*, for one Priest to sing Mass daily, and do divine service in the said Church, at the Altar of *All Saints*; for whose maintenance he gave xi Messuages, one shop, xi acres of land, and 4 acres of meadow lying here in *Alcester*: But in 7 H. 4. this *Chantry* had an addition made thereto, by two Priests; *John Weston* and *Rob. Canill*, who gave 4 messuages and 4 acres of land thereto, lying also within the precincts of *Alcester*; so that in 26 H. 8. the value of all its revenues extended to iiii l. xiii s. viii d. per an. but in 37 H. 8. to no more than iiii l. xii s. over and above reprises.

Now come to the Monastery, whereof there is scarce any memoriall left amongst the Inhabitants, the very ruins being all dig'd up, and Corn sowed where it sometime stood; and that the place may not be forgotten, I shall here (before I come to speak of its Foundation) describe where it lyes; which is about half a mile North from *Alcester*, encompassed with a moat on the West and South sides, and on the North and East with the river *Arrow*, making the site thereof a kind of Island, which containeth somewhat more than two acres according to our usuall measure (as I guess.)

This, at the frequent instance of *Simon* Bishop of *Worcester*, and G. the then Prior, being founded by *Raph. Boteler* of *Oversley* in the year of our Lord MCXL. (5 Steph.) upon that piece of ground so encompassed with water, as I have said, and therefore called the Church of our Lady of the Isle, was dedicated to the Holy Trinity, and to the honour of the Blessed Virgin, St. Anne her mother, St. Joseph, St. John Bapt. St. John the Evang. and *All Saints*, for the health of the souls of K. Will. the Conquerour, *Maud* his consort, K. Will. the younger, K. Henry the first, Q. *Maud* his consort, K. Steph. Q. *Maud* likewise his consort; *Roger de Bellomont* and *Atheline* his wife, *Rob. Earl of Mellent* and *Isabell* his wife, *Rob. Earl of Leicester* and *Avice* his wife; with their sons; as also of *Walleran* Earl of *Mellent*: And moreover for his (the said *Raph. Boteler's*) own soul, and the soul of *Avice* his wife, with their Parents, ancestors and successors souls; by the advice and

consent of the before specified K. Steph. Rob. Earl of *Leic.* and *Walleran* E. of *Mellent* and of *Robert* and *Geffrey* sons to the said *Raph*; *Robert* a Monk of *Worcester* being constituted the first Abbot, there, upon *Martinmas*-day in the year abovesaid: The same Founder then ordaining, that after the death of this Abbot, another should be chosen in the Chapterhouse at *Worcester*, or out of this at *Alcester*, as should be thought most meet.

And for the maintenance of the Monks here serving God, he endowed it with the before specified Isle, together with his Lordship of *Cockmerse*, and whatsoever he did possess in *Pebworth*, viz. 4 hides and a half; and moreover with all his lands of *Waltfod*, *Cumbyge*, and *Wlincshesfelde*, with their appurtenances, excepting *Lx s.* yearly Rent, which the Abbot of this House was to pay to the Monks of *Wec* in (*Posmandy*.) And further did he grant thereunto the Chapell of his Castle at *Oversley*, with the Churches of *Alcester*, *Glen*, *Teingworth* and *Overton*, and whatsoever appertained to them; the whole Tithe of his Lordship of *Oversley* in lands, Vineyards, Woods, Parks, Meadows and Fishings: Half the Tithe of his Lordships of *Pebworth* and *Cherlertune*; Two sheaves of that of *Ragley*: All the Tithes of *Dozinton*, *Milecote*, *Wzome*, and *Whitlaccasfod*: As also his Mill of *Grobert*, and the half of his three Mills at *Oversley*; Appointing, that whosoever should govern here, for the future, as Abbot, he should not mispend the revenues of the Monastery upon his secular kindred; but for the poor, and in Hospitality: nor grant away the inheritance of any the lands belonging thereto: And (which is not the least memorable) he might not make any other Knights nisi in sacra veste Christi, in qua parvulos suscipere modestè caveat; but that maturos, seu discretos, tam Clericos quam Laicos providè suscipiat, as are the very words of his Charter: whereby 'tis evident, that about this time the restriction began, which prohibited Ecclesiastick persons to make Knights; which (it seems) they had antiently used to do; and as by what I have said in *Milecote*, touching the sacred and Courtly ceremonies, formerly exercised in conferring that dignity, appeareth.

Which ample Charter being confirmed by the before specified *Robert* Earl of *Leicester* (his immediate Lord) as also by K. Steph. and Henry the second, begot a fair increase of its possessions, through the munificence of sundry other persons: viz. xx s. Rent yearly issuing out of *Impingeham*, given by *Geffrey* one of the sons to the said founder; the Church of *Wolep* in *Worcestershire*: by *Geffrey de Limesi*; the Church of *Pebworth* in com: *Glouc.* by *Ric: Frevill*, with one yard land in *Overton*, and the Tithe of his Salt at *Witche*: the Church of *Edwington*, by *Rog. de Watervill*, and one hide of land in *Rypton*, in this County, lying adjacent to *Wetton*, with a meadow situate under that town, and some other lands there. Neither must I omit to take notice, that *Simon de Colton*, and *Alexander de Kynewarton* bestowed on these Monks, each of them a load of wood for *Fewell*, to be weekly taken out of their Woods at *Coaton* (now *Coughton*) with liberty for them to erect Hogs-cotes in the same Woods: All which gifts were ratified by the said K. H. 2. After this, viz. in 35 E. 1. had they *Lx.* acres of Heath, or wast, lying at *Winstoke* in *Shrop-*

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Shropshire, with the aduouſon of the Church of *Pinſtroke*, given^p unto them by *Will. le Boteler* of *Wem*, with power to incloſe the ſaid waſt: as alſo Common of paſture for viii Oxen, vi Kine with their calves of one year old, and CC ſheep, in his Waſts and Woods at *Pinſtroke*; but with condition that the ſaid *Will.* and his heirs might make improvement at their pleaſure in thoſe woods and waſt, without the lawfull contradiction of the ſaid Monks. And over and above all this, was there an annuity of C s. per an. given^q thereunto by the ſaid *Will. le Boteler*, iſſuing out of certain lands and burgages lying in *Shaſtesbury in com. Dorſ.* for the performance of Divine ſervice, Almes, and other pious works, for the health of his ſoul, as alſo of the ſoul of *K. Henr.* the 4th.

But after this I do find very little increaſe of its revenues from any other Benefactors; nay rather ſuch a diminution, through the ill government and negligence of ſome Abbots; by waſting the ſtock upon their lands, and borrowing of money, that in 10 H. 6. upon^r a Complaint made by *William* the then Abbot, that their debts were ſo great, as, in caſe they ſhould ſpeedily be required, himſelf and his Covent could not poſſibly ſubſiſt; the King, upon mature advice with his Council, by his Royall authority, ſeiſed^t the whole Monastery into his own hands, and forthwith committed^t the government thereof to the care of *Humphry D. of Glouc.* (his uncle) *Thomas* Biſhop of *Worceſter*, *Sir Will. ap Thomas* Kt. *John Weſton* Sergeant at Law, *Will. Lucy* Eſq. *Will. Donington* Rob. Hall, and *Thomas Buſhell*, for to order and diſpoſe of all things belonging thereto to the beſt profit and advantage. But (it ſeems) that theſe Commiſſioners effected little therein, whatſoever they indeavoured: for in 22 H. 6. the ſame K. by another Pat.^u reciting that this Houſe was grown ſo poor, through the improvidence of the preceding Abbots, that the preſent yearly profits belonging thereto, did not exceed the ſum of xl. marks, granted Liſenſe to *Ric. Burton*, the then Abbot, to apply himſelf to the Pope for obtaining ſuch a capacity as might redeem it out of that extream debt and poverty: yet neither did this do any good: for in 5 E. 4. I find that the K. by his Letters^w Pat. expreſſing that this Monastery, being of his patronage, in right of the Dutchy of *Lancaster*, was through divers miſfortunes, and the negligence of many Abbots, come to ſuch a low condition, that there then was not, nor of a long time had been, any Monk to bear the Abbot company; And that the revenues wherewith it had been originally endowed, by reaſon of ſuch detriments, as in the ſucceeding times had hapned, were ſo diminished that they would not maintain ſo many Monks as at the Foundation thereof were appointed, nor perform due Hoſpitality, and other works of piety; did upon full conſideration of the premiſſes, to the honour of the individuall *Trinity*, and the *Bleſſed Virgin*; as alſo for the augmenting God's ſervice in the Abby of *Cheſham*, and ratifying a congruous maintenance for ſuch a number of Monks in this Abby, as by the Foundation were limited, the keeping of Hoſpitality, &c. grant unto *Richard* then Abbot of *Cheſham*, and his ſucceſſors, the right of patronage and aduouſon hereof, to the intent that he and his Covent ſhould procure it to be united, and appropriated thenceforth to the ſaid Abby of *Cheſham*: which union was accordingly made, the enſuing year, by

John Carpenter then Biſhop of *Worceſter*, as appears by his Inſtrument^x bearing date 2 Apr. an. 1456, (6 E. 4.) whereupon *Ric. Tuttebury*, the then Abbot hereof, made his reſignation^y to the ſaid Biſhop Apr. 22. an. 1467. (being about a twelve months after) inſomuch as after this time it was only a Cell to *Cheſham*, and ſo reputed^z at the time of that generall Survey taken in 26 H. 8. when the revenues thereof, over and above reſpriſes, were certified^a to amount to no more than *Lxxl. vii s. xi. d.* and ſo became ſuppreſſed amongſt other the ſmaller Houſes by Act of Parl. in 27, H. 8.

Whereupon *T. Cromwell* Earl of *Eſſex*, who had been ſo active an Inſtrument to accompliſh the ruin thereof, with all the reſt, obtained^b it: but he having ſoon after a ſad reward^c for ſuch his ſervice, it came again to the King, who forthwith demised^c the ſite thereof, with all the lands and Rents belonging thereto, lying in and about *Alceſter*, *Coughton*, *Kimerton*, and *Erhall* to *Fouk Grevill* Eſquire; which *Fouk* ſoon after fell to pulling it down for enlarging his Houſe at *Beauchamps Court* (as I have there intimated.) But the inheritance, was paſt^d out of the Crown in 36 H. 8. unto one *Will. Sweſter* and *John Sweſter*, and the heirs of *John*; and in 4. & 5. Ph. & *M.* purchaſed^e by the ſame *Sir Fouk Grevill*.

Abbates.

Conſtitutus Abbas per Rad. Boteler Fundator huius Monasterii.

Robertus Monachus in Prioratu Wigorn.

Frater Will. de Wytechirche Cellerar. de Perſore.

Frater Will. de Ilminton monachus 4 Non. Martii 1333

Frater Mauritius de Muſtreworth monachus S. Petri Glouc. 19 Jan. 1361.

Electi per Convantum.

Frater Joh. de Bradway monach: . . . Nov. 1369.

Will. Pole monach. 28. Oct. 1426.

Ric. de Burton 22 H. 6.

Ric. de Tuttebury reſignavit an. 1468.

Joh. Norton 26 H. 8.

All that I have further to ſay in relation to this place, is concerning the *Free-School*, ſituate in the field on the South ſide the town, towards *Arroto*. This was founded by *Walter Newport* of *Holdenby in com. Northampton* gent. who by his laſt Will and Teſtament^f bearing date 12. Junii 34. Eliz. gave the ſum of 400 l. to buy lands or ſome annuity to the value of xx l. by the year, or more, to be employed to the uſe of a *School* for the teaching of poor mens children, either at *Awſeter* or *Herberge*, as his brother in law *Forteſcue* and *Wagſtaffe* ſhall think beſt (for thoſe are the words.) Whereupon accordingly did the ſaid Mr. *Will. Forteſcue* ſettle a Rent charge of xx l. per an. for that purpoſe, to be received out of his Manour of *Wetheley*, in this County, for ever.

No ſooner hath *Arroto* paſt the ſkirts of this town, but that *Alne* joyning therewith much enlargeth

x Corp. f. 199. b. & c.

y Ib. f. 210. b.

z M. S. penes S. A. eq. aur. f. 15 b.

a M. S. in bibl. Cotton.

b Pat. 36 H. 8. p. 4.

* Beheaded 28 Julii 32 H. 8.

c Pat. 33. H. 8. p. 8.

d Pat. 36. H. 8. p. 4.

e F. levat. T. Paich. 4. & 5 Ph. & M.

M. S. in bibl. Bodl. ut ſupra.

Pat. 33. H. 3. m. 5.

Mont. f. 15. a.

S Germ. f. 114. a.

Lyn. f. 20. a.

Phil. f. 7. b.

Pat. 22. H. 6. p. 2. m. 15

Bourch. f. 209. a.

M. S. penes S. Archer eq. aur. f. 15. b.

f. Ab exempl. ejusdem penes S. A. eq. aur.

largest its Chanell; unto the head whereof I must now ascend, which will guide me through the midst of this Hundred, wherein the rest of those places, to be discoursed of do, for the most part, lye situate.

Tanworth.

THis, though it is so far distant from **Willes**, was antiently a member thereof, and so consequently within **Kington** Hundred, whereof it still continues: Nevertheless, in regard that the Rivers are my principall guides, I shall here take notice of it; in the first place observing, that before the Norman Conquest, **Edwyn** Earl of **Merca** posselt it, as part of that great Lordship; so that it being then assesse therewith, it was not severed from it, when the antient Hundreds (whereof I have elsewhere spoke) became altered to what they are now. And being thus involved with **Willes**, it is not particularly mentioned in the Conquerors Survey, though there is no doubt but that it extended to no small part of those xlvi. hides, which **Willes** is in that Record certified to contain: for the woods belonging to that spacious Lordship were then certified to be no less than three miles in length and two in breadth, whereas the Country about **Willes** is for the most part Champion, and this meerly Woodland. But being seized on by the K. with the rest of Earl **Edwine**'s lands, it was with **Willes** and other great possessions, given to **Henry de Newburgh** upon his advancement to the Earldom of **Warwick**, as I have elsewhere intimated: Howbeit, the first mention that ever I saw thereof, is in that confirmation^h of the Church to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, made by **Simon** Bishop of **Worcester**, towards the later end of K. **H. I.** reign; wherein what is now the Church, was then called *Capella de Tanewrtha*, and passes as a member of **Willes**, being disposedⁱ of to those Canons by **Roger** Earl of **Warwick**, son and successor to the before specified **Henry**. And continuing to the succeeding Earls, it was in **9 Joh.** (*inter alia*) assigned^k to **Alice** the widow of Earl **Waleran**, to hold in dower during her life; and in **26 H. 3.** to **Ela** the widow of Earl **Thomas**: and after this, viz. in **31. H. 3.** upon the Agreement betwixt **Will. Mauduit** and **Alice** his wife, and **John de Plesssets** and **Margerie** then Countess of **Warwick** his wife (which **Alice** was Aunt and heir to the said Countess) it was one of the Mannours seeld^m upon the same **John de Plesssets** for life, in case he survived the said **Margerie**.

But **Ela** the Countess being then living, it rested in her possession, who had a Charterⁿ of **Free-warren** granted to her for life, here, and in the rest of the Lordships of her dowrie, bearing date **2 Nov. 36 H. 3.** Which **Ela** afterwards marrying to **Philip Bassett**, had in **49 H. 3.** not only a Confirmation^o for her enjoyment hereof, during her own life, by **Will. Mauduit** then Earl of **Warwick**, but likewise a grant^p that the said **Philip** her husband might hold it during his life, in case he should survive her. Howbeit, in **13 E. 1.** I find that **Will. de Beauchamp**, then Earl of **Warwick**, claimed a **Court Leet**, Assize of Bread and Beer, **Free-warren**, Gallows, **Infangthef**, **Tumbrell**, and **Weifs** within this Lordship by Prescription; all which

were^q allowed: whereby, it seems, that he had then possession thereof, though the before specified **Ela** was then alive; by some Agreement, 'tis like; for she did not totally quit her interest here till **17 E. 1.** but then, by her Deed^r bearing date at **Winep** (**1 Junii**) she passed over, and releast the same unto him. In **9 E. 2.** being in the King's hands, by reason of the minority of **Thomas** son and heir to **Guy de Beauchamp** Earl of **Warwick**, and valued at xxxiv l. xvi. s. iiii d. ob. per an. it was, with the Castle of **Warwick**, and the rest of his possessions, in regard of the notable services performed by the said Earl, as the grant imports, assigned^t to his Executors for the use of the said **Thomas**.

But, notwithstanding that assignation, it was (with divers other great Lordships, part of the possessions of the deceased Earl) again resumed into the Kings hands, and in **11 E. 2.** disposed^u of to **Hugh le Despenser** the elder, to hold till the heir should accomplish his full age. After which, viz. in **18 E. 3.** did **T. de Beauchamp**, the succeeding Earl^v entail it, together with the Castle of **Warwick**, and divers other Lordships, upon his issue male (where the names of his severall sons are recited.) To whose posterity it continued till **3 H. 7.** (as in my discourse of those Earls is manifested) but then coming to the Crown, was by K. **H. 8.** in **36** of his reign, in consideration of **630 l. 16 s. 2 d.** granted^w unto Sir **George Throgmorton** Kt. to be held in *Capite* by the xxth part of a Kts. fee; in whose Family it continued till **Thomas Throgmorton**, Esq. by virtue of an Act of Parl. in **2 Jac.** sold it to **Andrew Archer** Esq. whose son and heir viz. Sir **Sim. Archer** Kt. now enjoys it.

That the Church (dedicated to **St. Mary Magd.**) was originally but a Chapel belonging to **Willes**, and therewith granted to the Canons of **Kenilworth** in **H. 1.** time, I have already shewed: but in **3 Joh.** it had the reputation of a Church, if not before: for then by an Agreement^x betwixt those Canons and **Waleran** Earl of **Warwick**, touching the future Presentation thereto, it was determined, that whensoever it might happen to be void, the Earl and his heirs should nominate a Clerk to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, and they to present him to the Bishop; and that the said Canons should thenceforth receive out of it, at the hands of the present Parson incumbent, a yearly Pension of two marks of silver, upon the Feast days of **St. Mich.** the Archangell, and the *Annunciation* of our Lady by equall portions, and a stone of Wax on *Candlemass* day, for ever. About that time I find^y, that **John** Arch-Deacon of **Worcester**, being Parson here, had a Vicar under him called **Roger de Warwick**, the son of one **Godwin**, presented thereto by the Canons of **Kenilworth**; which Vicar did then pay to the said Arch-Deacon, yearly, in the nature of a Pension, two Marks at *Easter* and *Michaelmass* by equall portions, and to the Canons of **Kenilworth** other two Marks and a stone of Wax, as antiently they had used to receive out of the same. But all the Glebe belonging thereto, was not given at the first Foundation thereof; for it is evident^z that **Walter** the son of **Peter de Wolwardington**; did, about the beginning of **H. 3.** time, grant unto **Richard Lungespe** the then Incumbent and his successors, in pure Alms, a certain Messuage with the appurtenances, situate here in **Tanworth**; the witnesses to his grant, being **Rob. de Lexington**, **Johann de Nevill**, and **Gilbert**

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18 E. 3.

w Pat. 36.
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Kenilw. p.
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z Es. an.
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g Domefd.
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h Regist. de
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i lb. p. 21.

k F. levat.
9 Joh.

l Clauf. 26.
H. 3. p. 2. m.
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m F. de
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31 H. 3.

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Insp.

Gilbert de Preston, then Justices of the Court of Common Pleas, with others.

In *An. 1291* (19 E. 1.) this Church was rated at L. marks; but in 9 E. 2. the advowson thereof, being assigned to *Alice* the widdow of *Guy de Beauchamp* E. of *Warwick*, as part of her dowrie, it was valued at no more than xxx Marks. After which, viz. in 14 E. 3. the interest that the said Canons and Earl had therein, was past away to *Will. de Clinton* Earl of *Huntingdon*; that of the Canons upon the Sunday next after the Feast of *St. Mathew* the Apostle, reserving to themselves and their successors the Pension of two Marks and a stone of Wax yearly: at which time also they granted to them a Messuage adjoining to the Church yard (which was part of the Glebe:) And that of the Earls by *Thomas de Beauchamp* then E. of *Warwick* & *Martii* the same year: all which was confirmed by the King: Whereupon the same Earl, on the first day of *May* next ensuing, bestowed that advowson with the appurtenances on his Priory of *Martoke* in this County, then newly founded by him, as I shall hereafter shew: whereunto likewise the before specified Earl of *Warwick*, and Canons of *Kenilworth* did seal Releases of their severall interests, scil. the Earl on the Thursday being the Feast day of *St. Luke* the Evang. and the Canons on the Feast day of *S. Vincent* the Martyr in 15 E. 3. reserving still the said Pension of two Marks and a stone of Wax to themselves and their successors for ever: after which ere long, the said Canons obtained an appropriation thereof (scil. ult. Dec. the same year) from *Wolstan* Bishop of *Worcester*; whereby it appears that the perpetuall Vicar, having the cure of souls here, was to have a competent portion assigned unto him out of the fruits of the Church, extending to xx marks sterling per an. but that the said two marks per an. and the stone of Wax to the Canons of *Kenilworth* should be duly paid: And moreover that a Pension of two Marks per an. should be paid to the Bishop of *Worcester* and his successors: and to the Prior and Monks of *Worcester* and their successors xx s. per an. whereupon ensued the Ordination of the Vicaridge, made by the same Bishop and dated at *Bertlebury* xi Martii an. 1341. (16 E. 3.)

In 26 H. 8. the Rectory here was certified to be worth iii l. xiii s. iii d. per an. being so let at that time by Indenture: and the Vicaridge vi l. xiii s. iii d. per an. which Rectory, with the advowson of the Vicaridge, was (inter alia) past out of the Crown, together with the dissolved Monastery of *Martoke*, unto *Charles Brandon* D. of *Suff.* ult. Sept. 30 H. 8. And from the said Duke, excepting the advowson of the said Vicaridge, conveyed to *Rob. Trapps*, with *Martoke* also; being since sold viz. 2 Oct. 44 Eliz. to the before specified *Andrew Archer*, by *Will. Poulet* son of the Lord *Giles Poulet*, and *Mary* his wife, one of the daughters and heirs of *Nich.* son to the before specified *Rob. Trapps*: Which advowson coming by mean conveyance unto *Will. Stanley* L. *Monteagle*, was

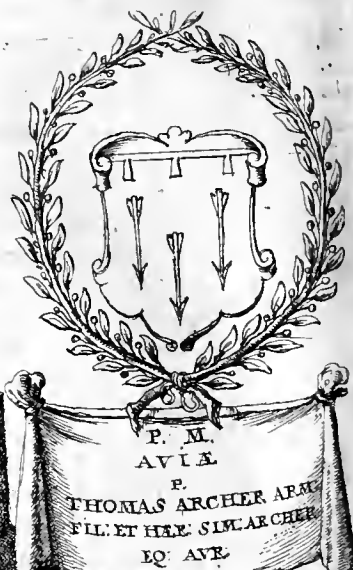
by him 12. Jan. 12. Eliz. aliened unto *Ellys Aynsworth* of *Bolton* in com. *Lauc.* Gent. whose son and heir, by his deed bearing date 4 Oct. 21. Eliz. conveyed it to *John Addenbrook* of *Beolep* in com. *Wigorn.* yeoman: which *John* 12 Oct. 27 Eliz. past it to the same *Andrew Archer*.

Patroni Ecclesie Incumbentes, &c.

	<i>Rad. Bolemere</i> Pbr. 3. Cal. Giff. f. 351.
	<i>Apr. 1292.</i>
Prior & Conv. de <i>Kenilworth.</i>	<i>Nich. le Boteler</i> 17 Cal. Apr. Geyn. f. 13.
	1303.
	<i>Thomas Talbot</i> Cleric. 15 Cal. S. Germ. f. 38. a.
	<i>Febr. 1307.</i>
<i>Idem Pr. & C. ad naminat. D.</i>	<i>Ingelram Berenger</i> Cler. 4. Col. f. 17. a.
<i>Hug. le Despenfer</i> ratione custodia hared.	<i>Non. Oct. 1319.</i>
<i>Comitis Warw.</i>	<i>Mag. Ric. de Vppavene</i> 11. Ib. f. 30. a.
<i>Idem Pr. & Conv. ad nominat. Edw. Regis Angl. ratione ut supra.</i>	<i>Cal. Oct. 1322.</i>
<i>Pr. & C. de Kenilw.</i>	<i>D. Thom. de Pakinton</i> Pbr. Hort. vol. 1. f. 18. b.
<i>Will. de Clinton Comes Huntingdon.</i>	8 Martii an. 1328.
	<i>Ric. le Gardiner</i> Pbr. 17. Jun. lii 1339. wolt. vol. 1. f. 17. b.
	<i>D. Rob. Wyke</i> 3 Apr. 1340. wolt. vol. 2. f. 35. b.
	<i>D. Will. de Coron</i> 3. Maii 1340. Ib. f. 35. a.
	<i>D. Rob. de Folwode</i> Pbr. 25. Aug. 1341. Ib. f. 50. a.
	<i>Henr. le Gardner</i> 19. Nov. 1349. S. Germ. f. 131. a.
	<i>Will. Tykenhale</i> Pbr. 24. Maii 1375. Ib. f. 191. b.
	<i>Ric. Dolfyn</i> Pbr. 5. Aug. 1379. Wak. f. 13. a.
	<i>Hugo de Cookes</i> Pbr. 21 Sept. 1381. Ib. f. 28. a.
Prior & Conv. de <i>Martoke.</i>	<i>D. Ric. Martyn</i> 23 Maii 1398. Tid. f. 27. a.
	<i>Tho. Hopley</i> 23 Apr. 1399. Ib. f. 50. a.
	<i>Will. Bakon</i> 21 Aug. 1402. Clif. f. 17. b.
	<i>Tho. Draper</i> 16 Oct. 1046. Ib. f. 33. b.
	<i>D. Will. Elys</i> Cap. 14 Julii 1420. Morg. vol. 2. f. 14. a.
	<i>D. Ric. Grefwoud</i> Pbr. 28. Nov. 1442. Bourch. f. 78. b.
	<i>D. Will. Swyneshede</i> Cap. 3. Sept. 1465. Carp. vol. 1. f. 189. b.
	<i>D. Will. Harrys</i> Cap. 17 Julii 1471. Carp. vol. 2. f. 20. a.
	<i>Rad. Whitehede</i> in leg. Bac. 12. Apr. 1514. Gyg. vol. 2. f. 107. b.
	<i>D. Rad. Aleyne</i> Cler. 13. Dec. 1537. Lat. f. 5. a.
<i>Henr. 8. Rex. Angl.</i>	<i>Joh. Parks</i> Cler. 7 Aug. 1573. Bul. f. 3. b.
<i>Elizous Aynsworth Gen.</i>	

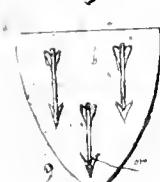
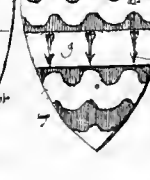
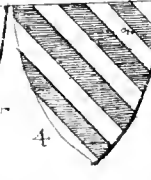
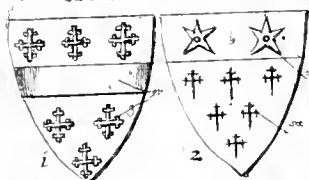
Archer

Ravlegh.

On a plate of brasse fixed in a frame of wood
upon the North Wall of this Church:

MEMORIA SACRVM.

Margareta Archer filia Simonis Ralegh
de Farnbrough armigeri, quæ fuit
mitissima Coniux Andree Archer de
Tanworth Armigeri, nec non adiutrix
pauperum & agrotantium dum vixit quæ
obijt decimo-tertio die Augusti an. 1614.

In the East window
of the Chancell.

- 1 Beauchamp E. of Warwick.
- 2 Clinton E. of Huntingdon.
- 3 Mountbraz.

- 4 Mountfort
- 5 Titchet
- 6 Hasing.
- 7 Crewenhale.
- 8
- 9 Archer.
- 10 Waring.

Monumentall Inscriptions in this Church.

Orate pro animabus Ricardi Fulwode armigeri,
& Agnetis uxoris ejus; qui quidem Ricardus
obiit xxiii die Februarii An. Dom. M.D. secundo,
quorum animabus propitiatur Deus.

Orate pro animabus Roberti Fulwode armigeri,
& Margareta uxoris sua; qui quidem Robertus
fuit excellentissime doctus, sive literatus in
Communi lege Anglia, Et obiit xx die mensis O-
ctobris An. D. 1531. Cujus anima propitiatur
Deus Amen.

Here lyeth buried Edward Archer Gent.
whyles he lived was a friend to poore
He dyed the xliiij of february,
Anno D. 1592.

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Ricardum Dolfyn cerne homo
locus tenet iste
Aeternam lucem ei dare
dedignaris Christe.

But because this did import praying for the dead
complaint was made to the Bishop, who caused
that Inscription to be defaced, and instead of it
set up this.

J E S U S

Ricardum Dolfyn cerne homo
mortuum, locum tenet Christi;
Sed noluit locum Christi
vixit intrare iste.

Hic jacet Elizabetha filia Edwardi Gryffyn
armigeri; obiit 7 Oct. 1608.

Ex autog.
penes Ca-
mer. Scar.
in бага de
Catesby.

In this Church were two *Chantries*, the one at the Altar of the blessed Virgin, and the other of St. Katherine. Of these, the former was founded by Robert Folewode, first Vicar of *Tanworth* after the Church became appropriated to the Canons of *Makstoke*: which Rob. by his Deed bearing date at *Tanworth* on the Feast day of S. Gervasi-
us and Prochadius 19 E. 3. granted to one Ranulph de Folewode, and the heirs of his body, his capitall Messuage, with all the lands and tene-
ments thereto belonging, heretofore posselt by one Will. de Lec, and situate in a place called *Beau-
munt*; as also another mess. sometime belong-
ing to Ric. de Pirychull, both in this Parish; to the intent that the said Ranulph, and his said heirs should find a competent Priest of good con-
versation, chosen by the twelve principall Inha-
bitants of the town, to celebrate divine service daylie in this Church, at the said Altar of the Blef-
sed Virgin, for all the living and dead of this Pa-
rish; as also for the Benefactors to the said Church and Chantry. Which Chantry-Priest, for the time
being, was every year to take his Corporall Oath on the Feast day of St. Mich. the Archangell, in the presence of him the said Robert, his heirs and
successors, that he would faithfully performe such service as abovesaid; and likewise daily say a
Placebo and *Dirige*, with a speciall comendation of him the said Robert, by name, and his heirs:
and if the said Ran. de Folewode did happen to de-
part this life without issue of his body, that then the Messuages, beforementioned, should remain to
John de Lodbroke, and the heirs of his body, upon the like termes; and so for default of issue by him,
to John le Archer, with these severall remainders, in case of issue failing; viz. to Henry de Sidenhale,
Rob. de Crewenhale, John Wodard, Will. Dolfyn, Will. Gower, Ric. Alleyn, Thomas Wystan, and
Ric. atte Berne, and the heirs of their bodies. To which Feoffment were witnesses Sir Peter de Mont-
fort, Sir Edm. de Trussell, Sir Rog. de Aylesbury, and Sir Thomas Blancfront Kts. with others: The
lands of this Chantry being in 37 H. 8. valued^p at
vii l. xix s. vii d. above all reprises.

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s S.A. eq.
r. f. 18. b.
Esc. 21.
2. n. 64.

Touching the other Chantry I find^q, that in 14 R. 2. one Thomas Collins, of this town, gave to Thomas Archer, John Fullwode, and others, divers lands, for to find two Priests celebrating divine service, here, for ever: all which being forfeited to the King, in regard of such disposall made of them without the Royall License, contrary to the Statute in that case made and provided, were thereupon given away by K. Ric. unto one John Swet, who having a desire to assign over his right and state in them unto Rose Mountfort (then a great woman in this Parish) obtained a Pat.^r from K. H. 4. in the first year of his reign, whereby the said K. gave them unto her and her heirs for ever, to the intent that she and they should provide and maintain two Chantry-Priests to celebrate divine service daylie in this Church, at the Altar of our Lady before mentioned, as well for the good estate of the said K. Henry during this life, and after-
wards for the health of his soul, and the souls of his Mother, and Queen deceased, as for the soul of the said Rose, and the souls of her ancestors and heirs, and other Benefactors to the said Chantrye. Which Rose by her Deed^r bearing date 8 Maii in the same year, reciting the grant so made to her as abovesaid, gave those lands unto John Blaken-
hale, and Ric. Boys, Priests serving at the before

specified Altar, to hold to them and their succes-
sors, Priests of that Chantry, to celebrate divine service there for ever, according to the limitations before mentioned.

The advouson of which Chantry descended by the said Rose Mountfort to the Catesbies; but by reason of the attainder of Sir Will. Catesbie in 1 H. 7. was granted^r in 3 H. 7. to Sir James Blount and to the heirs male of his body. In 26 H. 8. the lands belonging thereto were valued^u at xiii l. vi. s. viii d. per an. but in^w 37 H. 8. to no more than vii l. vii s. iiii d. at which time I find it certified, that this Parish was xx miles in compass, so that in case of Plague or ohter sickness there; the Priests belonging thereto did use to assist the Vicar in mi-
nistring the Sacraments, and Sacramentals. The lands of both which Chantries, were granted^x in 7 E. 6. to Keneelm Throkemorton, Clem. Throkemorton, and John Throkemorton Esquires and their heirs.

I now come to the particular places of note within this Parish; viz. *Umbrellade*, *Wonspath*, *Cley Hall*, *Codbarow*, *Chestwikes*, *Betlestworth*, *Lodbroke's-Mannour*, *Sidenhale*, and *Crewenhale*; of which in their order.

Umbrellade.

THIS, being onely an antient Mannour house, was in H. 2. time, partly given^y by Henry de Vilers (Sewer to Will. Earl of *Warwick*) unto Rob. Archer and Seliit his wife and to the heirs of Seliit; in which grant it is termed terra de *Umbrellade*, and the said Robert called Rob. Sa-
gittarius; and partly by Roger de Hulehale, to her the said Seliit onely. From which Robert and Seliit I have on the next page represented the line-
all descendants, with their matches, clearly war-
ranted from the originall Charters and evidences of this antient Family, whose principall seat it still continues.

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penes eund.
S. A.

Of William the son to Rob. and Seliit I find, that he had a grant of much land, here in *Tanworth*, by Valeran Earl of *Warwick* about the beginning of K. John's reign, which is set forth by speciall boundaries according to the use of those times: and likewise a Bull^a from Pope Gregory the ixth for a peculiar Chapell at this place, bearing date in 19 H. 3. In the Windows whereof are yet standing, and of no less antiquity than E. 3. time, the Arms of Beauchamp E. of *Warwick*, Clinton Earl of *Huntingdon*, as also of this Family, as they were then set up in the Glafs. Which Will. left issue John; who, being Champion^b to Thomas Earl of *Warwick*, obtained a speciall Charter, from the said Earl, to himself and his heirs for freedom to hawk and hunt every where, within the territories of *Tanworth*, excepting the Park, and to exercise all other Liberties, belonging to the said Earl, within *Wonspath* and *Umbrellade*, paying therefore unto him and his heirs xii broad Arrow heads & a couple of Capons, at Whitsontide yearly. This John had issue John, and divers other children, whereof Thomas was Lord Prior^d of the Hospitall of St. John of *Jerusalem* in *England* in 14 E. 2. which John, the younger, matching with Margery the daughter of Sir Will. Traci of *Wodington* in *Gloucestershire* (an eminent fami-
ly in those parts) left issue John, and Thomas. Of which Thomas I find, that, having been in that
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Rob. Sagittarius temp. H. 2. [Selliit]

Ricar-	Johan-	Will le Archer obiit-Margeria.
dus.	nes.	circa 23 H. 3.

Johanna ux.	Isab. ux.	Tho.	Joh. le	Christiana, se-
Walt. filii	Wil. filii	mas,	Archer o-	cundò nupta
Sim. de	Rad. de		biit temp.	Will. de Ber-
Cherlecote.	Lec.		H. 3.	neville.

Tho. Prior	Wil. Re-	Rob. Re-	Joh. le-Margeria fi-
S. Ioh. Hie-	ctor Eccl.	ctor Eccl.	Archer lia Will. Tra-
refol. in Ang-	de Pilar-	de Que-	ob ante ci de Toding
lia 14 E. 2.	dinton.	inton.	28 E. 1. ron in Com.
			Glouc.

Ric. Re-ctor	Will. le	Thomas	Joh. le Ar-	Isabella filia
Eccl. de Il-	Archer	to E. 2.	cher obiit	Rad. Escote
mindon	2 E. 2.		circa 22.	1 E. 3.
23 E. 3.			E. 3.	

Joh. le Archer	Thomas le Archer-Margaretta filia
16 E. 3.	obiit 46 E. 3.
 Cleburie.

Gilbertus le	Alicia-Thomas le Archer-Agnes filia Wal-
Archer,	ux. 2. obiit 4 H. 6. ætat. 84. an.
	teri Cokesey mil.

Alicia filia Will.	Ric. Archer-Margaretta-Alicia filia	Hen-
Hugford de Mid-	obiit 11 E. 8. ætat. 85.	ricus.
leton in Com. Sa-	4. ætat. 85.	Newport de Wil. Lea
lop. mil. obiit 8.	Ercall ar.	de Stot-
H. 5.	ux. 2.	fold.
		ux. 3.

Joh. Archer obiit.	Christiana sola filia &
3. E. 4. vivo patre	hæres Rad. de Blacklow
	Civis Lond. reliq. Hen-
	Sewall, nupta 25 H. 6.

Joh. Archer obiit.	Alicia filia Baldwini Mounrfort
4 Dec. 11. H. 8.	de Colhill mil. nupta 7 E. 4.

Joh. Archer obiit.	Margaretta filia Humfridi Srafford de
16 Apr. 12. H. 8.	Blatherwick, nupta 19 H. 7. obiit
	21. H. 8.

Edw. Archer	Johan-	Robert-	Ric. Archer-Matilda filia
obiit cælebs	nes.	us.	ob. 5. Oct. & coher.
temp. lac.			36. H. 8.
Regis.			21. 39.
			Nich. De la
			mere de He-
			reford parva
			ob. 23. Aug.
			6 & 5. Ph.
			& M.

Edw.	Francisca	Humfr. Archer-Anna filia Rob.
Fulco.	Winfrida	obiit 24 Oct. 4.
Miles.	Anna	Eliz.
		Tounsend de Lud-
		low mil. Capit. lu-
		tic. Wallia obiit 28
		Nov. 5. lac.

Joh. Archer duxit	Andreas Archer-Margar. filia Sim. Ra-
Elia. nora fil. &	ob. 23. Apr. An. 1629.
hæz. Ric. Frewin	1629.
de Handley in	
Com. Wigorn.	

Ric. Archer de Nethorp	Simon Archer na--Anna filia
in Com. Oxon. duxit	tus 21 Sept. 1581.
Maria fil. & hæz. Roul.	factus eq. aur. per
Bull de Nethorp.	Regem lac. 21 Aug. 1624.
	1624.
	eq. aur.

Elizab.	Penelope	Anna ux.	Hum-	Tho. duxit	Joh.
	ux. Era-	Phil.	fridus.	Annam fil.	Ar-
	mi de	Yong de		Ric. Leigh.	cher
	Lignear.	Kington		Mercat.	ob.
		in Com.		Lond.	cæ-
		Salop. ar.			lebs.

Rebellion with *Thomas* Earl of *Lancaster* in *E.* 2 time, he obtained a pardon by the means and intercession of his Uncle, the Prior of *S. Johns*.

But to the before specified *John* succeeded *Thomas*; and to him another *Thomas*; who by his deed bearing date the Munday next after the Feast of the Purification of our Lady 49 *E.* 3. did, for the reverence he bore to the said blessed Virgin, as also to *S. Thomas* the Martyr, and *All Saints*, and for the health of his and his wives souls, and of the souls of *Thomas le Archer* his Father, *Margaret* his Mother, his ancestors and heirs, and all the faithfull deceased, grant License to *Ric. de Montfort* and others, to amortize certain lands lying in *Lantwozth* and held of him, for the founding of a *Chantrie* in the Chapell of our Lady and *S. Thomas* the Martyr within the Church of *Lapwozth*, (as I shall there more fully shew) which *Thomas* was one of the Esquires to *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick*, as appears by the said Earl's grant bearing date at *Worcester* 20 Martii 1. R. 2. whereby he conferred upon him, by the title of dilectio nobis Scutifero *Thomas le Archer*, *pro bono & laudabili servicio quod nobis impendit, & impendet in futurum* (for so are the words of his Charter) a certain yearly Rent of *Ci s. iiii d.* issuing out of sundry tenements of the said Earls, in *Worcester*, to enjoy during his life: and in 21. R. 2. was in Commission for the assessing and collecting a xvth. and xth. then granted to the K. in Parliament. This *Thomas* wedded *Agnes* the daughter to Sir *Walter Cokesey* of *Worcester-shire*, and had a special Indulgence from Pope *Boniface* the ixth. for the making choice of a Confessor, that might pronounce plenary remission to them, of all their sins, whereof with contrite hearts they should make confession at the time of their deaths.

To him succeeded *Richard*, his son and heir, who took to his first wife *Alice* the daughter to *Will. Hugford* of *Spelteton* in *Shropshire*, and at length heir to her brother, being then the widow of Sir *Thomas Lucy* of *Charlecote* Kt. from which Lady the Families of *Lucie* and *Archer* are both descended. Which *Richard* was one of those persons of note in this County, who in 7 *H.* 5. had command to serve the King in person for the defence of the Realm; all those then required so to do, being such as did bear ancient Arms by descent from their Ancestors (as the words of the Writ do import.) But afterwards marrying severall other wives; viz. *Margaret* the widow unto *Thomas Newport* of *Ercall* in *Shropshire*, by reason whereof he resided there upon her jointure; and *Alice* the daughter and heir to *Will. Ley* of *Stotfold* in *Staffordshire*, he was in 20 *H.* 6. constituted Shiriff of *Staffordshire*. In 35 *H.* 6. suggesting that he was to attend the King's service at *Warwick* upon *Twede*, under the command of *Henry Percy* Earl of *Northumb.* then Captain of the said town and Castle, he had a Patent of protection dated 8 Junii: but the King being advertised that he did not go with the said Earl accordingly, revoked it. In his later time he lived at *Stotfold* before mentioned, and there made his Testament 18 Jan. 9 *E.* 4. whereby he bequeathed his body to sepulture in the Church of *St. Mary Magd.* here at *Lantwozth*; giving unto the fabrick thereof four marks, and appointing that xii pounds of *VVax* should be burnt about his Hearse on the day of his Funerall: as also that there

e Pat. 16.
E. 2. p. 1. m.
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tesby.g Ex autog.
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i Ex au-
tog. penes
eund. S. A.l Claus. 3.
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Scac.n Ex au-
tog. penes
eund. S. A.o Rot. F.
20 H. 6. m.
18.p Pat. 3.
H. 6. p.
q 2. m.
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S. A.

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Ex all-
log. pe-
nès
præfat.
S. A.

Cheswike.

q *Cart.* 29.
E. 1. n. 53.

warren granted to him in all his demefn lands here, as well as thofe at **Broughton**; and that in 42 E. 3. Sir **Thomas Broughton** Kt. fold ^r it unto **John Waryng** and **Ric. Gower**, the principall part whereof **Gower** had; from whose heir it was purchafed in our time by one **Will. Bache**.

r Ex autog.
penes T.
Waryng
Gen.

Betlesworth.

THe first mention I find of this place is in the Charter ^r made by **Will. Earl of Warwick** in H. 2. time, to **Roger de Vlethale**, of that circuit of ground called **Monkspathe**, already spoke of; wherein he gives to the said **Roger**, *quicquid habuit in Betheleswortha, scil. totum tenementum quod Ricardus senior, & Ric. junior de se tenuerunt*. Whether this were the grant, whereby that past, which was afterwards reputed the Mannour, I know not; if not, then did this continue unto the family of **Vlethale**, and went with **Monkspathe** (as 'tislike) unto **John le Archer**, as involved therewith, though not particularly mentioned. But for that which afterwards was reputed the Mannour, it was about the beginning of H. 3. time, granted ^r by **Raph de Wilinton** unto **Rog. Durevassall**. Which **Roger** making thereat his residenc, did, by reason of its remotenels from the Parish Church (whereunto in Wintertime, the ways were bad) in 41 H. 3. obtain Licence ^u from Pope **Alex.** the 4th, to build a Chapell here, and to have a Priest for the celebration of divine service therein; **Nicholas Longespe**, at that time Rector of **Tanworth**, likewise assenting thereto; but reserving, ^{*} in consideration thereof, from the said **Roger** and his successors, to the said Mother-Church of **Tanworth**, a Wax Candle of half a pound weight to be yearly payd on the Feast day of **S. Mary Magdalen**.

r Ex autog.
penes prae-
fat. S. A.

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ton.

u Ex au-
tog. penes
Rob
Throk-
morton
Bar.

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z Cates-
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a Ex au-
tog. penes
prae. S. A.

b Ex autog.
penes T.
Greene.

From this **Rog. Durevassall** descended **Nicholas** (as in **Spernoure** I shall shew) who together with **Rose** his wife were jointly seized ^w hereof: but he dying, and leaving her a widow, she became the sole owner of it, and was married ^x to **Ric. de Mountfort**: Howbeit, after the death of the same **Nicholas**, **Will. de Spennore**, his Brother, made entry therein, and disseised ^y the said **Richard** and **Rose**, so that suits grew betwixt them; yet at last they came to an Agreement ^z, whereby (it seems that **Mountfort** was to enjoy it: by which means it came to the **Catesbies**, as the Pedegree in **Tanworth** will shew, **Robert Catesby senior** being seized ^a of it in 36 H. 6. from whom descended **Ric. Catesby Esq.** who in 25 H. 8. sold ^b it to **Thomas Green**, whose great grandchild now enjoys it.

Lodbroke's Mannour.

That this was antiently belonging to some of the Family of **Lodbroke**, is not to be doubted; howbeit till 8 H. 4. I have not met with any mention of it: but then it appears ^c that **Thomas Beauchamp** Earl of **Warwick** possessed it in R. 2. time, and that it was held of the King as of the Honour of **Peverell**: From which **Thomas**, dividing to the succeeding Earls, it came in 3 H. 7. to the Crown, with the rest of their lands (as in **Warwick** may be seen) and continued therein

c Claus. 8.
H. 4. 7. 19.

till 36 H. 8. that Sir **George Throgmorton** purchased it ^d, with the Mannour of **Tanworth**; since which time it hath accompanied the possession of that Lordship.

d Ex auto-
penes Pri-
fat. S. A.

Sidenhale.

OF this place I can say little, other than that there was a Family which took their denomination thereof, and did bear ^e for their Arms a Fesse betwixt three Cressants, in 7 R. 2. By a daughter and coheir of which Family, it came ^f in 4 E. 3. to **Fulwode** of **Clep Hall**, and by one of them was sold to **Hugford** of **Hentwood**; in whose line it continued till **John Hugford** late of **Hentwood**, sold it to **Nath. Cookes** of **Ingen** near **Stratford**.

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Crewenhale.

THere was also a Family that assumed their name from hence, as antiently as H. 3. time, and bore ^g for their Armes Nebule Arg. and sable, upon a Fesse gules three broad Arrow heads Or; of which I have seen ^h five descents in the male line; the last whereof was **John de Crewenhale**, who had one onely daughter and heir married ⁱ in H. 6. time, to **Will. Parker** of **Chartley** in **Staffordshire**: which **Will.** had issue ^k by her **Thomas**, and he **Thomas**, and he **John Parker**, who dyed ^l 18 H. 8. leaving issue **Alice** his daughter and heir, wedded to **Thomas Greswold**, second son to **Ric. Greswold** of **Solihull** in this County, from whom the **Greswolds** of **Cobington**, who now enjoy this place, are descended.

g h i k lb.

Packwood.

ALine, having thus past that large Parish of **Tanworth**, enters the Hundred of **Barlichway**; wherein, before it hath gone two miles, the access of a petty stream called **Sillesburne**, which hath its beginning in the nook of **Kineston** Hundred, before mentioned, about the edge of **Packwood**, enlargeth its Chanell. This place (sc. **Packwood**) lying in the utmost corner of **Barlichway** Hundred, and bordering upon **Hemlingford**, is reputed to be a member of **Kineston** Hundred, and as it hath in all Taxes antiently payd therewith, so doth it still; the reason whereof I conceive to be, because it was originally a member of **Walperton** (whereof I have already spoke) though it lye at so great a distance from thence, and so consequently belonging to the Monks of **Cobentre**; which was no strange thing, considering what I have said in **Tanworth** relating to **Wyalles**. Yet the first mention that I do find in Record of it, by name, is in 7 R. 1. where **Philip de Kingtone** levied a Fine thereof to **Roger de Cherlecote**: But it afterwards came again to those Monks (it seems) for in 41 H. 3. upon that grant ^m of **Freewarren**, which they had in divers of their Mannours, this of **Packwood** is instanced for one: and in 44 H. 3. upon the appropriation ⁿ of all the Churches, and Tithes, which

m Cart. 41
H. 3. m. 4.

n Rot. 7.
Molend
m. 4.

which were within any of their lands, it is there enumerated amongst the rest. Howbeit, that which chiefly shews it to have been a member of **Walsperton**, and so consequently to have past therewith to the Monastery of **Cobentre**, upon the very Foundation thereof by Earl **Leofrike**, is the Record^o of 7 E. 1. where, it being certified that the Prior of **Cobentre** was Lord of both (for they are there joined together) it is said thus, *Et tenet per Cartam & Warrantum S. Edwardi Regis, & per confirmationes plurimorum Regum.*

At which time (*viz.* 7 E. 1.) the Monks had here two Carucates of land in demesne, and two tenants, which held one yard land by performing divers servile labours, being subject to what tax and exaction the Prior was pleased to impose upon them: As also six Freeholders, who held two yard land and a half under severall Rents, and suit of Court twice in the year; and at the same time a certain Park inclosed, with an Outwood, and not within the precincts of any Forest. But to put it out of all doubt, that it was a member of **Walsperton**, I shall vouch one more authority, *viz.* the taxation^o of the Temporalities belonging to the Religious houses in an. 1291. 19 E. 1. where it is said thus *Prior de Coventre habet apud Pactwode, quod est membrum de Walsperton duas carucatas terra, & valet Carucata x s. & de redditu Assise vii marc. & unum molendinum aquaticum, quod valet vi s. viii d. & de placitis & perquisitis ii s.* The metes and bounds of which Mannour are exactly set forth in the Leiger^r book of **Cobentre**, where divers other things relating thereto (that for brevity I omit) are to be found.

As for the particular privileges that the Monks had here, I shall not need to recount them, forasmuch as in **Cobentre** it appeareth what they were, throughout all their Mannours in 13 E. 1. In 26 H. 8. upon the Survey then taken the value of what the before specified Monks had in this place, was thus certified; *viz.* in Rent of Assise ix s. v. d. In lands, tenements pastures, and a Mill, xiiii l. viii s. iii d. and the ferm^u of the Mannour vii l. xiiii s. iii d. Out of which was allowed^u to **Thomas Hugyn** then Bayliff, an Annuity of xxvi s. viii d. But coming to the Crown at the generall dissolution in 30 H. 8. it was by the said King's Letters^x Pat. bearing date 8 Feb. 35. H. 8. past (*inter alia*) to **Will. Willington** (then of **Warcheston** Esq.) and **Will. Sheldon** (of **Beoley**, who had wedded one of his daughters) and to the heirs of the said **Will. Sheldon**, together with the advowson of the Church, to be held in Capite. Which **W. Sheldon** granted it to **Rob. Burdet** of **Bramcote** Esq. who died^y seised thereof 11 Jan. 2 E. 6. leaving **Thomas** his son and heir^{xvi} years of age: which **Thomas** had issue^z **Robert**; who, in consideration of two thousand pounds, demised^a it to **Thomas Spenser** Esq. (late of **Claverdon**) for 2000 years, by which means it came to Sir **Will. Spenser** of **Parnton** in com. Oxon. upon whom a great part of the said **T. Spenser's** estate was settled.

The Church (dedicated to **S. Giles**) antiently appropriated to the Monks of **Cobentre**, as I have already intimated, was long after, *viz.* in H. 6. time, reputed^b but for a Chapell (**Walsperton** doubtless being the mother Church) and therefore not Presentative; the Curate having then allowed^c unto him for his annuall Salary, the small

Tithes, with the Altarage; the Tith Corn and all living Mortuaries being received^d by the said Monks. All which Tithes and Oblations, together with the Glebe, being allowed to the Curate for his stipend, were in 26 H. 8. valued^e at C s. per an. In 30 Eliz. (amongst divers other things) there was a grant^f made by the Queen to one **Ed. Wymerke**, of the Chapell here, by the name of *libera Capella de Pactwode cum pertinentiis*: but this (as I conceive) is of the same nature as those Patents were to **Tipper** and **Daw**, apprehending it to be concealed land.

Lapworth.

This, being given^g to the Bishoprick of **Worcester** by **Kenulph** K. of **Merca**, in the time of **Denebert** the ixth. Bishop of that See, continued thereto till the days of **K. Canutus** the Dane: but **Brightegus** the then Bishop, being sent into **Saxony**, to conduct **Gunnilda** the King's daughter, wedded to **Cono** the Emperour; having a speciall servant called **Hearlewinus** attending upon him in that journey, as a reward for his pains and travail, bestowed upon him this Village, then reckoned for no more than half a hide, reserving xii^d. yearly to be payd at the Feast of the Assumption of our Lady in acknowledgement of the Church its right, as the Register^h of **Worcester** manifests, where it is written **Lappaworthin**; so that after that time the Bishops had no more to do here. In the Conquerours time **Hugh de Gretemasnil** held it, as appears by the generall Surveyⁱ then made, in which it is written **Lapetoze**, and certified to contain 1 hide, the woods extending to two miles in length, and 1 in breadth; the whole being valued at xx s. But immediately before the Norman invasion, it was the freehold of one **Baldwinus**; who afterwards being glad to stoop (as most others then did) became Tenant thereof to the said **Hugh**, as an antient Register belonging to the Bishops of **Worcester** sheweth, wherein it is written **Lappetorte**, and said to be de **Soca** Episcopi, being held of the Bishops Mannour of **Widestratford**.

From hence till K. H. 3. time, having no light from Record to guide me, I must, by what appears afterwards, onely guess at the most probable course of its succession; which, I conceive was thus; *viz.* that with the rest of **Gretemasnil's** lands, it came by the daughter and heir of that Family, to **Rob. firnamed Blanchmains**, Earl of **Leicester** in H. 2. time (unto whom 'tis manifest that she was wedded) and that the ancestour of **Henry Pipard**, who lived in H. 3. time, obtained it by Feoffment from that Earl, or the said **Henry** himself from some of his descendants: for certain^k it is, that those Earls of **Leicester** were superior Lords hereof; and that this **Henry** was possessor of it, I have testimony^l enough. But the first particular mention relating to him, that I have met with, which hath any date, is in 20 H. 3. where it appears that there was a Fine^m levied betwixt him and **Nichola** his wife on the one part, and **John Comin**, **Geffrey Corbizon**, and **Julian** his wife, on the other; of two yard land here: And there is no doubt but that this was his seat; for in sundry Deeds, which I have seen, he is nor onely stiled *Capitalis Dominus Feodi de Lapworth*; but it is evident that

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c M s. penes S. A. eq. aur. f. 61. a.

f Pat. 30. Eliz. 2. 7.

g Ex Reg. gift. penes D. & Cap. Wigorn. f. 1. a.

h In Lib. Cotton. f. 136. b.

i Dome. lib.

k Inq. r. Hundr. 4. E. 1. in бага de Ragman penes Cant. Seac.

l Ex autog. in Seac. in бага de Catesby.

m xv Trin.

n In бага de Catesby no supr. a

that there was a Mannour house, here, in those times.

It should seem that he was a man of the superior rank; for in 25 H. 3. I find him in Commission^o for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**, and likewise one of the Justices of Assize; so also in 26. and 31. H. 3. In 34 H. 3. he bore the office of Eschaetor in this County. In 36 H. 3. he was again one of the Justices for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**, and left issue two daughters his heirs, viz. *Dionysia* the wife of Sir *Rob. de Harecurt* Kt. and *Cecilie* married to Sir *Thomas de Bishopden* Kt. upon partition made betwixt which coheirs, this Lordship fell to *Dionysia*, as it seems; for I find^u that in 49 H. 3. it was in the hands of *Sim. de Mountfort* Earl of **Leicester**, in respect of the minority of *Will. de Harecurt* son and heir to the said *Robert*: which *Will.* about the beginning of E. 1. time, granted^w unto *Henry de Braunteston* and his heirs, a certain part of his Court and Capitall mansion here, viz. that lying towards the West from the great gate by the Wall, which (then) extended to an Oak standing before the dore of the old Grange, with the advouson of the Church, and the homage and service of sundry Freeholders: To which Deed is his Seal of Arms affixed (*scil. Or two bars gules*) And after this did the said *Will.* grant^x (or rather confirm) unto Sir *Will. de Bishopden*, his nephew (viz. son and heir of Sir *Thomas de Bishopden*) certain lands lying here, which *Henry Pipard*, before specified, had formerly given to *Sim. Bagot* of **Preston** together with the advouson of the Church; and divers other lands, lying also here in **Lapworth**, which the said Sir *Will. de Bishopden*, and Sir *Thomas de Bishopden* Father of the said *Will.* had obtained from sundry other persons; for which grant he reserved to himself and his heirs the Rent of one barbed Arrow to be paid yearly at the Feast of *Pentecost* for all services.

D. Hugo de Brandeston Magister Henricus de
miles obiit 27 E. 1. Brandeston 7 E. 1.

Henricus de Brandeston - Petronilla
destone 11 E. 2. 11 E. 2.

D. Petrus de Hugo de Brandeston - Sibilla. Leticia.
Montforti deston defunctus
dominus de 36 E. 3.
Bellodeston

Ric. de Montforti, notus filiarum Nich. Dur Agnes uxor Beatrice
47 E. 3. & cohær. i mari- Philippi de monia-
tus Ailesbury, lis ap-
postea Joh. pud
Bukmore. Wrox-
hale.

Will. Montfort-Agnes. Thomas Rog. Ailesbury
fil. & hæres Montfort. de Lapworth.
14 R. 2.

Ioh. Catesby de-Margareta Elena uxor Ricardi
Ailby-Legers filia & hæ- Mercbroke.
in com. Nor- res.
thamp.

Will. Catesby miles-Philippa filia & una hæ-
red. Will. Bishopden mil.

Of *Henry de Brandeston*, above mentioned, I find, that he was a Priest or professor in some learning, for he hath the addition of *Magister*,^y and that he granted^z this Mannour to *Hugh de Brandeston*,

his brother, and *Margaret* his wife, and to the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten: which *Hugh*, (being a Knight^a in 13 E. 1. had in 21 E. 1. a Charter^b of *Freewarren* granted to him in all his demesne lands here; & from 23 till 27 E. 1. was every year one of the Commissioners for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**: But after the death of *Edmund* Earl of **Lancaster** in 25 E. 1. it was certified^d that the said Sir *Hugh* held this Mannour of him by the service of half a Kts. fee, doing homage and suit to the Court held for the same Honour of **Leicester** every three weeks; and that all his Tenants did use to repair to the Court **Leet** belonging to that Honour. And upon his death, which hapned in 27 E. 1. it appears^e that the extent of what he had here, in **Lapworth**, over and above the Mannour, was 3 Carucates of land, every Carucate containing 3 Virgates, and every Virgate xvi acres, *Henry* his son and heir being then 16 years of age. Which *Henry*, in 11 E. 2. acquired^f from *Hugh de Lodbroke* Parson of **Blaby** in **Leicestersh.** the inheritance of another Mannour here, whereof *Letice* daughter to him the said *Henry* had an estate for life, by grant from the said Parson. But after this it was not long ere that the same *Henry* past^g away one of these Mannours to Sir *John de Bishopden* Kt. as appears by his deed, and a special Mandate^h directed to all his Freeholders, and Customary Tenants, here in **Lapworth**, for to attourn unto him, which I conceive to be that called **Wishwood Hall**; for at **Wishwood** (there written **Wispwode**) doth the same bear date in 14 E. 2.

To which *Henry* succeeded *Hugh* his son and heir, whom I findⁱ frequently stiled *Dominus de Lapworth*, having in 11 E. 3. obtained a Lease^k thereof from Sir *John de Bishopden* Kt. for xl. years. In 33 E. 3. being constituted^l one of the Commissioners of Array in this County, he bore^m for his Armes two Bars with a bendlet over them, and dyed in 36 E. 3. as it should seem; for then doth it appearⁿ that *Sibilla* his wife was a widow; leaving issue 3 daughters, viz. *Beatrice*^o a Nun at **Worhall**, *Agnes* wedded^p to *Philip de Aylesbury*, and *Rose* to^q *Richard de Montfort*; betwixt which two last mentioned daughters, his inheritance here became divided^r in 43 E. 3. and that of *Letice*, their Aunt, in 47 E. 3. (Which *Philip de Aylesbury* was Lord of **Edston** in this County.) This *Ric. de Montfort* (a younger son to Sir *Peter de Montfort* by *Lora de Aitley* a Concubine, as in **Waldesert** appeareth) after his marriage with the above mentioned *Rose*, resided here at **Lapworth** as I think; for I find^s that he frequently wrote himself of this place. In 37 E. 3. he was^t one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parl. then held at **Westm.** and in 46 E. 3. he and his wife came to an Agreement^w with *Phil. de Ailesbury* and *Agnes* his wife, for their moytie of this Mannour; by which it appears, that they the said *Ric.* and *Rose* should hold it during their lives, paying to the before specified *Philip* and *Agnes* a Role yearly at the Feast of the *Nativity* of *St. John Bapt.* but that after their deceases it should return to the above mentioned *Philip* and *Agnes*, and the heirs of the said *Agnes*.

In 47 E. 3 this *Ric. de Montfort* founded^x a *Chantrie* here at **Lapworth** (as when I come to speak of the Church shall be shewed) In 48 E. 3. he was in^y Commission for assessing a Tenth and xvth. in this County, then granted to the K. in Parl.

a Plac. de
jur. & al.
13 E. 1.
b Cart. 21.
E. 1. m. 32.
c Pat. de
i. d. an. 2.
d Est. 25.
E. 1. m. 51.

c Est. 27.
E. 1. n. 33

f Ex aut.
in bag. d
Catesby

g Ex au.
tog. p. m. 2.
T. Hole
eq. aur. &
E.

h Ex au.
tog. in ba.
d. Cates.

i Sibilla.

k 2.
l Pat. 33.
E. 1. m. d.
3. m. 7.

m Ex au.
tog. ut su.

n Ex au.
tog. p. m. 2.
E. Petio
eq. aur.

o Ex aut.
in bibl.
Hacton.

p Ex a.
q. tag. 4.
r nes.
Arcl.
eq. aur.

s Ex aut.
in bag. d
Catesby.

t Ib.

u Claus. 3.
E. 3. m. d.
m. 16.

w F. lew.
Ost. Hill.

x Pat. 47.
E. 3. p. 2.
15.

y Rot. F. 4.
E. 3. m. 1.

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y *Ex Comp. Ball. War. Com. penes W. Peirpoint ar. 2 lb.* of the Earl of **Warwick's** Courts for his lands in **Poshtamptonshire**, about the later end of R. 2. reign, and Atturney² generall for prosecuting their affairs in the Exchequer in 5 H. 5. Of this **John** I find that he bore² the Armes of **Lodbroke** (scil. *Azure a cheveron ermine*) quarterly with his own; whereby it should seem that some Ancestor of his married a daughter of that Family, through whose right, after the issue male was extinct, he did it. Neither is it unlikely, in respect of that entail of **Lodbroke** upon **Will. de Catesby**, his Father, as in my discourse of that place is shewed: and that he wedded^b **Emme** the daughter and heir of **Rob. de Craunford**, by whom the Lordship of **Abby-Legers** (in **Com. Northampt.**) came first to this Family. Which **Emme** with **John** her son (for **Will.** the elder Brother was then dead) in 13 H. 4. obtained a Charter^c of **Free-warren** to themselves and their heirs in all their demesne lands of **Rodburne**, **Lodbroke** and **Shukborough** in this Countie; as also of **Abby-Legers**, **Walton**, and **Wafford** in **Poshtamptonshire**.

d *Pat. 5. H. 5. p. 1. in d. m. 26.* This second **John** was in^a Commission for conservation of the Peace in this County in 5 H. 5. & in 6. ^c for arraying of men, being the first of the Family that had to do here in **Lapwozth**, (as hath been already observed.) To him succeeded **Will.** his son and heir, constituted^f Shiriff of **Poshtamptonshire** in 21 H. 6. with which office he had the custody of **Poshtampton** Castle assigned unto him. In 30 H. 6. he came into Commission^g for conservation of the Peace in this County (so continuing^h for the remainder of that King's reign.) And being again made Shiriffⁱ of **Poshtamptonshire**, had the like charge of the same Castle. I am of opinion that he was Knighted that very year; for in the next mention I find of him, viz. the year following, he is so^k stiled. In 34 H. 6. he became the third time Shiriff^l of **Poshtamptonshire**, and Governour of that Castle; and having been one of the Sewers^m to K. H. 6. had two wives, first **Philippa**ⁿ one of the daughters and heirs to Sir **Will. de Bishopden** Kt. and secondly **Joan**^o daughter of Sir **Thomas Barre** Kt. and **Alice** his wife (Sister of **John Talbot** Earl of **Shrewsbury**, but widow of **Humsfrey de la Bere**) departed^p this life in An. 1470. 10 E. 4. lying buried at **Abby-Legers** before mentioned. By which wife he had issue **Will.** his son and heir; and by his second wife **John Catesby** of **Althorp** in **Poshtamptonsh.** as also **Thomas Catesby**, from whom those sometime of **Wavers-Person** in this County did descend. Which **Will.** being a great Favourite to K. Ric. 3. was made Squier^q of the Body to him, and, in 1 of his reign, constituted^r Chancelour of the Marches for life, and one of the Chamberlains of his Exchequer.

s *1b. in dor. fo. m. 16.* The same year was he also made^s one of the Justices of Peace in this County, and a Commissioner^t to enquire of any Insurrections here, or in **Leicestershire**; and the next year following a Commissioner^u for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**; in which he had a grant^w from the said King, bearing date under his Signet at **Wentworth** Castle 28 *Maii*, of an hundred Oaks to be taken within the said Ks. old Park of **Wentworth**, and **Carl's-wood** in **Wentworth**, within this County; and 500 Trees for Railes in **Lodbrokes-Park**, (within the said Lordship of **Wentworth**,) for making his new Park here at **Lapwozth**. But following the fortune of that King, and stoutly fighting for him

at **Wentworth** field, he was there taken Prisoner, and beheaded^x at **Leicester** within 3. days following; where, before his Execution he made his Testament,^y as followeth,

x *Stow's Annals.*
y *Logg. q. 15.*

*This is the Will of William Catesby Esq. made the xxvth. of August 1 H. 7. to be executed by my dere and welbeloved wife, to whom I have ever betrew of my Body, putting my sole trust in her for the execution thereof for the helth of my soul, the which I am undoubted she will execute: and for my Body, when she may, to be beryed in the Church of S. Leger in **Abby** and to do such memoriall for me as I have apointed byfor, and to restore all land that I have wrongfully purchased, and to pay the residue of such land as I have bought truly, and to demene hit among her children and myne as she thynketh good after her discretion. I doubt not the King will be good and gracious Lord to them; for he is called a full gracious Prince, and I never offended him by my good and free Will; for God I take to my Juge I have ever loved him. Item that the Executors of Nich. Couley have the lande ageine in **Chertoffe**, without they have their Cl. Item in likewise Renet his lande in **Buckby** Item in likewise that the Coparceners have their part in **Rodenhall** in **Suff.** if they have right thereto, or else to be restored to them that had it before: and the lond beside **Kymbalton** be disposed for my soul and **Evertons**, and so of all other landes that the parte hath righte in. Item that all my Faders detts be executed and paid as to the House of **Catesby** and other. Item that my Lady of **Buckingham** have Cl. to help her children, and that she will see my Lordis detts paid and his Will executed, and in speciall for such land as shall be amortised to the House of **Platby**. Item my Lady of **Shaftsbury** xl. mark. Item that **John Spenser** have his Lx^{li}. with the olde money that I owe. Item that **Thomas Andrews** have his xx^{li}. And there as I have be Executor I beseech you see the Will executed; and that all other bequests in my other Will be executed, as my speciall trust is in yow Maisteres **Margarete**: and I heartily cry you mercy if I have delyd uncurteously with yow; and ever pray you to live sole, all the deys of yowr life to do for my soul. And I pray of Lord of **Winchester**, my Lord of **Worcester**, my Lord of **London** to help yow to execute this my Will, and they will do somewhat for me; and that **Richard Frebody** have his xx^{li}. and **Badby** x^{li}. or the lande at **Chertons** and the x^{li}. and pray you in every place see cleernes in my soul, and pray fast, and I shall for you; and Jesu have mercy on my Soule Amen. My Lords **Stanley**, **Strange**, and all that blood helpe, and pray for my Soule, for ye have not for my Body as I trusted in yow: and if my issue rejoyce my Land, I pray you lett Mr. **John Elton** have the best Benefice: and my Lord **Lovell** come to grace, then that yeshew to him that he pray for me. And uncle **John** remember my Soule, as ye have done my Body, and better; and I pray you see the **Sadler Hartlington** be paid, and in all other places.*

After which, viz. in the Parl. begun 7 Nov. 1 H. 7. ensued his attainder, whereupon all his lands eschaeting to the Crown; this Lordship in 3 H. 7. was bestowed^z on Sir **James Blunt** Kt. and the heirs male of his body. To this **William** succeeded **George** his son and heir, who in 10. H. 7. having Livery^b of divers lands, descended to

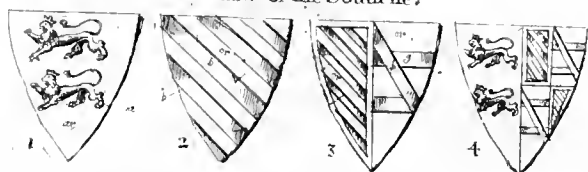
z *H. 7. p. 2. m. 9.*
a *Pat. 3. H. 7. p. 2. m. 9.*
b *Pat. 10. H. 7. p. unica m. 14.*

to him as well by inheritance from *Margaret* his mother, as from *William Lord Zouch* and *Elizabeth* his wife. Father and Mother to the said *Margaret*; and being by Act of Parl. held the year following, restored to his Father's forfeited possessions, whereby this Lordship came again to that Family, wedded ^d *Elizabeth* daughter of Sir *Richard Empson* Kt. (one of the great Projectors in H. 7. time) and by his Testament bearing date 8 *May* 19 H. 7. bequeathed his Body to be buried in the Church of *Ambp-Legers* before the Image of the *holy Trinity*, in his Chapell there; appointing that two marble stones, price of each vi l. xiii s. iiii d. should be brought thither, one to be layd upon his Father and Mother, and the other upon himself, as a memoriall for him and his wife: The Probate whereof bears date two years after, which shews that he dyed about the latter end of 20 H. 7. leaving *William* his son and heir, by reason of his minority, in ward to *John Spenser* of *Wormleighton*, who departed this life about the 10th. of H. 8. leaving *Richard* his Brother and heir, in ward also to Sir *Will. Spenser* Kt. in 19 H. 8. Which *Richard* having been one of the Kts. for this Shire in that Parl. of 30 H. 8. so fatal to the Monasteries; and the next year following Shiriff, and so also in 37 H. 8. being then a Knight, had two wives; scil. ^a *Dorothe* daughter to Sir *John Spenser*, Knight and *Eliz.* daughter to *Will. Astell* (one of the daughters and heirs to the Lady *Jane Bray*) and departed this life 4 *May* 7 E. 6. leaving *William* his grandchild and heir (for his eldest son *William* died in his life time) Which *William* being like-

wife a Knight, and residing much at *Wuthrope*, underwent the Shiriffalty of this County in 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

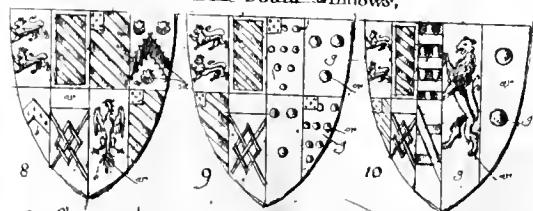
The Church (dedicated to St. *Matthew*) being given about the later end of K. H. 3. time, by *Will. de Harecourt*, son of *Rob. de Harecourt* (of whom I have already made mention) unto *John* the son of *Peter de Glen*; and by the said *John* granted to the Warden and Schollars of *Merton* Colledge in *Oxford*. was by them past over to King *Edw. 1.* Which King in 4. of his reign, conferred it on the Provost and Canons of the Hospitall of *Montchensy*, as by his Charter bearing date 24. *Nov.* appeareth. But it seems that thoe Canons had little benefit by this grant; for I find that the same K. by another Charter, bearing date 4. *Junii* the year ensuing, rendred and restored it to the Warden and Schollars of *Merton* Colledge above mentioned. After which, viz. in an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) it was valued at xvii marks and a half: but in 26 H. 8. at no more than x l. per an. the *Procurations* and *Synodals* yearly payable out of it, being x s. v. d. ob.

In the East window of the South Ile.



Orate pro bono statu Margarete Catesby et W. Catesby Armigeri pro corpore regis.

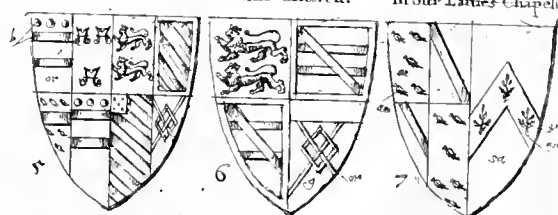
In the South Windows.



- 8. Catesby empaling Bishopston.
- 9. Catesby empaling Zouch.
- 10. Catesby empaling Zouch.
- 11. Arundell and Scroope quartered.
- 12. Catesby empaling.
- 13. Browne empaling.
- 14. Catesby empaling Catesby.
- 15. Browne.
- 16. Catesby empaling.
- 17. Arundell.

Lapworth.

In the West Window of the Church.



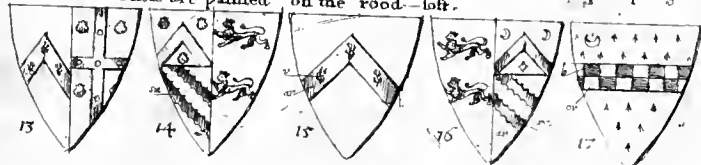
In our Ladies Chapell.

In a North Window.



- 1. Catesby.
- 2. Mountfort of Beldefort.
- 3. Mountfort of Lapworth empaling Brandeston.
- 4. Catesby empaling Mountfort quartered with Brandeston.
- 5. Kernaby empaling Catesby.
- 6. Catesby quartering Brandeston and Grantford.
- 7. Arundell quartered with Scroope empaling Browne.

These are painted on the rood-loft.



Patroni Ecclesiar

Incumbentes, &c.

Giff. f. 261. a.
1b. f. 290. a.

Gein. f. 32. b.

Cob. f. 21. b.

S. Germ. f. 131. a.

Wit. f. 16. b.

Lyn. f. 4. b.

1b. f. 9. b.

Peo. f. 44. a.

Marg. vol. 1. f. 9. a.

S. Germ. f. 250. b.

Carp. vol. 1. f. 33. a.

1b. f. 140. b.

Mont. f. 28. b.

Gyg. 2. f. 58. b.

Bell. f. 10. b.

Heath. f. 23. a.

Bul. f. 28. b.

1b. f. 94. b.

1b. f. 95. a.

D. Episc. per lippsum.

Custos & Scholares domus de Merton.

Rob. de Lutlebury Cler. 2. Id. Nov. 1286.

Joh. de Cliva Diac. Non. Maii 1286.

Magr. Thomas de Wylton 8. Id. Oct. 1303.

Magr. Will. Waleys 3. Id. Julii 1320.

Joh. Heyne Cler. 19. Nov. 1349.

Joh. Beaumont Subdiac. 9. Cal. Jan. 1367.

Rob. de Horton Pbr. 8. Julii 1370.

Will. Rous. . . . 1370.

Magr. Will. Heryngton 14. Maii 1411.

Joh. Coke 4. Maii 1422.

Rad. Paret 13. Maii 1433.

D. Rad. Spire 29. Martii 1446.

Joh. Hill, penult. Febr. 1456.

Magr. Rob. Arden in Art. Magr. 10. Jan. 1488.

Magr. Joh. Johnson Art. Magr. 7. Maii 1509.

Thomas Raynolde Pbr. 17. Aug. 1540.

D. Joh. Raynshaw Cler. 10. Nov. 1556.

Joh. Lutton Cler. 30. Oct. 1584.

Joh. Morley Cler. in art. Magr. ult. Maii 1613.

Joh. Elly Cler. 16. Oct. 1613.

a Pat. 47. E. 3. p. 2. m. 15.

b Cartul. Warw. Com. f. 99. a.

c Ex autog. in бага de Catesby ut supra.

In 47 E. 3. there was a Chantry founded^a in a certain Chapell adjoyning to this Church, by Ric. de Montfort, Roger de Ulbarve, Roger atte Greene of Lapwozth, and Richard Dolfyn a Priest; and by them endowed with two messuages, two carucates of land, twelve acres of meadow and xvi s. Rent, all lying in Tonewozth; for maintenance of a Priest to sing Masse there every day to the honour of the blessed Virgin, S. Thomas the Martyr, and All Saints, which lands were then called by the name of **Modardes-Lond**, **Heath-land**, and **Lyfferley-field**, as appeareth by the Earl of **Warwick's** Licence^b for amortizing of them, whereby also he gave authoritie to the said Richard Montfort and the heirs male of his body, to present a fit Priest thereto, as often as cause should require; but in default of such issue male, he the said Earl and his heirs to do it. After which establishment so made, the said Richard de Montfort and his fellow Founders, by their Deed indented^c bearing date at Tonewozth the Tuesday next after the Feast of the Epiphany 49 E. 3. setled the said lands and Rent upon John Jori the first Chantrie-Priest there, and his successors, to celebrate divine service daily in the said Chapell of our Lady, and S. Thomas the Martyr. for the souls of Thomas de Beauchamp Earl of **Warwick**, the Lady Katherine his wife, William Witlesey late Archbishop of **Canterbury**, Sir Peter de Montfort

Knight, and Margaret his wife, Sir Baldw. Frevill Knight, Henry de Wolfrigeston late Vicar of **Tonewozth**, Sir John de Montfort Knight, Isabell late wife of Richard de Montfort, Hugh de Brandeston and Christian his wife, Nicholas Durvassall, and John de Honyngton: and for the good estate of T. de Beauchamp Earl of **Warwick**, son and heir to the before mentioned Earl, and Margaret his consort, Sir William de Beauchamp Knight, Sir John de Clinton Knight, Sir Baldw. Frevill Knight, son and heir to the said Sir Baldwin, Sir Henry de Arderne Knight, Richard de Periton Priest, John Harewood Priest, Lora* de Astley, Baldwyn de Montfort, the Lady Alice de Langley, Richard de Montfort and Rose his wife, Thomas le Archer, Philip de Aylesbury and Agnes his wife, Roger de Ulbarve and Alice his wife, William de Montfort Clerk, Richard Dolfyn Priest, Richard Lyndsey Priest, Roger de Green of **Lapwozth**, and John Anketill, and for every of their Children during this life, and for their souls after their departures hence, and the souls of all the faithfull deceased: the value of which lands, over and above reprises, in 37 H. 8. were rated[†] at Ciii s. ix d.

Besides what belong'd to this Chantrie the Church of **Lapwozth** had certain lands^d given thereto in 18 H. 6. by George Ashby the Elder; viz. one messuage 12. acres of land, and one acre of meadow, then in the occupation of Thomas Hilton, and Agnes his wife: and another mess. with fifty acres of Land, five acres of Meadow, 31. acres of Pasture, five acres of Wood, two acres of Moore, and vii s. vi d. Rent, lying in **Lapwozth** and **Pathurst**; All which were granted by the said George, to Raph Perot then Parson of that Church, and his successors, to provide a certain Lamp to burne there, and to performe other works of Charitie: But these by Act^e of Parliament in 1 E. 6. coming to the Crown (with all others of that kind) were past[‡] away to . . . Grey in 18 Eliz. as concealed lands.

Before I leave **Lapwozth** there are two things which I desire to cleer; the one is, how it comes to passe, that it lying so far distant from **Kineton Hundred**, is neverthelesse reputed to be parcell thereof: and the other touching **Washwode** (which is a small Village of some scattering Houses, within the precinct of this Lordship) upon what reason it is in the parish of **Old Stratford**, so many miles from it, and in another Hundred. To the first I answer, that **Lapwozth** coming by descent from **Grentemaisnill** to the old Earles of **Lancaster**, and that Earldom being at length swallowed up in the Duchy of **Lancaster**, it was antiently joyned with those towns in **Kineton Hundred**, which were certified[§] under the title of **Lancastria Ducatus**; viz. **Alminton**, **Forcote**, **Catendon**, **Thozndon**, **Fenni-Compton**, **Drshulf**, **Wachebroke**, **Merton-Boteler**, and **Compton-wynzate**; and so still continuing in all assessments, and otherwise, is accounted part of that Hundred: And yet in 9 E. 2. it was reputed^h as part of the Hundred (now called the Libertie) of **Wathlow**, as **Stratford** still is.

And to that of **Washwode** I say, that it having long before the Norman Conquest been parcell of the possessions pertaining to the Bishops of **Gloucester**, as **Stratford** and **Lapwozth** were, and not disposed by the Conqueror, with **Lapwozth**, to H. de Grentemaisnill, but continuing to that Bishoprick, was held by some of the succeeding Bishops

* Concubine to Sr. P. de Montfort, and Mother of his Children.

† M. S. penes S. A. eq. aur. f. 18. a.

d Pat. 18. H. 6. p. 3. m. 3.

e Cap. 14.

f Pat. 18. Eliz. p. 7.

g M. S. in Scac. penes Rem. K.

h Nom. Vill.

shops as part of the demesne of **Stratford** (their chief Mannour in this County) being a meer Wood, and therefore called **Bishopswode**, and so, through corruptness of pronunciation, **Bushwode**. It seems that *Frethric de Bishopden* was enfeoffed thereof, together with **Bishopden**, by *Sampson* Bishop of **Worcester** in H. 1. time; for I find that he afterwards quite claimed his right therein, and so did *William* his son and heir, to *John de Constantii* (Bishop in 9 R. 1.) and his successors; so that ever after it continued to that Bishoprick as a member of **Stratford**, untill *Nich. Heath* Bishop of that See, in 3 E. 6. past it, with **Stratford**, unto *John Dudley* Earl of **Warwick**; of which Mannour it still continues a member. But that which is now called **Bushwood-Hall**, hath no relation to it, being the Mannour-house of **Lapworth**, and indifferently stiled **Lapworth-Hall**, or **Bushwood-Hall**, because of its situation near **Bushwood**.

Kingswood, partly in the Parish of Lapworth, and partly of Rowington.

OF this place, by the name of the Mannour of **Kingswood**, I have not seen any particular mention in Record till ^m H. 5. time, it having been anciently part of the possessions belonging to that great Family of **Montfort** (Lords of **Belbafert** in this County) as may appear from what I have observed in **Wellesburne-Mountfort**, where it is taken notice of as a Wood lying at **Badley** (unto which it is contiguous) and there it did passe with **Wellesburne**; to that, it seems, it had long before that time been reputed a member thereof, which is the reason why to this day it is accounted part of the Constabulary, though so far distant thence: But from these **Montforts**, by a daughter and coheir, it came to *Butler*, as **Wellesburne** did; and in 13 H. 7. to *Edward Belknap*, (then of **Sperton**, *juxta Wolsion* in this County Esquire) upon a partition made betwixt him and *Sir John Norbury* Knight of all *Butler's* lands. Which *Edward*, by his Deed bearing date 16 Jan. in the year abovesaid, sold it to *Nich. Brome* of **Badley-Clinton** Esquire; from whom it devolved with that Lordship to the Family of **Ferrers**, and is so possessed at this day.

Rowington.

FOLLOWING this petty torrent, which cometh from **Lapworth**, it soon leads me into the Hundred of **Warlshway** again, where it forthwith meets with another little brook that hath its rising in **Hemlingford** Hundred; on the Western side whereof, **Rowington** (vulgarly called **Rotonten**) is situate, whereof I am next in order to speak. This town standing upon a rocky ground, had originally its name from thence, as may seem by the ancient Orthographie thereof, *viz.* **Rochintone**; for so it is written in ^p the Conqueror's Survey, where it is certified to contain three hides, having a Church, and woods belonging thereto, then esteem'd at one mile in length, and half a mile and eight furlongs in breadth: All which, having been the freehold of one *Ballawin* in *Edward the Confessors*

days, were then possessed by *Hugh de Grentemaisnill*, and held at that time by *Roger* his under-tenant. But from *Grentemaisnill* it soon returned to the Crown (though by what agreement I have not seen) For certain it is that King *Henry 1.* had it in his hands, and gave it to the Abby of **Reading** in **Berkshire**, of his Foundation; whose grant, together with the Church, King H. 2. (his grandchild) confirmed. In the succeeding times I find it variously written, *viz.* **Rubinton**, **Ruchinton**, **Rokintone**, and **Rowintone**; and in anno 1291. (19 E. 1.) that the extent of what the Monks of **Reading** had here, was found to be three carucates of land, valued at x s. a carucate, two water-Mills and one Wind-Mill rated at vi s. viii d. In Rent of Assize xi li. and that the profits of their own store in this place amounted to one mark, and the Pleas and perquisites one mark and a half.

Whereunto some Freeholders in this town made a little addition; *viz.* *Thomas de Rovere* and *Richard Goodman*, by the gift of one mess. Lix. acres of land, with viii. acres and a half of Meadow, or the maintenance of one Monk, being a Priest, to celebrate divine service every day in the Abby-Church of **Reading** above specified, for the good estate of the said *Thomas* during his life in this world, and for his soule after his departure hence; as also for the soules of his Ancestors and heirs: All which lands were by them held of the Barons of **Stafford**, who answered to the King the fourth part of a Knights Fee for the same (upon occasion) as by sundry Records is evident. But after the dissolution of the greater Monasteries in 30 H. 8. *John Oldnall*, the next year following, obtained a Lease of this Mannour from the King for xxi. years: which Lease was, it seems, ere long surrendered; for in 35 H. 8. the King upon the marriage of *Katherine Parr* (his sixth and last wife) past it *inter alia*, unto her, as part of her jointure. Which *Katherine* dying in 2 E. 6. it returned again to the Crown, and in 7 E. 6. was by that King past away, with other lands, in exchange to *John Dudley* D. of **Northumberland** and his heirs; whose attainder hapning soon after (as in my story of him amongst the Earls of **Warwick** is shewed) Queen *Mary* became possessed of it, and in 5. of her reign granted unto the said *John Oldnall* another Lease for xxi. years, which he enjoyed not; for in 5 Eliz. the Queen past an estate for life therein unto *William Skinner* Gentleman, *Alice* his wife, and *Anthony* their son: but neither did this demise hold; for in 6 Eliz. the said Queen gave it to *Ambrose Dudley* Earl of **Warwick**, and the heirs male of his body, who dying issueless it came again to the Crown, wherein it remaineth to this day, having been since leased to sundry persons.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Laurence*) was in anno 1291. (19 E. 1.) valued at xx. marks, the Vicars portion at that time being esteemed at viii. marks: but in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was rated at viii li. out of which the *Synodalls* and *Procurations* yearly payable, amounted to viii s. v d. ob.

Patroni Vicariæ. Incumbentes, &c.

Abbas & Conv. de Reading.

Joh. Tacham Pbr. 15. Oct. 1347. *Hugo de Heyham* 4. Sept. 1388. *D. Will. Godfrey* 11. Mar. 1400.

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Rob.

q Cart. 8 E. 2. n. 1. per insp.

r MS. in Scac.

Pat. 18 E. 3. p. 1. m. 27.

E/c. 16 R. 2. n. 27. E/c. 22 R. 2. E/c. 38 H. 6.

w Pat. 31 H. 8. p. 2.

x Pat. 35 H. 8. p. 17.

y Stow's An.

z Pat. 7 E. 6. p. 8.

a Pat. 4. & 5. Ph. & M. p. 2.

b Pat. 5 Eliz. p. 1.

c Pat. 6 Eliz. p. 4.

d MS. in Scac.

e MS. p. 2. n. 5. A. eq. aut. f. 22. a.

wolfst. vol. 2. f. 112. b.

wak. f. 54. a.

Tid. f. 58. b.

Cliff. f. 61. b.

Per. f. 47. a.

Mong. vol.

1. f. 29. b.

Bow ch. f.

54. a.

Carp vol. 1.

f. 149. a.

Gyg. 2. f. 8. b.

Lat. f. 2. a.

Heath. f. 24. a.

Enl. f. 12. b.

Ib. f. 15. a.

Ib. f. 28. b. 1.

Ib. f. 73. a.

Abbas & Conv. de
Reading.Phil. & Maria Rex
& Regina Angl.Ambrosius Comes
Warwici.Anna Comitissa War-
wici.

Rob. Belde 21. Julii

1402.

Joh. Hawkys 4. Aug.

1412.

D. Joh. Racheford 24. Jan.

1424.

Joh. Cook Pbr. 12. Dec.

1438.

Joh. Browne Cap. 3. Dec.

1458.

Thomas Otting Cap. 27.

Aug. 1499.

D. Thomas Heyward Cap.

3. Aug. 1536.

D. Ric. Henb Pbr. 17.

Feb. 1556.

Philippus White Cler. 16.

Jan. 1576.

Christoph. Kirkland in S.

Theol. B. 14. Apr. 1578.

Magr. Henr. Heycrofte

art. Ma. 23. Sept. 1584.

Henr. Clerke Cler. 4.

Nov. 1600.

In a North window of the Church
these Armes.

Argent upon a Fesse gules three Garbs, Or.

Preston-Bagot.

Descending lower on the Western side of the before specified brook, I come to **Preston-Bagot**, which in the Conqueror's time **Robert** Earl of **Shelton** posselt; and by the generall Survey then made, wherein it is written **Prestetone**, was certified to be of a large extent; viz. x. hides, five whereof, with a Mill rated at xvi s. and woods of a mile in length, and half a mile in breadth, were in his own hands, and valued at Ls. which had been the freehold of one **Turbern** before the Norman invasion: the other five, of which **Brinod** was owner in **Edward** the Confessor's days, one **Hugh** then held of the said Earl, they being estimated at xl s. But that which now, and for a long time hath been reputed for **Preston-Bagot**, is of a narrower compass: for, out of doubt, the places where both **Waldesfort** and **Henley** do now stand, together with most part of what belongeth to them, whereupon there was no habitation, was taken out of it. This therefore coming from the said Earl of **Shelton** (as the greatest part of his lands in this County did) to his brother **Henry** de **Newburgh** Earl of **Warwick**, was disposed of in H. 2. time (as I gueffe) by **William** Earl of **Warwick** to **Ingeram Bagot**, from whom it had the present name for distinction from other **Prestons**: all which I conclude from severall circumstances, the succeeding Earles of **Warwick** being chief Lords of the Fee (as I shall shew by and by) and the said **Ingeram** being posselt of lands here at that time.

To which **Ingeram Bagot** succeeded **Simon** his son and heir, who in 20 H. 3. answered for part of a Knights Fee, here, held by him of the Earl of **Warwick**; and gave to the Monks of **Rea-**
ding two Mills lying within this his Lordship.

Which **Simon** had issue **Robert**, and he a daughter

and heir called **Isabell** married to **Thomas** de **E-tingdon**. From this **Simon** (or if not from some other) who was only the Instrument to convey it, as I think, did the Knights **Hospitalars** obtain it in H. 3. time; for in 36 H. 3. it appears that **Simon** de **Stoke**, and divers other, held one Knights Fee here, of the heir of the same **Simon Bagot**, and that the said heir held it of the **Hospitalars**, and they of the Earl of **Warwick**. And by the Record of 4 E. 1. it is manifested, that the Knights **Hospitalars** had it about 30 H. 3. for from that time had they withdrawn their suit due to the Hundred Court in respect thereof.

That this is but a small Village, may appear by what was certified in 6 H. 6. which is, that there was then but nine Housholders in it. But upon the generall dissolution of the Religious Houses in 30 H. 8. it came to the Crown, and was (inter alia) granted out to **Edward Aglionby** of **Walsall** Esquire, and **Henry Hugford** of **Solihull** Gentleman, and their heirs by Letters Patent, bearing date 26 Maii 7 E. 6. From which **Edward** and **Henry**, **Clement Throkemorton** of **Halelep** Esquire; purchased it, and dying seized thereof 13 Dec. 16 Eliz. left it to **Job Throkemorton** his son and heir, whose grandchild **Clement** now enjoys it.

The advowson of the Church (dedicated to **All Saints**) hath been long severed from the Mannour; for in 16 H. 3. it was granted to **Pauline Peyvre**, and confirmed to **John Peyvre** (son to **Pauline**, as I suppose) in 47 H. 3. by **Robert de Maneby** Prior of **S. John's**, the **Hospitalars** being then posselt of this Lordship: But from **Peyvre** it soon came to the **Montforts** of **Waldesfort**, as appeareth from the Presentations thereto: and so to the **Frevills** and **Willughbys** as heirs to **Montfort**. In anno 1291. (19 E. 1.) the Rectory here was valued at vi. marks and a half; and in 14 E. 3. at iv li. vi s. viii d. but in 26 H. 8. at no more than iv li.

Patroni Ecclesiz.

Incumbentes, &c.

D. Petrus de Monte-
forti.
Exec. Testam. D. Will.
de Bellocampo Com-
Warw. ratione custo-
die terr. &c. Joh.
de Monteforti.

Petrus de Leycester Cler. die
S. Greg. 1274.
Will. de Dalby Cler. 15. Cal.
Apr. 1301.

Giff. f. 49. a.
S Germ. f.
30. b.

D. Petrus de Monte-
forti miles.

Thom. de Compton accol. 11.
Feb. 1336.
Thomas atte Moore Pbr.
28. Sept. 1361.
Rob. Barleston Cler. 9. Julii
1368.

Mont. f. 27.
a.
Br. vol. 1. f.
37. b.
Wit. f. 24. b.

D. Baldwinus Fre-
vile.

Oliverus Glede penult. Apr.
1374.

S. Germ. f.
173. b.

D. Will. Beauchamp
miles.

Rob. Pollesworth 26. Oct.
1388.

Wak. f. 54. a.

D. Will. de Bellocam-
po Dominus de Ber-
gavenny.

Will. Jokin 5. Oct. 1408.
Joh. Colman 22. Jan.
1410.

Per. f. 3. a.
b.
Ib. f. 27. b.
Fult. f. 91.
b.

D. Episc. hac vice.

D. Joh. Grete Cap. 7. Julii
1431.

Bowch. f.
54. b.

D. Rad. Boteler miles,
& Rob. Aston ar.

Jo. Hynde 27. Dec. 1438.

Carp. vol. 1.
f. 156. a.

Ric. Bingham unus
Justic. D. Regis de
Banco, & Margar.
ux. ejus.

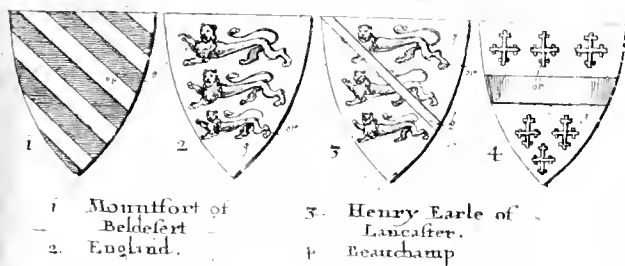
Thomas Barbour Cap. 14.
Nov. 1460.

MARGARETA

- ort.f.2.a. *Margareta Bingham* D. Phil. Echington Cap. 14.
filia & haes Baldw. Jun. 1486.
Frevill mil.
- g.2.f.7.a. *Henr. Willughby* D. Ric. Hawle Cap. 25.
miles. Febr. 1512.
- rom.f.65. *Joh. Willughby* Rog. Freman Cap. 17. Feb.
miles. 1533.
- ath.f.26. *Ph. & M. Rex &* D. Will. Trentham Pbr. 27.
Regina, ratione mi- Apr. 1557.
noris at. Thoma fil.
& bar. Henr. Wil-
lughby mil.
- lf.16.b. *Thomas Ellesmere de* Henr. Evans Cler. 21. Apr.
Birmingham Tan- 1602.
ner.
- lf.85.b. *Thomas Spenser ar.* Rob. Sawyer Cler. 17. Febr.
1607.

Preston Bagot

Armes in the Chancell windows



Upon a grave-stone in the Church
this Epitaph.

Here lyeth John Rand ll, by birth a Somers-
setshire man, sometime a Student of the Law, re-
gardsfull of his own and publique Peace; who on the
Purification of S. Mary in the yeare of our Redemp-
tion, dyed, 1626.

IN this Church there was a Chantry * founded
by Peter de Montfort of Beldefert; who in 20
E. 2. gave xxx. acres of land, with a piece of mea-
dow ground, as also v. s. vid. in silver, v. strikes of
Muncorn, and one strike of Oats, to be yearly paid
by certain Feoffees and their heirs, therewith intru-
sted, for the finding of a Priest to celebrate divine
service daily at the Altar of our Lady within this
parish-Church, for the health of his soul, and the
souls of his Ancestors and successors.

Haselholt.

THIS, if it were ever a place of habitation, hath
now no appearance thereof, being onely cer-
tain grounds so called, having had its name from the
situation, Holt in our antient English importing a
Grove of Trees standing on high: Nor till 50 H. 3.
have I found it mentioned, but then doth it ap-
pear that Peter de Montfort (slain a little before
in the battail of Evesham, as in Beldefert is
shewed) had four marks of Rent issuing out of
this place. After which, viz. in 14 E. 1. it was
with Beldefert and divers other Lordships, entai-
led by Peter de Montfort (son to the said Peter)
upon the issue of his son John by Alice the daugh-
ter of William de la Planché, the extent thereof

being half a Knights Fee, and held of Roger de
Moubray. But in 13 H. 4. William de Beuchamp
Lord Bergavenny dyed seized of it, together with
the Castle and Mannour of Beldefert, whereof it
was then reputed a member, the reversion of it be-
longing to William Boteler of Sudley, and Baldwin
the son of Sir Baldwin Freville Knight, as heirs
in tail.

b. Esc. 13
c. H. 4.
2. 2.

Beldefert.

ON the East side of the last mentioned brook,
runneth a Hilly tract, bordered with deep
Vallies on each part, the point whereof
maketh a kind of Promontorie, whose ascent being
somewhat steep, gave occasion of the fortifying
there, at first, considering its situation in these
wood-land parts, where through the opportunity of
so much shelter, advantage was most like to be
taken by the disherited English, and their offspring,
to make head, for their redemption from the Nor-
man yolk. 'Tis not unlike but that this mounta-
nous ground may be it which we find by the name
of Doncle in the Conqueror's Survey; for, as
that is therein recorded to be in the Earle of Mel-
lent's possession, and ranked next unto Preston
(before spoken of) so doth the name argue no
lesse, don and dune in our old English signifying a
Hill: But if it were so, this now called Beldefert is of
a larger extent than that could be; for that was then
certified but at one hide, having a kind of Parke,
or inclosure containing halfe a mile in length and
as much in breadth; all which was valued at xxx s.
having been the inheritance of Alwoldus in Edw.
the Confessors days: Therefore, in case it were so,
it must be concluded that a great part of the
before specified Preston was afterwards added
to it.

d Domefd.
lib.

From this Earle of Melent most sure it is, that
the greatest part of what he posselt in these parts,
came soon after to Henry de Newburgh, his
Brother, the first Earle of Warwick of the Nor-
man line; who thereof, and of divers other fair
Lordships enfeoffed Thurstane de Montfort, his
neere kinsman. Which Thurstane, finding it so
capable of Fortification, erected thereupon that
strong Castle, whereunto, by reason of its
pleasant situation, the French name Beldefert
was given; which continued; the chief Seat of
his Descendants for divers ages; but at length,
through coheirs, coming to such Families whose
principall mansions were in other places; to pre-
vent the advantage, which in the times of ci-
vill dissention betwixt the Houses of York and
Lancaster might have been taken on either side
to the prejudice of its owners (as I conceive) was
either demolished, or suffered to go to ruine; so
that now there is not only any one stone visibly
left upon another, but the very Trenches them-
selves, notwithstanding their great depth and wide-
nesse, are so filled up, as that the Plough hath sun-
dry times made furrows in every part of them, to the
great advantage of the industrious Husbandman,
whose pains, through the ranknesse of the soil, hath
been richly rewarded with many a plentiful crop.
But of this Thurstane, and his posterity residing
here, I will now speak historically.

e Lib. rub.
f. 101. a.

The first mention that I find of him, is as a wit-
nesse to the said Earle Henry's Charter, whereby he

f Reg. Coll.
de Warw. f.
7. b.

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gave

a Hist. Nor-
man. Script.
p. 268. A.

b Ib. p. 289.
A.

c Ib. p. 202.
D.

d Ib. p. 372.
A.

e Ib. p. 272.
C.

f Ib. p. 289.
A.

g Ib. p. 197.
A.

h Ib. p. 289.
B.

i Ib. p. 289.
A.

j Ib. p. 269.
A.

k Ib. p. 999.
B.

l Ib. p. 289.
A.

m Ib. p. 289.
C.

n Ib. p. 289.
C.

o Ib. p. 289.
C.

p Ib. p. 289.
C.

q Ib. p. 289.
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r Ib. p. 289.
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s Ib. p. 289.
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t Ib. p. 289.
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u Ib. p. 289.
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v Ib. p. 289.
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w Ib. p. 289.
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x Ib. p. 289.
C.

y Ib. p. 289.
C.

z Ib. p. 289.
C.

aa Ib. p. 289.
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ab Ib. p. 289.
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ac Ib. p. 289.
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ae Ib. p. 289.
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al Ib. p. 289.
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am Ib. p. 289.
C.

Thurstanus de Baftenbergh.

Hugo de Monteforti cogn. cum Barba, interfuit
prælio Senlacio an. 1086. Cum Walch. de Fer-
rariis postea certavit d, & in eodem conflictu
occubuit.

Gisla uxor
Willielmi
Bertrannus.

Willielmus
Bertrannus.

... ux. Hugo de Monteforti secun-... filia Richardi de
secunda. dus, postea Monachus Bellosago ux. i.
Beccensis.

Rog. de Bel-
lomonte.

Rob. de Monte-
forti. ob. sine
prole.

Hugo de Monte-
forti tertius, abiq; berius
liberis obiit
de Ganz.

Gisle-... filia
Rob. Comes de
Mellento, in Co-
mitem Leicestræ
ciclus per Re-
gem H. i.

Henricus de Novoburgo
Warwici Comes.

... ux. Simonis Co-
mitis Huntintonæ.

Hugo de Monteforti quartus, so-Adelina:
rotius t Gualerani Comitis de
Mellento, Captus in prelio
cum eodem Gual. xv. an. vincu-
lis genuit. m

Adelina
ux. Guil.
de Brito-
lio.

Robertus, Magister militum Regi W. Rufo an. 1098.
p o violata fide à Rege H. i. propulsatus a, licentiam
eundi Hierusalem accepit, totamq; terram Regi reli-
quit an. 1107. mortuus b an. 1127. Steph.

Thurstanus de Monteforti
(filius secundus) Dominus
de Bello deserto.

... uxor Ricardi
fili Comitis Glouc-
estrie.

Rob. de Mon-Alicia de
teforti 23 H. 2. Harcourt.

Henricus de Monte-Emma filia Petri
forti 2 R. 1. Corbuceonis.

Thurstanus de Monteforti obiit 18 Joh.

Juliana ux. Will. de Bisepesdon.

Petrus de Monteforti occisus in... filia Henr. de Al-
prælio apud Evesham 49 H. 3. dithley 13 H. 3.

Petrus de-Matilda.
Monteforti
ob. 15 E. 1.

Will. de Mon-
teforti 51 H. 3.

Rob. de Monteforti
51 H. 3.

Joh. de Monteforti-Alicia filia Will. de
defunctus 24 E. 1. la Plaunch.

Eliz. ux. Willielmi filii & hæz. Sim. de Monteacuso 20 E. 1.

Margareta-Petrus de Monte-Lora de
filia... forti obiit f. pro-Allenhale,
Domini le legitima 42 amasia.
Furneval E. 3.

Joh. fil & hæres
cæsus in prælio
apud Strivelin
7 E. 2.

Eliz. ux.
Baldw. Fre-
vill militis.
Matilda
ux. Barth.
de Sud-
ley.

Guido de Monte-
forti duxit Matg.
filiam T. de Bel-
locampo Comit.
Warw. & obiit. vi-
vo patre.

Joh. de Montfort.
miles 29 E. 3 du-
xit Johannam fil.
& hæz. Joh. de
Clinton de Col-
suill mil.

Ric. de
Montfort
de Lap-
worth. 41
E. 3.

Baldw. Frevill
miles.

Baldw.
Frevill
miles.

Joh. de
Sudley.

Johanna filia & hæres
ux. Will. Boteler.

gave the Church of **Compton** as a Prebend to the Church of our Lady in **Warwick**: And after that, was the grant of **Margaret** Countesse of **Warwick** (widow to the said Earl) made to the Canons of **Kenslowth**, testified by him; as also the Foundation of that Collegiate-Church in **Warwick** by Earl Roger in 23 H. 1. and divers other grants. Which **Thurstan**, in King **Stephen's** time obtained a Charter from **Maud** the Empreffe for a **Hermitage** at this his Castle of **Beldefert**, to be weekly kept upon the Sunday, a transcript whereof from the originall I have here, for the rarity of it, inserted.

M. Imperatrix H. Regis filia, Rogero Com. de **Warwic**, & omnibus fidelibus suis Francis & Anglicis de Warewicshire salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Thurstino de Monteforti quod habeat Merca-

tum die Dominica ad Castellum suum de Bellode-
serto; volo igitur & firmiter precipio quatenus om-
nes euntes, & stantes, & redeuntes de Mercato
pradicto habeant firmam pacem. Teste Milone de
Glocestria apud Wintoniam.

Of this **Thurstan** it appears¹, that he dispossessed the Monks of **Thorney** in **Cambridgeshire**, of certain lands lying in **Wenge** (in Com. Rutl.) which his brother **Robert** had bestowed on them by the consent of the Earl of **Warwick**, of whose Fee they were; neither would he make restitution thereof, nor discharge a debt in money, which his said brother owed to the Abbot, nor a Legacie that he gave to that Monasterie, till King **Stephen** by his speciall Precept, threatned him, that if he did not speedily do it, the Earl of **Warwick** should com-
pell him, and in case of his neglect, the Bishop of

1 Reg. de
Thorney p.
1. f. 24. a

Lincolne

Lincolne should see it done : whereupon he performed what had been so commanded, granting to the said Monks by his speciall Charter^m, for the health of his soul, with the soules of his wife and sons, and especially for the soul of his brother **Robert**, and all his Ancestors and successors, the half of the said town of **Wenge**, with the moitie of the Church and Mill, excepting the Fee of **Raph fitz Nigell**, and **Thurstane** his (the said **Thurstane's**) Elquire. For which grant (or rather confirmation) the said Monks gave to **Robert** his son a manc^{*} of Gold. That he was a man of great note and power may easily be guessed by this his feat, were there nothing else to manifest it : but to make it more evident, I shall instance what is recorded upon that Certificateⁿ made by **William** Earl of **Warwick** in 12 H. 2. which is, that he the said **Thurstane** then held of him ten Knights Fees and a fourth part *de veteri Feoffamento*, id est, whereof he had been enfeoffed in H. 1. time : Howbeit, after 16 H. 2. I find no more mention of him, neither can I discover whom he married; but **Henry de Montfort** was his eldest son, who reobtained^o possession of the Mannour of **Wellesburne** in this County, in 2 R. 1. whereof he had been disseised by King H. 2. which **Henry** was a Benefactor to the little Monastery at **Wotton-Wawen** (hard by) giving^p thereto his Mill at **Benley**, with a messuage, and some small proportion of land there; and to the Monks of **Wordestey**, to whom he granted^q certain Fishing in **Avon**, about **Hillborough**.

To him succeeded **Thurstane de Montfort**, who had great suits^r in King **John's** time, with **Ensfice de Stutevill**, and **Nich. de Stutevill**, for part of **Cottingham** and other lands and Knights Fees in **Warwickshire**. This **Thurstane** in 16. **John**. had the King's Precept^s directed to his Tenants that held of him by military service, to pay him Scutage, in regard that he had imployed Souldiers, in person, for the warr of **Poitou**; and bore^t for his Armes *Bendé of six pieces Or and Azure*, as by his Seal appears. He also confirm'd^u to the Monks of **Thorney** what his Ancestors had granted to them in **Wenge** : before mentioned : To the Nuns of **Pinley**, in this Countie, he gave^w the tenth part of the povision in victuall for his Household; viz. Bread, Beer, Flesh, Fish, and other things pertaining to his Kitchin : whose munificence therein was so highly esteemed, that he and his posterity were reputed^x for no lesse than Founders of that Religious House. Upon his death in 18 **John**. the wardship of **Peter** his son and heir, together with the custody of his lands, was comitted^y to **William de Cantilupe**. Which **Peter**, in 11 H. 3. obtained a Charter^z bearing date 10 Febr. for a weekly **Perccate** at this his Mannour of **Welfesfert**, upon the Munday (that granted to **Thurstane** his Ancestor being grown out of use, I presume) By the same Charter was there also a **Franchise** granted to him and his heirs, at this place, to be yearly kept for three days; viz. the Even, day, and morrow after the Feast of **S. Giles**; the Shirriff of this County having comand^a to proclaim it accordingly : But, it seems, he was not out of his wardship at that time; for the same year did the said **William de Cantilupe** (his Guardian) procure^b authoritie from the King, for receiving reasonable Aid from all the Tenants of the said **Peter** in this his Mannour of **Welfesfert** and **Benley**.

This **Peter**, upon the King's transfretation with his Army into **Gascoign**, in 27. of his reign, had

power to receive^c Scutage of all his Knights Fees that he held of the Earl of **Warwick**, according to the rate of xl s. per Scutum : but being of a turbulent spirit, he ever sided with the rebellious Barons of that age, who the better to shadow their disloyall practises, first plotted their meetings, under colour of exercising themselves in martiall Tourneaments, which were forbidden by the King, who well foresaw the danger that might ensue; yet such was their boldnesse, as that, notwithstanding the same Prohibition, they met^d at **Cambridge**, amongst whom he made one; whose lands thereupon, for that disobedient contempt, were presently seized^e on : By which timely care of restraining them, all things were fairly quieted again, at least in shew; so that, within three years after, he, and many more of those haughty Spirits, attended^f the King in person into **Gascoign**. And that he was a person of great qualitie, in those times, may appear by the Agreement betwixt him & **William de Beauchamp**, then E. of **Warwick**, for an inter-marriage betwixt each of their eldest sons and eldest daughters; whereupon they obtained a speciall Patent^g from the King that in case either of them did die before the accomplishment of such marriage, and that his heir should be in minority, the intended match might, notwithstanding, hold, saving to the King onely the custody of the land. Which Patent was so granted to them 20 Aug. 32 H. 3. immediatly before that voyage for **Gascoign**. After which, viz. in 34 H. 3. he obtained a Charter^h of **Free-warren** in all his demesne lands here, and in divers other places: and in 35 H. 3. was constitutedⁱ Governor of **Boystan-Castle** in **Derbyshire**.

But amongst these his secular actions, I may not omit to tell what I find of his pious works; which is, that, about this time, he confirm'd^k what his Ancestors had granted to the Monks of **Thorney**, within his Lordship of **Wenge** in **Rutl.** And, for the health of his soul, and the soul of **Alice** his wife, as also of his Father, Mother, Ancestors, and friends, whose bodies lay buried in the Priory of **Studley**, gave^l to the Canons of that House all his demesne land called the **Vineyard**, situate within the Lordship of **Studley**. In 37 H. 3. he obtained the King's confirmation^m of a marriage for one of his sons, with **Agnes** the eldest daughter to **Roger Bertram** of **Plitford** (a great Baron in the North.) In 40 H. 3. he was sent Ambassadorⁿ from the King into **France**. In 41. being made Warden^o of the Marches towards **Montgumert**, for his better performance of that service, he had^p at the instance of Prince **Edward**, the custodie of the Counties of **Salop.** and **Staff.** as also the Castles of **Salop.** and **Wuges**, to dispose of the profits therein arising, as he should think best during the continuance of the Warrs with **Wales**; so that for the first year he was to hold those Counties, he should answer nothing to the Exchequer, but at the years end make his Account in the King's Wardrobe. In the next year following he was constituted^q Governour of the Castles of **Wuges** and **Ellesmere** in **Shropshire**. In 43 H. 3. he attended^r the King into **France**, and bore for his Armes^s *Bendé of six pieces Or and Azure*: yet all these high favours and Acts of trust from that King towards him, could not allay the heat of his proud and lofty stomack; For no sooner had the Rebellious Barons made head at^t **Oxford**, where they forcing the King's assent to their disloyall and unjust

just Ordinances, caused a choise of xxiv. persons to be made, by whose discretion the Kingdom should be governed, than that this *Peter* shew'd himself the most forward amongst them, being not onely one^w of those xxiv. so chosen to rule, as aforesaid; but when all the rest of them, except himself and four others, calmly considering the great confusion, variance, and perill, then imminent, by reason of that strange rupture, were content that those Ordinances should be made void, and the King restored to his former condition, he joyned^x with them in opposing thereof.

Howbeit, so confident was the King, that his own candid intention towards them had wrought a change in their affections, that in *January* following he sent him Summons^y to appear at *Hereford*, on Munday next after the Feast of the *Purification* of our Lady, well furnished with Horie and Armes to oppose the power of *Leuelin* Prince of *Wales*, then in Rebellion: But I make a question whether he obeyed this Precept or not; for in the beginning of *April* next following, he was^z in Armes against the King at *Portsmouth*, with a multitude of the other rebellious Barons, and there taken, upon the storming of that town by the King's forces on the fite of that month; together with his two^a sons *Peter* and *Robert*, who were all sent Prisoners^b to the Castle of *Winsoze*. Which distresse moved them and the rest to hearken unto termes of accord with the King, from whom they soon obtained peaceable conditions (so softened was his Princely heart with their seeming fair intentions for the future) whereupon by his Precept^c to *Drogo de Barentine*, then Constable of *Winsoze* Castle, dated the 17. of the same month of *May*, he appointed that the said *Peter* and his sons before specified, should be immediately set at liberty: But loe the perfidiousnesse of these Conspirators; for within two dayes following, they gave the King battail^d at *Lewes* in *Sussex*, where (through the Prince his too eager pursuit of that part of the Rebels Army which he had routed) he lost^e the day and was made their Prisoner^f: But having elsewhere toucht the particulars of this Story, I will now go on with what concerns this *Peter de Montfort*: and that it may appear, how he was one of the most considerable persons in that Rebellious pack, shall give severall instances from the speciall trust and employment he then had in the sway of the Realm.

Shortly after this Victory at *Lewes*, so obtain'd, they agreed^g amongst themselves, that ix. Persons should be nominated to exercise Regall power, whereof three, at least, to be constantly resident in Court, for disposing of the custody of all Castles, and other affaires; with the nomination of the Chancelour, Justices, Treasurer, and all other Officers, great and small, tending to the government of the Kingdom; of which number this *Peter*^h was one: which persons, so appointed, madeⁱ use of the great Seal, transacting all things, touching the state of the Realm, in the King's name; and amongst other their doings constituted Commissioners^k to the King of *France*, and the Popes Legate, to reforme (as they term'd it) and settle the Kingdom, whose names I shall here recite; viz. *Henry de Sandwich* Bishop of *London*, *Walter de Cantilupe* Bishop of *Gloucester*, *John of Oxford* Bishop of *Winchester*, *Hugh Despenser* Justice of *England*, *Peter de Montfort* (before specified) and *Richard de Mephem* Archdeacon of *Exford*:

In which Commission, bearing date at *Canterbury* the Saturday after the Feast of the *Nativity* of our Lady (*scil.* 8. *Sept.*) there was a more especiall power given to our *Peter*, than any of the rest; that is to say, that whatsoever he should swear to do, the King must be bound by it. *Dantes in super prefato Petro potestatem jurandi in animam nostram, quod nos quicquid ipse in premissis nomine nostro duxerit faciendum, ratum habeamus & acceptum* (for these are the words thereof.) And after this, by another^l Commission, bearing date at *Dover* 24. of the same month of *September*, was the said *Peter* singly sent to the before specified Legate, to treat with him privately about those things, with desire that he might make as quick a return as might be: the intent of all this application to the Legate, being no other than to daub up their disloyall dealings towards the King, with fair and specious pretences to the Pope, least he should thunder out his Curles against them.

But, besides these eminent employments, I find, that by the same authority of the King's great Seal, he had the custody^m of *Whipton* Castle in *Shropshire* committed to his charge, by a Patent dated at *Woodstocke* 19. *Decembris*, and the next day following, ofⁿ *Hereford* Castle, to which, about the midle of *May*, they removed^o the King; and on the twentieth of that month made out a Precept^p to *Walter de Evereus*, then Shiriff of *Herefordshire*, for delivering the issues of that Countie to this our *Peter*, for the better strengthning of that Castle. And that nothing for conveniency to him in these his high transactions should be wanting, he had by the same authority a grant^q of Prince *Edward's* lodgings at *Westminster*. But loe the instability of earthly greatnesse, especially such as is raised by disloyall subjects upon the designed ruine of their rightfull Sovereign; for it was not many days after, that the Prince, making^r his escape from this Castle of *Hereford*, like a suddain flash of lightning broke through a cloud, raised such a powerfull Army, that on the day^s before the *Nones* of *August* following, he came upon the whole strength of those Rebellious Barons at *Evesham* in *Gloucestershire* like terrible thunder, where, obtaining a compleat Victory, this our famous *Peter de Montfort*, with divers more of the principall persons in that Tragedie, was slain^t. Whereupon the then Shiriff of this County (*sc.* *William Bagot*) had command^u to extend this Lordship, and the rest of his lands in these parts; but *propter resistantiam inimicorum*^v, as the Record expresseth, being not able to do it, the K. directed a Commission^w to the Abbot of *Wobesley* and Prior of *Stodley*, to take notice of the particular number of acres, of Land, Meadow, Wood, and Pasture, and the value of each; as also of those that held in villenage, with the Rents and services of the Freeholders, and to certifie the same into his Exchequer.

This *Peter* wedded^x *Alice* the daughter of *Henry de Aldithley*, and left issue *Peter*, *William*, and *Robert*; which *William* had^y the Mannour of *Uppingham* in *Rutl.* of his Fathers gift, and *Robert* other lands^z in that Countie; who, notwithstanding his activenesse on the Barons part, with his Father, was afterwards received^a into grace with the King. Having now done with his Story, I can do no lesse than observe, that in him was this Family in the Meridian of its glory, which thenceforth daily faded; for being the fourth in descent from

w } *Ibid.*
x }

y *Clauſ.* 47
H. 3. in d. 4
m. 14.

z *MS.* in
bibl. Bodl.
[8. v. 8.
Th.] f. 138.
b.

a } *Pat.* 48
H. 3.
b } m. 13

c *Pat.* 48 H.
3. m. 13.

d *In die S.*
Dunst. Ar-
chiepisc. scil.
14. Cal.
Maii. MS.
in bibl.
Bodl.
[Med. 20.]
f. 120. a.
e } *Ib.* f.
f } 119. b.

g *In vigil.*
Apost. Petri
& *Pauli*
MS. in
bibl. Bodl.
[8. v. 8.
Th.] f. 140.
a.

h *Ibid.*
i *Pat.* 48 H.
3. in d.

k *Ibid.*

l *Ibid.* m. 2.

m *Pat.* 49
H. 3. m. 26.

n *Ibid.*
o *Ib.* m. 17.
& 16.
p *Ib.* m. 15.

q *Pat.* 49.
H. 3. m.
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r *In heb-*
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tec. MS. in
bibl. Bodl.
[K. 84.] f.
62. b.
s *MS.* in
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[Med. 20.]
f. 120. b. &
121. b.

t *M. Paris.*
p. 999. n.
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Kenlw.
Castle.

u } *Pat.*
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x *Clauſ.* 13
H. 3. m. 18.
y *Cart.* 1 E. 3.
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z *Ex autog.*
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a } *Pat.* 51
H. 3.
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from *Thurstone*, who was first enriched with such fair possessions by his kinsman, the Earl of *Warwick's* gift; and honoured with many employments of special trust; through the great favour of his sovereign, being puffed up with blind ambition, which prompted him to a confederacy with the Rebellious Barons of that age, he became partaker of that deserved destruction, which befell them. After which, the lustre of his descendants, though no whit abridg'd of their ancient Patrimony (in regard of that indulgent Decree called *Dictum de Benilworth*, which admitted them to grace upon favourable terms) began daily to diminish, till in the like fourth descent his male line was in a manner extinct, much of the ancient inheritance, with this Castle, their principall seat, then devolving to other Families by daughters and heirs; and the memorie of his name preserved only in an illegitimate offspring, as by the Pedegree is clearly shewed.

I now come to *Peter* his eldest son. This man siding with his said Father in those Rebellious actions before specified, was with him taken prisoner^b at *Portsmouth* in 48 H. 3. being, as it seems, the Commander in Chief of the Forces there met; for no lesse doth an Historian^c of that time testify—*Horum erat precipuus Petrus de Monteforti junior* (saith he) *qui ad castrum confugerat, sed in castro reddidit se*: Nevertheless, being enlarged^d (as I have already shewed) the next mention I find of him is, that he was again taken^e in the battail of *Evesham* (wherein his Father lost his life) and thereupon committed to^f *Thomas de Clare*, unto whom his forfeited lands were granted; whereof he the said *Thomas* received the benefit according to the *Dictum de Benilworth*, before mentioned: but shortly after, notwithstanding these his demerits: was not only admitted to grace and favour with the King, who by a speciall Patent^g dated 28. Jan. 51. of his reign, released unto him *omnem indignationem & animi rancorem, ratione turbationis, &c.* (for those are the words) but besides his paternall inheritance, into which he was, by the said Decree, again so reinvested, had restitution^h of an Annuity of *Lv li. per annum* to be paid out of the Exchequer to himself and his heirs, which had been formerly granted to his Father, in lieu of certain woods lying in the Forest of *Rutland*, wherein he had quitted his title to the said King.

After which I find, that resolvingⁱ on a Pilgrimage to *S. James*, in *Gallicia*, he^k constituted *Humphrey de Hastang*, and *Richard de Wrenbull*, or one of them, his Attorney to transact his affairs in the mean time: but whether he went the same year or not (being 56 H. 3.) I am not certain; for in 3 E. 1. he had another^l License to that purpose; and, within a short space, grew in such esteem with King *Edward*, that being employed^m in his service for the warrs of *Wales* 5 E. 1. in 8. of that King's reign, he grantedⁿ unto the renowned Queen *Eliane*, the marriage of *John* his son and heir, with power that she should dispose of him, in that kind, to whom she pleased: and in 11 E. 1. attended^o the King in that Welch expedition, wherein those parts were wholly reduced^p to obedience, for which service he was acquitted^q of *L li.* debt due by him to have been paid into the Exchequer. This *Peter* altered his coat of Armes, from what his Father and grandfather bore, changing their *Bendé of six pieces* to *Bendé of ten*, but retain-

ing the Colours; and departed^r this life in 15 E. 1. leaving issue *John* his son and heir, and *Elizabeth* a daughter, afterwards^s married to *Will. I.* son and heir of *Simon de Montacute*; for which Lady there is yet standing a very beautiful Monument of Marble, with her statue cut to the life, on the North side of the Quire at *Christ Church* in *Oxford* (heretofore the Conventuall Church of *S. Fridiswides* Monasterie there) where there was afterwards a *Chantrie* of two secular Priests founded to^t celebrate divine service daily for her soul, and for the souls of the said *William de Montacute*; as also of *John Bokyngham* Bishop of *Lincolne*, Sir *Peter de Montfort*, her father, the Lady *Maud* her mother; and of *John de Montacute*, *William de Montacute* Earl of *Salisbury*, *Simon de Montacute* Bishop of *Ely*, *Edward de Montacute*, *Alice de Aubeme*, the Lady *Mary Cogan*, *Elizabeth* Prioresse of *Walthwell*, the Lady *Hawise Barent*, the Lady *Maud* Abbess of *Werkling*, the Lady *Isab. II* a Nun of *Werkling*, children of him the said Sir *William de Montacute* and her: and moreover for the souls of Sir *Thomas de Furnivall* her second husband, Sir *Peter Limfie* her kinsman, and *Simon Isp*; and for the souls of all her parents and friends.

But of the said *John de Montfort*, do I find very little memorable, other than that he took to wife^u *Alice* the daughter of *Will. de la Planché*; by whom he had issue *John* and *Peter*, with two daughters, viz. *Eliz.* and *Maud*, whose issue came to possess a great part of the inheritance pertaining to this family, as I shall shew anon: for *John* their elder brother, who was one^x of the murtherers of *Peirs de Gaveston*, having in 7. E. 2. received his Pardon^y for that offence, marcht with our English Army into *Scotland*, and there lost^z his life in the battail of *Birtwistle*, without issue, *Peter* the other brother having none legitimate. Which *Peter* (for I am next in course to speak of him) was first in^a Holy Orders; but after his brother's death, enjoying a fair inheritance, notwithstanding his sacred function, was so dispensed with (as it seems) that he betook^b himself to the world and became a Knight^c: And standing loyall to King E. 2. in the time of that great defection, when so many adhered to *Thomas* Earl of *Lancaster*; had a joint Commission^d with *Will. de Beauchamp* and *Roger de Aylesbury* for the safe custody of the City of *Exeter*. In 20. of that King's reign he was made Governour^e of *Warwick* Castle, then in the King's hands, by reason of the Earls minority. In 18, 19, 25, and 26. of E. 3. one^f of the Commissioners for conservation of the Peace in this County. In^g 20. for arraying of *Clx.* Archers; and in^h 29. for putting the Statute of *Labourers* in execution.

This *John* took to wifeⁱ *Margaret* daughter of the Lord *Furnivall*, but by her had issue no more than one onely son called *Guy*; betwixt whom and *Margaret* one of the daughters to *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick*, there was a marriage in 21 E. 3. by vertue of a speciall dispensation^k from *Roger Northburgh* Bishop of *Coventry & Litchfield*, having authority from Pope *Clement* the sixth for the same, in regard they stood allied in the third and fourth degrees of Consanguinity; which marriage was designed^l by the said *Peter* and the Earl, for the better founding a league of friendship betwixt them and their posteritie, in regard that many suits had been betwixt their Ancestors, by reason

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d Pat. 15 E.
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e Rot. F. 20
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h Pat. 29
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Pat. 56
H. 3. m.
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Clau. 3 E.
in d. m.

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m. 23.
Clau. 8
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son that their lands in divers places lay contiguous. Shortly after which marriage there was an estate in tail^m made of this Castle and Mannour, with divers other Lordships lying in this Countie, as also in the Counties of **Staff. Rutl. and Surrep**; whereby for want of issue by the said **Guy and Margaret**, they were, after the decease of the said Sir **Peter**, to remain unto **Thos. de Beauchamp** then Earl of **Warwick**, and **Katherine** his wife, and the heirs of the said Earl. Which **Thomas** having obtained such an estate thereof in reversion, in 35 E. 3. (the same **Guy** being then dead without issue) entailedⁿ the same upon **Thomas** his son and heir, and the heirs male of his body, and for lack of such issue on **William** his second son (afterwards Lord **Bergavenny**) and the heirs male of his body, and for want of such issue on his own right heirs.

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q Witlesey
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But all this while was Sir **Peter de Montfort** living; who having had certain issue by an old Concubine^o, called **Lora de Ullenhale**, in E. 2. time, (daughter^p to one **Richard Astley** of **Ullenhale**) took care for their advancement, as may appear by those possessions they enjoyed, whereof I have taken notice in due place: And being grown an old man, made his Testament^q, bearing date on Saturday next after the Feast of the Conception of our Lady anno 1367. (41 E. 3.) by which he bequeathed his body to sepulture in the Church of the **Friers Preachers** at **Warwick**, whereunto he gave x li. that the said **Friers** should pray for his soul. To the Nuns of **Winley** he gave x. marks for the like purpose; and to the Lady **Lora de Astley** (his old paramour) then a Nun there, Cs. To Sir **Baldw. Frevill**, the elder, Kt. (his kinsman) xx li. To his son **Richard de Montfort** all his silver and gilt plate; as also all his goods moveable and unmoveable, lying in his Mannours of **Binghurst** in this Countie, and of **Odes** in **Wiltshire**; bequeathing C li. to be given to certain Priests to pray for the souls of his Father and Mother, and all the faithfull deceased; and appointing that every of his old servants should be rewarded at the discretion of his Executors, and within two years after, died; for the Probate of his said Testament bears date 19. Cal. Feb. anno 1369. (43 E. 3.) Of which **Peter** all that I have seen farther memorable, is, that in 20 E. 2. he gave^r certain lands and Rent for the finding of a Priest to celebrate divine service daily in the Parish-Church of **Bretton-Bagot**, for the health of his own soul, as also the souls of his Ancestors, & successors (whereof I have more particularly spoke in my discourse of that place.) But that which I have to say of his posterity, I reserve to be spoken in **Colshill**, where they settled by the marriage of **John** his eldest illegitimate son, with **Joan** the daughter and heir to Sir **John de Clinton** Knight. And shall now returne to make enquiry through what hands this Castle and Mannour hath since past.

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In which I find, that **Thomas de Beauchamp** Earl of **Warwick** (son to the said Earl, by whom the said entail was made as aforesaid) by his Deed bearing^s date at **Warwick** 19. Julii 50 E. 3. granted unto Sir **William Beauchamp** Knight his brother, an estate for terme of life therein, for the yearly Rent of a Red Rose payable at the Feast of **S. John Baptist**. But the inheritance thereof did the said Earl passe^t away to Sir **Baldwin Frevill** Knight, and Sir **Thomas Boteler**, who were the right heirs to **Montforts** lands: whereupon in 9 R. 2. upon the agreement for a partition betwixt Sir

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Baldwin Frevill Knight, and Sir **Thomas Boteler** Knight, of all the lands, which, by the marriage of those coheirs unto their Ancestors, were descended to them, it was accorded^u, that when the said **William Beauchamp** should happen to depart this life, the same Sir **Baldwin** and his heirs, should (inter alia) entirely enjoy this Mannour of **Beaufort** in case the said Sir **Thomas Boteler** had satisfaction in other lands by a reasonable extent in lieu of his right therein. And the same Sir **William Beauchamp** by his Instrument^v, dated at **London** 5. Febr. 17 R. 2. wherein he is stiled **Seigneur de Bergayne**, reciting the before specified grant, made by his brother **Thomas** Earl of **Warwick** to Sir **Baldwin Frevill** Knight, son and heir to Sir **Baldwin** as aforesaid, attourned accordingly.

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p. 25. Car
D. Carington.

But it should seem that **Frevill** did not afterwards make such an assignation to **Butler** of any lands to equalize the interest he had here in **Beldefert**; and that in default thereof, there was another partition, by which **Butler** had the site of the Castle and the Park wherein it stood, and certain other lands in **Beldefert**, with the advouson of the Church (all which past by the name of the Mannour of **Beldefert**) together with the town of **Henley** as parcell^x of the Mannour of **Beldefert**: for by an Inquis. y taken after the death of Sir **Raph Boteler** of **Sudley** Knight, in 13 E. 4. it appeareth, that he dyed seized of all these, leaving Sir **John Norbury** Knight, and **Henry Belknap** Esquire his colins and heirs (as by the Descent in **Casse** appeareth) From which Sir **John** and **Henry** did King **Edward** the fourth in 17. of his reign obtain it, as by an Obligation^z in two thousand marks, wherein they the same Sir **John** and **Henry** became bound unto the said King, to release all their right and title therein, by the name of the Mannour of **Beaufort** with the appurtenances, four Messuages, four Gardens, two Acres of Land, CCCC. acres of Meadow, a thousand Acres of Pasture, CCCC. acres of Wood, and xii li. of Rent, with the appurtenances, in **Beaufort**, **Henley**, **Whitley**, and **Ullenhale**, unto **John** Bishop of **Worcester**, **Anthony Wydevile** Earl **Rivers**, and others, to the use of the said King, appears. And in 21 of his reign constituted^a **Thomas Frebody** Receiver to his Highnesse thereof, together with other Mannours in these parts: From which time it continued in the Crown, till King **Edward** 6. by Patent dated 22. Dec. in the first year of his reign, past^b it away by the name of the Mannour of **Henley** in **Arden**, alias **Henly Beaufort**, with two Parks thereunto belonging, unto **John Dudley** Earl of **Warwick**, and his heirs. Which coming again to the Crown in 1. Maria by his attainder (whereof I have elsewhere spoke) was by **Q. Elizabeth** in the fourth of her reign, granted^c to **Ambrose Dudley** then Earl of **Warwick**, and the heirs of his body: who dying issuelesse, it returned again to the Crown; from whence **Alderman Cawdwell**, a Londoner, purchased the site of the Castle, with the Park wherein it stood, in our time.

x Claus. 1
E. 4 m. 1:
y Efc. 13 E.
4. n. 58.

z Claus. 1
E. 4. in d
m. 18.

a Pat. 21
4. p. 1. m. 7

b Pat. 1
6. p. 6.

c Pat. 4
Eliz. p. 4.

But the residue of **Beldefert**, which **Frevill** enjoyed, descended to **Baldwin** his son and heir; who died^d seized thereof upon Thursday in the third week of Lent 5 H. 5. Eliz. wife to **Tho. Ferrers** Esquire (a younger son to the Lord **Ferrers** of **Choboy**) one of the sisters to the said Sir **Baldwin**; **Robert Aston**, son of Sir **Roger Aston** Knight, and **Joice** his wife, another sister, and **Margaret** the

d Efc. 6 H.
5. n. 47.

e Recup. de
T. Trin. 22.
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term. Mich.
23. H. 6.
rot. 124.
f. F. levat.
xv. Pasch.
36. Eliz.
g. Pat. 15.
Jac.

the wife of *Hugh Willoughby*, the third sister, being found his heirs: Betwixt whom Partition^c also was afterwards made: by vertue whereof (as it seems) this, by the name likewise of the Mannour of *Wobesert*, was allotted to *Aston*; for I find that *Sir Edward Aston* of *Wickfall* in *Com. Staff.* Knight, son of *Sir Walter*, being seized thereof, sold it^f in 36. *Eliz.* to *Francis Smyth* of *Wotton-Wawen* Esquire and his heirs; who in 15 *Jac.* obtained a Charter^s of *Free-warren* in all his demesne lands here, and dying seized thereof, left it to *Sir Charles* his son and heir (since created *Lord Carrington*) the present owner thereof.

Of the Church (dedicated to *S. Nicholas*) I find no mention at all in that Taxation of *Anno* 1291. (19 E. 1.) But in 14 E. 3. the^h Record runneth thus, *Ecclesia de Wobesert non extenditur propter paupertatem, sed valet per annum xl s.* and in 26 H. 8. it was ratedⁱ at viii li. there being at that time ii s. yearly payable out of it for *Procurations* and *Synodals*, and ii s. as a *Pension* to the Church of *Wotton*.

Patroni Ecclesiar. Incumbentes, &c.

Hort. vol. 2. f. 13. & 21. a.	<i>Petrus de Monteforti.</i>	D. Ric. de Budiford Cap. 6. Non. Martii 1327.
Hort. vol. 1. f. 29. a.	D. Episcopus.	Joh. de Grafton Accol. 15. Oct. 1331.
Hort. vol. 2. f. 50. a.		Joh. de Alne Pbr. ult. Julii 1332.
Mont. f. 12. b.	D. Petrus de Monteforti.	Henr. de Pyrie Pbr. 4. Aug. 1333.
S. Germ. f. 119. b.		Galfr. Capellanus de Ilminster 1. Feb. 1368.
Cliff. f. 99. 2.	D. Will. de Bellocampo dominus de Berghavenny.	D. Henr. Leek Pbr. 8. Julii 1407.
Bourch. f. 65. a.	Rad. Boteler miles.	Rob. Loughborough Cap. 25. Sept. 1439.
Carp. vol. 1. f. 99. b.	Rad. Boteler dominus de Sudley.	D. Joh. Hopkyns 24. Jan. 1451.
Mort. f. 14. b.		D. Jac. Gardner Cap. 22. Maii 1491.
5yg. 1. f. 5.	Henr. 7. Rex Anglie.	D. Joh. Normecote Pbr. 9. Feb. 1497.
Heath f. 5. b.	Joh. Comes Warwic. Vic. L'isle.	Will. Squier Cler. 25. Feb. 1550.
bul. f. 7. b.		Magr. Will. Bolton art. 26. Martii. 1573.
b. f. 18. b.	Ambrosius Comes Warwic.	Will. Doverdale Cler. 12. Oct. 1580.
b. f. 83. b.	Jacobus Rex Angl. &c.	Joh. Ellie Cler. 26. Nov. 1606.

Henley.

IN speaking of this place next, I shall somewhat thwart my accustomed order, in regard it is in the parish of *Wotton-Wawen*: but considering that it hath so anciently belonged to the Family of *Montfort*, whereof I have last discoursed; and that it lyes so neer unto *Wobesert*, whereunto I conclude that it was in some sort antiently annexed, I have thought it most proper to be here taken notice of. In the Conquerors Survey there is nothing at all of it, in respect it is there involved with *Wotton*, whereof it was originally a member, and granted (as I conceive) by one of the Barons of

Stafford to the first *Montfort* that leased himself at *Wobesert*. Nor till King *Stephen's* time, that *Maud* the Emperesse granted to *Thurstan de Montfort* a *Mercate* at that his Castle, formerly (spoke of, was there any habitation here (as I guess) the first building having been occasioned (as is most probable) for reception of, and accomodations to *Mercate*-people, it lying at the very foot of the Hill whercon the said Castle stood, and upon the common Road leading from *Stratford super Avon* to *Birmingham*: for the soonest mention that ever I could meet with of it, is in a grant^k of the Mill to the Monks of *Wotton*, by *Henry de Montfort*, in H. 2. time. And the next to that is in 5 H. 3. where *Peter de Montfort* had a grant of^l a *Mercate* here, upon the Munday every week; and an yearly *Faire* for two days, viz. the Even and day of *S. Giles*; whereof he was to take benefit till he should come of age. In which Record it is called *Hanley*, but in truth it ought to have been written *Heanley*, as the ordinary sort of people doe still pronounce it; for that was its originall name, and occasioned from the ascending ground, whereunto it is so neerly situate, *hean* in our old English signifying *high*.

Which dayes for the *Mercate* and *Faire*, being one and the same with that of *Wobesert*, granted to the said *Peter* and his heirs in 11 H. 3. (though here exprest *apud Manerium suum de Hanley*, and there *apud Manerium suum de Wobesert*) doth much fortifie my former conjecture: but as for the manner of the grant, they onely thus differ; viz. that in this place it is limited to him alone, and to continue till his coming of full age; and in the other to him and his heirs: from whence may also be inferred, that in 11 H. 3. he was out of minority. In those days it yielded^m xv li. per annum Rent, the *Toll* and the *Eschaets* being valued at five marks; but after the battail of *Clitham*, it answered very little, inⁿ regard it was then burnt. In 13 E. 1. I find, that *Peter de Montfort*, son to the said *Peter*, claimed^p to have here divers Liberties, viz. Gallows, *Assize* of *Brad* and *Beer*, as also a *Mercate* and *Free-warren* within this his Mannour; and for the *Mercate* and *Free-warren* produced the Charter of King H. 3. but for the rest pleaded *Prescription*, which was allowed: And in 24 E. 1. that upon the extent of *John de Montfort's* lands, he dyed^q seized thereof, it being there termed *Burgum de Henlepe*; as also that there were then Lxix. Burgeses, which payd vii li. xviii s. x d. ob. Rent; and likewise a Park, with two Water Mills; and moreover that the Pleas and perquisites of Court, extended to Lviii s. all which were held of *Edmund Baron* of *Stafford*, by the service of iii s. or one pair of *Scarlet Hoie*.

It seems that the *Mercate* here, grew in time to be well frequented; for in 10 E. 3. the Inhabitants of this town procured *License*^r from the King to take *Toll* of all corn and other comodities brought hither to be sold for the space of 3 years, towards the defraying their charge of paving the streets; which work being not then compleated, they obtained another^s Patent for the like *Toll* for the space of three years more: Neither did this allowance finish the said paving; for in 6 R. 2. they had a third Patent^t for taking *Toll* in like sort during the terme of five years more.

As to the entail of this Mannour, whereby the remainder, for lack of issue by *Guy de Montfort*, was settled upon *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of *War-*

k Ex autog. penes
Præpos. &
Scol. coll.
Regal. Cantab.

l Claus. 5.
H. 3. m. 6.

n^o Esc. 50.
H. 3.

p Rot. de
O. 11.

q Esc. 24. E.
1. m. 59.

r Pat. 10.
E. 3. p. 2. m.
32.

s Pat. 17.
E. 3. p. 1.
m. 42.

t Pat. 6. R.
2. p. 2. m.
16.

u Ex au-
tor penes
I. Ferrers
de Tam-
worth ca-
stro ar.

w Pat. 27.
H. 6. p. 2.
m. 14.

wick, and the heirs of his body, I shall not need to say more than what is exprest in *Waldesfort*: neither when or how the inheritance thereof was passed out of the said Earl, or his son: But certain it is, that Sir *William Beauchamp* Lord *Bergavenny* held it for life: for by the partition^u made betwixt Sir *Baldwin Frewill*, and Sir *Thomas Boteler* in 9 R. 2. (whereof in *Waldesfort* I have spoke) so much is intimated, and an accord then made betwixt them, that the same Sir *Baldwin* should have this Mannour of *Penley*, intirely, after the death of the said Sir *William Beauchamp*, in case he did passe to him the said Sir *Thomas* other lands of as good value; which it seems he did not do; for it is most cleer, that the heirs of *Boteler* afterwards enjoy'd it; and that Sir *Raph Boteler Knight*, Lord *Sudley*, by an ample Charter^w in 27 H. 6. wherein is recited, that himself and his Ancestors, possessors of this town and Mannour, used to have a Court-leet of all their Tenants, and other persons resident within the same, twice every year, there to be held, with Weyfs, Estreys, and whatsoever else to a leet belonged: as also a *Mercate* every Munday, all which were then confirmed; had moreover a grant, that himself and his heirs, by their Bayliffs, or Officers, should within the precincts thereof, have Return of Writts and Precepts, and Summons from the Exchequer, Extrajts, and Precepts of the Justices of both Benches, and Itinerant, together with Attachments, aswell of Pleas of the Crown, as Bills and Precepts of the Steward, Marshall and Clerke of the *Opertate* of the said King's household, his heirs and successors; so that no Shiriff nor other Officer should have power to enter therein, concerning any execution of their Office: As also of *Infangthef*, *Outfangthef*, Goods of Felons and Fugitives, or of any condemned persons: and that no Purveyor for the King's Household should take any thing there, of him the said Sir *Raph* or his Tenants, or any person resident within the precincts thereof. All which Tenants the said King did thereby acquit of Toll, Stallage, Pontage, Pavage, Poundage, Murage, Kaiage and Chiminage, in whatsoever places throughout the Realm: And lastly that he the said *Raph*, and his heirs, should have here every year 2. *Festes*, scil. one on the Tuesday in *Whitson-week*, to continue for two dayes following, and the other upon the Feast-day of *S. Luke* the Evangelist, and two days after: which Charter bears date at *Westminster* xvi *Maii*. the year above specified.

From which Family of *Boteler* it came by daughters and heirs to Sir *John Norbury Knight*, and *William Belknap Esquire*, and so accompanying the possession of *Waldesfort* (as by the authorities, which I have there cited, may be seen) returned to the Crown by the death of *Ambrose Dudley Earl of Warwick*, without issue; and continued therein, till that King *James* by his Letters Patent bearing date 23. Sept. 17. of his reign, past it^x to *John Lord Digby* and his heirs, with divers Mannours and lands lying in other Counties, in consideration of 13000 *li*. allowed him by his Majesty towards the defraying of his charges in his Spanish Embassie.

The Chapell here (dedicated to *S. John Baptist*) was built about the 41. year of King *Edw. 3.* as appears by the confirmation^y thereof then made by *William Witlesey Bishop of Worcester*; in which is exprest, that it was erected at the sole charges of the Inhabitants, in regard of the large

distance, and foul ways in Winter-time, betwixt this Village and the Parish Church of *Wotton-Warren*; and by the consent of *William de Senye* then Prior of *Wotton* (unto which Religious House the said mother Church of *Wotton* was appropriated) and *Will. de Perton* the then Vicar: which Inhabitants and their successors had authoritie then given them by the same Bishop to provide and maintain a fitting Priest at their own proper charges, for celebration of Divine service there, so that the Vicar of *Wotton*, for the time being, might wholly receive and take all Oblations, arising in the said Chapell, upon *Christmas day*, *Candlemas day*, *Easter day*, and *S. Peter's day* (being the day of the Dedication of that Church) and for Churching of Women, at any time, in the said Chapell: But of all other profits arising upon the said days, or any other throughout the year, the Vicar to have two parts only, and the Prior the third. And that the Priest belonging to this Chapell might have power, so often as occasion should be, to Church Women there, to administer the Sacrament to such old & decrepite people as could not go to the said Parish Church, and to perform all other parochiall rites therein, buriall for the dead only excepted. For the performance of all which, the Priest for the time being, at his first admission thereto, was to oblige himself by his corporall Oath, in the presence of the Prior of *Wavens-Wotton* and the Vicar, lest the said Church of *Wavens-Wotton* should be dampnified. And that all good people might be the more stirred up to contribute towards the charges for the fabrick hereof; as also for the Bells, Books, Lights, Vestments, and other Ornaments belonging thereto, the said Bishop by that his publique Instrument, which bears date at *Hertlebury* 5. Cal. Aug. Anno 1367. granted to every one that would be open-handed therein, an Indulgence of xl. days; all which was confirm'd by^z the Prior and Monks of *Worcester*.

About two years after, there was a purpose by one *William Fishyde* of this town, to found a *Chantrie* in a Chapell, then newly intended to be built here, for one Priest, to celebrate Divine service daily, for the good estate of the said *William*, as appears^a by that preparation to a License for amortizing of three messuages, situate in *Penley* aforesaid, to that end: but whether it were performed or not, I make a question; for I have seen no more of it.

In 26 H. 6. there was an *Hospitall* here built, for the relief of poor people and strangers; towards the support of which charge, *John Carpenter*, then B^l. of *Worcester*, granted out an Indulgence^b to endure for three years, on the behoof of all such as should make contribution. Some think that the *Gild-House* situate on the North side of the Chapell, is the *Hospitall* here spoken of; For in the Chapell before mentioned, there was a *Gild* founded^c by *Raph Boteler* (Lord *Sudley*) which *Gild* had four^d Priests belonging thereto, who were to pray for the Founder's soul. But upon the^e Survey taken in 26 H. 8. there were no more than two Priests serving therein, whereof one had an yearly stipend of *vli. vi s. viii d.* and the other of *vli*. Howbeit, in 37 H. 8. upon the Extent of the lands belonging thereto, which were then valued at *xxvii li. iii s. iii d.* it appears^f, that there were three Priests^g whereof one had a stipend of *Cx s. per annum*, and the other two of *Cs. a piece*; as also an Organist, who had *xl s. annuity*. Before the

z Ib.

a Efc. 43
E. 3. m. 42.

b Carp. vol.
1. f. 65. b.

c MS. pe.
nes S. l.
d seq. aur.
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e Ex alio
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eund. S. A.
f. 21. b.

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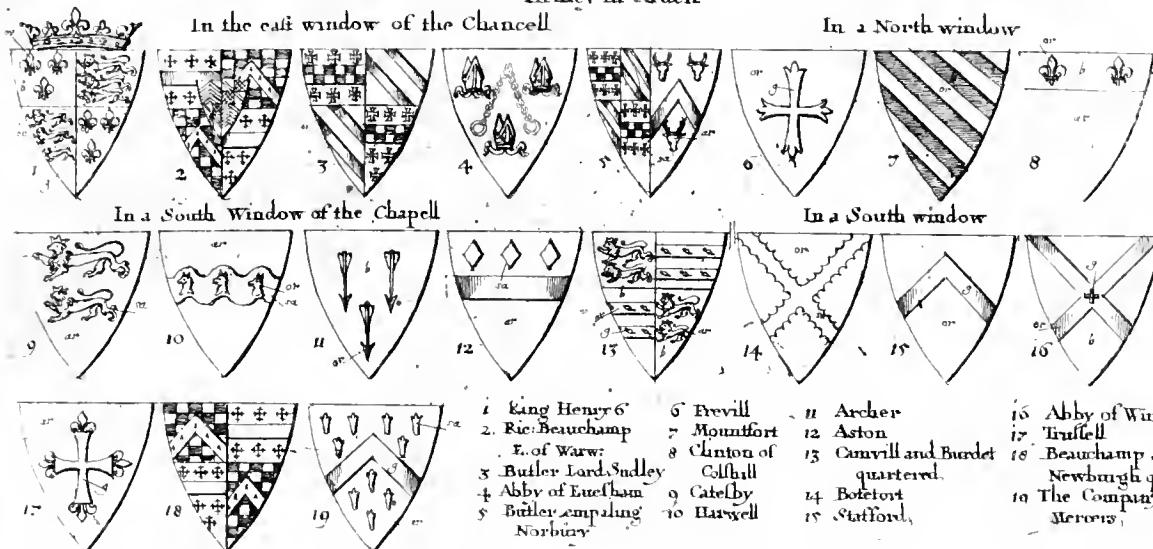
x Pat. 17.
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y Witlesey
f. 17. b.

the dissolution of this *Gild*, it was a custome (as I have heard) that upon all publique occasions (as Weddings and the like) the Inhabitants of this town kept their Feast in the *Gild House*, before specified; in which they had most kind of Household stuff, as Pewter, Brasse, Spits, Andirons, Linnen, Tables, &c. and Wood out of the little

Park at *Beloeferst*, for fewell; those which were at the charge of the Feast paying only *vi s. viii d.* for the use of them: But now all is gone except the Pewter, which being in the Chapell-Wardens custody, they lend out for *iv d.* a dozen when any Feast is made.

Henley in Arden



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| 1 King Henry 6 ^e | 6 Brevill | 11 Archer | 16 Abby of Winchester |
| 2 Ric. Beauchamp | 7 Mountfort | 12 Aston | 17 Trusell |
| 3 E. of Warw. | 8 Clinton of Colshill | 13 Cunvill and Burdet quartered. | 18 Beauchamp and Newburgh quartered |
| 4 Butler Lord Sudley | 9 Catelby | 14 Botetort | 19 The Company of Mercers |
| 5 Abby of Ewelham | 10 Harwell | 15 Stafford | |

Wootton-Wawen.

Following this petty stream, I come next to **Wootton** (commonly called **Wootton-Wawen**) a Parish of a very large extent, containing these Villages and places of note; viz. **Aspley, Moxley, Ford-Hall, Crowley, Willenhale, Botley** (Henley in Arden already spoke of) **Whitley, Foxwode, Coton, Bearley, Slesburne, Wawensmoore, Wyche, and Dfford**; of all which in their order. As for the name, there is no question but that it was originally occasioned from the situation, being amongst woods; and so, for the more facility of pronuntiation called **Wootton** instead of **Wootton**, having the addition of **Wawen** (for distinction from another **Wootton** in this County) in regard that one **Wagen** (commonly called **Wawen**) Lord thereof before the Norman Conquest, had his seat here. This **Wawen** was a man of great quality in his time; for, being one of the witnesses to Earl **Leofrik's** Foundation Charter of the Monastery at **Cobentry** in 1^o **Edwardi** Conf. he is rankt with other eminent persons, and after his name these words added, viz. & multi alii *Primates in Anglia, quorum hic nomina notare fastidiosum esset*: Neither doth the extent of his lands argue lesse; for by the Conqueror's generall Survey it appears, that **Wara** (now called **Church-Dwer**) **Wolbarde, Wlesho, Doytone** (now **Doyton-Bagot**) **Willenhale, Dfford**, and this **Wootton** were all his; and perhaps much more, though there not recorded.

But it being the fate of the native English, in a manner totally, to be dispossessed of their inheritances, to make way for the Normans advancement, this **Wagen** (or **Waga**; for so his name is written in *Domesday-book*) was outed of all those places before specified; which, with divers other fair Lordships*, lying in the Counties of **Berk., Dorset, Hampshire, Stafford, Salop, Lanc., Derby, and Suff.**

were bestowed by the Conqueror on **Robert de Stadford**, paternally descended from that great and noble Family of **Tonei**, being son (as I think) to **Roger de Tonei, totius Normannia Signifer**; as also Brother to **Raph de Tonei**, who came into **England** with Duke **William**, and fought stoutly on his behalf in the battail against King **Harold**; in which I need not make question, but that this **Robert** also was: for my Author, having mentioned the said **Raph** and some few others of the highest rank; addeth these words, *aliq; quamplures militaris prestantia fama celebratissimi, & quorum nomina Historiarum voluminibus inter bellicosissimos commendari deceat*. In consideration therefore of that notable service, I shall conclude, that he was rewarded with such vast possessions, in the severall Counties before mentioned; amongst which this town of **Wootton**, with the rest of **Wagen's** lands were part: but making choise of **Stafford** for his principall seat (where he had a strong Castle, as is evident) assumed his surname from thence.

The extent of this **Wootton** was then certified to be 7. hides, there being at that time a Church, and two Mills; and the woods belonging thereto, containing two miles in length and one in breadth; which, with all the rest, were valued at *iv li*. In the line of which **Robert**, it continued till the death and attainder of **Edward Duke of Buck.** temp. *H. 8.* But the story of that noble Family I reserve for another work, and shall here take notice only of what I find thereof in reference to this place; which is no more, than that in 13 E. 1. **Nich. Lord Stafford** obtained a Charter of **Free-warren** for himself and his heirs in all his demesne lands here: And that in 2 Edw. 2. **Edmund** his son, dying seized of this Mannour, was certified to hold it, together with **Wleshe** in this Countie, and certain lands in **Staffordshire**, of the King in *Capite* by Barony; scil. to find three armed men, with Horses compleatly harnesssed for service,

i Ex autog. penes P. & Scol. Coll. R. Cantab. k W. Geomet. p. 268. c.

l Ord. vit. p. m 501. D

n Domesd. lib.

o Hist. of H. 8. by the Lord Herbert. p. 111.

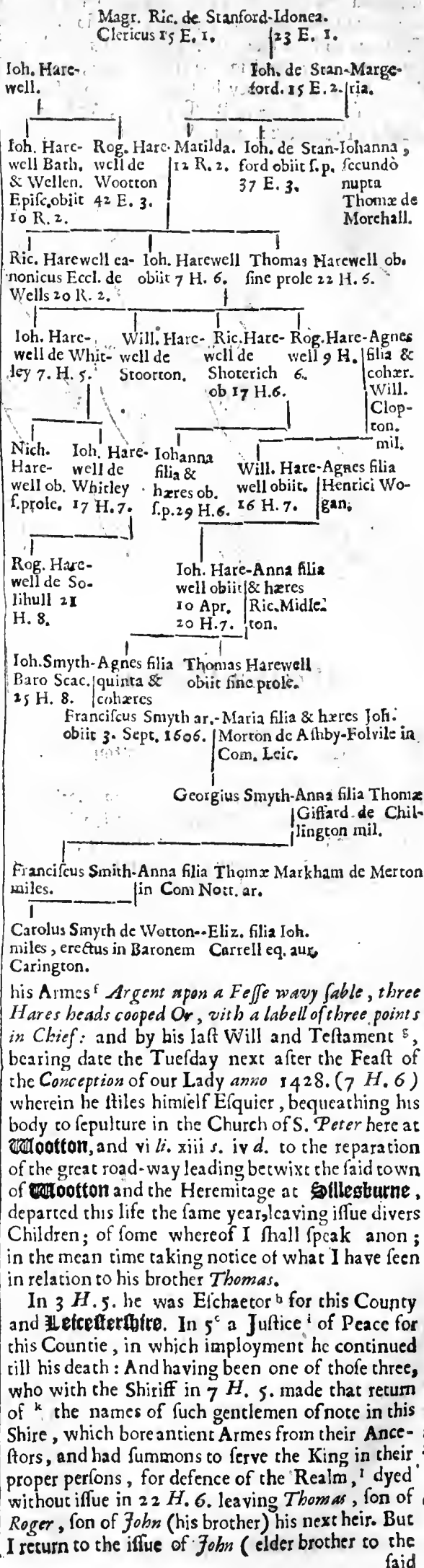
p Cart 13. E. 1. 2. 96.

q E. c. 2. E. 2. m. 63.

service, in the Warrs of *Wales* during the space of xl. days, at his own proper charges. After the death of which Duke, *Thomas Grey Marq. Dorset*, obtained it (*inter alia*) from the King; first for life, and afterwards to himself and the heirs male of his body. Which *Thomas* had issue *Henry Marq. Dorset* created Duke of *Suff.* by King *Edw. 6.* (as in *Attley* is shewed) but attainted in 1 *Mar. r. 2.* whereupon this Mannour was granted by that Queen to Sir *John Grey Knight*, and *Mary* his wife and their heirs 3 *Junii 2 & 3. Ph. & M. 7. 8.* From whom Dame *Agnes Smyth*, the Widow of Sir *John Smyth Knight*, one of the Barons of the Exchequer, and *Francis Smyth*, son and heir to the said *Agnes*, purchased it 1. *Mar. r. Eliz.* which *Francis* died seized of it 3. *Sept. 4 Jac.* whose grandchild Sir *Francis Smyth Knight*; having in 15 *Jac.* obtained a Charter of *Free-warren* in all his demesne lands here, left issue Sir *Charles Smyth Knight*, his son and heir (now Lord *Carington*) the present owner thereof.

Besides this Mannour here in *Wootton*, that continued so long in the line of *Stafford*, there was another, which belonged to the Family of *Harewell* for many descents, but had not the reputation of a Mannour (for ought I have seen) till of later time: For the original of it grew by divers petty purchases of severall parcells of land in the times of King *Edw. 1.* and *E. 2.* made by one *Richard de Stanford* and *Idonea* his wife; which *Richard* is stiled, in most of the deeds that I have seen *Magister Ric. de Stanford Clericus*; and left issue *John* his son and heir, who in 23 *E. 3.* being one of the Commissioners, in this County, for assessing and collecting a xvth and xth then granted to the King in Parliament, and in 27 *E. 3.* Coroner in this Shire, bore for his Armes a Fesse, and upon a Canton in the dexter part of the shield, a martlet, as by his Seal appears; and had issue *John*, as also *Maud* a daughter married to *Roger de Harewell*, brother to *John Harewell Bishop of Bath and Wells* towards the later end of *E. 3.* and beginning of *R. 2.* time: which *Maud* became her brother's heir, and posselt all those his lands: whereunto by marriages of severall heirs, and otherwise, her descendants made so fair an addition, as that they were rankt amongst the superior gentry of this Shire: therefore, having something to say historically of them (this being their principall Seat) I have inserted the following Pedegree, extracted out of the Evidences of the before specified Lord *Carington*.

Of *John Harewell*, son and heir to *Roger* and *Maud*, I find, that he being elected one of the Coroners in this Countie in 16 *R. 2.* upon his complaint to the King that the choise was not according to the tenour of the Statute of 3. *E. 1. Cap. 10.* which provideth that those to be chosen ought to be sage and wise Knights, that might know how to undergo, and that would attend the said Office, a Precept was directed to the Shiriff to make a new election in his full Countie, wherein the form of the said Statute should be exactly observed. In 1 *H. 5.* he was Eschaetor for this County and *Leicestershire*. In 5^o one of the Councell to *Richard Beauchamp Earl of Warwick*. In 7 *H. 5.* employed by Commission with other persons of quality, to treat with the people here for a loan of money to the King; and from 9 *H. 5.* till his death, a Justice of Peace in this Shire. He bore for



a Claus. 16.
R. 2. m. 34.

b Rot. F. r.
H. 5. p. 1. m. 3.

c Ex Comp.
ball. Warw.
com. penes
W. Picre-
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d Pat. 7. H.

5. m. 13.

e Pat. de
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f Ex anto-
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q. 10.

k Rot. pe-
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which were Roger, his son and heir, that enjoy'd these lands in **Wootton**; **Richard**, who by his Fathers Testament had the Mannour of **Shoterich** in this County bequeathed to him, and lyeth buried^o before the Altar of **S. Andrew** the Apostle, in the Church of the **Holy Trinity** at **Stratford super Abon**; **William** sometime Lord of the Mannour of **Stooton**, and **John** that had **Witley**. Which **Roger** wedded^o **Agnes** the daughter & coheir of **Sir William Clifton** of **Clopton** in **Somersetshire**, and had issue by her **William Harewell**; who, by the death of **Joan** daughter and heir to the before specified **Richard** without issue, had the Mannour of **Shoterich** of his grandfathers inheritance.

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This **William** was a trusty friend to the House of **Lancaster** (as it seems) for upon the regaining of the Kingdom by King **H. 6.** he had the custody^o of this Countie and **Welchester**shire; and before the end of that his Shirivealtie, fought stoutly on King **Henry's** part at **Barnet field**; in which battail being taken prisoner^r, he was thence carried to **Windsoy** Castle; whereupon also his lands were seized by the King, and bestowed^r on **Humphrey Stafford** Esquire, to hold during the King's pleasure: But after a while, through the solicitation of his kinsman **John Leighton** Esquire, made with **John Talbot** then Earl of **Shrewsbury**, he was released^r of his imprisonment, and restored to his lands: For which favours the said Earl had first xl li. that the same **John Leighton** promised to give him for obtaining his enlargement & lands; and xl. marks more, which he exacted^o over and above. But after this, in 14 E. 4. he was constituted^o one of the Justices of Peace in this County; yet I do not find that upon the next renewing of those Commissions, or ever after, that he had the like employment during King **Edward's** reign: howbeit, in 2 R. 2. he was appointed^x one of the Commissioners of Array in this Shire. All that I have seen more of him is, that in 16 H. 7. he founded a Chantry in the Friars Preachers at **Warwick** (of which I have particularly spoke in my discourse of that place) and that departing^y this life 2. Dec. the same year, he was there buried^z, leaving **John** his son and heir 30. years of age.

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Which **John** in 18 H. 7. being constituted^b one of the Justices of Peace in this County, was, the same year, made Constable^c of **Warstoke** Castle by **Edward** Duke of **Buck.** and by his Testament^d bearing date 8. Apr. Anno 1505. (20 H. 7.) gave to the said Duke (whom he there calls his Lord) his great Dun Horle for a Heriot: and by **Anne** his wife, daughter^o and heir to **Richard Middleton** had issue two sons and five daughters, whereof **Thomas** the elder dyed^e without issue before 3 H. 8. and **William** was^z a Priest; whereupon the sisters came to inherit; viz. ^h **Elizabeth**, **Anne**, **Brigit**, and **Agnes**: for **Maud** the Eldest, wife of **John Leighton**, dyedⁱ without issue before the partage was made betwixt them. Of which, **Elizabeth**, first the wife of **Anth. Raleigh**, and afterwards of **Leonard Rede**, had for her share the Mannours of **Bea-cra-combe** and **Copland** in **Somersetshire**, and vi s. viii d. yearly Rent issuing out of the Mannour of **Thongland** in that County. **Anne** wife to **James Clifford** of **Frampton** in **Com. Glouc.** the Mannours of **Knoll** and **Woseley** in the Counties of **Somerset** and **Salop.** as also certain lands in **Sturminster-Marshall** in **Dorsetshire**, and **Billingley** in **Shropshire**; with iii s. annuall Rent is-

suing out of **Stentre** in **Com. Salop.** and vi s. per annum out of the Mannour of, **Thongland** in that Countie. **Brigit** the wife of **Thomas Ashton** of **Ashton** in **Cheshire**, the Mannours of **Abley**, **Water-Caton**, and **Longnoze** in **Staffordshire**, the Mannour of **Billingley** in **Shropshire**, and certain lands in **Walleflow**, before mentioned, to the value of ten marks per annum, with xlii s. iv d. yearly Rent issuing out of the said Mannour of **Thongland**. **Agnes** the wife of **John Smyth**, one of the Barons of the Exchequer, for her part, this Mannour of **Wootton** (called **Lucies** Mannour) and the Mannour of **Shoterich**; as also certain lands in **Stratford super Abon**, **Henley**, **Preston**, and **Cotton** in this Shire with divers lands lying in **Pickleton** in **Com. Glouc.** the Mannour of **Willinchop** in **Com. Salop.** Lands in **Hungerford**, **Postern magna**, **Postern parva**, **Mounslow**, and **Dydebery** in **Shropshire**; and x s. iv d. yearly Rent issuing out of the before specified Mannour of **Thongland**: the same Partition^k bearing date 4 Febr. 25 H. 8.

From which Baron **Smyth**, by the said **Agnes**, is **Sir Charles Smyth** Knight, since erected to the dignity of Lord **Carington**, and now residing here, descended, as the Pedegree before inserted sheweth. Of whose Family I may not omit here to observe, what I have seen attested by **Sir William Dethick** sometime Garter principall King of Armes, and **Robert Cooke** (Clarenceux; viz. that the said **John Smyth** (the Baron) was grandchild to **John Carington**; and the said **John Carington** lineally descended from **Sir Michael Carington** Knight Standard-bearer to the famous King **Richard** the first in the **Holy Land**. And of this **John Carington**, as to the occasion that he changed his name to **Smyth**, they do specially certifie from the credit of an ancient Manuscript^l, written with the proper hand of him the said **John** in **K. Henry** the fourth's time; that in his youth he was bred up in **Gascoigne** under **Sir Thomas Nevill** in the service of King **Ric. 2.** and after the decease of an elder brother called **Edmund**, that he returned into **England**, where he was likewise entertained in the said King's service: but afterwards upon the depoll of the said King **Richard** by **Henry** of **Lancaster**, being constrained to flee into **France**, in regard that he took part with the Earles of **Huntingdon**, **Salisbury**, and **Kent**, &c. against the said **Henry** of **Lancaster**, after one years abode in **Paris**, he travailed, with one **Robert Arden** Esquire his companion into **Italy**; where they served under **John Galeas** Duke of **Apollia**, against the Emperour **Rupert**, and after the death of the said Duke, returned into **Wybant**, where they met with two English Friars going to **Rome**, from whom they received tidings, that **William Cursion** a younger son of **Sir John Cursion**, and cousin German to the said **John**, was Abbot of **S. Osithes** in **Essex**: whereupon he hasted towards **England** by **Amsterdam**; and arriving at **Ipswich** Anno 1404. thence presently sped to **S. Osithes**, where changing his name into **Smyth**, but privately making himself known to his kinsman the Abbot, was by him courteously entertained; who bestowed upon him good means, and advanced him in marriage to **Milicent** the daughter and heir of **Robert Laynham**, by **Alice** the daughter and heir to **John Hend** Major of **London**.

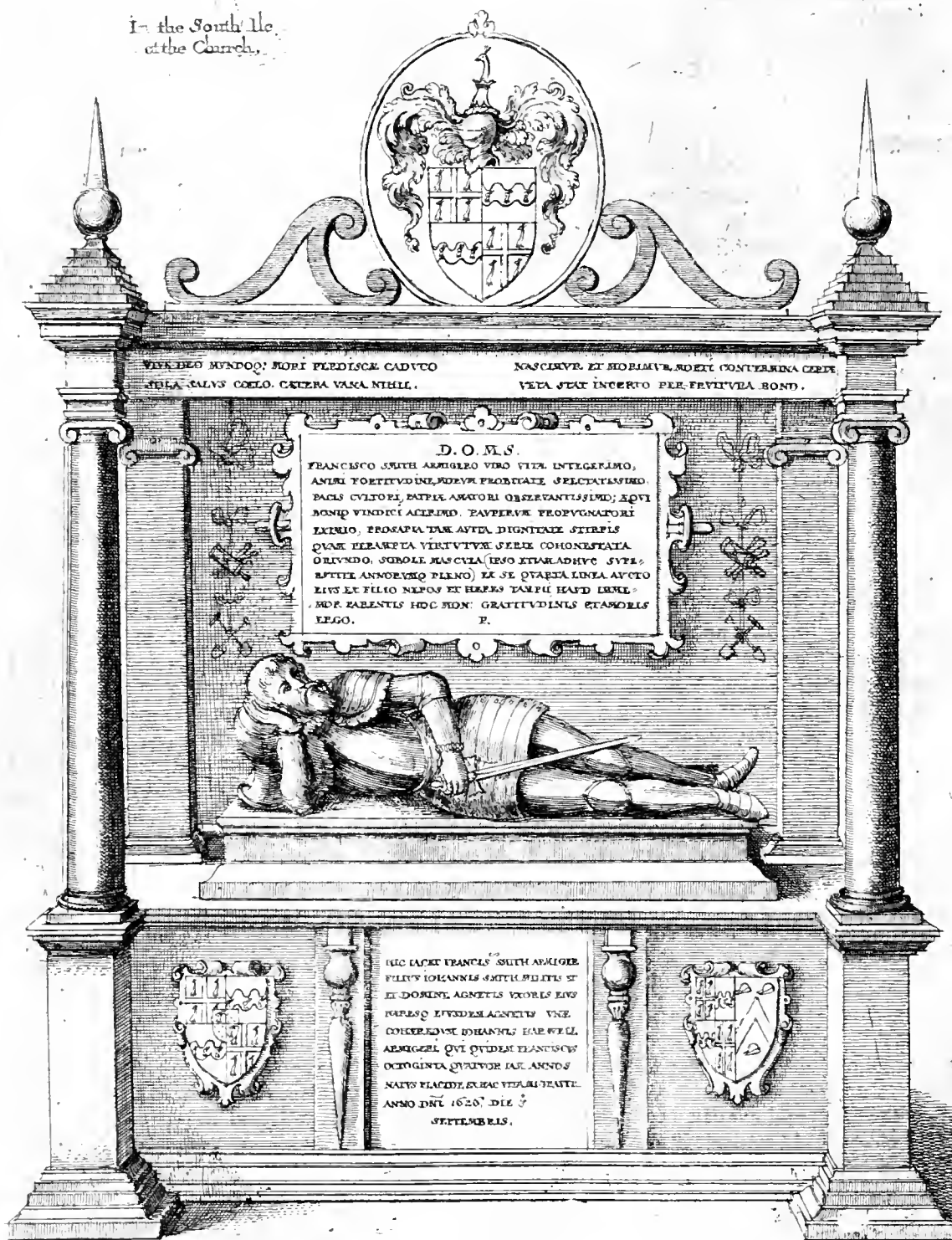
The Church (dedicated to **S. Peter**) was given

Ex to^m the Monks of **Conchis** in **Normandy** by **Robert de Stadford** (before spoken of) shortly after the Conquest of **England** by Duke **William**; and appropriatedⁿ to them by **Roger Bishop of Worcester**, 3. Non. Nov. Anno 1178. (25 H.2.) In Anno 1291. (19 E. 1.) it, with the Chapells be-

longing thereto, was valued^o at Lii. marks, the Vicars portion^p being at that time seven marks and a half: But in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was valued^q at xii li. out of which did yearly issue x s. v d. ob. for Procurations and Synodals.

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In the South Ile
of the Church.



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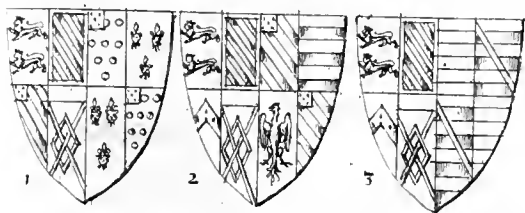
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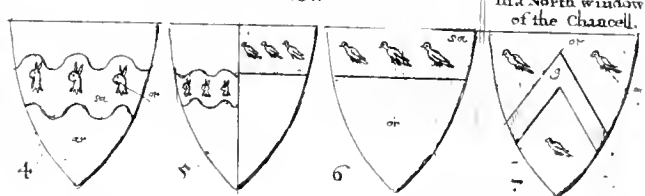
The Inscription, beginning at the head, neare the wall.

1. hic iacet Johannes Harewell armiger filius Anna quondam uxoris eius
2. uxoris Edwardi Grey militis, qui quidem Johannes obiit die aprilis anno domini M. c. l. v. Et que quidem Anna obiit die anno domini
3. M. c. quorum animabus propitiatur deus.

In a North window of the Church these Armes.

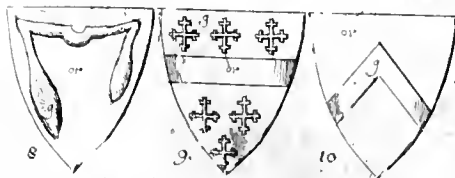


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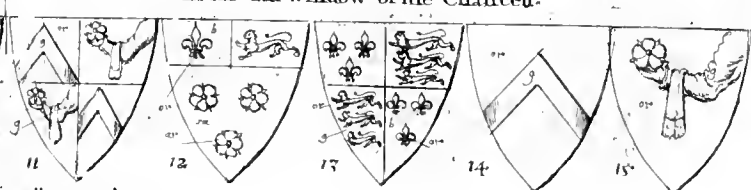


In a North window of the Chancel.

In another North Window of the Chancel.



In the east window of the Chancel.



Orate pro bono statu Magistris Roberti Wode prepositi Collegii Regalis Cantabrigie, et sociorum eiusdem, qui istam fenestram fieri fecerunt.

1. Catelby empaling Touch.
2. Catelby empaling Bilhopston.
3. Catelby empaling
4. Harewell.
5. Harewell empaling
6. Stafford of Pipe
7. Hastings E. of Pemb.
8. Beauchamp E. of Warwick.
9. Stafford.
10. Wotton Priory.
11. Fausse Colledge.
12. R. Henry the 6.
13. Stafford.
14. Abby of Concheis.

The Priory.

Patroni Vicariæ Incumbentes, &c.

Geyn.f. 43.b.	Procurator Abbatiss de Conchis.	Joh. de Wotton Diac. Non. Apr. 1306.
Cob.f. 111.b.	Prior de Wawens-Wotton.	Joh. fil Rob. Sutoris Cap. 3. Id. Sept. 1325.
Hovl.vol. 1. f. 17.a.	Abbas & Conv. de Conchis.	Frater Joh. le Tonnelier 26. Julii 1328.
Mont f. 16.b.		Joh. Corpe Pbr. 5. Cal. Julii 1335.
Ib.f. 26.a.	Procurator Abb. & Conv. de Conchis.	Petrus de Loversey Pbr. 4. Oct. 1336.
Wit.f. 15.b.	Prior de Wotton.	Rob. Wykewane 10. Oct. 1367.
Wak.f. 10.b.	Ric. Rex. Angl. ratione temporal. Priorat. de Wotton in manu sua, &c.	Ric. Hemery Pbr. 2. Maii 1378.
Morg.vol. 1. f. 33.b.	Rolandus Leynthall miles.	D. Nich. Wedon Cap. 22. Sept. 1425.
Bouych.f. 32.b.		Will. Saunders Cler. 22. Febr. 1436.
Carp.vol. 1. f. 35.a.	Prior & Conv. de Wotton-Wawen.	D. Joh. Berston Cap. 23. Martii 1445.
Ib.f. 35.b.		D. Rog. Wheler Cap. 22. Apr. 1446.
Ib.f. 81.b.		D. Joh. Dalton Cap. 7. Martii 1449.
Ib.f. 149.b.		D. Joh. Russell Cap. 17. Jan. 1458.
Ib.f. 157.b.		D. Will. Harryes Cap. 9. Feb. 1460.
Ib.f. 220.b.		Rog. Jordan in art. Magr. 26. Martii 1468.
Mort.f. 30.b.	Præpos. & Socii Collegii Regal. Cantab.	Brianus Esthorp in S. Theol. Scholar. 3. Julii 1489.
Gyg.vol. 2. f. 113.a.		D. Joh. Botreys Pbr. 16. Martii 1514.
Feron.f. 13.a.		Thomas Hartwell in S. Theol. Bac. 17. Dec. 1523.
Heath f. 7.b.		Thomas Goldston in art. Magr. 13. Maii 1545.
Ib.f. 24.a.		D. Edw. Alcock Pbr. 17. Febr. 1556.
Ib.f. 29.b.		D. Rad. Olton Pbr. 24. Martii 1557.
Bul.f. 16.a.	D. Episc. per lapsum.	Will. Bolton Cler. 23. Apr. 1579.
Ib.f. 18.b.	Præpos. & Socii ut supra.	Joh. Mascall Cler. 23. Aug. 1580.

Monumentall Inscriptions upon Grave stones
in the South Ile of this Church.

In brasse upon a Marble.

Here lyeth the body of Lady Agnes Smyth late
wife of Sir John Smyth Knight, one of the Ba-
rons of the Exchequer, daughter of John Harewell
Esquier and one of the coheirs of Thomas Hare-
well Esquier, her brother, which Agnes dyed the
xixth of February Anno 1562.

Upon one of Alabaster.

Hic jacet Johannes Allesbury qui obiit septimo
die mensis
cujus anime propitietur Deus Amen.

[Now come to speak of that little Monastery of
Benedictine Monks, which sometime stood here,
and was one of those we call *Priories Alien*, having
been a Cell to the Abby of *Conchis* in *pozmanby*;
Of which kind there were few that had any formall
Foundation, as in *Wolston* I have already shewed:
For the first grant to that forrein Monastery, by
Rob. de Tonei (son doublets unto *Roger* who found-
ed *Conchis*) and *Nicholas de Stafford* his son, *Ord. vit.*
was no other than verball, as it seems by that con- *450.a.*
firmation thereof, which *Rob. de Stafford*, son to
the same *Nicholas*, made in *H. 2.* time; wherein
he makes mention that his said grandfather and
father gave thereunto, this Church of *Wotton*, to-
gether with the Tithes and oblations of the whole
town, and one hide of land adjoyning to the same
Church, as also another hide called *Doversele*, and
the lands which the Monks of *Conchis* had then in
tillage here, in exchange for the Mannour of *Edric-
ston* (now *Edston*) which at first belong'd to those
Monks. But I make a question, notwithstanding
the first grant, so made by the before specified *Ro-
bert de Tonei*, whether any Monks settled here till
after his death; for in an Instrument^t, of later
time, made by the Abbot and Monks of *Conchis*,
whereby they constituted a Prior here, it is said to
be de *Fundatione nobilissimi domini Nicholai Staf-
ford*, which is some argument that he first erected
their Mansion here.

Touching the appropriation of the said Church,
made in *25 H. 2.* to the peculiar benefit of those
Monks, having already spoke in *Wotton*, I shall
now endeavour the discovery of what farther aug-
mentation they had by other Benefactors; wherein
I find^t, that *Robert* the son of *Herveus de Staf-
ford* gave unto them divers particular parcells of
land lying in *Allenhale*; *Henry de Montfort* the
Mill^u at *Benley*; *Robert de Chauncumbe* divers
Lands^w in *Spockle* and *Allenhale*; *Will. de
Burley* a yard^x land with a croft and messuage in
Burley, with all his interest in the Chapell there;
Geffrey de Pauncesote and *John Durvassall* cer-
tain^y lands in *Buckele* (*juxta Welbesert.*) And
to all these had they the addition^z of the Mannour
of *Monkenlane* in *Herefordshire*; which, with se-
verall other lands and Tithes in that Countie, were
originally granted^a to the said Monks of *Conchis*
by *Raph de Tonei* (brother to our *Robert*) who in
the confirmation of them made by *Will. de Vere* Bi-
shop of *Hereford* in *H. 2.* time, is called^b *Radul-
fus senior de Tonei*.

As to the originall seizures (in generall) of the
lands belonging to these *Priories Alien*, and the
occasion thereof, having spoke in *Wolston*, I shall
here only take notice of what concerns this place, in
relation thereto. Of which the first mention, I find,
is in *16 E. 3.* where the K. by his special Precept^c di-
rected to the Shiriff of this County, reciting, that
whereas he had committed the custody of it to *John*
the then Prior, for a certain ferme to be yearly payd
into his Exchequer, during his Warrs with *France*;
and that the said Prior had neglected payment of
that Rent accordingly, for which respect it was
again seized into his hands; he had neverthelesse, at
the humble request of the said Prior, who desired
no more than a competent allowance for himself,
and one Monk then resident with him, comman-
ded that the sum of *iii s.* by the week for him-
self, and *xviii d.* for his fellow Monk, might be du-
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ly paid unto him, out of the issues thereof, during the time that it should continue under that seizure: But after this, viz. in 48 E. 3. there was another seizure made thereof, and the custody of it then committed to *Hugh Earl Stafford, John Maubert* the then Prior, and *Frier Michael Cheyne* Procurator generall to the Abbot of *Couches*. Which Prior *Maubert*, in 3 R. 2. obtained a speciall grant thereof to himself; with all the lands belonging to it, to hold during the said wars with *France*, paying *XL l. per annum* into the Exchequer. Perhaps he dyed soon after; for within three years following, the said ferme was granted to *Robert Selby* a Priest, and *John de Burley junior*, to hold during the continuance of the Wars before specified, paying *xvii li. xiii s. iv d.* yearly into the said Exchequer.

But in 22 R. 2. upon the augmentation made unto the House of *Carthusians*, near *Cobentre*, (then newly founded) with the grant of severall *Priories Alien*, in sundry Counties of this Realm (whereof I have there made mention) this of *Wootton* was one of those that the said King gave there to; though of that grant those *Carthusians* took little benefit; for shortly after K. H. 4. (by the depofall of King R. 2.) attained the Crown, taking into consideration, that these *Priories-Alien* were originally founded to the honour of God, and that through the frequent seizures of them into the hands of his Progenitors, by reason of the Wars with *France*, the Monks were driven away, and the Houses so wasted, that such divine service, as had antiently been establish'd therein, was wholly withdrawn; out of his pious care to rectifie the said abuse, did, by the assent of his Councell in Parliament, in the first year of his reign, make full restitution unto *John Secrayn*, then newly instituted and inducted Prior here, of all the possessions belonging to this House, granting it to him and his successors, for the like Rent reserved to the Exchequer, during the continuance of his Wars with *France*, as had antiently been paid to the House of *Couches* in times of Peace; upon condition that the same Prior and his successors, should thenceforth find and maintaine so many Monks, secular Priests, and other English Officers therein, as by the first Foundation of it were ordained to be, and paying all Tenths, Fifteens, and other Subsidies whatsoever, with the Clergie and Commonalty of this Realm, as often as there should be occasion.

Howbeit, after this, viz. in 4 H. 4. there was a new consideration had in the Parliament then held, touching these *Priories-Alien*; viz. that all should be again seized into the King's hands, excepting onely those that were Conventual; whereupon the Sheriff of this Countie had command to give warning unto this Prior of *Wootton*, and the rest within his limits, to appear in their proper persons at *Westminster* on the *Ostaves* of *S. Hillary*, and to bring with them, all their Charters and Evidences, whereby he himself and his Councell might be satisfied, whether they had been *Priories Conventual* time out of mind, or not. But notwithstanding this Act, they rested not long: for whereas the former seizures had been so made, onely upon pretence, that by transporting part of the revenues belonging to these English Cells, to those Houses in *France*, whereunto they were subordinate, the King's adversaries at such times as he had Wars with the French, were assisted; in the Parliament held at *Leicester* 2 H. 5.

it being considered, that though a small peace should be afterwards made betwixt *England* and *France*, yet the carrying over such summs of money yearly out of *England* to those foreingn Monasteries would be prejudiciall to this Kingdom, and the people thereof, there was an Act then made, that all the possessions in *England* belonging to the said *Priories Alien*, should thenceforth remain to the King and his heirs for ever, excepting such whereof there was speciall declaration then made to the contrary; *al' entent* (saith the Act) *que divines services en les lieux avantdictz purront plus duement estre fait per gentz Anglois en temps avenir, que n'ount esté fait devant ces heures en icelles par gentz Francois, &c.*

But this Proviso was not very punctually observed; for I find that Sir *Rouland Lenthale* Knight, having obtained certain Letters Patent from K. H. 5. by colour of an information, that this Priory was not presentable, instituable, nor inductible, thereupon entred into the possession of it, and received the profits; so that thenceforth no Divine service was there performed, contrary to the purport of that Statute of 1 H. 4. before mentioned; as also against the pious intent of the said Founders: So that in 16 H. 6. the King, taking into his consideration the premisses, to the intent that Gods service and all works of Charitie should be there devoutly performed, did for the good estate of himself, and for the souls of his noble Progenitors, his heirs likewise and successors, at the humble supplication of *Frere John* a Monk of the House of *Conchis* above specified, present him the said Monk to the Bishop of *Worcester*, to be instituted and inducted as Prior thereunto: And shortly after, to give satisfaction unto the said Sir *Rouland Lenthale* touching that matter, granted an annuity of *xx li.* to him and his heirs for ever, to be received out of the issues and profits of the Countie of *Heresford*.

But this new Prior had no long enjoyment thereof; for by Letters Patent, bearing date at *Westminster* 12 Dec. in 22. of his reign, did the same King bestow it upon the Provost and Scholars of his Royall Colledge in *Cambridge*, then newly by him founded; to have and to enjoy to themselves and their successors for ever. Which Provost and Scholars, about four years after, obtained a formall Release from the said Prior (by the name of *John Conches* a Monk of the Order of *S. Bener*, at *Conches* in *Normandy*, and late Prior of the Priory of *Wavens-Wootton* in the County of *Warwick*) of all his right, title and claim, that he had, or could challenge thereto, dated 18 Junii 26 H. 6. And for the better securing of their title, did the said Provost and Scholars in 1 E. 4. procure a speciall Patent from that King, of Confirmation, for this and other lands of that kind, which by the munificence of their pious Founder had been granted to them; the same Patent bearing date at *Westminster* 22 Febr.

Patroni.

Piores de Wootton.

Rog. de Pavilliaco monach. Giff. 246.
12. Cal. Jan. 1285. b.
Abbas de Conchis in
Normannia.
Frater Joh. de Brocva monach. de Conchis 8. Cal. Junii 1288. 1b. 295. b.

R m.f. 19. a.

Hort. vol.

a. f. 25. a.

Wolff. vol.

2. f. 46. b.

S. Germ. f.

130. b.

Lyn f. 5. A.

Tid f. 52. b.

Bourch. f.

46. a.

Abbas de Conchis in
Normannia.Henr. 6. Rex Angl.
&c.

Frater Will. de Laverceye
monach. de Conchis 8. Id.
Nov. 1309.
Frater Joh. le Tonnelier mo-
nach. 26. Julii 1328.
Frater Joh. de Silvaneto 2.
Jan. 1340.
Frater Guillerinus Pinchart
die Mart. post festum
Dionysii martyris 1349.
Frater Joh. Maubert mo-
nach. de Conchis 7. Mar-
tii 1370.
Joh. Soverain monach. de
Conchis . . . 1400.
Joh. de Conchis monachus
17. Junii 1438.

dower, as appears by the Inquis. ^c taken after the death of Sir Walter Manney Knight, her second husband. By vertue of which entail it divolved, through an heir female, to the Family of Moubray, being in 1 H. 4. committed ^f (with divers other Mannours in this County) to Sir Thomas Rempston Kt. in respect that Thomas the son and heir to Thomas Monbray Duke of ^{Bozff} was then in minority; and by Monbray's daughter and coheir, to Berkley, Thomas Lord Berkley dying ^s seized of it in 26 H. 8. leaving Henry his son and heir, who accom-
plisht ⁿ his full age in 2 & 3 Ph. & M.

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E. 3. m. 27.Rot. F. 1.
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m. 23.Lib. a.
H. 2. cedul.

Forde Hall.

This, lying within the precincts of Asple, was about the beginning of E. 1. reign granted ⁱ by Sir John de Somery (before mentioned) to one Roger de la Forde of Asple, and Agatha his wife and their heirs, the Rent of xii d. yearly, payable at the Feast of S. Michael and the Annun-
ciation of our Lady by equall portions, being there-
upon reserved; as also forrein service, and suit to the Court of him the said John and his heirs. Hence came it in succeeding times to be called **Forde Hall**, and in 5 R. 2. past ^k by the name of a Mannour from one Nicholas Prylle of Ludlow, to Henry de Bonnebury and his heirs; but at length came to John Fullwode, about H. 8. time, in ^l marriage with Joan the daughter and heir to Baldwyn Heath. Which John (being second ^m son to Robert Fullwode of Cley Hall, in **Tantworth**) had issue ⁿ John, and he a third John; who, by marriage with ^o Katherine daughter & coheir to Thomas Dabridgcourt of Langdon Hall, left issue ^p six daughters his heirs; scil. Frances the wife of William Noell of **Welsborough** in Com. Leic. Esquire, Elianor of Sir Edw. Hampden Knight, Alice of Sir George Fullwode Kt. Christian of John Hales Esquire, Grace of Angell Grey of **Kingston** in Com. Dorset. Esquire, and Katherine: which, Grace, upon the partition of that inheritance, had (*inter alia*) this for her share.

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1619.p Pat. 203
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m. 4.

Aspley.

OF this place there is no mention in the Conqueror's Survey, and therefore I do conclude, that it was at that time involved with **Wootton**: Neither have I seen any thing of it in Record till ² 5 H. 3. that Alan de Berchefton impleaded Robert de Chauncumbe for certain lands here, wherein it is written **Asple**. That this Robert de Chauncumbe was then Lord of it, will appear by what I have next to say; viz. that in 15 H. 3. by a Fine levied ³ betwixt Gilbert de Segrave & Annabil his wife Plaintiffs, and the same Robert de Chauncumbe deforc. the said Robert; having given her the said Annabil, his eldest daughter, in marriage to the same Gilbert; and Milisent, the other, to Raph Basset, settled his lands lying in the Counties of **Portsmouth**, **Warwick**, **Leic.** and **Lin.** so as if he should fortune to have any other heir besides them two, the said Gilbert and Annabil, and the heirs of Annabil, to enjoy the moitie only of this Mannour of **Asple**, and the other moitie to go unto the said Raph Basset, and Milisent, and the heirs of Milisent for ever. But plain it is, that the said Robert de Chauncumbe had no other issue, so that upon such partition, as was afterwards made betwixt those coheirs, this Mannour of **Asple**, came wholly to Annabil: whereupon the before specified Gilbert de Segrave her husband, in 36 H. 3. obtained a Charter ⁴ of **Freelwarren** in all his demesne lands here, having an ancient Mannour-house upon it (as it should seem by the large moat) with a Park: yet did not her issue by the same Gilbert enjoy it: For being afterwards married ⁵ to Roger de Somery (whom she survived) in her full and lawfull widowhood, she granted ⁶ it unto John de Somery, her son by that husband, and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten; to be held of her and her heirs, paying unto her and Nicholas de Segrave her son and heir, and his heirs, a pair of gilt Spurs, or six pence at the Nativity of S. John Baptist yearly for all services.

Which John in 13 E. 1. claymed ^c a Court Leet here, with Affize of Bread and Beer therein, by Prescription, whereof he had then allowance: But at length it returned to the line of Segrave, and in 18 E. 3. was, with divers other Mannours in severall Counties, entailed ^d by Sir John de Segrave Knight, upon the issue of his body by Margaret his wife, and for default of such issue upon his right heirs. Which Margaret had it (*inter alia*) in

I Am of opinion that this, now bearing the name of **Mockley**, was part of that land, which Robert de Stafford granted to the Monks of **Conchis** (whereof in **Wootton** I have spoke) but of it I do not find any particular mention, till about E. 1. time, and that is also accidentally, Gilbert de Monkelee, and William de Monkelee, with Roger then Vicar of **Wootton**, being witnesses to a grant of certain lands in **Buckle** (lying hard by) made to the Monks of **Wootton**: whence I conclude, that having belong'd to those Monks, it therefore had the name of **Monkelee**, and that by shortnes of pronunciation it is now called **Mockley**. As part of the possessions therefore of that Religious House, was it in 7 H. 5. granted ^p by the King, with the Priory of **Wootton**, to Sir Rowland Lenthale Knight, and in 22 H. 6. past ^q therewith likewise, to the Provost and Scholars of King's Colledge in **Cambridge**, by the name of the Mannour of **Polkele**; and being confirmed ^r to that Colledge by King E. 4. is enjoyed accordingly at this day.

Ullenhale.

q Pat. 22
H. 6. p. 2.
m. 15.r Pat. 1. E
4. p. 3. m.
23.x Rot. P. 5.
H. 3.y F. de div.
Com. levat.
crast. Michz Cart. 36.
H. 3. m. 3.a Pat. 49.
H. 3. m. 3.b Ex an-
tog. penēs
Joh. Hales
ar.c Rot. de
Quo W.q F. de div.
Com. levat.
Ost. Mich.
28 E. 3.

Ullenhale.

THis place, having been part of the possessions of *Waga* (of whom I have spoke in *Wootton*) in *Edw.* the Confessors days, was held by *Robert de Stafford* in the Conq. time; and by the generall Survey then taken, wherein it is written *Holehale*, certified to contain one hide, the woods being half, a mile in length, and one furlong in breadth, all valued at *iv li.* From which *Robert*, or his son *Nicholas*, did *Roger* Earl of *Warwick* obtain it (as it seemes) and enfeof^t thereof one *Roger*, who residing here, assumedⁿ the surname of *Ullenhale*; from whom descended certain male branches, which continued till *Edw.* 1. time, at the least; whereof one, viz. *Robert*, grandchild to the said *Roger*, wrote^w himself *Dominus de Holehale*, and in 36 *H.* 3. was certified^x to hold a fourth part of a Knight's fee here, of the Earl of *Warwick*. I suppose, by some circumstances, that this Mannour first came to the family of *Mountfort* about King *H.* 3. time: for I find that *Peter de Mountfort* did then confirm^y the grant of certain particular parcellis of land, lying here, given by petty Freeholders to the Monks *Wootton*: but the first positive proof that I have, which manifesteth *Mountfort* directly to have been Lord thereof, is in 32 *H.* 6. where one *Richard Hawnell*, who was^z enfeof^t thereof by Sir *William Mountfort* of *Colwell* Kt. releases^a his right therein to *Humphrey* Duke of *Buck.* and others: which Duke, with the rest, had likewise but an estate in trust thereof; for it appears^b that it came to the Crown in 10 *H.* 7. by the attainder of Sir *Simon Mountfort* Knight (as in *Colwell* shall be shewed) and was by the same King, in 12. of his reign, granted^c away, with divers other Lordships in this Countie, to *Gerald* Earl of *Wiltshire*, and *Elizabeth* S. *John* then his wife, and the heirs male of their two bodyes, K. *H.* 8. in 2. of his reign confirming^d the same.

From which Earl it descended to Sir *James Fitz Gerald* Knight, one of his sons by the said *Eliz.* But by his attainder in 28 *H.* 8. (as I have elsewhere shewed) returned again to the Crown; and in 1 *Maria*, was by that Queen granted^e unto *Michael Throkemorton* Esquire (a younger son to Sir *Robert Throkemorton* of *Coughton* Knight) who died^f seized thereof 1. Nov. 5 & 6 Ph. & M. leaving *Francis* his son and heir seven years of age:

which *Francis* had issue *John Throkemorton* of whom it was purchased in our time by Mr. *Bolton* a Citizen of *London*.

Here is a fair Chapell (dedicated to the blessed *Virgin*) wherein the Vicars of *Wootton*, for the time being) have of ancient time used^g to find a Priest at their own proper charge, to celebrate divine service. g Bouch. 706.

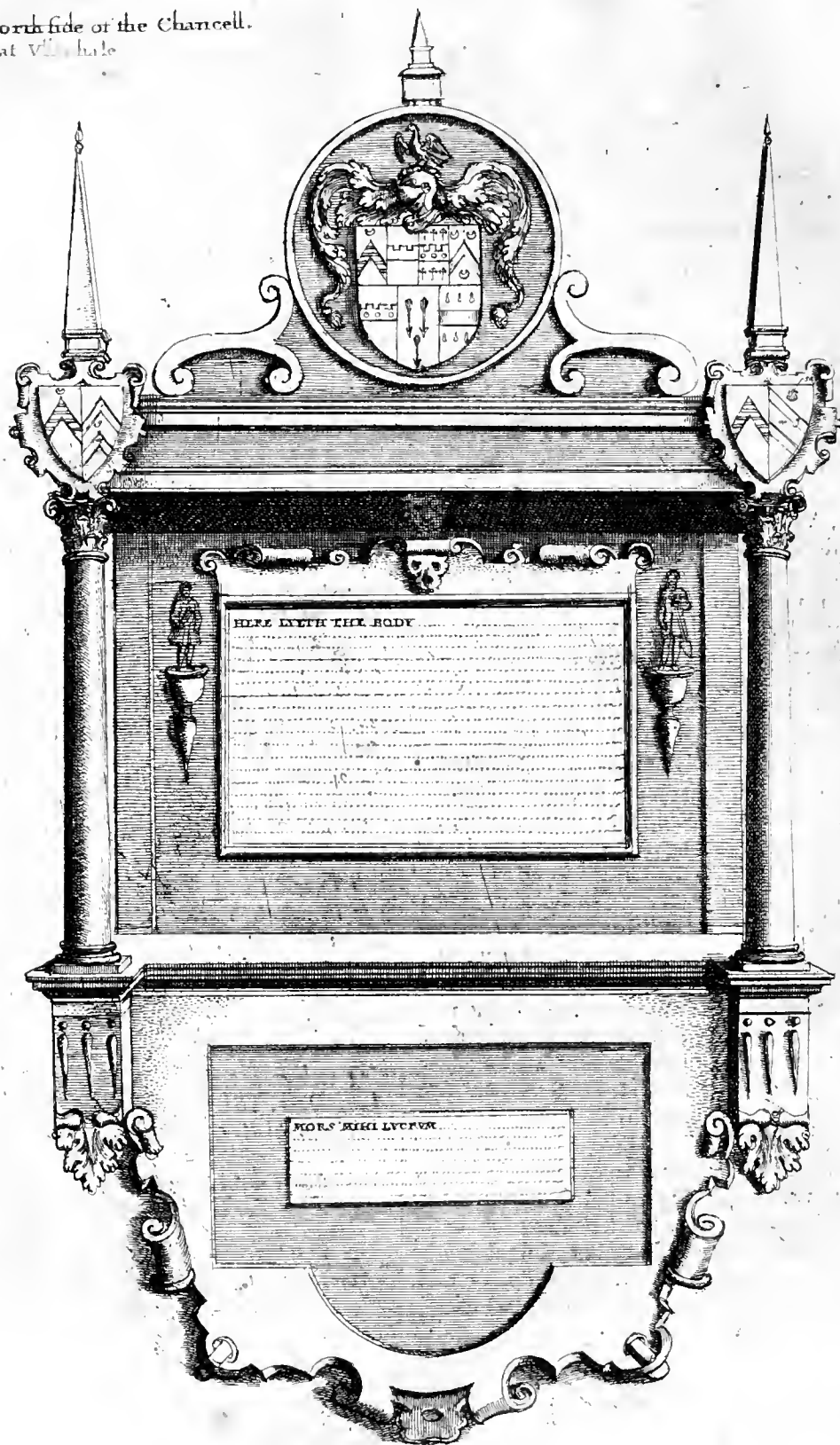
The Epitaph belonging to the Monument, represented on the next page.

Here lieth the body of *Francis Throkemorton* Esquire, borne in the Citie of *Mantua*, in *Italy*; son and heir unto *Michael Throkemorton* Esquire, and of *Agnes Hide* of *Southamptonshire*: which *Michael* was borne at *Coughton-Court* in the Countie of *Warwick*, and was youngest brother to Sir *George Throkemorton* of *Coughton* aforesaid Knight. And after that the said *Michael* had lived many years in *Italy*, in good and great reputation, with bountifull Hospitalitie, entertaining most of the Noble-men, and gentlemen of *England* that had occasion to come that way, and did returne into the Realm of *England* in the very beginning of the reigne of *Q. Mary*, and received of her gift the Mannours of *Honiley*, *Blackwell*, *Packhurst*, *Winderton*, *Ullenhall* in *Ullenhall*, and others, as appeareth by her Majesties Letters Patent, bearing date in the first year of her reign: And after went into *Italy* againe, where he departed this life, and lieth buried in *S. Martin's Church* in the said Citie of *Mantua*, under a fair Tombe. The said *Michael* married *Judith Tracie*, daughter of *Richard Tracie* of *Stanway* in the Countie of *Gloucester* Esquire, and of *Barbara Lucy* of *Charlecote* in the aforesaid Countie of *Warwick*, and sister to Sir *Paul Tracie* Baronet, and had by her six Children, whereof three, that is to say *Francis*, *Michael*, and *Judith* are departed this life without issue; and the other three are living; that is to say *John*, *Michael*, and *Judith* Anno Dom. 1617. & anno decimo quinto domini nostri *Jacobi Regis Anglia*.

Mors mihi lucrum, portus, & refugium.
Sic transit gloria Mundi.

Omnia vana vidi, solo mea Christo repono,
Mors tua, Mors Christi, fraus Mundi, gloria Cæli,
Et dolor inferni sunt meditata tibi.

On the North side of the Chancell.
at Wiltshire



Botley.

THis being originally a member of *Wootton*, is not taken notice of in the Conqueror's Survey; but the name, which is Saxon, shews it to be of greater antiquity; for *Botle* was the word which our Ancestors used in the same sense that we do *Domus* in Latine. In *H. 2.* time *Robert de Stadford* (possessor also of *Wootton*) gave ^h to the Ca-

nons of *Kenilworth* certain lands lying in this place, with the homages, and services of severall persons; as also to ⁱ *Geffrey Malore*, and his heirs all those lands, homages & services, which he likewise held of him here; reserving the payment of a Sparhawk to himself and his heirs, by the said *Geffrey* and his heirs: which *Geffrey* was of those *Malories* that resided at *Tachebroke* in this Countie. From whom descended *John Malore*, who in *9 E. 3.* had *Free warren* granted ^k to him in all his demesn lands here.

^h Regist.
de Kenilw.
p. 147.

ⁱ Ex ant.
penes S.
Archer.
ant.

^k Cart.
3. n. 10.

and at **Lachebooke** before specified; as also at **Walton** on the **Wolds** in **Leicestershire**; and from him another **John**, who with **Ankirell** **M.** **lore** his son and heir, by their Deed bearing date the Thursday after the Feast of **S. Michael** the arch-**Angell** 22 H. 6. aliened it to **Richard Archer** Esquire, and his heirs; whose posteritie have ever since enjoy'd it, Sir **Simon Archer** of **Tanwozth** Knight, being the present owner thereof.

Whitley.

This being in the Conqueror's time posselt by **Robert de Stadford**, with **Wootton**, and then certified to contain three hides; was held of him by one **Drago** (which name we now call **Drew**) having then a Mill, & Woods extending to half a mile in length, and two furlongs in breadth; all which were valued at xl s. and before the Norman Invasion had been the inheritance of three brothers. Some have affirmed that this **Drago** was a Norman, and servant to the said **Robert de Stadford**, and that his posterity assumed the surname of **Whitley**, in regard of their residence here: as also that from this Family of **Whitley** came the **Offords** and **Fulwoods**; the one from **Robert**, who seating himself at **Offord** (whereof I shall speak anon) left that name to his descendants; and the other from **Richard**, who planting at a place in the parish of **Tanwozth**, then called **Fulwood**, but now **Clea-Hall**, had also thence that denomination: all which from antient evidences is likewise in some sort manifested.

Of this Family was one **Thomas de Witeles**, who had issue **Robert**; which **Robert**, in consideration of x. marks of silver, past away all his interest in this Lordship to **Peter de Montfort**, in H. 3. time, Sir **Will. de Bishopesdon**, Sir **Thomas** his son, and Sir **Henry Pipard** (all Knights) being witnesses thereto. After which the same **Peter** (sc. of **Belbeseft**) granted to **Roger** the son of **Henry de Witeles** and his heirs, all those lands and Rents which he the said **Roger** held of him within the precincts of this place; reserving for the same to himself and his heirs, the yearly Rent of two pair of white-Gloves at **Easter** and **Michaelmasse** for all services; and likewise Royall service for one yard land & a half with reasonable Aid for the making his and their eldest sons Knights, and marriage of their eldest daughters according to the custome of the Realm: as also suit of Court, viz at the severall Courts to be held after **Michaelmasse**, the Feast of **S. Hillary**, and **Hokeday**, upon reasonable Summons. But this **Henry de Witeles** was son to **Roger** the son of **Thurstan de Cherlecome**, and not of the line of **Thomas de Witeles**, and fixing here relinquish his paternal name, assuming his surname, thenceforth, from this place, as was very usual in those times to do.

In 13 Joh. I find that this Lordship (then certified as parcell of the Honour of **Stafford**) answered for three parts of a Knight's Fee; but in 36 H. 3. for no more than two parts, **Will. Durevasfall** and **Rog. de VViteleg** before mentioned, at that time holding it of **Peter de Montfort** and **VVill. de Lucy**, and they of **Rob. de Stafford**. Which **Peter** and his posterity were the only known Lords thereof, for some descents; for in 13 E. 1. the same **Peter** claimed **Free-warren** here (as in other his

Lordships) which was allowed; and in 24 E. 1. **John de Montfort** his son and heir died seized thereof; at which time there were certified to be seven Free-holders, who yearly paid xxx^s ob. q. Rent, the Pleas and Perquisites being then valued at ii s. per an. And yet nevertheless did **John de VVhitely** in 38 E. 3. and 5 R. 2. write himself **Dominus de Whitley**; but this was as Lord mesne under **Montfort**, as I conceive. Which **John** had issue **Ric. de VVhitely**, who quitted all the interest that he had here, to **Joan Beauchamp** Lady of **Bergabenny**, and others, Feoffees in trust (I suppose) on the behalf of **John Harewell** a younger son to **John Harewell** of **Wootton**: For in 7 H. 5. this **John Harewell** wrote himself **de VVhitely**: and in 17 H. 7. **John Harewell** brother and heir of **Nich. Harewell**, eldest son to the said **John**, past it by the name of the Mannour of **Whitley** into the hands of **John Grevill**, **Thomas Trussell** and other Feoffees: But in 17 H. 8. **Roger Harewell**, son to the said **John**, in consideration of Lx li. by his deed bearing date 16 Martii, absolutely sold it to **John Smith**: which **John** in 22 H. 8. to strengthen his title the better, being at that time one of the Remembrancer's in the Exchequer, and afterwards a Baron of that Court, obtained a Release thereof, unto Sir **Thomas Dennis** Knight and others for the use of himself and his heirs, to whom it still, together with **Wootton**, continues.

Forwood.

The first mention I find of this place, is in 14 E. 1. where it was entailed by **Peter de Montfort**, with **Hattholt**, whereof I have already spoke: But I am of opinion that it was originally a member of **Whitley**. From which **Peter** descended **John de Montfort**, who in 24 E. 1. died seized of a certain messuage here, with a small Park, having 3 carucates of land in demesne, all held of the Lord **Stafford**, by the service of iii s. and suit to his three weeks Court at **Wootton**: but afterwards was it accounted as a member of **Belbeseft**

Edston.

IN the Conqueror's time this being posselt by the same **Robert de Stadford**, of whom I have made mention in **Wootton** & divers other places, was by the general Survey then certified to contain 5. hides, and valued at iii li. having Woods belonging thereto, which extended to half a mile in length, and half a furlong in breadth; but before the Norman invasion it was the freehold of **Ailric** and **Wluinnys**. As for the name, there is no question but that it sprung originally from some antient possessor of it in the Saxons time, called **Edric**, that being in those dayes an appellation frequently used; for in the before specified Survey it is written **Edricestone**. By the same **Robert de Stadford** it was given (as it seems) to the Monks of **Conchis** in **Normandy**; but afterwards, upon confirmation & settling all things in **Wootton** to those Monks, reassumed by **Robert**, grandchild to the said **Robert**, in exchange for certain lands in **Wootton**, as in my discourse of the Priory there, is manifested.

How and to whom it was passed from the descendants of this **Rob. de Stadford**, I cannot cleerly see; but by all circumstances it should seem that

Raph de Ruperis, a Norman, obtained it : For in 6 *Joh.* 'tis apparent that the King seized ^k it for his disloyalty, with divers lands elsewhere, which belong'd to other Normans, the occasion whereof I have toucht in *Almington*, and caused its value to be enquired of, which was then certified ^l at iv ^l, whereupon he directed his Precept ^m to the Shirriff, commanding him to make livery thereof to the Knights *Templars*, to hold at the same rate at which it was so estimated. But, it seems, that the *Templars* posselt it not long : for I find that the said King granted it shortly after to *Godfrey de Craucumbe* ; and that, by the forfeiture of the same *Godfrey*, it again eschaet'd ⁿ to the Crown : as also that in 12 and 13 *Joh.* it being then in the said King's hands, answered ^o for half a Knights Fee, as part of the Honour of *Stafford* : and continued in the Crown till 31 *H.* 3. About which time *Peter de Montfort* obtained it, as it seems ; for after that year I do not find that the Shirriff accounted to the Exchequer for the ferm thereof, and in 36 *H.* 3. it is apparent ^p that amongst the Baron of *Stafford's* Fees, collected upon the King's transference into *Calcoth*, it answered for half one, being then held by *Will. de Edricheston* of the said *Peter de Montfort*, and by him of the Lord *Stafford*. And in 50 *H.* 3. after the death of the said *Peter* (slain in the battell of *Chebam*, as in *Weldestert* I have shewed) it became extended ^q with the rest of his lands : but certain it is that the said *Will. de Edricheston* actually posselt it ; for in divers evidences he is stiled ^r Lord thereof.

And yet had the same *Peter* some other interest here ; for it appears ^s that he granted to the Monks of *Wobbesley* all his Common of pasture within the precincts of this Lordship ; viz. for xv. beasts, two Horses for draught, and CC. sheep according to the large Hundred ; which Commoning was, it seems, upon some barren and course land, in regard he covenanted with them, that if any part thereof should be reduced to tillage by himself, his heirs, or any of his Tenants, the said Monks might have free liberty to put on their Cattell upon it after the Corn sowed should be cut and carried away. So likewise had *Will. de Cantilupe*, but what or how I have not yet discerned ; for I have seen a grant ^t of his made to the said Monks of *Wobbesley*, as also to *Will. de Burley*, *Will. de Edricheston*, and to the Freeholders of *Burley* and *Edricheston*, and their successors, giving them authority to divide their fields in those towns into three parts, and dispose of them as they should think fit ; saving to him the said *Will. de Cantilupe*, his heirs and Tenants, Common in those fields during the Fallow year, and after the crop cut and carried away ; provided that the said Monks, with their Tenants of *Burley*, and *Edricheston* should have the like in those fields belonging to the before specified *Will. de Cantilupe* and his Tenants.

But after this it was not long ere that it came ^u to Sir *Nich. Cyfrewast* Knight, though by whom or when granted I have not certainly found. To which *Nich.* succeeded ^v *Will.* his brother and heir, who past ^x it away to *Henry de Bray* and his heirs, reserving a Clove gilliflower to be yearly payed to himself and his heirs for all services. Which *Henry* soon convey'd ^y it to *Walter de Ailesbury* and his heirs, for a penny of silver payable yearly to himself and his heirs at the Feast of S. *Michael* for all services ; these grants being both without date ; howbeit the last of them was before 13 *E.* 1. for in

the Plea Roll ^z of that year I do find it recorded. ^z *Plac. co-*
In the male line of which Family it continued for *ram. R.*
divers ages, and at length by a daughter and heir, *term. T. 13.*
came to the *Somerviles*, who enjoy it at this day, *E. 1. rot. 35.*
as the Descent here insertted, extracted from their *a Penar*
originall evidences, ² manifesteth. *Will. Som-*
ervile. ar.

Walt. de Ailesbury
17 & 32 *E.* 1.

Rog. de Ailesbury-Orabella
miles 10 *E.* 3. 10 *E.* 3.

Philippus de Ailesbury-Agnes filia & cohær.
28 *E.* 3. & 12 *R.* 2. Hugonis de Brandeston.

Rog. de Ailesbury-Hawisia
ar. 6 *R.* 2. 1 *H.* 5. 11 *H.* 6.

Joh. de Ailesbury-Johanna, relicta
arm. 1 *E.* 4. 16 *E.* 4.

Joh. Ailesbury-Elizabetha
19 *E.* 4. 2 *E.* 4.

Thomas Somerville dominus-Johanna filia &
de Aston Somerville in Com. hares, superstes
Glouc. obiit 16 *H.* 7. 1 *H.* 8.

Rob. Somerville ar.-Maria filia Joh. Grevill
ob. 13 Dec. 29 *H.* 8. de Milcote ar.

Joh. Somerville ar.-Eliz. filia Will. Corbet
obiit 1 Apr. 20 *Eliz.* de Lee ux. 1.

Joh. Somerville-Margar. Will. Somerville-Eliz. filia
fil. & hær. 20. miles, obiit an. Humfridi
18. 20 *Eliz.* ar. Arden de 1616. Ferrers de
tinct. 25 *Eliz.* Parkhall Tamworth
ar. castro eq. aur.

Eliz. ux Tho. Alicia ux. Will Somerville-Cecilia filia &
mæ Warwick. ... Arden eq. aur. obiit cohæres Joh.
an. 1628. Shirley de
Isfeld in Com.
Suff. eq. aur.

Philippus Warwick.

Will. Somerville (posthumus) duxit
Annam filiam Rob. Tracy de To-
dington in Com. Glouc. eq. aur.
modò vicecom. Tracy.

Of these *Ailesburies* I find, that in 13 *E.* 1. *b Cart. 13.*
Walter obtained a Charter ^b of Freewarren to him- *E. 1. n. 30.*
self and his heirs in all his demesn lands at *Roul-*
ton in *Shropshire*, as also at *Wydenay*, and here
at *Edricheston*, in this County : and that in 21 *E.*
1. he had a particular pardon ^c granted to him for *c Pat.*
not receiving the order of Knighthood at the time *21. E.*
appointed by the King's speciall Precept : as also *d 1. m.*
that, at the instance ^d of *Edmund* Earl of *Con-*
wall, he obtained such favour, that he should not *17.*
be distrained to take upon him that dignity, a-
gainst his own liking, whilest he lived. It seems
he had some special relation to that Earl ; for in 29
E. 1. he was constituted ^e Governour of the Castle *e Rot. F. 25*
and Honour of *Almington*, belonging to the same *E. 1. m. 14*
Edmund ; as also of the Honour of S. *Valerie*. In *f claus. 25*
the same year he had Summons ^f amongst many *E. 1. in d.*
other *m. 13.*

k Rot. de
terr. Norm.
6. Joh. n.
14.

l Pat. 6.
Joh.
m. 19.

n Lib. rub.
f. 144 b.
o lb. f. 157.
a.

p Testa de
N.

q Pat. 50.
H. 3. in d.
r Ex autog.
penes S. A.
eq. aur.

s Ex au-
tog. in
Officio
Arm.

u Ex au-
tog. pe-
nes
x pref. S.
y Ar-
cher
eq. aur.

other persons of great quality to be at **Warwick** upon **Twede** on the Feast day of the *Nativity* of Saint *John Baptist*, well accoutred with Horse and Armes to attend the King in person into **Scotland**; and bore for his Armes *Arg. a plain Crosse Azure*, as by his Seal ^s and other authorities appeareth. To whom succeeded ^h *Roger* in the possession of this Mannour; yet I think he was not his eldest son, but rather Sir *Philip de Ailesbury* Knight, whose posterity fixed in **Buckinghamshire**, and bore the same Armes that *Walter* did; for *Roger's* coat had ⁱ a *Labell* of 3. points for distinction.

Which *Roger* in 15 E. 2. was one ^k of the four Commissioners assigned to choose out 600 able Foot-Souldiers within this County and **Leicestershire**; and one of the two to conduct them unto **Belwcastle** upon **Tine**, so that they might be there well armed and arrayed, on the Even of *S. James* the Apostle, to march in the King's service towards **Scotland**. In which year I find that he was joyned ^l with *Peter de Montfort*, and *Will. de Beauchamp* in the custody of the City of **Worcester**: and in 18 E. 2. that he, with *Thomas Hastings* (of whom I have spoke in **Lemington**) were appointed ^m to choose and arme 400 Footmen in this County, whereof C. to have *Aketones* and *Hauberts*, and CCC with *Haketones* and *Bacinets*, besides those which ought to be armed according to the Statute of **Winchester**. As also in 1 E. 3. that he was one ⁿ of the Knights for this Shire in the Parl. then held at **Westm.** and afterwards the same year constituted ^o Shiriff of this County and **Leicestershire**: so likewise in ^p 4 E. 3. in which Office he continued till 6 E. 3. and being ^q that year in the North parts of this Realm, with the Earl of **Warwick**, attending the King upon special services there, had his accompt, which he should have made at *Michaelmasse*, respited ^r till the *Quinziesme* of *Easter* following. In 7 E. 3. it appears ^s that he and *Ric. de Eggbaston* were assigned Commissioners for the choosing and arraying of certain Footsouldiers, within this County and **Leicestershire**, to march against the Scots: and that in 10 E. 3. he was one ^t of the Commissioners appointed for the receiving a Tenth from all the Towns, Cities and Boroughs of this Countie, granted to the King in his great Councell held at **Nottingham** the same year, for the defraying such costs and charges as had been sustained in defence of the Realm against the Scots; in which year he was likewise in ^u Commission of *Oyer* and *Terminer* concerning Felons and persons notoriously suspected.

In 11 E. 3. the King calling a Councell at **Westminster**, for preservation of the peace and tranquility of the Realm, whereunto were summoned ^v by speciall writt, and particular name, certain Knights from the several Counties; and Burgeses for the Burroughs, to appear the Fryday next before the Feast of *St. Michael*, with whom the said King resolved to have personall Treaty; amongst these was ^w our *Roger de Aylesbury*, with *Ric. de VWhitacre* and *John Revell*, for this County: but it seems that *Ric. de VWhitacre* appeared not; for upon assignation of their expences, for xv. dayes (being the time it lasted) the appointment to the Shiriff, is only ^y for payment of this *Roger* and *John Revell*; this being the year ^z preceding the said King's assuming the title of King of **France**, and quartering the Armes of that Realm with **England**: whereupon he took into his royal consideration, that the same might occasion him a

War with the French, and proposed ^a the borrowing of money from the Clergy and people of **England**, for avoiding thereof; constituting ^b Commissioners through the several Counties, to declare that to be the reason of the said loan. And the next year following, being resolved of an expedition beyond Sea, for effecting his designes in **France**, summoned ^c the like Councell of his Subjects to be held at **Westminster** the moirrow following the *Clause of Easter*; whereunto were again appointed ^d to come, in the behalf of this County, the said *Roger de Aylesbury*, *Ric. de VWhitacre* and *John Revell*, there to consult about the conservation of this Realm in peace and safety during the King's absence.

In 13 E. 3. he served ^e in the Parl. then likewise held at **Westminster**, as one of the Knights for this Shire: but after this I find no more of him that is memorable, other than that he was ^f a *Kt.* and left issue *Philip* his son and heir, who bore ^g for his Armes a *Bend gules over his Azure Crosse*, and married ^h *Agnes* the daughter and coheir of *Hugh de Brandeston* (Lord of the Mannour of **Lapworth**) by whom he had issue *Roger*. Which *Roger* had very little to do in the affairs of the publique, other than as a Commissioner ⁱ in 6 H. 4. for collection of a Subsidy in this Countie: Neither had *John* his son any more than in the Office of *Escheator* for this County and **Leicestershire** in ^k 23 & 30. H. 6. And *John*, the son and heir of him, none at all; the Family being declined so much, that notwithstanding his descent as heir to *Roger*, before spoken of, who was a Knight, he wrote ^m himself no other than *Gentilman*. Which *John* being the last male branch of this house here at **Edston**, left issue *Joane* ⁿ a daughter and heir, wedded ^o unto *Thomas Somerville* of *Somerville-Alton* in com. **Glouc.** Esquier, whereby this Mannour, with the rest of his lands, came to that Family; in which it still continues, having been, since that time, their principal Seat, as appears by many authorities.

But touching the ancestors of this *Thomas Somerville*, I shall say little, in regard, that having their estate and residence in **Gloucestershire**, they are out of my limits: only of this I conceive fit to take notice, that they have been of a very antient continuance there, and no lesse eminent, as it seems: for one of them was a Knight ^p in 45 H. 3. being stiled *Johannes miles de Alton Somerville*, and bore ^q for his Armes upon a border 6 *Leopards heads* as by his Seal appeareth: whereunto his great graunchild Sir *Will. Somerville* Knight, in the beginning of *Edm.* 3. time, added ^r one more, *Leopards head* upon the border; and Sir *John Somerville* Knight his son and heir, altered it more, bearing ^s *Argent upon a fesse gules 3 Leopards heads Or, betwixt 3 Annulets of the second*; which coat hath been continued by his posterity to these very times. From whom descended *John Somerville* Esq; who in 25 *Eliz.* being a hot spirited Gentleman, and about 23 years of age, but a Roman Catholique by profession, is said to have been so far transported with zeale for the restoring that Religion, by the instigation of one *Hall* a Priest, that he resolved to kill the Queen, and to that purpose made a journey to **London**, and that upon his apprehension he confest his intent: but being arraigned, condemn'd and committed to **Belwgate**, within three days after, he was found strangled in his lodging. How far forth he was guilty of this, God knows; for with what a high hand things were

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a 11.E.
b 3.p.2.
m d.m.
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c Pat.
d 12.E.
3.in d.
m.37.

e claus.13.
E.3.p.2.in
d.m.3.

f Ex au-
tog.pe-
nes W.
g So-
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i Rot.F.6.
H.4.m.16.

k Rot.F.23.
H.6.m.21.

l Rot.F.30.
H.6.m.10.

m Ex au-
tog.pe-
nes W.S.

n Esc.7.
o H.7.

p Ex au-
q tog.pe-
nes W.S.

r pref.
W.S.

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were then borne through the power of *Robert Dudley* Earl of *Leicester*, is not unknown to most men : which Earl had a particular spleen against *M^r Arden* of *Parkhall*, father in Law to this Gentleman, as by sundry aged persons, of credit, I have often heard.

Bearley.

THis being written *Burlei* in the Conqueror's Survey, was then held of *Rob. de Stadford* by one *Ailric*, whose freehold it had been before the Norman invasion ; but the extent of it by that Record ^t is certified to be no more than 1. hide valued at x s. which was but the one half of what it had been rated at in *Edw.* the Confessor's days. By one of whose descendants (sc. of *Stafford*) was *Cumin* (antiently Lord of *Snitfield*) as I conceive, first enfeofft hereof, and by *Cumin*, *Nicholas* that assumed his surname from hence without doubt ; for in *H. 2.* time I find, that such a man there was ; and that he, with *Will. de Burlei*, his son, gave ^u to the Monks of *Wordestey* xx. acres of land, lying within the precincts of *Claberton*, and held of *Walter Cumin*, who confirm'd the grant. As also, that to the Church of *Wootton*, and the Monks of *Conchis*, they likewise gave ^x in *1 R. 1.* all their interest in the Chapell here ; adding the grant of one yard land, with a Croft and Messuage. To which *William* succeeded *John* his son and heir, who quitted ^y his total interest and claim, in the said Chapell, unto those Monks ; and for its better confirmation, levied a Fine ^z thereupon in *5 H. 3.* This *John* had issue ^a *Will. de Burle*, a further Benefactor also to the Monks of *Wordestey*, by granting ^b to them certain lands in *Claberton*, which he had recovered by a suit in Law in the Ks. Court at *Westminster*, and bore ^c for his Armes three Garbs with 3 flower de lices in Chief ; which shews what relation he had to *Cumin*, and *Cantilupe*, Lords of *Snitfield* successively.

To whom succeeded *Hugh* his son ^d and heir ; who gave ^e likewise to those Monks of *Wordestey*, one yard land lying here in *Burley*, but within the Fee of *Snitfield* ; and therefore confirm'd ^f by *Margery de Cantilupe*, and *John* her son. Which *John*, about the beginning of *Edw. 1.* time, withdrew ^g the suit that the Inhabitants of this place had usually done to the Hundred Court, unto his own Court held a *Snitfield*. So that I think there needs no question to be made, but that *Cumin* was first enfeofft hereof by *Stafford* ; to fortifie which my conjecture the more, I find that *John de Cantilupe*, son to the last mentioned *John*, was in *9 E. 2.* certified ^h to be Lord of this place (*id est* Lord Paramount) and that this was then reputed a Hamlet of *Snitfield*. But farther than the before specified *Hugh de Burley* I cannot trace the succession of this Mannour in that family of *Burley* ; nor do I find when or how it went out of it ; the next possessor thereof, that I have discovered, being *Will.* the son of *Nich. de Warwick* (of whom in *Fulbroke* I have spoke) which *Will.* in *9 E. 2.* sold ⁱ it to one *Robert Moryn*, an Inhabitant of *Snitfield* ; Which *Robert* had issue *John* ; who by a Fine levied ^k in *8 E. 3.* setled it upon *Margaret* his mother, and *John de Cumption* her second husband, for their lives, with remainder to himself and his heirs.

After which time I have not seen any more mention of it, the reason whereof is plain enough ; viz. that it was swallowed up amongst divers petty Freeholders, by the purchase of their several Firms, as in many other places it falls out : so that the Lords of *Snitfield*, who were Superiour Lords here, have of later times been taken for the immediate Lords thereof, as in ¹ *10 H. 6.* *Joan Beauchamp* Lady of *Bergavenny*, and in ^m *1 H. 8.* the King. But now the reputed Lord thereof is the owner of those lands here, which were antiently given ⁿ to the Monks of *Wordestey*, and in *19 E. 1.* *S. Archer* were estimated ^o at two Carucates. Which lands upon the dissolution of that Monastery, were in ^p *37 H. 8.* (inter alia) past out of the Crown to *Clem. Throkemorton* Esquier, and *Alex Avenon* and their heirs, by the name of the Mannour, Grange, or Ferme of *Burley*, alias *Burpley* : And in *3 E. 6.* purchased ^q of the said *Clem. Throkemorton &c.* by *Will. Walter* : From which *William*, it is come to *Mr. Fansham*, the now owner of it, in such sort as *Walsperston*, and *Binton* are.

Silesburne.

THis is a place lying near the little brook, which thwarterth the Road from *Bentley* to *Alcester*, whereupon antiently stood an Hermitage, but now there is no habitation near it.

Wawens-Moore.

OF this I find no other mention than the very name in ^r *9 E. 2.* and ^s *8 H. 8.* it being a member of *Wootton*.

Wyche.

Neither of this can I say any more, than that it was reputed ^t a member of *Welsdesert* in ^u *2 H. 5.*

Offorde.

THere is no more now left here than a Mill, which being called *Offord* Mill, preserveth the memory of this place : but antiently there was a fair Mannour house, the vestigia whereof do appear in those grounds lying about a Bow-shoot Northwards from the Mill, in the nature of a round Fortification. In the Conqueror's time here was also a Village of divers Inhabitants, as appears by the general Survey ^v then taken, wherein it is recorded to contain 5 hides, with a Mill, and Woods of a mile in length and half as much in breadth, all which were valued at ^w *iiii li.* besides one carucate of Inclosure rated at ^x s. and then wholly posselt by *Rob. de Stadford*, mentioned in *Wootton*, but before the Norman invasion were the freehold of *Waga*, of whom I have there also spoken. To which *Rob. de Stadford* succeeded *Nicholas*, and to him another *Robert*, who in *H. 2.* time, enfeofft ^y one *Robert* the son of *Matthew*, and his heirs, of all his

t Donestd. lib.

u Cant. et. H. 3. m. 10. per Insp. w Ex autog. in Cur. Augm.

x Ex autog. penes Praepos. & Scol. Coll. R. Cantab. y lb.

z In crast. S. Math. Apoll.

a Ex autog. b log. penes c Clem. Throkemorton ar.

d Ex autog. in Cur. Augm.

g Ing. per Hund. 4 E. 1.

h Nom. vill.

i F. levat. xv. Trin. 9. E. 2.

k xv. Trin.

1 Rot. in Scac. penes Rem. R. m Ex autog. penes S. Archer eq. aur. n 5 MS. in o Scac. p Pat. 37. H. 8. p. 9.

q F. levat. term. Pasch. 3. E. 6.

r Nom. vill. s E. 8. H. 8.

t Claus. 2. H. 5. m. 17

u Dome. lib.

w Ex autog. penes Vices. Staff.

his interest in this Village, excepting the lands belonging to three Freeholders, there named; granting likewise to him, all that Wood lying on the left hand the ancient way leading from **Wootton** to **Wootton-Bagot**; to hold of him the said **Robert de Stafford**, and his heirs, by the service of half a Kts. Fee: in consideration of which grant, the said **Robert** received the summe of ten Marks, one Palfrey, and a labouring Horse, and **Avice** his wife two Bilantines. Whereupon this **Robert**, seating himself here, assumed his surname from hence: but it seemes he held the fourth part of a Knight's Fee, besides this, of the said **Robert de Stafford**; for in 12 H. 2. by the Certificate then made, it appears, that he held 3 parts of a Knight's Fee of him, whereof he had been enfeoffed since the death of **K. H. 1.**

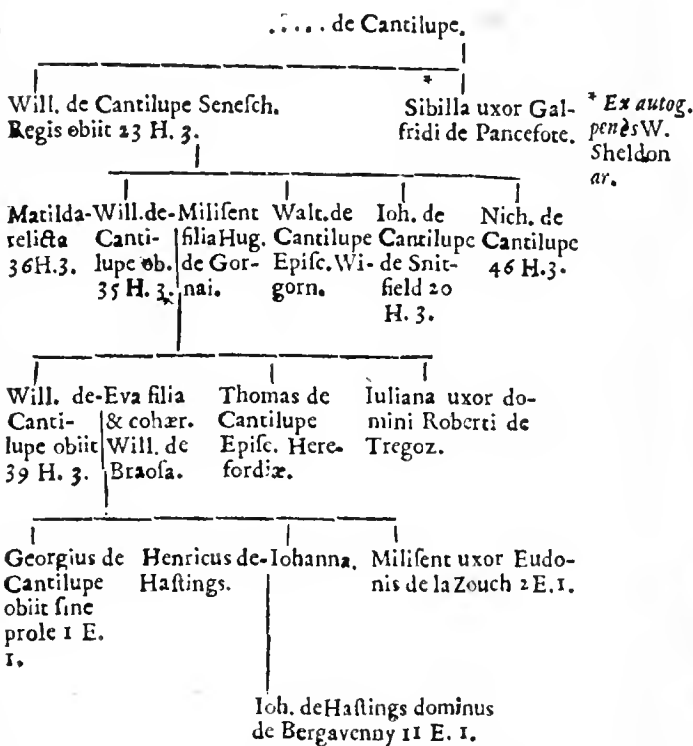
This **Robert de Offord** wedded ² **Agnes** the second of the five daughters and coheirs of **Peter de Mora**, by **Basilis** his wife, the eldest of the three daughters and coheirs to **Rob. fil. Odonis** Lord of **Lorley** and **Wootton** (now **Wootton-Bagot**) yet am I not certain of any issue that he had: neither till 25 H. 3. have I seen more of this place; but then was **Will. de Blancfront** impleaded ^a for certain lands here, and in 36 H. 3. certified ^b to hold half a Knight's Fee therein, of the Lord **Stafford**. Which **Will. Blancfront** was ^c one of the Coroners for this County in 15 E. 2. and had issue ^d **Walter**, and he **Henry**, who wrote ^e himself Lord of this place in 31 E. 3. but resided ^f at **Dotgrave** in **Bedfordshire**. After this it returned again to the Family of **Stafford**, but whether by Eschaet or purchase, I cannot directly say, **Humphrey** Earl **Stafford** being owner ^h of it in 10 H. 6. Since which time having been enjoy'd by the possessors of **Wootton-mawen**, and being a depopulated place, little notice hath been taken of it; so that now it is accounted as part of **Wootton** Lordship, and accordingly held by the Lord **Carington** at this day.

Aston Cantlow.

Being now past that large parish of **Wootton-mawen**, I come next to **Aston-Cantlow**, situate on the Southern bank of **Alne**. Before the Norman Invasion, **Algar** Earl of **Merca** was ⁱ possessor hereof; but upon that great distribution then made by King **William** unto his friends and followers, this place with divers lands of a large extent, as well here as in other Counties, was conferred (as I guess) upon one **Richard** a noble Norman; for it appears by the generall Survey ^k begun about the xliiith year of that King's reign, that **Osbernus fil. Ricardi** then enjoy'd it, with several other fair Lordships lying in this Shire, as also in the Counties of **Worcester**, **Hereford**, **Bedford**, **Salop**, and **Nottingham**, whose principal seat was (as I also conjecture) at **Ricard's Castle** in **Herefordshire**; which being (doubtlesse) built by the same **Richard**, for better awing of the vanquishd English, did afterwards retain his name, and continueth it to this day. In that authentique Record ^l this place is written **Estone**, by reason of its Eastern site from **Alcester** (I presume) which was of a more ancient plantation: and the value thereof then certified to be vi li. being esteemed at v. hides, having a Church, as also one Mill, with Woods of a mile in length and as much in breadth: the Descendants

of which **Osbernus**, I have put in **Farnborough**; for unto them did it continue but a while, **Tankerville**, who was **Camerarius Normannie**, possessing ^m it in 15 H. 2. yet no otherwise than as a Fermor to the King, as appears by some ⁿ Records.

But in 6 **Joh. Will. de Cantilupe** obtained ^o it with the corn and stock thereon, which the Sheriff was commanded to value, and according to the rate they should be prized at, to deliver ^p them unto him: and from hence had it the addition of his name joyned thereto, for distinction from the other **Astons** in this County. Here hath been ^q anciently a Park, and by the tradition of the Inhabitants, a Castle also, situate Southwards of the Church; but the Moat and banks thereof are now so levelled, that there is scarce any appearance of it: At which Castle, so far as the before specified **William** and his descendants had (without doubt) their principal residence, till by marriage with **Eva**, the daughter and heir of **Will. de Braose**, to **Will.** his grandson, the Castle and Honour of **Bergavenny** came to this Family, I have here thought fit to say something historically of them.



This **Will. de Cantelu**, or **Cantilupe** (for I find him both ways written) was a person of great eminency and power in his time. In 1 **Joh.** he had a discharge ^r for the Scutage then due from him. In 3, 4, 5, & 6 **Joh.** he was Sheriff ^s of this County and **Worcestershire**, and upon leaving that office, constituted Governour ^t of the Castles of **Hereford**, **Wilton** and **Burrebach**: Nay in those great differences betwixt the said King and Pope **Innocent** the 3. in 13 **Joh.** he is taken notice ^u of to have been one of that King's Chief Councillors and directors; and from the 12th year to the end of his reign, had again the custody ^v of the before specified Counties. In 15 **Joh.** he obtained the King's special Precept ^x to the Barons of his Exchequer, to respite their demand of CCCC. Marks debt, due by him; viz. CCC. marks for a Fine, which he was to have payd for the Wardship, and custody of the land of **Henry de Longcamp's** heir; and C. marks which the said King had lent him upon his Voyage into **Almaine**. In 16 **Joh.** he had ^y Scutage of his Tenants, in satisfaction for those fouldiers which

were then maintained by him in **Positou** for the King's service; as also the same year was, amongst others, a witnesse² to that notable Charter granted by the said King to the Archb. of **Canterb.** and other Bishops, in behalf of all the Churches and Monasteries of **England**: and in 17 *Joh.* got a pardon² for a debt of *CCLxii* marks and *xviii*. which was by his own agreement to have been payd as a fine, for obtaining the Countesse of **Eu-**
reur in marriage for his son.

And yet, notwithstanding all these favours, it appears^b that in that great defection of the Barons, the same year, he forsook the King and adhered to them; but did not pe sit long in that error, as it seems; for shortly after, I find, that he had a grant^c of all the lands of *Nich. de Verdon*, and so also^d of *Thurstone de Mountfort*, great Actors in that Rebellion; and was made Governour^e of the strong Castle of **Kentworth** in this Countie, being then Steward^f of the King's household. Having thus shewed in what esteem he was with K. *John*, let us now take a view of his favour with K. *H. 3.* and of his eminency in those times. In 1. of that K. reign, he was^g in person with the royall Army at the siege of **Mountfourell** Castle in **Leicester**, and at raising^h the siege, which the rebellious Barons had made against the Castle of **Lincoln**. In 2 *H. 3.* again made Shiriff of this County and **Leicester**, in which office he continued^k till the 8th year of that King's reign. In 5 *H. 3.* he had the K. special Letter^l authorizing him to receive of the several Kts. Fees held of him *x s.* in respect that he was in person with the K. at the siege of **Wibham** Castle in **Lincoln**. In 6 *H. 3.* he had, by the Ks. special command, all the Castles that belonged to *Reginald de Braose*, deceased, committed^m to his charge, being then Steward to the K. as he had been to his father: but it seems that his chief residence was then at **Kentworth** Castle before specified; for no lesse doth the Recordⁿ, appointing him timber for repair of the buildings, for his habitation there, import: Howbeit, the same year, being made Governour^o of **Hereford** Castle, he had in *December* 8 *H. 3.* a discharge^p of his Shiriffalty here, and of the Custody of **Kentworth** Castle, which was thereupon delivered up to^q *John Russell*, unto whom also those Counties were then committed.

It should seem that, about this time, he adhered^r to the Earl of **Chester**, and some other of the Barons, who began to swell against the King, and give out big words on the behalf of that Earl, whose Castles the said King thought fit to sieze: but seeing themselves not strong enough to go through with their designe, were glad to submit: For which offence I do not find that the Ks. displeasure stuck long upon him, in regard that within 3 years after, by his Pat^s bearing date 18 *Aug.* he confirmed unto him this Mannour of **Clon**, which formerly did belong to *Raph de Tankerville* Chamberlain (of **Normandy**) with the Mannour of **Woblesdon**, that pertained to *Gilbert de Vilers*, to hold till such time as the said King should please to restore them unto the right heirs of the said *Raph* and *Gilbert*; which Mannours he the said *Will.* had first received by the grant of K. *John*, as the same Record testifieth: for confirmation whereof, as also for a **Mercate** and **Faire** here, he then gave the K. a Fine^s of *xv.* marks. And in 13 *H. 3.* received farther testimony of the King's favour, by a Pardon^t of *xl.* marks, due from him to have been payd into the Exchequer, for certain amerciaments

laid upon him by the Justices Itinerant; and an acceptance of *x.* marks *per an.* till the *C.* marks lent unto him by King *John*, were satisfied, which summe the said King delivered unto him when he went on his Embassie into **Almaine**, as I have already intimated.

In 15 *H. 3.* he had another confirmation^w of this Lordship, extending also to his heirs; with a speciall *Proviso*, that if the said King or his heirs should afterward restore it to the heirs of *Tankerville*, he the said *William* and his heirs should have other lands of as good value in recompence thereof; that Charter of confirmation bearing date at **Wenloc** 26 *Maii*. Of which noble person I further find^x, that he obtained the Advouson and patronage of the Priory of **Stapley** (near this place, as I have there shewed) from *Peter de Corbucon*, heir to the Founder; whereunto he gave^y a fair portion of lands lying in **Shottwell**: That he also built^z an *Hospitall* at the Gates of that Monastery: That he bore for his *Armes Gules* 3 *flower de lices Or*, as by his Seal² appeareth, within the compasse whereof; *scil.* towards the lower part of the Shield, there is a *Star*, with a *Cressant*, which is a Badge (as hath been observed by judicious Antiquaries) of his service in the Holy warrs: And that he departed² this life 7 *Id. Apr.* 23 *H. 3.* being then very aged; leaving issue several sons, *viz.* *William* his son and heir, *Walter* a Priest^b and imployed^c by King *H. 3.* as his Agent to the Court of **Rome**, afterwards elected^d Bishop of **Worcester**, whose story I refer to *Godwyn*; *John* Lord of **Snitfield** in this Countie; and *Nicholas*,^e of whom I find no more than the bare mention.

Which *Will.* being a martial man as well as his father, and accompanying him^f at raising the siege of **Lincolne** Castle, in 1 *H. 3.* had in 15 *H. 3.* much of his father's estate past over to him, for which he then did^g his homage to the King: And in 24 *H. 3.* obtained a special Charter^h for exempting him from any suit to the County or Hundred Courts, *Leet*, Aid to the Shiriff and *Hidage* for all his lands in **England**. After which, *viz.* in 26 *H. 3.* he attendedⁱ the King in that his French expedition, which was so unprosperous: and having been in 28 *H. 3.* sent^k with other of the great Nobilitie, to sollicite the Prelates for an Aid of money, according to the Popes Letters on the King's behalf, was the next ensuing year one of those that went Embassador^l to the general Councell then held at **Lions**, there to complain of the grievous exactions used here in **England** by the Court of **Rome**, as well from the Clergie as *Laitie*, and to crave remedie for the same. Which *William*, bearing a devout affection to the Canons of **Stapley** before specified, gave^m to the *Hospital* of his Father's building there, lands to the value of *x li. per an.* lying within this Lordship; as also certain Rent and pasturage for Cattell, in **Southernkeston**, with the Church of **Hemelton** in **Devonshire**. And having besides all this, obtained a special Charterⁿ for exempting their Woods, situate within the Forest of **Fekenham**, from any view of the King's Foresters and Verderers; and been Steward^o to the King, as his Father was, as also a most faithfull Councillor^p, left issue by *Milisent* the daughter of *Hugh de Gornay*, *Will.*^q his son and heir, *Thomas* Bishop of **Hereford** (who in 34 *E. 1.* was^r canonized for a Saint) and *Ju-*
lian the wife of Sir *Rob. de Tregoz*; and departed this

z *Math. P.*
p. 92. 1. 32.

a *Clau. 17.*
Joh. m. 8.

b *Math. P.*
p. 255. 12.

c *Clau. 18.*
Joh. m. 2.

d *lb. m. 6.*

e *Pat. 18.*
Joh. m. 7.

g *Math. P.*
p. 293. 39.

h *lb. p. 295.*
8.

i *Rot. P. 2.*
H. 3.

k *Rot. P. de*
issu. an.

l *Clau. 5.*
H. 3. in d.

m *Pat. 6.*
H. 3. p. 1.
m. 3.

n *Clau. 7.*
H. 3. m. 18.

o *Pat. 7.*
H. 3. m. 6.

p *Pat. 8.*
H. 3.

q *m. 12.*

r *Math. P.*
p. 319. n. 40.

s *6.*

f *Pat. 11.*
H. 3. m. 3.

t *Rot. P. 11.*
H. 3.

u *Rot. F.*
13. *H. 3.*

v *m. 12.*

w *Can. 15.*
H. 3. m. 8.

x *Witlesey*
f. 12. a.

y *Cart. 1. E.*
3. n. 3. per.

z *Ex autog.*
in bibl.

2 *Ex autog.*
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a *Math. P.*
p. 485. 32.

b *Rot. F.*
13. *H.*

c *3. m.*
12.

d *Math. P.*
p. 438. 9.

e *Cart. 46.*
H. 3.

f *m. 3. per.*
Inspe.

g *Math. P.*
295. 7.

h *Pat. 15.*
H. 3. m. 3.

i *Cart. 24.*
H. 3. m. 1.

j *Math. P.*
p. 589. n.

k *lb. p. 645.*
435.

l *lb. p. 651.*
12.

m *Cart. 1.*
E. 3. n. 3.

n *per. Inspe.*

o *Cart. 26.*
H. 3. m. 8.

p *Math. P.*
p. 815. 17.

q *Math.*
Westm.

r *Ex u.*
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s *in bibl.*
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t *ves.*

u *Clau. 3.*
E. 1. in d.

v *m. 15.*

this life in 35 H. 3. immediately whereupon, *William* his eldest son, performing his homage, and giving security for payment of his Relief, which was C. li. had livery of his lands.

Which *William* in 37 H. 3. obtained a pardon from the King for pulling down the Castle of *Penros*, in *Wales*, belonging to *John de Mone-muth*; as also for five marks, at which this his Mannour of *Aston* was amerced, for protecting one *Rob. de Shelfnill*, who had been indicted for certain misdemeanors: and in 38 H. 3. was constituted Governor of *Bobelt* Castle in *Brecknockshire*. To the before specified *Hospital*, built at the Gate of the Priory of *Studley*, he gave the advowson of the Church here at *Aston*; and having wedded *Eva* one of the daughters and coheirs to *Will. de Braose* of *Brecknock*, with whom he had the territory of *Upper Went*, and other lands in *England* and *Wales*, departed this life in the flower of his youth, to the great grief of many, leaving issue by her the said *Eva*, *George* his son and heir, and two daughters. Of which *George*, (being scarce 3. years old at that time) I have found very little that is memorable, his death hapning before he arrived to years, whereby he could be qualified for any great action, viz. in *Edw. 1.* Therefore, whether the marriage betwixt him and *Margaret* the daughter of *Edmund de Lacy* was ever consummated, as their parents had designed, when he was scarce two years old, I cannot tell; but sure I am that he had no issue: for *John* the son of *Henry de Hastings*, and *Milicent* then the wife of *Eudo* (or *Tuo*) la *Zouche*, were found to be his sisters and heirs.

Which *Henry* being in minority in 36 H. 3. and in Ward to *Guy de Luzignian* the King's half brother, had the benefit of his marriage, then disposed of by the said *Guy* unto *Will. de Cantilupe* before specified, who gave his daughter *Joane* thus in wedlock to him. Whereupon by partition made betwixt those coheirs, the said *Milicent* had for her share the Castle of *Totenesse* in *Com. Devon*. the Mannours of *Cyton* in *com. bedf.* and *Harlingworth* in *Northamptonshire*. with other fair possessions in *England* and *Wales*; as also the advowson of the Priory of *Studley* in this County: And *John de Hastings*, the son of *Joane* beforementioned, had *Bergavenny* with the Castle and Honour (which were of the inheritance of *Eva de Breause* his grandmother) together with the Castle of *Bilgaran* in *Com. Pembr.* and amongst other large territories in *England* and *Wales*, this Mannour of *Aston*, then valued at *Lix li. iiii s. i d. per an.* all which were in the King's hands at the time of the said Partition made, by reason of his minority. But touching the Family of *Hastings* I shall speak historically in *Fillongley*, and therefore purpose to make no other mention of them here, than what particularly relates to this place.

In 12 E. 1. this *John de Hastings* claimed a Court-leet, with Assize of Bread and Beer, *Wzifs*, Gallows, and Free warren within this Mannour, by Prescription; all which were allowed. From which time this Mannour, was, for divers descents, enjoy'd by the posterity of the said *John*, as I could sufficiently demonstrate, if need were, except for so long as *Will. de Clinton* Earl of *Huntingdon* held two parts of it, in right of *Julian* his wife, widow to *John de Hastings*, father of *Laurence* Earl of *Pembroke*: After the death of which *La-*

urence it appears, that it was held of the King in Capite by the service of one Foot souldier in the Warrs of *Wales*, with a Bow without a string, and a Helmet for his head, by the space of xl dayes, at his own proper costs, as often as there should be any hostility in *Wales*. From which Family of *Hastings* it descended not to the Lord *Grey* of *Ruthin*, through the heir female; but by virtue of a speciall Entail made by *John de Hastings*, E. of *Pembroke*, son and heir to the before specified *Laurence* (whereof in *Fillongley* I shall speak) was settled, together with the Castle and Honour of *Bergavenny*, and other large possessions, upon Sir *Will. de Beauchamp* K. second son to *Thomas* E. of *Warwick* and his heirs: Which *William*, bearing the title of Lord *Bergavenny*, dyed seized thereof in 12 H. 4. from whom it descended to *Ric. Beauchamp* Earl of *Worcester*, his son and heir; whose daughter and heir *Elizabeth* being wedded to Sir *Edm. Nevill* Knight (a younger son to *Raph* Earl of *Westmerland*) thenceforth summoned to Parl. as Lord *Bergavenny*, brought it, with other lands of a large extent, to that noble Family; wherein it hath ever since continued being enjoy'd by the right honourable *John* Lord *Bergavenny* at this day.

The Church (dedicated to *St. John Bapt.*) being given to the Canons of *Studley* (as I have formerly intimated) by the last *Will. de Cantilupe* in H. 3. time, was in an. 1291 (19 E. 1.) valued at xxxiii marks: which grant did not stand so firme but that the heirs of *Cantilupe* repossessed it again; for in 24 E. 1. it appears, that the said Canons granted to *John de Hastings*, then Lord of this Mannour, lands to the value of xlii li. per anlyng here, in exchange for the said advowson. Nay I find, that after this, the Family of *Hastings*, being potent, had it again from the said Canons: for in 19 E. 3. did *Laurence de Hastings* Earl of *Pembroke* passe it away to *Will. de Clinton* Earl of *Huntingdon* and his heirs; who immediately thereupon gave it to the Priory of *Makstoke*, then newly by him founded: whereupon the Canons of *Makstoke* obtained License from the K. for appropriating it to their House; which appropriation was accordingly accomplit, the same year, by *VVolstan* then Bishop of *Worcester*, as by his Instrument dated at *Blockley* 4 Oct. appeareth; and confirmed by his Chapter, by reason whereof, they had a yearly Pension of xlii s. iiii d. payable on the Feast day of the Annunciation of our Lady, granted to them: In which year was likewise an Ordination of the Vicaridge. But notwithstanding all this, it so fell out afterwards, that the Canons of *Studley*, by colour of their original title, got into the possession thereof again: whereupon great suits arose betwixt those of *Makstoke* and them: yet in the end they of *Makstoke* prevailed; who to strengthen their title, had the King's confirmation in 5 H. 4. For which they gave a Fine of Lxxi li. xi s. that they might enjoy it according to the tenor of the appropriation thereof so made to them as aforesaid. In 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was valued at x li. at which time the Synodalls and Procurations issuing out of it were x s. v d. ob.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.

Incumbentes &c.

Giff. f. 71. b.	D. Alianora Regina Anglia	Rad. de Alemannia Cler. 8. Id. Dec. 1277.
Ib. f. 404. b.		D. Will. de Stratford Cap. 2. Cal. Maii 1295.
Ib. f. 447. b.	D. Joh. de Hastings.	Joh. de Brom Accol. 14 Cal. Jan. 1299.
Gyr. f. 38. b.		Egid. de Baggeshoure Cler. 15 Cal. Apr. 1305.
Cob. f. 17. a.	D. Rad. de Montbermerii.	Mr. Joh. Manduit 4 Non. Oct. 1319.
Hovl. vol. 2. 2. 1. b.	Nobilis mulier Isabella de Hastings.	Will. de Bereford Cler. 23 Apr. 1328.
Ib. vol. 1. f. 20. b.		Rob. Manduit Cler. 2 Cal. Julii 1330.

Patroni Vicariæ.

Wolst. vol. 1. f. 17. b.		Nich. de Sheldon Pbr. 17 Julii 1339.
Ib. vol. 2. f. 89. b.		D. Adam de Overton Pbr. 14 Sept. 1345.
Br. vol. 1. f. 37. a.	Prior & Conv. de Makstoke.	Ric. de Valford Pbr. 14 Sept. 1361.
rit. f. 12. a.		Rob. de Birchesley Non. Febr. 1365.
Lyn. f. 3. a.		Ric. Pulteney Pbr. 22 Nov. 1369.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.

Cliff. f. 16. a.	Henr. Rex Angl. per recuperat. juris ad present. de Pr. & C. de Studley.	Thomas Burdet Cler. 25 Junii 1402.
Ib. f. 24. b.	Pr. & Conv. de Studley.	Thomas Shelford Cler. 12 Maii 1403.
S. Germ. f. 227. b.	Pr. & Conv. de Makstoke.	Thomas Lucas Pbr. 15 Nov. 1407.

Patroni Vicariæ.

Peu. f. 14. a.		D. VWill. Drewe Cap. 27 Sept. 1409.
Ib. f. 18. a.		D. Henr. Hurle Cap. 28 Apr. 1410.
Morg. vol. 1. f. 26. a.		D. VWill. Andrew Cap. 23 Martii 1423.
Ib. f. 31. b.		Joh. Barun ult. Maii 1425.
Pult. f. 25. b.	Pr. & Conv. de Makstoke.	D. Joh. Salwey Cap. 18 Aug. 1427.
Carp. vol. 1. f. 143. a.		D. Joh. Hende Cap. 16 Aug. 1457.
Ib. f. 242. a.		D. Rog. Felawe Cap. 4 Aug. 1469.
Alc. f. 142. b.		D. Rog. Montgombry Cap. 12 Jan. 1484.
Ib. f. 156. b.		D. Thomas Benton Cap. 16 Junii 1486.
Mori. f. 43. a.	D. Episc. per lapsum.	D. Rogerus 8 Apr. 1491.
Feron. f. 51. a.	Pr. & Conv. de Coventre.	Petrus Irlam Cap. 23 Febr. 1531.
Heath. f. 19. b.	H. Dux Suff. & D. Franc. ux. ejus, D. Marg. Clifford & Will. Stanley miles cohar. Caroli D. Suff.	VWill, Burton Cler. 20 Dec. 1553.

Thomas Chapman rati- one concess. W. Stanley mil.	D. Rad. Brock Pbr. 25 Sept. 1557.	Ib. f. 27. a.
D. Episc. per lapsum.	Thom. Clerke Cler. 15 Oct. 1560.	Ib. f. 33. a.
Henr. 8. Rex Angl. &c.	D. Thomas King Pbr. 23 Febr. 1536.	Heath. in cartac. quatern. f. 1. b. Bul. f. 103. a.
Ric. Wright de Clopton sen. gen.	VWill. Tomlinson Cler. 29 Julii 1622.	

In this Church there was antiently a certain Fraternity or *Gild*, consisting of the Parishioners only, being founded by them to the honour of God and the blessed Virgin, but it had no lawfull establishment till 9 E. 4. at which time upon the humble Petition of the Inhabitants, Licenseⁱ was granted to Sir Edw. Nevill Knight, then Lord of the Manour, that he should so settle and order the same, as that there might be a certain Priest maintained there, to celebrate divine service daily at the Altar of the blessed Virgin in the said Church, for the good estate of the said K. Edw. 4. and Eliz. his Consort, as also for the Brethren and Sisters of that Fraternitie, during this life, and for their souls after their departure hence, and the souls of all the faithfull deceased: which accordingly was effected, and lands disposed thereunto for that purpose, valued at vii li. ix s. ii d. ob. per an. in 37 H. 8.

Armes depicted on the roof of the Chancell.

Gules a fesse betwixt six Crose Crostlets Or. Beauchamp E. of Martwick.
 Argent 3 Crose Crostlets fiche sable, upon a cheif Azure a Mullet and a Rose Or.
 Argent 6 Crose Crostlets fiche Sable, upon a cheif Azure two Mullets Or. Clinton Earl of Huntingdon.

Wilmecote.

IN the Conqueror's time Osbernus fil. Richardi posselt this place, it being then certifiedⁱ to contain three hides, which were valued at *Lx^s*. and at that time held of him by one *Urso*, but before the Norman invasion it was the Freehold of *Leuvinus Doda*. In that Survey it is written *Wilmecote*; the originall of which appellation did questionlesse proceed from the name of some ancient Inhabitant there in the Saxons time. But the next mention that I find thereof is not till 6 Joh. where it is written *Wilmundecote*, and certified^m to be part of those lands that the Normans had in England, which were then seized on for their adhering to the K. of France (as in *Almundon* I have already observed) one *Brietto Camerarius* being then Lord thereof, and Chamberlain of *Bozmandy*, as I gueffe; the value of it then consisting only in rent of Assize amounting to *xlii^s per an.* and no more. After which ere long one *Will. de Wilmecote* was owner of it, who (doubtlesse) took that surname from his residence here; for in 12 H. 3. it appearsⁿ, that he brought an Assize against *Maurice Arch-Deacon of Gloucester* touching the advowson of the Chapell belonging to this Village: yet in

k MS. pe n's S. A eq. nurr. f. 22. a.

1 Domel lib.

m Rot. de terr. Norw. 6. Joh. m.

n Pat. 12 H. 3. ind.

o E. 1. E. 1. n. 25. in E. 1. I find that *Raph de Lodinton* had a good proportion here; viz. two yard land in demesne, with a Water Mill; as also 5 yard land in Villenage, all which he held of Sir *Thomas de Camvill* by the fourth part of a Kts fee; which fourth part in 25 E. 1. was certified to be held of *Edm. Earl of Lancaster* (the Kings Brother) by *Robert de Vale*, of whom in *Lodington* I have spoken already.

Ex vet. exempl. p. 25. E. 1. n. 51. But about that time was there one *John de Wilmeccote* Lord hereof; and shortly after him *Henry de L'isle* (of *Shelfull* in this Countie) who with *Joan* his wife in 9 E. 2. were found to hold half a Kts. fee, here, of the Earl of *War.* which half Kts. fee was of her inheritance, she being the heir to the before specified *John de Wilmeccote*. To which *Henry* succeeded *John* his son and heir, who in 10 E. 3. entailed this Mannour, with the advowson of the Chapell, upon the issue of his body by *Mande* then his wife, with remainder to his right heirs; by reason whereof it continued to his posterity, (whereof I shall speak in *Shelfull*) till 8 H. 7. but then was past away by *Henry L'isle* Esquire and *Eliz.* his wife to *Will. Purchase* and others, in trust (as I conceive) for *Hugh Clopton* Alderman of *London*; for I find that the said *Hugh* dyed seized thereof 15 Sept. 12 H. 7. leaving *Will. Clopton* his Coſin and next heir (as in *Clopton* is shewed) who had livery thereof accordingly in 19 H. 7.

F. levat. a. 10. E. 1. n. 7. E. 1. n. 13. 7. P. 19. 7. P. 2. 9. The Chapell here (dedicated to St. Mary Magd.) was given to the Gild of the Holy Cross in *Stratford super Avon*, in E. 4. time, by the before mentioned *Henry de L'isle* and *Eliz.* his wife, one *Thomas Clopton* being then Master of the same.

Patroni Capellæ Incumbentes, &c.

n. f. 19. a. k. f. 23. *Matilda de Lyle.* } *Joh. de Walton* 21 Martii 1372.
} *Joh. Cade* 18 Jan. 1380.

Newnham.

AS for the name of this place, it proceeded originally (without doubt) from the first habitation fixed thereat; whether it were one single House, or more, the syllable *Ham* with our Ancestors the Saxons, not onely signifying a House, but a neighbourhood of divers dwellings, as we may observe by the many towns that terminate in *Ham*, so that *Neunham* imports the same that *nova habitatio* doth. But of this little village I have not seen any mention at all in Record above 9 E. 2. where it is certified as a Hamlet of *Aston-Cantelupe*, of which Mannour it is still reputed to be parcell.

Little Alne.

om. This was also originally a member of *Aston-Cantelupe*, and antiently possessed by the Lords of that Mannour. It should seem that a great part of those lands, which were given to the Canons of *Studley* by some of the *Cantelupes*, do ly within the compass of this village, though in

the grant they are said to be in *Aston-Cantelupe*; for upon the passing them out of the Crown in 1. Maria, they are granted to *Anthony Skinner*, by the name of the Mannour of *Little-Alne*, five Tenements, a water Mill, with a meadow, as parcell of the possessions of the Monastery of *Studley*: which *Anthony* dyed seized thereof 19 Nov. 1 Eliz. leaving issue *George* and *William*; which *George* dying without issue, *Will.* became heir to the estate, whose grandchild, *Anthony* now enjoys it.

Shelfull.

THE first mention I find of this place is in H. 3. time, upon the grant of a large assart to the Canons of *Studley* by *Will. de Cantelupe*, the third; where it is bounded upon the Park of *Shelfull*; which Park belonging to the Lords of *Aston-Cantelupe*, doth argue that it was antiently a member thereof: And out of all doubt, those Woods, or the greatest part of them, which are mentioned by the Conquerour's Survey to belong unto *Aston*, were imparted by the Lords of that Mannour, for their pleasure in Hunting, it being a mountainous ground most proper for Deer and Conies. But the extent of *Shelfull* was more than this Park; for in 6 E. 2. after the death of *John de Hastings* (Lord of *Aston* before specified) it appeareth, that *Will. le Walsh* held the sixth part of a Kts. fee of him, lying in this place: Howbeit till 14 H. 6. I have not seen it called a Mannour; but then, upon the death of *Joan Beauchamp* Lady *Bergavenny*, it carries that name: nevertheless it is reputed as a member of *Aston-Cantelupe*, and therewith belongs to the Lord *Bergavenny* at this day.

Hafeler.

Somewhat lower, but yet farther distant from the bank of *Alne*, stands *Hafeler*, containing these two petty Hamlets, sc. *Walcote* and *Upton*, which before the Norman invasion was the freehold of *Elviet* and *Alric*; but at the time of the Conquerour's generall Survey possessed by *Nich. Balistarius*, being certified to contain 5. hides, with a Mill rated at vi s. viii d. as also a Salt House of iiii s. Rent, and two quarters of Salt, all being valued at vi li. In that Record it is written *Hafelobe*, the stroke over the b. through the transcribers neglect, being omitted, for it should be *Hafelobere*. That the later part of the name, viz. *Obere*, which in our common speech signifies the same with *supra*, agreeth with the situation of the place, is evident enough; for it stands upon a notable ascent, almost every way; and if I may take leave to guess at the other part, I shall conclude that the same hilly ground, whereupon the town stands, being originally woody, and full of *Hafells*, as much of the Country thereabouts yet is, gave occasion thereof.

How it past from the before specified *Nich. Balistarius*, or his posterity, I find not; but in H. 2. time *Nicholas de Pole*, one of the King's Justices, was chief Lord here; whose descendants enjoyed it not long; for in 20 H. 3. it appertained

ned to *W. de Hastings*, and upon the Aid, then gathered, answered for half a Kts. fee, amongst divers other lands in this Countie, then certified to be held of *Hugh de Albinie*: but in 36 H. 3. being posselt by one *Rob. de Haselovere*, is recorded to be held by him of the said *Will de Hastings*. I am of opinion that this *Rob. de Haselovere* is the same man, who is elsewhere called *Rob. Lyvet*; for certain it is that *Rob. Lyvet* was Lord of this town about that time; and it was not un-usuall in those dayes for men totally to relinquish their paternall names, and assume that of their residence insted thereof, or indifferently to use either. Which *Robert* died seized of this Mannour in 9 E. 2. then held, as the Record¹ expresse, of *Will. de Hastings* of *Thormarton*, by the service of a pair of white Spurs, price ii d. leaving *John Lyvet* his son and heir, of full age. It seems that one *John de Chilterham* came afterwards to have some interest here, perhaps in right of *Alianore* his wife; for I find that in 3 E. 3. the same *John* and *Alianore* aliened^m a third part thereof, with the advouson of the Church to *John de Trillow* and *Katherine* his wife, and the heirs of the said *Katherine*.

After which, viz. in 7 E. 3. *Rob. de Stratford* parson of the Church of *Stratford*, purchasedⁿ the whole from *Henry* the son of *Rob. Lyvet*; and in 10 E. 3. (being then Archdeacon of *Canterb.*) obtained^o all the interest that the before specified *John de Chilterham* and *Alianore* his wife had therein, together with the advouson of the Church; which he kept but a while, as it seems; for in 20 E. 3. *Will. de Meldon* accounted^p for the half Kts. fee, by which it was held (as hath been said) and presented to the Church, as Patron, about that time. But the next possessor thereof (concerning whom I have seen any authority) was *Sir Almaric de S. Amand* Kt. who to fortifie his title, got a Release^q from *John de Pento*, the elder, of all his right therein, which bears date at *London* on Wednesday next after the Feast of the Purification of our Lady 39 E. 3. and within 3. years after, a grant^r, or rather confirmation, as I think, from *Nich. de Donnemney*, likewise, of what title he had thereto.

From which *Sir Almaric* it was conveyed^s to *Will. de Stoke* and *Thomas de Sekindon* Priests; who by their deeds^t dated on the Feast day of *St. Clement* the Pope, 8 R. 2. past it away unto *Thomas de Beauchamp* then E. of *Warwick* and others: which Earl having the same year obtained the King's License^u for that purpose, by his speciall Charter^w dated at *Warwick* 20 Sept. 19 R. 2. bestowed it upon the Canons of his Collegiate Church in *Warwick* and their successors for ever. Notwithstanding which pious gift King R. 2. taking advantage^x of the attainder shortly after befalling that Earl (as in my story of him in *Warw.* appeareth) violated this his grant to those Canons, and gave^y it to *Robert Gowsell* Esq. to hold during life: But the depofall of that K. which followed soon after, revert that gift of his to *Gowsell*, whereby both the Earl himself became restored to all his possessions, and the said Canons to this Mannour, which in 26 H. 8. was valued^z at xix. l. vii s. viii d. and in 4 E. 6. (after the dissolution of that Colledge) passed^a out of the Crown (*inter alia*) to *Sir Raph Sadler* Kt. then Master of the Wardrobe, and *Laurence Wenington* Gent. and to the heirs of the said *Sir Raph*. to be held of the

Mannour of *St. Greenwiche* in Socage.

The Church here, with the Church-yard, was founded^b by King to the honour of Christ, the blessed Virgin, *St. Laurence* and *All Saints*; and originally endowed^c with a House for the Parson, and two yard land lying in the fields of *Haselore* and *Walcote*; as also certain pasture grounds to the same belonging, with a certain place and croft lying opposite thereunto; And afterwards in King H. 2. time, augmented with an ample addition, which *Nich. de Pole*, one of the King's Justices and then Lord of this Mannour, by the consent of *Maud* his wife, with *Robert* and *Raph* his sons, both Knights, gave^d thereunto in pure Almes; viz. xi acres of his woods called *Wildecombe*, *Wildegrove*, and *Rolowepe*, with the land adjoining, and Common of pasture for viii Oxen in his pasture called *Spertes*; as also for four Kine and a Bullock in the pasture on the Heath for the Summer time. Besides which he gave thereunto, out of divers yard lands of his demesn, vi Bushells of Oats, and of an half yard land, 3. Bushells; as also a certain number of Cocks and Hens to be delivered on *St. Martin's* day, yearly, by the Tenants holding the same lands, together with *Law-grist* of his Mill, with the Tithe thereof Toll free; and libertie of Fishing on the banks of his water, upon Fasting dayes, with *Shuf-net* and *Ese*, and other Engines except draught Nets, in lieu of the Tithe of the water being in the Lords hands; but if it should happen to be let to ferme, then the Parson to have Tithe of all the great Fishes taken therein.

In an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) this Rectorie was valued^e at xv. marks; and in 15 R. 2. the advouson thereof granted^f by *Thomas Beauchamp* E. of *Warwick* to the Dean and Canons of his Collegiate Church in *Warwick*, and their successors: and appropriated^g thereunto by the Abbot of *Chebam*, deputed by Pope *Boniface* the ixth. 22. Oct. 1394. whereupon the Vicaridge was endowed^h: In 26 H. 8. the said Rectory, so appropriated, was valuedⁱ at xxi l. per an. the Vicar then having an yearly Pension^k, onely, of vi l. xiii s. iii d. payable by the said Canons of *Warwick*.

Patroni Ecclesie. Incumbentes, &c.

.....	<i>Nich. ae Burynton</i> Cap. 5. Cal. Dec. 1282.	<i>Giff.</i> f. 153. a.
<i>Rob. Lyvet.</i>	<i>Nich. Lyvet</i> Cler. 4. Non. Oct. 1297.	<i>lb. f.</i> 415. a.
<i>Will. de Meldon</i>	<i>Joh. Guldune</i> Cler. 1339.	<i>Wolfst. vol. I.</i> f. 12. b.
<i>de Langesford.</i>	<i>Will. de Southam</i> Pbr. 19 Apr. 1345.	<i>lb. vol. 2.</i> f. 80. b.
<i>Will. de Meldon</i>	<i>Rob. de Overton</i> Pbr. 6. Oct. 1349.	<i>S. Germ. f.</i> 129. b.
Patroni Vicarie.	<i>Will. Elys</i> Cap. 16. Martii 1404.	<i>Cliff.</i> f. 84. a.
	<i>Joh. Betley</i> 7 Jan. 1423.	<i>Morg. vol.</i> 1. f. 25. a.
	<i>D. Thom. Grene</i> Cap. 13. Iulii 1472.	<i>Carp. vol. 2.</i> f. 30. a.
<i>Decan. & Capit.</i>	<i>D. Edm. Par. alias Kellet</i> 17 Martii 1500.	<i>Gyg. 2. f.</i> 14. a.
<i>Eccl. Coll. beata Maria Warw.</i>	<i>Rog. Palmer</i> Pbr. 9 Iunii 1523.	<i>Jeronf.</i> 12. a.
	<i>D. Ric. Brugges</i> Cap. 1530.	<i>lb. f.</i> 25. a.

- 144b. f. 9. Thom. King de A- D. Thomas Tayler Pbr. 13.
 stan Cantlow Cler. Oct. 1545.
 & Mart. Barker
 ratione conceß. D.
 & Cap. Warw.
- 145f. 12. b. Eliz. Angl. Re- Regin. Broke Cler. 15 Dec.
 gina. 1576.
- 146f. 86. b. Jac. Rex. Angl. Thomas Honthye Cler. 9. Ju-
 &c. nii 1609.

Walcote.

OF this small Hamlet, being a member of the last mentioned Lordship, I have seen nothing more than the bare mention, in a certain Recognition¹ made by the Inhabitants of *Hateler temp. H. 6.* of what Glebe and Tithes, with other profits, were then, and anciently had been belonging to the Church.

Vpton.

THIS Village stands upon an ascent, and by reason thereof had its name, as the first syllable thereof plainly imports. In the Conqueror's time it being posselt^m by *Will. Buenaſleth*, was then held of him by one *Roger* his Tenant, and in the generall Survey then taken, certified to contain 4. hides and a half, and written *Optone*, the Woods belonging thereto, being ten furlongs and *xviii* perches in length, and 1 furlong in breadth, and the value of the whole *Lxx s.* But before the Norman invasion 3. Freeholders of Earl *Leuric* had it. After this it came to one of the old Earls of *Warwick*, but how soon, appears not: By whom, it seems, that *Boteler* of *Overſley* was enfeofft thereof; for in 20 H. 3. *Mauritius le Rotiller* heldⁿ one Kts. fee here of the then Earl. From which *Maurice*, or his son (I presume) it was passed to *Hugh Aguilun*, who dying^o seized thereof in 12 E. 1. without issue male, and his four sisters, or their children, sharing his lands, it became allotted^p to *Will. de Whitinton*, son of *Hamise* his second sister: which *Will.* in severall grants writes^q himself *Dominus de Vpton iuxta Hateloure*; in one whereof, bearing date 19 E. 2. he is stiled^r a Kt. But from this Sir *W. de Whitinton*, after many descents, it divolved unto *Guy VWhittington* of *Pauntley* in com. *Glouc.* Esq. who held^s it in 10 H. 6. And from the said *Guy*, to *Thomas VWhittington* Esq. who died^t seized thereof in 38 H. 8. leaving six daughters and heirs, whereof *Margaret* the eldest was wedded^u to *Thomas Throkemorton* (of . . . in com. *Glouc.*) *Blanch^w* to *John S. Aby*, *Anne^x* to *Bricius Berkley*, *Joane^y* to *Roger Bodnam*, *Alice* to . . . and *Eliz.^z* to . . . *Poole*: betwixt whom I do not find that there was any Partition made before the 26 of Q. *Eliz.* reign.

Southwards from *Hateler* (but within the same Parish) is a Coppice wood, and in it a notable Hill, which is of such a steep and equall ascent from every side, as if it had been artificially made, so that it is a very eminent mark over all that part of the Country, and by the common people called *Alcocks Arbour*. Towards the foot whereof is a hole, now almost filled up, having been the en-

trance into a Cave, as the Inhabitants report: of which Cave there is an old wives story, that passes for current amongst the people of the adjacent Towns; viz. that one *Alcock*, a great Robber, used to lodge therein, & having got much money by that course of life, hid it in an iron-bound Chest, whereunto were three Keys; which Chest, they say, is still there, but guarded by a Cock that continually sits upon it: And that on a time, an *Dr-ſozd* Schollar came thither, with a Key that opened two of the Locks; but as he was attempting to open the third, the Cock seized on him. To all which they adde, that if one Bone of the partie, who set the Cock there, could be brought, he would yield up the Chest. But leaving this Fable to those that fancy such things, I come to a place not far from it, called *Grove-hill*, whence issueth a very pleasant Spring, which anciently bore the name of *Caldwell*, being remarkable for an Hermitage^b that stood close by it, and at the Foundation of *Alceſter* Priore, by *Raph Boteler* of *Overſley*, in K. *Steph.* time, was by him given^c thereto.

Pat. 8.
H. 6. p.
1. m.
15. per
Inſp.

Great Alne.

HAVING now dispatch't on this side the River *Alne*, I must step to the other; where I am first to take notice of *Great Alne*, antiently written *Roun Alne*, and therefore corruptly now called *Round Alne*. This was given^d to the Monks of *Winchcombe* in com. *Glouc.* about the year of Christ *DCCCIX.* by *Kenuſph* King of *Merſa*, then Founder of that Monastery; and by the Conqueror's Survey,^e being certified to contain *vi* hides, having a Mill rated at *v s.* with woods of half a mile in length and four furlongs in breadth, was valued at *iiii l.* In that Record it is written *Alne*, being so called from the River, near unto which it is situate. Which Monks of *Winchcombe* had in 35 H. 3. *Freeſwarren* granted^f unto them in all their demefn lands of this Mannour. But of it I have seen no more worthy of note, other than, that, after the dissolution of that Abby, it continued in the Crown till 42 *Eliz.* and was then granted^g to . . . *Stone* and . . . *Grynsford* to hold in *Capite*.

Ex Regiſt.
de Winch-
combe pe-
nēs Will.
Morton eq.
aur.
e Domeſd.
lib.

The Rectorie here, is appurtenant to that of *Hynewarton*, part of the Parſon of *Hynewarton's* Glebe, lying within this Parish; But in 26 H. 8. the profits of each, were computed by themselves, at which time this of *Alne* was rated^h at *vi l.* *viii s.* there being then issuing out of it, for *Synodals* and *Procurations x s. v d. ob.*

f Pat. 1. H.
4. p. 8. m.
18. per.
Inſp.

g Pat. 42.
Eliz. p. 7.

h MS. pe-
nēs S. A.
eq. aur.
f. 21. b.

In a North window of the Church
these Armes.

. two bends } Atwood.
engrailed. empaling Bende } Mounfort.
of x pieces Or and Azure

Kinewarton.

THIS (doubtless) had its name originally from some possessor of it in the Saxons time, *Kineward* being an appellation in those days not unuſual. Upon the foundation of *Cheſham* Abby

Abby by *Ecgrin* Bishop of *Worcester*, in the year *DCCXIII*. from our Saviours incarnation, it was givenⁱ by him thereto, and in the Conqueror's Survey^k certified to contain 3. hides, which were at that time held of the Abbot by one *Ranulf*; whereunto then belong'd a Mill rated at *iii s.* the value of all being put at *xv s.* But in that Record it is written *Chenebertone*. To which *Ranulf* succeeded^l another of that name, called *Ranulfus de Kinewarton*, Brother unto *William* Abbot of *Evesham* in *H. 2.* time. Which *Ranulph* held^m the before specified 3. hides of those Monks, in demesne, and left issue *Robert*, who in *1. Joh.* endowedⁿ *Joane* the wife of *Ric. de Brusle* with one hide thereof; concerning which there grew suits afterwards, betwixt the Monks of *Evesham* and the descendants of the said *Richard* and *Joane*; for in *34 H. 3.* *Rob. de Bruily* brought an Assize^o of *Novell disseisin* against the Abbot of *Evesham* for 5. yardland here: but the Monks at last obtained *Bruilye's* interest by purchase^p in *10 E. 1.* and, in *13.* of that King's reign, claimed^q by Prescription, a *Court Leet* here, with Assize of bread and Beer, *Weyfs*, and divers ether privileges, all which were allowed.

After which, viz. temp. *E. 2.* *Walter de Beauchamp* granted^r to them one Messuage, 3. acres of meadow, and *xl s.* Rent, which he held of the said Monks by the service of *x s. per an.* But there is nothing more of note, that I have seen, concerning this Mannour, whilst it continued to the Monasterie of *Evesham*; nor after the dissolution of that Religious House, other than that it was granted^s out of the Crown *2 Junii 32 H. 8.* to *Anthony Skinner* of *London* Gentleman, who dyed^t seized thereof *19 Nov. 1 Eliz.* leaving *George* his son and heir 48 years of age, and *William* a younger son: which *Will.* by the death of his Brother without issue, became heir to the estate; from whom it descended to *William* his grandson; and of him was purchased by *Sir Foulk Grevill* Kt. Lord *Brook*, in our memory.

The Church, together with the Chapels of *Alne* and *Witthelep* thereto belonging, was given to the Monks of *Evesham* in *H. 2.* time, by *Ranulph de Kinewarton*, with the consent of *Alexander* his son and heir, for the health of the same *Ranulph's* soul, and the soul of *Christine* his wife, as by his Deed,^u which he presented upon the high Altar of that Monastery, for seisin thereof, appeareth: And in *An. 1291.* (*19 E. 1.*) with the Chapellies thereunto belonging, was valued^w at *xviii* marks, whereof *Alne* was then reputed one, out of which the Abbot of *Witchcombe* received an yearly portion^x of half a mark. This Church was new built, as it seems, about the 5th. of *Edw. 2* reign; for I find, that *Walt. de Maydston*, then Bishop of *Worcester*, on the *xv Cal.* of *July* the same year, did consecrate and dedicate, both it and the high Altar; whereunto did belong^z, and had done time out of mind, a certain mess. and one yard land in *Alne*, as part of the Glebe. After which, viz. in *26 H. 8.* this Parsonage was rated^a at *x li. xiii s. iiii d.* besides that of *Alne*.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.

Incumbentes, &c.

Dominus Episc.
Wigorn.D. Rex hac vice,
ratione temporal.
Episcopus Wi-
gorn, &c.

D. Episc. Wigorn.

B. de Devises xv. Cal. Mar- Giff. f. 350.
tii 1291. b.
Simon de Shireford subdiac. Maid. f. 43.
15 Cal. Apr. 1315. a.
Thom. de Blyborough Pbr. 4. Cob. f. 28. a.
Cal. Martii 1321.
Joh. de Somery. 1. Aug. Ib. f. 131. a.
1327.
Galsfr. de Welnesford 22 Nov. Br. vol. 1. f.
1354. 12. a.
Edw. Forst Diac. 16 Oct. Ib. f. 38. b.
1361.
Joh. Claypole 5. Maii Lyn. f. 19. a.
1374.
Rog. Mey 6 Aug. 1385. Wak. f. 42.
Sim. Sylverston 7 Sept. Ib. f. 100. m.
1392.
Rob. Canell 1 Feb. 1401. Clif. f. 11. b.
Ric. Penne 15 Maii 1411. Pru. f. 44. b.
Joh. Tymmes 14 Julii Ib. f. 56. a.
1413.
Joh. Cockys 11 Feb. 1434. S. Germ. f. 256. b.

D. Nich. Richon Cap. 3. Carp. vol. 1.
Aug. 1446. f. 41. b.
Andr. Mankiswell art. Mr. Ib. f. 119. b.
22 Oct. 1454.
Mr. Thom. Balsall S. Theol. Ib. f. 230. b.
prof. 19 Oct. 1468.
D. Joh. Milward Cap. 12. Carp. vol. 2.
Martii 1471. f. 25. a.
D. Rob. Coke Cap. 21. Jan. Ib. f. 59. b.
1474.
Rad. Lye Cap. 20 Dec. 1481. Alc. f. 93. b.
Mr. Jac. Botiller 28 Julii Gyg. vol. 1.
1498. f. 8. a.
D. Joh. Sleford Pbr. 6 Oct. Gyg. vol. 2. f.
1503. 27. b.
Ric. Warden Cler. art. Mr. 8. Heath. f.
Junii 1553. 19. a.
Nich. Jackson sacellanus E- Ib. f. 34. b.
piscopi, 29 Julii 1561.
Thom. Clerke Cler. 8 Aug. Ib. f. 36. b.
1562.

Upon a Gravestone in the midst of the
Chancell, is this Epttaph.

*Hic jacet Thomas Clarke vir Octogenus & præ-
ses Ecclesia per annos quinquaginta & sex, qui
diem suam obiit vicesimo quarto Augusti, An.
MDCXVI.*

Wethele.

This (lying on the Western side of *Arroth*) be-
ing likewise part of the endowment, which the
Abby of *Evesham* at its foundation had by *S. Ec-
gwyn's* grant, and posselt by the Monks of that
House in the Conqueror's time, was by the gene-
ral Survey^b then made, wherein it is written *Wi-* b Domestd
lele, certified to contain three Hides; which 3 lib.
hides

Arrow.

Descending lower by the bank of *Aine*, I come forthwith to its conjunction with *Arrold*; which, being the more eminent stream, carrieth on that name till it meets with *Abon*. The first place of note that presents itself to my view, below this confluence, is *Arrold*, taking its name from the River, on the West side whereof it is seated. Before the Norman invasion this, having been the freehold of one *Leuinus*, but by the Conqueror's disposal possessed by *Odo* Bishop of *Bathur*; half Brother to the K. (whose under-tenant thereof was one *Stefanus*, was, by the Survey then taken, found to contain 7 hides and a half, having a Mill prized at *vi s. viii d.* with Woods belonging thereto, that extended to a mile in length and two furlongs in breadth, all which were valued at *iiii l.*

That this Bishop adhered to *Rob. Curthose*, eldest son to the Conqueror, and for that respect was constrained to quit *England*, in the time of *K. Will. Rufus*, our Historians do shew at large; so that the said King then seizing his lands, gave this, as 'tis probable, to *Roger Marmion*; for it appears that the said *Roger* did possess it, and that from him it descended to *Robert* his grandchild; which *Rob.* past it away to *Geffrey Marmion*, his uncle; in consideration whereof the same *Geffrey* released unto him all his right that he had in the Fee of *Manfer Marmion*, as well in *England* as in *Wales*, according to the tenor of *K. H. 2.* Charter. To which *Geffrey* succeeded *Albreda* his daughter and heir, who granted this Lordship of *Arewe* to *Will. de Camvill* and his heirs, for the service of half a Kts. Fee; but afterwards became his wife, as it seems: The descendants of which *Will.* during the continuance of the male line, made this their principall seat, and after them the *Bardets* by marriage of the heir female of that Family. Which *Will. de Camvill*, being a younger son to *Ric. de Camvill* Founder of *Combe* Abby in this Countie, and by the marriage of the said *Albreda* invested with *Marmion's* right, obtained a Release from *Raph Boteler* of *Overstep*, of all his claim in this Lordship, touching which he had been impleaded by him the said *Raph*; and left issue, by the same *Albreda*, *Geffrey de Camvill* his son and heir (from whom the *Camvilles* of *Clifton* in *Staffordshire* descended, whose heir female called *Isabell*, in *E. 3.* time, was wedded to Sir *Ric. Stafford* Kt.) *William* his second son, who had this Mannour, as also *Sekindon*, and *Thomas* a Priest, as the Descent sheweth.

Which last mentioned *Will.* in *18 Joh.* had a grant of the lands in *Alencester* belonging to *Pe. Fitz Herbert*, to hold during the King's pleasure: But this *Will.* incurring the King's fore indignation, for cutting down a Wood of his own, here at *Arewe*, it being within the precincts of *Fekenhams* Forest, had, for that offence, part of his lands seized on by the Sheriff; howbeit in *12 H. 3.* in consideration of *L. marks Fine*, for payment whereof securitie was then given, obtained restitution of them again, and was received into favour: and in *16 H. 3.* the better to fortifie his title to this Lordship, procured from *Maurice le Boteler* of *Overstep* (son and heir to the before specified *Raph*) a confirmation thereof, for which he gave *C. s. sterling*: But all that I further find of him is,

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that

Kingle.

Of this place (contained likewise within the Parish of *Kinewarton*) the first mention that I find, is in *5 H. 3.* where *Stephen de Raggeleg* grants to *Ranulph* Abbot of *Cheesham* and his successors *CL.* acres of land lying therein. After which, viz. in *13 E. 1.* it appears that the Abbot of *Cheesham* made claim to a *Court Leet* here, and divers other privileges, by Prescription, in like sort as he did in *Kinewarton* and *Wethel*, which were allowed: But I perceive that it was originally a member of *Wethel*, and involved therewith in the Conqueror's Survey, though it be not particularly specified therein, part thereof having been granted with *Wethel* to the Monks of *Cheesham* at the Foundation of that Monastery; for no less doth the exchange made in *43 E. 3.* betwixt the said Monks and *John le Roux* of *Ragley*, of certain lands here, import. Whether this, which *Roux* then had by that exchange, were all that belong'd to the Monks in this place, I cannot say; but I do not find any mention afterward, that they had more to do here: the extent whereof was 90 acres of land and 7 acres of meadow, as by the Inquisition taken in *3 H. 6.* after the death of *Will. le Roux* appeareth. The next possessor thereof (that I have yet seen mentioned) was *Ric. Burdet* of *Arrold* Esq. upon whose issue by *Joice* his wife, it being entailed in *3 R. 3.* descended, and is by that means come to the Lord *Conway*, with *Arrold*, whereof I am next to speak.

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R. Ho-
ved. f. 264
b.

Ex au-
tog. pe-
nes Fr.
a Bur-
det
Ea.

b Pl. de
term. Mich.
9. Joh. rot.
3 Deib.

c Ex autog.
penes Edw.
vic. Con-
way.

d Pl. ut su-
pra.

e Reg. de
Cumb. f.
35. b.

f 16. f. 33. a.
g Ex autog.
penes S.
Roper. ar.

h Clau. f. 18.
10. m. 6.

i Rot. F.
13. H.
3. m. 6.
k Claus.
13 H.
3. m. 8.

l F. levat.
Off. Joh.
Bapt. 16.
H. 3.

c Regist. de
Evech. f. 8.
b.
d Rot. de
Quo W.
e Plac. co-
am R. term.
17. m. 18. E.
3. rot. 76.
f Rot. F. 6.
E. 3. m. 16.
g Rot. F. 18.
E. 3. m. 20.
h Ex autog.
n bibl.
Deuvel.

E. 16. R.
p. 2. n. 22.

Pat. 35.
18. p. 16.

16. p. 12.
1. Lel. Jm.
ol. 4. f.
68.

E. 4. E.

F. levat.
F. Mich.
H. 3.

Rot. de
uo W.

E. 43.
3. p. 2. n.

16. 3. H.
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levat.
1. Bapt.
13.

m Pat. 19.
H. 3. in d.
n Inq. per
Hundr. 4.
E. 1.

that in 19 H. 3. he was constituted^m one of the Justices for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**; and that about the 25 H. 3. he withdrewⁿ his suit for this Mannour from the Countie and Hundred Courts, having got a discharge from *Philip de Ascells*, the then Shiriff, for his so doing, in consideration of half a mark to be yearly paid to him the said *Philip* and his successors.

o Ex autog.
p. nēs Rob.
Throk-
morton B.

To this *Will.* succeeded^o *Thomas de Camvill*; betwixt whom and *Geffrey de Camvile* (of **Elstton**) there was some controversie touching the Customs and services, which he the said *Geffrey* required of him for this Mannour, whereupon they came to Agreement^p in 3 E. 1. by which it was concluded, that for the time to come the said *Thomas* and his heirs should pay xx s. for Scutage levied after the rate of xl s. and for more or less according to that proportion: as also Homage and Relief when cause required. From which *Thomas* descended^q Sir *Gerard de Camvile* Kt. who in 19 E. 1. was employed^r into **Scotland** for the King's service; and so likewise in 29 E. 1. having then summons, amongst sundry other persons of eminency, to attend the K. at **Warwick** upon **Twede**, well furnished with Horse and Armes for to march into **Scotland**. Of this Sir *Gerard* is that fair portraiture, yet standing in a South window of the Church here at **Artois**, in his military habite of that time, and a Surcoat of Armes; who kneeling before St. *George* (the Souldiers Saint) implores his remembrance, as the scrol proceeding from his lips (*viz. Qui fueram Miles recole me G. sancte*) sheweth; which, where I speak of the Church, is lively exprest.

p F. levat.
xv. Pasch.
3 E. 1.

q Ex autog.
p. nēs pref.
Fr. Burdet.
B.

r Pat. 19.
E. 1. m. 7.

s Claus. 29.
E. 1. in d. m.
13.

But after him I find mention^t of *Henry de Camvill*, at this place, for some few years about the beginning of E. 2. reign, though by what title I am not able to say: Perhaps, that being of the name, and a younger branch of this Family, he had got *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir to the said *Gerard*, into his power, with hopes to make her his wife, and thereby gain that fair inheritance belonging to her; for it appears^u that in 33 E. 1. she was under age, and that in 6 E. 2. upon a complaint by him made to the King, that *Robert Burdet*, *Gerard de Sekindon*, and others, had forcibly taken away *Elizabeth* his wife, residing here at **Artois**, together with his goods and Cattel, a Commission^w was issued out unto *Henry Spigurnell*, *Nich. de Langelond*, and *Ric. de Chiseldon* to make enquiry thereof, by the Oaths of honest and lawfull men, and to certifye the truth therein; so that it is not improbable that this *Eliz.* was the daughter and heir to the before specified *Gerard de Camvile*, whom the said *Robert Burdet* lawfully^x wedded, and through whose right this Lordship and other lands came to his posterity.

t Ren. f. 6.
a. 19. a. &
35. a.

u Lang. f.
7. a.

w Claus. 6.
E. 2. in d. m.
18.

x Ex autog.
p. nēs pref.
Fr. Burdet.

Having thus shewed how the *Burdets* were first posselt of this Mannour, where they afterwards seated themselves, for divers ages; and finding that they had lands in this Countie long before, I shall here take notice of what I have met with, in an historicall way, relating to them. The first of this name, of whom I have found mention, is *Robert Burdet* one^y of the witnesses to that notable Charter made by *Geffrey de Wirce* to the Monastery of St. *Nicholas* at **Angers**, which beareth date at **Spontskirby**, in this Countie, in the twelfth year of K. *Will.* the Conqueror's reign. Whether the said *Robert* was paternal ancestor to those of this Family whereof I

y Ex autog.
in bibl. Cot-
t. m.

am to speak, I cannot certainly affirm; but the next that I meet with, *viz. William*, who flourisht in H. 2. time, undoubtedly was. This being he that founded^z that little Cell at **Aucote** near **Sekindon** in 5 H. 2. (as when I come to speak thereof shall be manifested) was in 12 H. 2. certified^a to hold half a Kts. fee of *Will. de Beauchamp* (of **Elmeley** Castle in Com. **Wigorn.**) de veteri feoffamento: He was also a witness^b to the Charter made by *Robert* Earl of **Leicester** to the Monks of **Combe**, whereby he confirmed the Foundation of that Monastery, seated within his Fee; and gave^c to the Nuns of **Polestworth** certain lands called **Coppenhall**, (lying near **Sekindon** above mentioned) which *Hugh* his son and heir confirmed.

From which *William* descended Sir *William Burdet* Kt. who with the Shiriff and *Richard de Mundelevill*, was in 36 H. 3. a Commissioner^d for assessing a Tallage upon all the King's demesns within this Countie and **Leicestershire**, and bore for his Arms *Azure two bars Or*, as by the impression of his Seal^e and other authorities appeareth; within the compass whereof the *Cressant* and *Star* are put, as a Badge of his service in the *Holy land*: And gave^f to the Monks of **Aucote** xii d. yearly Rent, issuing out of a Tenement there, for the maintenance of a Lampe in the Church of our Lady and St. *Blase* at **Aucote** above specified, before the Altar of the *Blessed Virgin*, for the health of his soul, and of the soul of *Alice* his wife, and their ancestors: As also, when he lay upon his death bed, bestowed^g on them half a yard land lying in **Rodcliffe**, with a Water Mill there.

But the next of this line, of whom I have found any thing memorable, was *Robert Burdet*, one^h of the Justices for Gaol delivery at **Warwick** from 11 E. 1. to the 20th. of that King's reign; yet none of these had to do here at **Artois**; the next *Robert*, nephew to the last (by *Hugh* his Brother) being he that first settled here in right of *Eliz.* his wife daughter and heir to *Gerard de Camvill*, before spoken of. Which *Robert* in 12 E. 2. gaveⁱ three acres of land, parcell of his demesn, to *William de Bremesgreve*, then Rector of the Church here at **Artois**, for the enlargement of the Church-yard, as also of the Parsonage glebe; and was a man of much publick action in his time: for I find that in 14 E. 2. he served^k in the Parl. at **Westminster** as one of the Knights for this Shire: In 17. and 18^m E. 2. that he was one of the Commissioners for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**, and in 19 E. 2. that he was againⁿ Knight for the Shire in the Parliament there held at **Westminster**.

This *Robert*, in 1 E. 3. had a Charter^o of **Free-warren** granted to him and his heirs in all his demesn lands here, and at **Sekindon** in this Countie, as also for those at **Huncote** and **Spitpe** in **Leicestershire**. The next year following he served^p in the Parliament held at **Boke** as one of the Kts. for this Countie; but before the end of that year, was constituted^q Shiriff for this **Leicestershire**, being also a Commissioner^r for the Gaol delivery at **Warwick**. In 7 E. 3. he was again in Commission^s for the like Gaol delivery at **Warwick**; as also by a special Patent^t, bearing date at **Boke** 4 Feb. the same year, had a License to impark his Woods here at **Artois**, and so

z Ex vet.
membr. p.
nēs S. Ar-
cher. e1.
aur.

a Lib. sub. f.
99. b.
b Reg. de
Cumbas. f.
33. b.

c Pat. 21 R.
2. p. 2. m. 10.
per Insp.

d Claus. 36
H. 3. in d.

e Penēs
Ioh. Fer-
rers de
Tamworth
ar.

f Ex autog.
p. nēs Fr.
Netherfol
eq. aur.

g Plac. de
term. . . .
14. H. 3. rot
3.

h Pat. de
ijs. d. an. in
d.

i Pat. 12. E.
1. p. 1. m.
28.

k Claus. 14
E. 2. in d. m.
16.

l Pat. 17. E.
2. p. 2. in d.
m. 25.

m Pat. 18.
E. 2. p. 1. m.
7.

n Claus. 29
E. 2. in d.
m. 19.

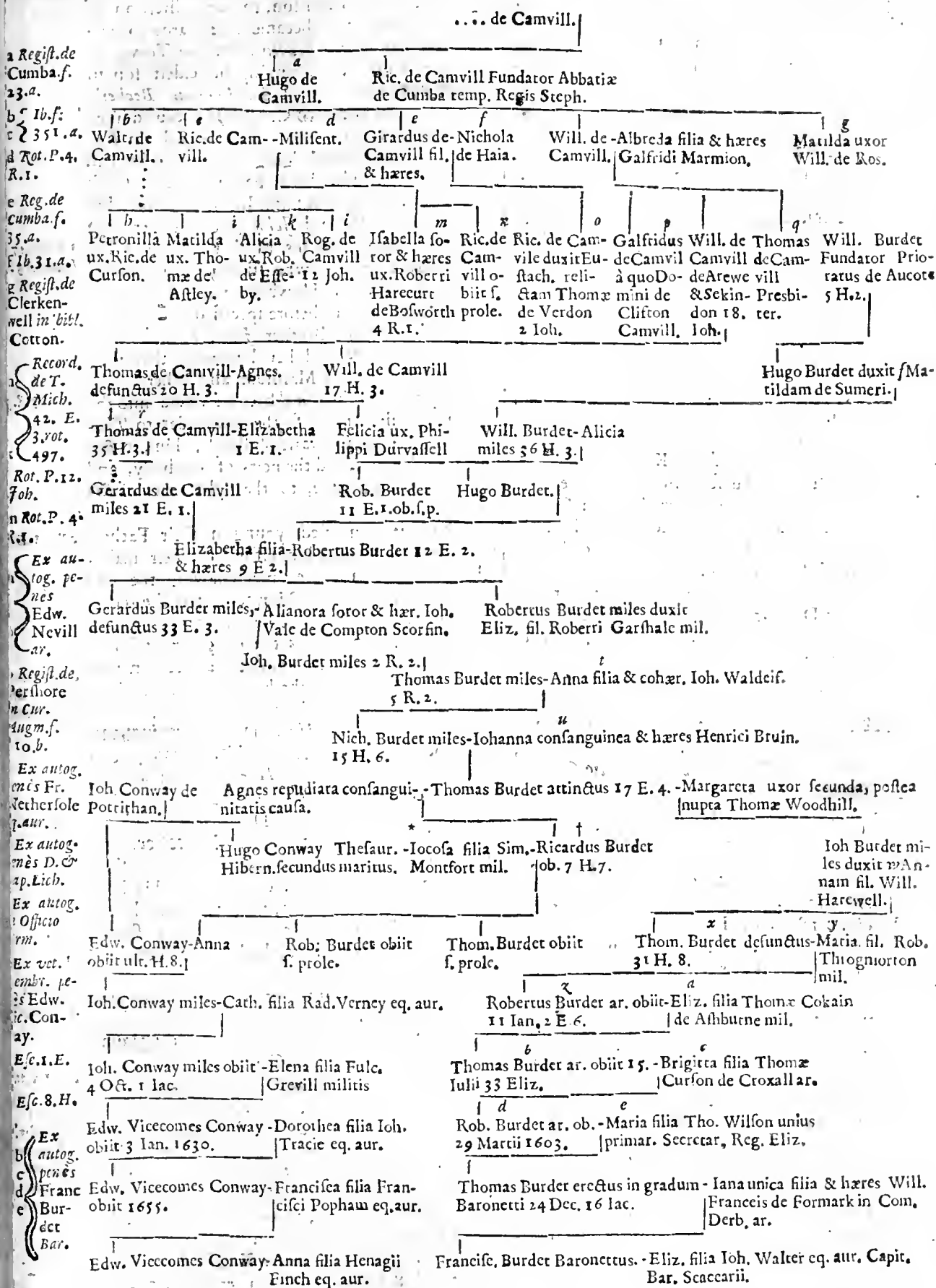
o Cart. 1. E.
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o Claus. 2.
E. 3. in d. m.
32.

p Rot. F. 2.
E. 3. m. 3.

q Pat. 2. E.
3. p. 1. in d.
m. 30.

r Pat. 7. E.
3. p. 2. in d.
m. 14.

s Pat. 7. E.
3. p. 1. m.
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to hold them to himself and his heirs for ever: and left issue by the said Eliz. & Gerard and Robert, both Kts. which Robert was of **Bourton super Dunsmoys** in this Countie (as I have there manifested.) But Gerard had here his principall seat, and in 20 E. 3. served in the Wars of France, being then of the retinue to **Maurice de Berkley**, an English Baron. But about the 33 E. 3. the said Gerard departed this life, leaving John his son and heir under age, the custodie of whose lands, to-

gether with his marriage, was granted * in 33 E. 3. by Sir Ric. Stafford Kt. unto Ric. de Clodshale (of **Saltley** in this Countie) which John, by the death of John de Vale (his Uncle by the Mothers side) without issue in 34 E. 3. was found to be one of his Cosins and next heirs; and in 2 R. 2. being then a Kt. was constituted one of the Commissioners in this Countie for taxing a subsidie, at that time granted to the K. in Parliament.

x Ex autog. penes Rob. Arden ar.

y E. c. 36. E. 3. p. 2. n. 63.

z Rot. F. 2. R. 2. m. 10.

^a Ex autog.
penes Fr.
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^b Pat. 15.
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^c Comp.
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W. Peir.
point. ar.

^d Claus. 17.
K. 2. in d. m.
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^e Claus. 2.
H. 4. in d.
m. 3.

^f Claus. 8.
H. 4. in d.
m. 7.

^g Rot. F. 3.
H. 5. m. 12.

^h Pat. 8. H.
5. p. 2. in d.
m. 8.

ⁱ Rot. F. 7.
H. 5. m. 8.

^k Pat. 9. H.
5. p. 1. in d.
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^l Rot. penes
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^m Ex autog.
penes Fr.
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ⁿ Holing-
sh. Chron. p.
590. Col. 2.

^o Ex autog.
penes W.
Burton ar.

^p Ho-
lingsh.
q. p. 618.
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^r Rot. F. 28.
H. 6. m. 6.

^s Pat. de
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^t Holingsh.
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^u Stow's An.
p. 430.

^v Claus. 17.
E. 4. m. 13.

^w Ex cod.
MS. in bibl.
Cotton.
[vitel. F.
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^x See the
year-book
f. 18. E. 4.

^y Stow's
An. p.
430.

To whom succeeded ^a Sir *Thomas Burdet* Kt. his son and heir, a person honoured with divers great employments in his time. In 5 R. 2. he was constituted ^b one of the Commissioners for arraying of men in this Countie, being then of the retinue ^c unto *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick*. In 17 R. 2. he served ^d in the Parl. then held at *Westm.* as one of the Kts. for this Shire; so also in the Parliaments of 2. ^e and 8. ^f H. 4. In 3. H. 5. he was made Shiriff ^g for this Countie and *Leicestershire*. In 6 H. 5. again one ^h of the Commissioners of Array in this Shire; and the next year following, jointly intrusted, together with the Shiriff and some other select persons, to treat ⁱ with the people for a loan of money to the King. In 9 H. 5. he was in ^k Commission for assessing and collecting a Subsidie then granted to the K. in Parl. and left issue *Nicholas* his son and heir; of whom I find, that being one of those, who bearing Armes from his Ancestors, as the Writ and Return thereof specially intimates, he had Summons ^l to attend the King in person at *Westminster* upon Tuesday in the first week of Lent 7 H. 5. for defence of the Realm: Shortly after which, he was retained to serve the said K. in his wars; for by an Indenture ^m bearing date at *Southwike* 6 Maii 8 H. 5. it appears, that he received in hand from *John Salverne* Treasurer at Wars to the D. of *Bedford*, for himself, two men at Arms and seven Archers, xxix l. xis. vi d. for one quarters wages.

And continuing in those wars, in 3 H. 6. was one of those that defended ⁿ the town of *S. James de Beburon* situate on the frontiers of *Normandy* towards *Wiltanp*; and upon the siege thereof, by *Arthur* Earl of *Richmond* and *Robert* Constable of *France*, made a courageous saile, wherein 7 or 800 of the enemy were slain, 50 Prisoners, 18 Standards, and one Banner taken. In 15 H. 6. he was ^o a Knight; but being afterwards made ^p chief Butler of *Normandy*, and Governour of *Cureux* in that Dutchy, was slain ^q in the battail of *Pontefice* 18 H. 6. To whom succeeded *Thomas* his son and heir: which *Thomas* in 28 H. 6. being employed ^r in this Countie about levying the subsidie then granted to the K. in Parl. was from the 7th. to the fourteenth of E. 4. reign, in ^s Commission for conservation of the Peace: But in 17 E. 4. having incurred the King's displeasure for his good affections to the D. of *Clarence*, so strict were the eyes and ears that were set over him, that an advantage was soon taken to cut off his Head: for ^t hearing that the King had killed a white Buck in his Park here at *Arewa*, which Buck he set much store by, passionately wishing the Hornes in his Belly that moved the K. so to do, being arraigned and convicted ^u of high Treason, for those words, upon inference made that his meaning was mischievous to the K. himself, he lost his life for the same, his Body being buried ^v in the Chapell of *All Saints* within the *Grayfriars* Church near *Petwgate*, with this memoriall in their Martyrologe, viz. that he was *valens Armiger Domini Georgii Ducis Clarencie*.

After the death of which *Thomas*, their grew great suits ^x for this Mannour and other lands, betwixt *Richard Burdet* his son by a former wife, that had been for nearness of kindred divorced from him, and *John Burdet* his son by *Margaret* a later wife: For the said *Thomas* (by License ^y obtained from the K. in 12 E. 4.) had aliened

his lands to his younger son, to the disherison of the elder, of which he became afterwards so sensible, that ^a as he was drawn from the Tower to the place of execution, espying his eldest son in *Westchepe*, over against *St. Thomas Becket's* Hospitall (now *Mercers* Chapell) he caused himself to be stayed, and there asked his said son forgiveness, and acknowledging the wrong he had done him, concluded that to be the cause of Gods vengeance then against him. But in that suit, before mentioned, the said *John* (the younger son) prevailed, *Margaret* his Mother holding ^a her ^a estate therein for life, who shortly after married to *Thomas Woodhill*. Howbeit, after this it was not long, ere that the before specified *Ric. Burdet* so wrought with his Brother *John*, as also with the said *Margaret* and her husband, that they levied a Fine ^b of this Mannour and other lands, whereby the same *Richard* became vested into the present possession thereof, the remainder to *Thomas* his son; and for want of issue by him, to *Robert* his other son, and the heirs of his body, and for lack of such issue, to the right heirs of *Richard*.

Which two sons died ^c young in their Fathers ^c life time, and *Richard* himself left no heir male: 6.

The consideration whereof much moving the said *John*; forasmuch as this Mannour, and the rest of those entailed lands were like to be transferred to another Familie, by *Anne* the daughter and heir of the same *Richard*, he exhibited a Petition ^d in Parl. to K. H. 8. about the beginning of his reign; wherein, the better to ingratiate himself, he set forth his adherence to *Henry D. of Buckingham*, in the behalf of *Henry* Earl of *Richmond* (afterwards King by the name of H. 7.) against *Ric. 3.* King in deed but not of right; alleadging that upon the miscarriage of that Duke in his said attempts, he himself was taken at *Gloucester*, and there kept Prisoner, and moved that the said Fine should be made void, so that himself and his heirs might enjoy this Mannour, with the lands before mentioned, in such sort as he and they should and ought to have done, had it not been levied.

This *John Burdet* was ^e one of the retinue unto Sir *Edm. Howard* Admirall in 4 H. 8. for scouring the Seas on the Southern coast of *England*; and in no small favour at Court, as it seems: for his Petition took such effect that he pursued ^f his claim to this Lordship, and all other the lands whereof his Father was seized, against *Edward Conway* and *Anne* his wife, daughter and heir to the before specified *Ric. Burdet*, as if there had been no such entail as hath been said. Which suits continued many years, to a very vast expence betwixt them, and ended not in the said Sir *John Burdet's* days (for he was a Knight ^g and dyed ^g in 20 H. 8.) But not long afterwards, viz. 20 Julii 22 H. 8. *Thomas* his son and heir, as also the said *Edw. Conway* and *Anne* submitted ^h this difference to the Arbitration of *Clement* then Abbot of *Westham*, *Will. Prior* of *Gloucester*, *Roger Winter*, and *John Russell* Esquires, who made an Award therein, viz. ⁱ that the said *T. Burdet* should quietly enjoy to himself and his heirs all the lands in *Longdon-Travers* and *Petwbold* in *Com. Wigorn*. And the said *Edw. Conway* and *Anne* his wife, and their heirs, those in *Longdon* in this Countie, as also in *Belne* and *Ablench* in *Com. Wigorn*. But this Award did not quiet them

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^c Est. 1. E.

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^e Stow's
An. p. 490.

^f Ex autog.
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them, so that after new suits begun again above two years after, they made¹ choice of Sir *Anth. Fitz Herbert*, and Sir *Will. Shelley* Kts. then Justices of the Common Pleas, to determine the business; who taking upon them the decision thereof, thus stated it; viz. ^m that the said *Thomas Burdet* and his heirs should have the Mannours of *Bromcote*, *Sekinton*, *Compton-Scotlan*, and *Wilmecote* in this Countie; *Longdon-Travers*, *Little-Longdon*, *Arminscote*, and *Peibold* in *Com. Wigorn*, with *Larkstoke*, *Pyulton*, *Debwoth*, *Quinton*, and *Arminscote* in *Gloucestershire*, as also *C. marks* in money. And the said *Edw. Conway* and *Anne*, and their heirs, this Mannour of *Arrow*, with the Mannours of *Lodington*, *Kingley*, *Almose*, and *Campl-hill* in this Shire; *Belne*, *Ablench*, *Cloodball*, *Apton-Wareyn*, *Apton* upon *Seberne* with *Beeley* and *Elmblygge* in *Com. Wigorn*. All which have been enjoyed, ever since, accordingly.

This *Edw. Conway* wasⁿ a younger son to *John Conway* of *Pottrithan* in *Com. Flint* Esquire (where the principall branch of that antient Family still flourishes) and descended^o from Sir *Henry Conway* Kt. whose memory is still famous, for his military imployments under the conduct of *Edm. Mortimer* Earl of *March* and *Ulster*, about the beginning of K. *Ric.* 2. reign; and not without good cause, I presume: For having been first retained^p by the name of *Henry Conway* Esquire, to serve him during his whole life, as well in the times of Peace as in War, in consideration of *L. marks* sterling, to be yearly payd out of the Mannours, Castle and Lordship of *Clifford* and *Gloucebury* in *Wales* and the Marches thereof; and, for his singular demerits therein, received the dignity of Knighthood at the hands of the said Earl, he was by Indenture^q bearing date 1 Aug. 5 R. 2. again retained to do him service, as a Knight for the like terme; and in times of Peace to have diet for himself, one Esquire, one Chamberlain and 4. Grooms; as also Hay, Oats, Horschoos and Nayls for six Horses, or reasonable allowance for the same: And whensoever he should be required to make his attendance on the said Earl, for service of War, the like diet and Wages in lieu thereof, for himself, his Esquire, Chamberlain and 5. Grooms, with Hay, Oats, &c. for eight Horses; and allowance for so many men at Armes and Archers as he should bring to the said Earl for service of War, the like wages and reward as he gave to others of their quality. Having moreover, in consideration of the Surrender of that Annuity of *L. marks*, so granted as above said, the yearly Rent of *XL. l.* to be received out of the Seignory of *Redetopyng* in *Wales*, at the Feasts of *S. Mich.* and *Easter* by equall portions: The payment whereof was afterwards ratified by the King, as by his Letters Pat.^r bearing date at *Westm.* 12 Maii the same year appeareth, but assigning his receipt out of the Lordship of *Dynebegh*, which with the rest of the possessions of that Earl, then deceased, were then in the King's hands, by reason of his Son's minority.

I am of opinion that the marriage of the before specified *Edward*, with the said *Anne* the daughter and heir to *Ric. Burdet*, was occasioned by the means of his elder Brother, viz. Sir *Hugh Conway* Kt. second husband to *Joyce*, mother of the said *Anne* (as the Descent sheweth) the said *Hugh* being a man of no small note in those days;

For having received the honour of Knighthood at the Coronation of *Eliz.* wife to K. *H.* 7. he became a Counceller^r of State and Knight^u for the Body to that King, as also Treasurer^w of *Ireland*; and was retained^x in 7. of his reign to serve him in his wars beyond the Sea, with *xx.* men besides himself, being likewise a Justice^y of Peace in this Countie for severall years.

But I return to the before specified *Edward*, of whom all that I find farther memorable is, that being^z Gentleman huisher of the Chamber to K. *H.* 8. he had a speciall License^a under the Privy Signet, dated 12 Feb. 3. H. 8. to retain certain able men, voluntiers, for the King's service in his wars; and that he departed^b this life on the Thursday next after the Feast of *St. Bartholmew* the Apostle 38 H. 8. leaving *John* his son and heir 35 years of age and upwards, afterwards Kt. who wedded^c *Katherine* the daughter to Sir *Raph Verney* Kt. and by his Testament^d bearing date 22 Julii 6 E. 6. bequeathed his body to sepulture in the Church here at *Arrow*, Which Sir *John* had issue^e Sir *John* his son and heir, that took to wife^f *Ellen* the daughter of Sir *Fouk Gre-vill* of *Beauchamp's-Court* in this Countie: who, being a person of great skill in military affairs, was made Governour^g of *Ditend* by *Rob.* Earl of *Leicester* 29 Dec. An. 1586. (29 Eliz.) the said Earl being then Generall of the English Auxiliaries in behalf of the States of the united Provinces; and dyed^h 4 Oct. 1 Jac. leaving Sir *Edward Conway* Knight his son and heir, afterwards one of the principall Secretaries of State to King *James*; who upon the 22 of March 22 Jac. was first createdⁱ Lord *Conway* of *Ragley* in this Countie; Secondly^k 15 Mar. 22 Car. Vicount *Killuliagh* in the Countie of *Antrim* in *Ireland*; lastly^l 6 Junii 3 Car. Vicount *Conway* of *Conway* Castle in *Wassernarvonshire*, and left issue *Edw.* Vicount *Conway* his son and heir, now Lord of this Mannour.

The Church was granted^m by *Robert* Earl of *Leicester* to the Monks of *Alcester* in H. 2. time; but what right he had to dispose thereof, I will not stand to argue, forasmuch as they enjoy'd it not long, if ever they had to do therewith. In An. 1291. (19 E. 1.) it was valuedⁿ at *xv.* marks and a half; and in^o 14 E. 3. at *x. l. vi. s. viii d.* but in 26 H. 8. at *xi. l.* out of which was then payd for Synodals and Procurations *ix. s. v d. ob.*

Patroni Ecclesiarum Incumbentes, &c.

Joh. le Fort Accol. 10. Cal. Ren. f. 6. a. Feb. 1308.
Henr. de Cam-vill. { *D. Henr. de Newton* Cap. 15. Ib. f. 19. a. Cal. Dec. 1309.
Will. de Bremesgrave Pbr. 2. Ib. f. 35. a. Cal. Nov. 1311.
D. Ric. de Fison { *Rob. de Roleye* Cler. 1 Junii Br. f. 33. b. 1361.
Thomas Burdet { *Magr. Joh. Fytone* 18 Nov. Cliff. f. 63. b. 1403.
miles. { *Thoms. Daddy* Cap. 4. Apr. S. Germ. f. 249. a. 1433.

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f. 116. a. Thomas Burdet
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D. Thomas Tayler Cap. 24.
Apr. 1454.
D. Thomas Hullok Pbr. 5.
Febr. 1470.
D. Nich. Tommys Cap. 2.
Jan. 1504.

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D. Will. Alcock Cap. 12. Jeron. f. 47.
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Will. Clerke art. Magr. 14. Heath. f. 9.
Nov. 1545. b.
D. Rog. Metecalf Cler. 26 lb. f. 13. a.
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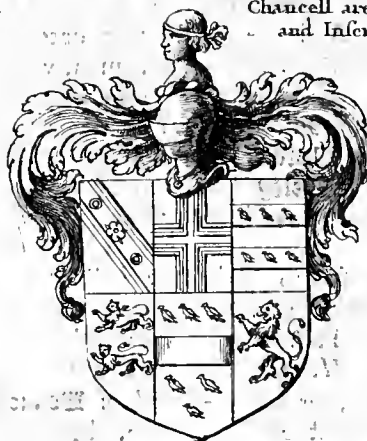


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On the East wall of the
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and Inscriptions,



SIR IOHN CONWAY OF ARROW IN THE
COUNTY OF WARWICK KNIGHT, SOME-
TIME LORD GOVERNOR OF OSTEND,
SONNE OF SIR IOHN CONWAY, WHOSE
FATHER WAS EDWARD, WHO MARRIED
THE D^{CH} GHTER AND HEIRE OF BURET
BY WHOME HE HAD ARROW AND OTHER
INHERITANCES.



DAME ELIZABETH CONWAY WIFE OF SIR
IOHN CONWAY AND DAUGHTER OF SIR
FULKE GREVILLE KNIGHT BY THE VENTRE
OF ONE OF THE COHEIRES OF WILLOUGHBY
WHO WAS HEIRE TO THE LORD BROOKE AND
LORD BEAUCHAMPE.

The Inscription cut in a plate of Brasse
fixed on the Coffyn of Edward Viscount
Conway, whole body lyeth buried
in this Church.

Here is the right honourable Edward Lord Viscount Conway and
Kilnash, lord president of his Majesties most hon^{ble} privy Councell,
Lord Lieutenant of the County of Southampton, and Captain and Gover-
nour of the Isle of Wight, who discharged wth much honour and fi-
delity great offices of trust: At home principall Secretary of State,
Abroad Ambassador extraordinary into Germany. His Strength was ex-
cised in honourable achievements of warre in the time of Queen Eli-
zabeth; His age employed in Councell of State under K. James and K.
Charles: And having received the desert of virtue (Honour) to himselfe
and his family, departed this life the 3^d of January, in the yeare of his
redemption by Christ, 1630.

Ragley.

OF this Village situate in the Parish of Ar-
row, whereof there is no more than the
Mannour house now left, there is not in the Con-
querour's Survey any mention, forasmuch as it was
then involved with Arrow; whence I conclude,
that with it Marmion became posselt thereof,
and afterwards Camvile, though Raph Boteler of
Overslep, upon his foundation of the Priorie at
Alcester, whereby he gave two Sheafs of his
Tithe here, mentions the same to be de Dominio
suo de Raggeles: For as those Monks of Alcester
had little benefit of that grant, so doth it appear
by sundry⁹ authorities in after-times, that Ragley
was held of the Lords of Arrow; which argues
that the possessors thereof were first enfeoffed by
some of them, though when or how that was I am

yet to learn: For till 5 H. 3. I have not seen any
farther mention of this place; but then did one
Stephen de Raggeles pass away one messuage
lying therein, to the Monks of Ewelham, toge-
ther with C. L. acres of land lying in Aingle.

But after this it came to the family of Rous; the
first of which name, that directly appears to me to
have been owner of it, being John Rufus in H.
3. time; and it is not unlike but that Thomas le
Rous, who in 15 E. 2. was appointed one of
the Commissioners for making choice of one thou-
sand and eight hundred foot souldiers within this
Countie and Leicestershire, and to conduct them
to Newcastle upon Tyne to march against the
Scots, being at that time Shiriff⁹ of these Coun-
ties, had his seat here, and was son to the same
John.

To which Thomas succeeded another John, who
being a man of the superior rank amongst the
Gentry here, as may seem by his eminent employ-
ments, was in 46 E. 3. in Commission for levy-
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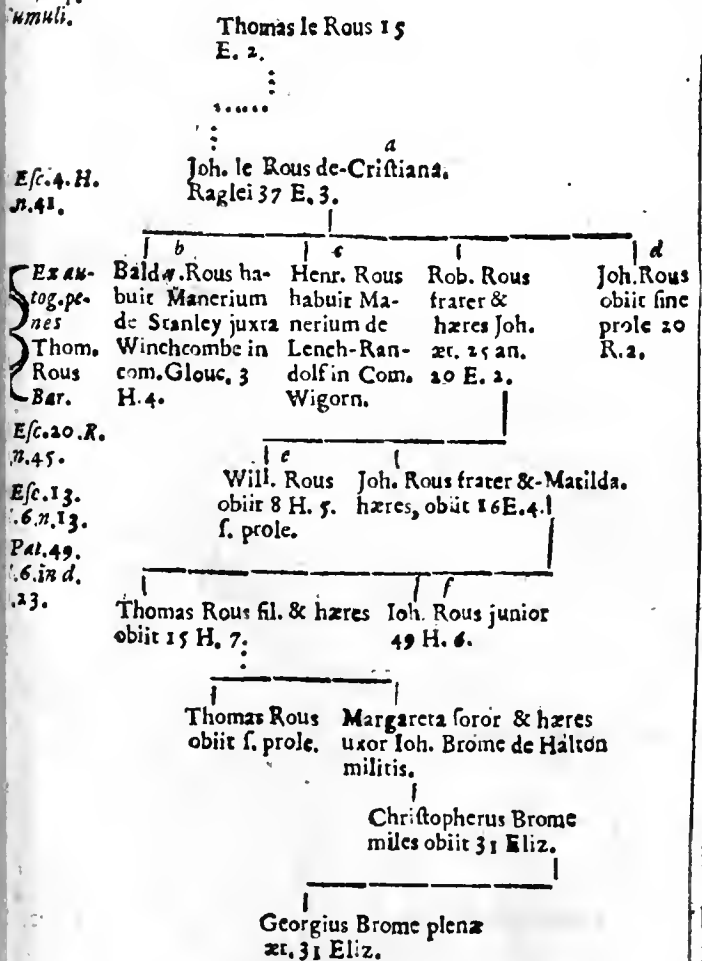
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ing and collecting a xvth and xth then granted to the King in Parl. So likewise in ^x 48 E. 3. And in ¹ 51 E. 3. as also in ² 1 R. 2. was in Commission for arraying of men in this Shire: In ² 2 R. 2. for assessing of a Subsidie. In 3 R. 2. he served in^b the Parliament held at ~~Westm.~~ as one of the Knights for this Shire: and the same year he was made^c a Justice of Peace in this County, as also a Commissioner^d for arraying of men for the King's service: Nay so eminent he grew for his wealth and authority, that he built a stately Gatehouse of stone here at **Raglep**, and imbattailed it like a Castle; for which, being done without the King's License, he had, not only a speciall pardon^e in 5 R. 2. but a Commission to build the rest of his dwelling House here answerably, and to fortifie it with strong walls of lime and stone, in like sort embattailed. To which **John** succeeded **Robert** his son and heir, of whom there is little memorable: but **John** his grandchild, who came of age^f in 9 H. 6. was an active man in the world; for in 15 H. 6. he underwent the office of Eschaetor^h for this County and **Leicestershire**: In 28 he was in Commissionⁱ for levying of a Subsidie; then granted to the K. in Parl. As also from¹ 22 to 38 H. 6. inclusive, a Justice of Peace in this County; and dyed in^m 16 E. 4. leaving **Thomas** his son and heir 28 years of age. Which **Thomas** departedⁿ this world ult. Apr. An. 1499 (15 H. 7.) and lyeth buried in the Chancell at **Quinton** in **Gloucestershire**.



But **Maud** his wife had sepulture in the Chapell of our Lady within the Church at **Alcester**, as by her Testament^o appears, whereby she appointed a Tombe-stone of Marble to be layd upon her grave, with the portraictures of her husband and her self, with 5. sons and 5 daughters to be cut thereon.

From whom descended^p another **Tho.** who dyed if-
fuleffe, so that **Margaret** his sister, the wife to Sir
John Brome of **Halton** in **Orfordshire** (not **Brown**
as **Leland** * calls him) became^q his heir: which
Sir **John** had issue Sir **Christopher Brome** Knight,
that dyed^r seized of this Mannour 31 Eliz. lea-
ving **George** his son and heir of full age, who by his
Deed^s bearing date 12 Aug. 33 Eliz. sold it to
Sir **John Conway** of **Arrow** Knight, grandfather to
Edward Vicount Conway the present owner there-
of.

Overfley.

This is also in the parish of **Arrow**, but stands
on the other side the River, on a notable ascent,
which gave occasion, at first, to its name, **Over**
signifying the same in our English as *super* or *supra*
in Latine doth. Having been^t the inheritance of
one **Britmar** before the Norman Invasion, it was
after the Conquest of **England**, with other lands
of a vast extent, in this as well as other Counties,
given^u to the Earl of **Meillant** (whom **K. H. 1.**
advanced to the Earldome of **Leic.**) and by the ge-
neral Survey then made, wherein it is written **Ove-**
fley, certified^v to contain 3 hides, being then held
of the said Earl by one **Fulke**, who had a Mill here
at that time, valued at *iiii s.* and Woods belonging
to this place, extending to three furlongs in length
and one in breadth; which, with all the rest, were
prized at *xl s.* Of this great Earl I find, that he had
a Butler called **Raph**, **Radulfus Pincerna de Legre-**
cestria he is writtten^x; who having obtained
lands of good value here, and in **Leicestershire**,
by the grant of his said Lord, and finding this place
so eminent for its situation, partly by reason of the
Woods and Water, but most of all in regard of
the naturall high and steep ascent of the ground
so near the bank of **Arrow**, made choise thereof
for his principall seat, and built a fair Castle there-
on, by whose ruines the strength & compasse it was
of, may seem to have been of no mean considera-
tion; and within lesse than a mile distant there-
of (*viz.* on the Northside of **Alcester**) founded a
Monastery for **Benedictine** Monks (of which I have
already spoke) whereunto, amongst other his am-
ple concessions for its endowment, he added^y the
Chapell of this his Castle.

From this **Raph** is it that the **Botelers** of **Ober-**
fley (no lesse than **Barons**) did deduce their descent
and had here their seat, till by marriage with **Maud**
the daughter and heir of **Pantolf**, **Wemme** in
Shropshire with other large possessions divolved
to them: After which it was not long ere that, by
an heir female, this came to **Ferrers**, and so after-
wards to **Nevill**, and **Gascoine**, as the Pedegree
inserted in the next page sheweth.

To which **Raph** succeeded **Robert** his son and
heir, called^z **Robertus Pincerna de Overfleya**, who
joynd with his Father in^a founding the Mo-
nastery of **Alcester** before specified, and confir-
med^b to the Nuns of **Winley** that grant which
Joh. de Pillardinton made to them of the Land
whereupon that Religious House was situate, it
being of his Fee. Which **Robert** had issue another
Raph, who gave^c the Chapell of **Stodon**, with the
Tithes, to the Canons of **Leicester**, and made head
against King **John**, with the rest of the **Barons**; for
which

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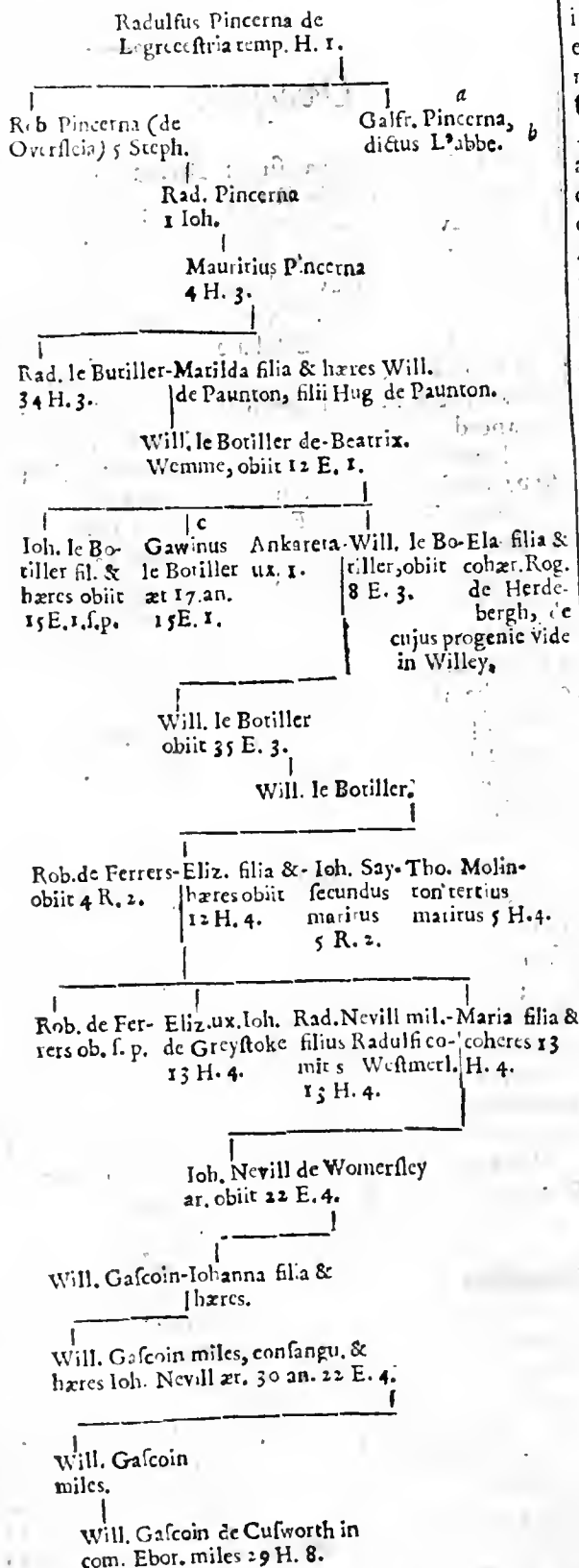
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in bibl.
Bodl. [G.
7. 2. Th.]

b Ex autog.
penes p. as.
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Cookes
c Regist. de
Leic. in
bibl. Cor-
ton. f. 19. b.

Nay so far was he in the King, s favour, that upon redemption ^{Pat.} of the lands (according to the *Di-* ^{55. H.} *ctum de Henlsworth*) by those which had forfeited ^{3. m.} them, whereby *degrave* came to repofsefse this ^{u 20.} Mannour again, the King in recompence thereof gave ^a him the summe of CCCC *li.* to be received out of the Fines and americiaments coming into his Exchequer: But the posterity of this *Raph.* had heir residence for the most part at *Wemme*, so that I have therefore the lease to say of them. Of these, *William* his son and heir was a munificent Benefactor to the Monks of *Alcester*; for he gave ^{w Ex autog.} them *Lxx.* acres of land (*viz.* of his Wast) lying at ^{in Offic.} *Hynestoke* in *Schropshire*, with power to inclose ^{Arm.} the same; as also the advowson of the Church, and Common of pasture for 8 Oxen, 6 Kine, and CC. Sheep in his Woods and Wafts belonging to that Lordship. Upon his death, which hapned ^x in 12 ^{Efc. 12.} *E. 1.* I find it certified ^y that he held this Mannour of *Oberstep* of divers Lords by several services; and that there was then a Mannour House with two Gardens, two water Mills, *xii.* acres of meadow, *xii.* acres of arable land, *ii. s. vi. d.* Rent from two Freeholders, four Cottages and three messuages he'd by Tenants in Villenage of the Honour of *Leicester*, by the service of half a Knights Fee, doing Scutage to the Earl of *Leicester* for half a Knights Fee upon occasion. As also



To whom succeeded *Maurice* his son and heir,
 one of the Justices of Assize likewise in this
 Countie in 13 H. 3. and in 16 H. 3. a Com-

This is at which after-ward ex-est to be in hitlax-rd. vide 6. 15. E. 7. 11.

also that within this Mannour of **Oversley** there was^a at that time a certain Messuage, with a Dove-house, two Gardens, Cxxvi. acres of land in two fields, and six acres of meadow of the Abbot of **Ce-berham's** Fee; and likewise x. Villains who held ten yard land, paying yearly x. marks xis. iiii d. And moreover a free Rent service therein of two Arrows; with vi. Cottagers paying yearly vii s. vi d. and two marks yearly by way of Tallage, but doing service to the Abbot of **Ceberham** yearly for the whole vi. marks; and for four acres lying here, to **Hugh Aquilon** i d.

And besides all this, that there was of the Abbot of **Bordesley's** Fee seven yard land, a Mess. and xix Cottages, with vi s. viii d. being a Rent service from two Freeholders: That there was also a Park, with two Gardens, paying to the said Abbot v s. per an. in recompence for Housebote which he had used to have there, as belonging to his Mannour of **Bordesley**. And lastly of the E. of **Warwick's** Fee a Rent of xx d. issuing yearly out of a certain Mill.

Unto which **William** succeeded **John**^b his son and heir, then but xvi. years of age, a grant^c of whose marriage **Walter de Beauchamp** (of **Alcester**) the same year obtained, in the behalf of **Eliaore** his daughter; and in case the said **Eliaore** should die before the accomplishment of that intended marriage, that then he might marry some other of his daughters. And^d moreover, that if the same **John** should depart this life before such marriage, that then the said **Walter** might have the like benefit of his next heir; and so from heir to heir till one of his daughters were wedded to one of those **Butlers**; or in case that such one should take a wife of his own choice otherwise, then to have the forfeiture due to the King thereupon. But this **John** died^e within 3 years following, so that whether the said marriage were compleated by him, or his brother **Gawine** (who was his heir) I make a question, so that the inheritance came to **Will.** the third brother, as the Descent sheweth. Which **Will.** in 25 E. 1. had Summons^f, with other great men, to be at **London** on Sunday next after the **Octaves** of **S. John Bapt.** well furnished with Horse and Armes to attend the K. in his expedition beyond the Seas; whose service was so grateful, that the next year following the K. in recompence thereof, acquitted^g to him the debt due by his Father for the Scutage of 3 Knights Fees, which Scutage ought to have been performed by **Maud** his grandmother in the service of **Wales.** in the tenth year of the same K. **Edward's** reign.

This last mentioned **William** died^h in 8 E. 3. leaving **Will.** his son and heir; who in 18 E. 3. by the solicitation of **Will. de Clinton**, then Earl of **Huntingdon**, obtained a special dischargeⁱ from the K. that he should not be compelled to bear Armes in respect of his impotencie, nor to take upon him the Order of Knighthood, against his own good will. And departed^k this life in 35 E. 3. leaving **Will.** his son and heir 32 years of age, and another son called **William** (as it seems) but whether by one wife or not, I cannot affirm. Which **Will.** the younger son, I take to be him that married **Joan** the sister and coheir of Sir **John Sudley** Knight, from whom the **Butlers** Barons of **Sudley** descended (as in **Oriffe** is manifested) For it is evident that^l **Will.** the grandchild to **William** and **Ankaret**, left issue **Eliz.** his only daughter and heir, who being wedded to **Robert de Ferrers** (a younger son to the Lord **Ferrers** of **Chartley**) brought this

place, with **Wemme** and other lands of a fair extent, to her said husband, who was thereupon summoned^m to Parliament by the name of **Rob. Ferrers de Wemme Chivalier**; which Lordships (viz. of **Oversley** and **Wemme**) with other, of her inheritance, lying in the Counties of **Salop. Leicester.** and **Warwick.** were after her said marriage in 44 E. 3. entailedⁿ upon the heirs of the body of them the said **Robert** and **Elizabeth**, with remainder to her right heirs.

But in 4 R. 2. this **Robert** died^o, leaving by the same **Eliz.** **Robert** his son and heir 4 years of age; which **Elizabeth** continued not long a widow; for I find, that the next year following, she was the wife^p of **John Say**, and surviving him, afterwards became wedded to **Thomas Molinton**, who wrote^q himself Baron of **Wemme**, in her right: and that by her Testament^r bearing date 6 Jan. 1410 (12 H. 4.) whereby she bequeathed her body to be buried in the Church of the **Crouched Friars** near the Tower of **London**, she styles herself **Elizabetha Ferrers Baronissa de Wemme**, retaining the name of that husband, who was of the greatest dignity, a custome which I find that women have long used, and not yet left: and departed^s this life the same year, leaving **Elizabeth** the wife of **John Greistoke**, son to **Raph Lord Greistoke** and **Mary** the wife of **Raph Nevill**, a younger son to **Raph Nevill** Earl of **Westmerland**, her cosyns and heirs (as faith the Inquis.) viz. daughters of **Robert**, son to her the said **Eliz.** But I think it mistaken; For the Fine^t Roll of 13 H. 4. whereby this Mannour of **Oversley**, with **Perston-Boteler** in this County, and the Mannour of **Tre-ley** in **Com. Staff.** are assigned to the said **Raph Nevill** and **Mary**, for her purpart, she having at that time issue by him, directly calls her una filiarum & heredum pradisite **Elizabetha**: Neither is it very likely, that she should be her grandchild, as the Inquis. imports; for **Robert** the son of **Rob. Ferrers**, by her, was but 4 years of age in 4 R. 2. so that had he been then living, he could have been but 34 years of age: And to fortifie my opinion the **Clause Roll**^u of 9 H. 5. expresses as much.

To which Sir **Raph Nevill** (for he was a Kt.^v) succeeded **John Nevill** Esq. his son^x and heir by the same **Mary**, who dyed^y seized of this Mannour in 22 E. 4. leaving **Sr. Will. Gascoine**, Knight his cosyn and next heir (viz.^z son of **Joane** his daughter) then 30 years of age. Which said Sir **Will.** (being great grandchild to Sir **Will. Gascoine**, who served^a under the renowned **H. 5.** King of **England** in his French Warrs, and he son to that sometime famous Lawyer **Will. Gascoine** of **Ganthorpe** in **Yorkshire**, chief Justice of the Kings bench temp. **H. 4.**) was made^b K^c of the Bath at the Queens Coronation in 1 H. 7. From whom descended^d **Will. Gascoine jun.** of **Custworth** in the same County of **York**, who in 29 H. 8. past^e away the inheritance of this Lordship (with all other his lands in **Warwickshire**) to Sir **Thomas Cromwell** Knight then Lord **Cromwell**: which eschaeting to the Crown by his attainder^f in 31 H. 8. was in exchange for certain lands in **Bedfordshire**, and the summe of 774 li. 09 s. 02 d. granted^g unto Sir **George Throkemorton** Knight and his heirs 30 Maii 33 H. 8. From which Sir **George** is **S^r Robert Throkemorton** Baronet (of whom in **Coughton** I have spoke) lineally descended, who in 7 **Caroli** obtained a special Charter^h, for himself and his

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m Clauf. 49. 50. E. 3. Et de m. 1. 2. 3. R. 2. m. clauso. n F. de div. Com. levat. O. J. Bapt. 44. E. 3. o Esc. 4. R. 2. n. 25. p Clauf. 5. R. 2. m. 28. q Clauf. 84 d. r March 18.

f Esc 12. H. 4. n. 21.

t Rot. F. 13. H. 4. m. 14.

u Clauf. 9. H. 6. m. 26.

w Clauf. 37. H. x 6. m. 31.

y Esc. 22. E. z 4. n. 26.

a T. Walf. f. 402. n. 40.

b Ex ret. Rot. penes S. Archer eq. aur.

c F. levat. T. Trin. 29. H. 8.

d Pat. 33. H. e 8. p. 2.

f Pat. 7. Car.

heirs, to hold a **Court Leet** here, and to have **Free-warren**, with certain other privileges.

But here, before I proceed farther, I may not omit to observe, that though the possession of this Lordship went thus from the line of *Gascoine*, yet is the honorary title thereof revived in his posterity: for in 4 *Caroli*, the King taking notice of Sir *Thomas Wentworth* of *Wentworth-Woodhouse* in *Yorkshire* Knight and Baronet, descended by an heir female from the said Sir *William*, to be a man of singular prudence, and eminent worth; and therefore resolving to employ him in the highest affairs of State, advanced him to the dignity of Baron *Wentworth*, of the same *Wentworth-Woodhouse*, *Newmarket*, as also of this *Oversley*; and afterwards to the Lieutenancy of *Ireland*, and Earldome of *Stratford*. Nor must I forget, that likewise from the same stock, viz. from *Nicholas* a younger brother to the Chief Justice *Gascoine*, before spoken of, is also sprung my special friend *Richard Gascoine*, late of *Bramham-Wiggin* in the said County of *York* Esq; a gentleman well worthy of the best respects from all lovers of Antiquities; to whose good affections and abilities in those studies, his own Family, and several others of much eminency allied thereto, are not a little obliged.

How long the Tithes of this Lordship were enjoyed by the Monks of *Alester*, in order to the grant made by *Raph Boteler*, Founder of that Monastrie, I am not certain; but in 26 *H. 8.* it doth not appear that they had them: And, by what I have otherwise seen, it is evident, that the Church of *Arrolo* (within the precincts of which Parish this place is) possessed them, till that *Mich. Clerke*, Parson there in *Q. Eliz.* time, grew to a Composition with Sir *Rob. Throkemorton* Knight, then Lord of *Oversley*, for the same; whereby it was concluded, that the said Sir *Rob.* his heirs and assigns, owners of this Mannour, should be exempt from payment of any Tithes whatsoever, arising within the compass thereof; in consideration of which immunity they should pay to the said *Michaell* and his successors the summe of vi *li.* of current English money, at the Feasts of the *Annunciation* of our Lady, *S. John Bapt.* *S. Mich.* th' Archangell, and the *Nativity* of our Lord, by even portions; but that the Parson of *Arrolo* for the time being, should receive all personal Tithes from the Inhabitants of the Hamlet called *Oversley-green*; and also the Title of certain parcellis of inadowing there particularly expressed.

Exhall.

This in *Edw.* the Confessor's days, having been the Feehold of one *Swain*, but after the Norman Invasion, with divers lands of a great extent in this and other Counties, bestowed by the Conqueror on *Will. fil. Corbucion*, was by the generall Surveyⁿ, wherein 'tis written *Ecclethelle*, certified to contain one hide and a half, valued at v *s.* and then held of the same *William*, by *Turchill*. To the posterity of which *Corbucion* it continued till King *John's* time, or thereabouts; but then *Will. de Cantilupe* obtained it from *Ric. Corbucion* (a younger son to *Peter*, as I guess, of whom in *Standlee* I have spoke) which *Will.* bestowed^k it on *Sibill* his sister and *Geffrey Pancefor* her husband, and the heirs of their two bodies: Howbeit there is little

else that I have seen relating to the Mannour; which makes me suppose, that it was parcell'd out to Freeholders, and no Courts kept, whereunto they did any suit or service. But I find that *Walter Pykerell* in 26 *E. 1.* died seized of one Messuage and two yard land here, being of the Fee of *Budiford*: And that *Peter de Leicester* in 32 *E. 1.* held^m Lxxx. acres of land, lying here also, leaving *Julian* his sister and heir, then married to *Walter de Bernthorpe*: As also that in 10 *H. 6.* *John Ippewell* yeoman possessed two Messuages and three yard land here, which he held by the fifth part of a Knights Fee. And that in 37 *H. 8. Eliz.* *Walsingham* widow died^o seized of two Messuages and Lxii acres of land, lying in this place, leaving *John Walsingham* her cosin and next heir. But farther, I have not seen any thing of much note relating thereto, other than that the heirs of *Corbison* have been certified^p to hold the fourth part of a Knights Fee here of the Earl of *Warwick*, it being now reputed a member of *Oversley*, the Lord of that Mannour having the Royalty thereof.

Touching the Church, originally a Chapell^q belonging to *Saltsford*, and therewith given^r to the Canons of *Kenilworth*, I find that it was dedicated^t (to *S. Giles*) by *Simon* Bishop of *Worcester* in *H. 1.* time, as also then endowed with Glebe and Tithes, as by his confirmation^u, which I have thought fit here to transcribe, appeareth.

*Universis (&c.) Simon Dei gratia Wigorniensis Ecclesie minister humilis in Domino salutem. Confirmo, presenti pagina, donationem quam probi homines de Ecclesiala donaverunt Ecclesie predicti Manerii, in die qua eam dedicavi. Sciendum est autem, quod Robertus Corbusceon & ejus uxor donaverunt eidem Ecclesie imperpetuum, unam virgatam terra, cum prato ad tantum terra pertinente, & totam suam partem ejusdem Crofti, exceptis duabus acris, quas Wido erga eum excambiavit ad opus ejusdem Ecclesie, & cum moro sub crofto. Wido vero ex sua parte quatuor acras in campo & dimidium in prato; & Robertus similiter duas acras. Hanc donationem similiter omnes fecerunt cum Decimis suis plenariis eidem Ecclesie liberam & quietam ab omni seculari servicio. Et ego ex mea parte volo & precipio ut libera sit & quieta ab omni Episcopali consuetudine. Qui autem aliquid inde subtraxerit, sive minuire vel perturbare presumpserit, Anathematis gladio feriatur. Testibus Gervasio Archidiacono, Radulpho Priore de *Stanesh.* Pagano Capellano (&c.)*

And as it was a Chapelry to *Saltsford*, so had the said Canons of *Kenilworth* a ratification^w thereof, to them, by the before specified Bishop, with Releases^x from *Raph de Budiford*, and *Sr Ric. de Ecclesiala Kt.* of their right in the advowson thereof; which Sir *Richard* was the same man (as I take it) who in the grant to *Will. de Cantilupe*, formerly spoke of, is called *Richard Corbusceon*. Howbeit the fruits thereof were never appropriated to that Monastery; but continued still to the Parson serving the Cure therein. In *An. 1291* (19 *E. 1.*) this Rectory was valued^y at x *s.* marks, but in 26 *H. 8.* at x *li.* at which time it appeareth^z, that there was a Pension of xiii *s.* iiii *d.* per an. yearly paid out of it to the Canons of *Kenilworth*; and ix *s.* v *d.* ob. for Synodalls and Procurations.

Patroni

1 *Efc.* 26 *E.*
1 *m.* 11.

m *Efc.* 31.
E. 1. n. 42.

n *Rol.* in
Scac. penes
Rm. R.

o *Efc.* 37.
H. 8.

Clau.
9 *E.* 2.
m. 13.
E. c. 2.
H. 4.

q *Reg.* d.
r *Kenil.*
t p. 85.

w *ib.* p. 153.

x *MS.* in.
Scac.

y *MS.* penes
S. Archer eq.
aur. f. 21. b.

6 Bull. f.
17. a.

h *Domeld.*
69.

i Ex au-
tore pe-
nes W.
k *Shel-*
don ar.

Patroni Ecclesiarum

Incumbentes, &c.

f.352.

f.471.b.

ym.f.30.

171.vol.1.

f.b.

171.vol.

f.10.a.

f.14.b.

171.f.26.

171.vol.1.f.

32.

171.f.84.

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171.88.b.

S.erm.f.

171.a.

171.f.55.b.

171.

171.57.b.

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171.g.vol.

171.1.a.

171.22.b.

171.

171.erm.f.

171.a.

171.f.141.

171.

171.bob.f.

171.25.

171.25.b.

171.

171.32.b.

171.

171.ca.vol.1.

171.f.44.

171.

171.137.a.

171.

171.150.b.

171.

171.gyvol.1.

171.f.3.

171.

171.gyvol.2.

171.f.6.b.

171.

171.jen.f.

171.5c.

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171.h.b.f.

171.27.

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171.5.a.

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171.19.a.

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Rob. de Cestenslod.....

1292.

Petrus de Efton Accol.

Cal. Julii 1301.

VWill. de Efton Pbr. 16

Cal. Oct. 1305.

Joh. Oweyn Pbr. 6 Id.

Maii 1328.

Thomas de Hampton Ac-

col. 3 Apr. 1338.

Rog. Mayel Pbr. 28 Ju-

nii 1339.

Ric. de Hertynodon 18

Sept. 1351.

Rob. Daunstre Pbr. 13

Oct. 1361.

D. Rad. Haywarde ult.

Oct. 1391.

Rob. Flage penult. Jan.

1391.

D. VWill. Sly 6 Oct. 1401.

D. Joh. Aston 7 Junii

1413.

D. Ric. VVrygth 28 Oct.

1413.

Joh. Chalow 10 Oct. 1419.

D. Rad. Philippe 21 Dec.

1420.

D. Thom. Faucumberge

29 Nov. 1433.

D. VWill. Chapman Cap.

18 Feb. 1432.

D. VWill. Glover 10 Ju-

lii 1436.

D. Rog. Cotton 15 Aug.

1436.

Joh. VVitgrove 10 Apr.

1437.

D. Henr. Faukus 16 Nov.

1446.

Thomas VVyth Cler. 26

Apr. 1456.

D. VWill. VWilcocks 16

Julii 1460.

D. Ric. Caftenell Pbr. 27

Junii 1498.

D. Ric. Goldmyth 21

Junii 1510.

D. Thomas Rawlins mo-

nachus 9 Dec. 1531.

D. Edw. Pipe Accol. 22

Dec. 1557.

Rob. Barker Cler. 6. Nov.

1571.

Joh. VWilliams Cler. 8

Martii 1603.

Prior & Conv. de
Kenilworth.

Ric. Hoo &c. ratione
Concess. Abb. & Conv.
de Kenilw.

Eliz. Angl. Regina.

Jacobus Rex Angl.

&c.

In a plate of Brasse, upon a raised Monument of
free-stone, adjoining to the North wall of the
Church, this Epitaph.

Here lyeth buried the bodies of John Walling-
ham late of Erball in the County of Warw. Esq;
and Elenor his wife, one of the daughters of Hum-
frey Ashfield of Wythopp in the County of
Derby Esquier: the same John deceased the xx of
Jan. 1566 and the said Elenor deceased the.....

Wicksford (& More-hall.)

His place being part of the possessions belong-
ing to those which were reputed Earls of
Warw. in the Saxons time, was by *Ufa*, one of
that number (whom my Author calls *potens ho-*
mo, & Vicecomes super Warw. & Eshetre) given to
the Monastery of *Cebesham*, together with his bod-
y to be there buried, about the year of Christ, 974.
(*scil. 17 Edgari*) but it so hapned that those Priests
which were placed therein, upon the expulsion
of the Monks by *Godwine*, a powerfull man, who
had purchased of *K. Ethelred* (brother to *K. Edw.*
the Martyr) for CCC. manes of gold the inheri-
tance of that Abby, granted it to *Wulfgeat* son
and successor to the before specified *Ufa* for life;
upon condition, that it should afterwards return
unto them with all the stock upon it: yet, not-
withstanding this plain Agreement, did the succe-
ssors to the said *Wulfgeat* detain it untill the days
of *K. Edw.* the Conf. that Abbot *Agelwyne* pur-
chased it again from *Wygod* a potent Baron, and
successor to the same *Wulfgeat*, for a valuable price.
Being therefore thus repossessed by those Monks, it
was under the title of the lands belonging to the
Monastery of *Cebesham*, by the Conq. Survey cer-
tified to contain 5 hides; having at that time a
Mill, prized at x s. and xx sticks of Eccles. with
Woods of one furlong in length, and half a furlong
in breadth, the whole being rated at L. But there
it is written *Witelabesford*, which shews that the
originall denomination proceeded from some anti-
ent possessor thereof called *Witelaf*, a name not
unusuall in those elder times.

After which, ere long, viz. about the begin-
ning of *K. Will. Rufus* his reign, I find that Ab-
bot *Robert*, without his Covent, past it away in
Fee Ferme for 4 li. per an. unto *Raph Boteler* (of
whom in *Oversley* I have made mention) and that
in 4 E. 1. it was certified to the Justices Itinerant,
that the Abbot of *Cebesham* held the Hundred of
Wytlarford by grant from *K. H. 3.* for xv s. per
an. and that the Hamlet had heretofore been of that
Hundred, but was aliened from it about 30 years
sithence; as also that the said Abbot had Assize of
Bread and Beer, with a Gallows within the same
Hundred. Which Abbot in 13 E. 1. challenged a
Court Lest here, with divers other priviledges by
Prescription; but for the better justifying his claim
exhibited the grant of *K. H. 3.* being an *Inspec-*
imus of a Charter made by *K. H. 1.* whereby the said
K. confirm'd to the Monks of *Cebesham* the Hun-
dred of *Blackhurst*, with all that thereto belonged:
which Hundred of *Blackhurst* I suppose to be the
same that afterwards was called the Hundred of
Wytlarford, as abovesaid; and 'tis like, did con-
tain all the lands belonging to the said Monks of
Cebesham in this County. But that which then
had the reputation of a Hundred, and was called
the Hundred of *Wytlarford*, being a Royalty which
the *K.* resolved to keep, he demanded of the
Abbot of *Cebesham* in the same 13th year of his
reign; whereupon the Abbot disclaimed it to be an
Hundred, alledging that *Wytlarford* was only
a Mannour situate within the Hundred of *Barlich-*
way, of which Hundred he acknowledged the said
K. to be in possession.

Touching the extent of this Lordship in 15 E.
1. upon the death of *John le Boteler* of *Oversley*,

p Ejc. 15. I find it thus certified^p; viz. that the Mannour
E 1 m. 31. House here, with a Dovehouse, Lx. acres of land,
xii acres of meadow, two groves of Wood, and the
Rent from the Freeholders, was valued at xxx s.
and that there were xii. yard land held in Villenage,
yeilding Cx s. per an. all being held of the Abbot
of **Evesham** in free Socage, paying iiii li. iiii s. iiii d.
ob. per. an. which differs not much from what is
recorded^q in 19 E. 1. viz. *Coquinarius Abbas
de Evesham percipit apud Wiltblackford de Re-
ditu Assis. 4 li. Et habet unum Molendinum quod
valet vi s viii d.* Which Mannour is it that is now
called **Worcehall**: The next mention whereof that
I have met with, is in 2 R. 2. where **Robert**,
Parson of the Church of **Eccleshale**, grants it to
John de Morehale and **Agnes** his wife, and the
heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten, and
for lack of such issue to **Thomas de Morehall**, with
remainder to **John de Clopton** and his heirs. By
which entail it should seeme that it came to the
same **John de Clopton**; for it appears^r that **Thomas de
Crewe** had to do here, in right of **Julian** his wife,
mother to **Sir Will. Clopton** Kt. and widow (as I
guess) to the same **John de Clopton**. Of which **Tho-
mas**, in respect of his residence here, and relations
to this County, I may not omit to declare what I
find memorable.

(Pat. 2. H. In 2 H. 4. he was Attorney^t to **Margaret
4. p. 2. m. 5.** **Beauchamp** Countess of **Warwick**, mother to Earl
r claus. 6. **Richard**. In^t 6^o one of the Knights for this Shire
H. 4. in d. m. 5. in the Par. then held at **Cobentre**. In 7^o a Com-
missioner^u for enquiry touching the King's debts.
u Rot. F. 7. In 8 H. 4. and 1 H. 5. one^w of the Justices of
H. 4. in d. m. 8. Peace in this Shire. In the same first year of H. 5.
w Pat. de Sheriff^x of this Countie and **Leicester** Shire; and
ij d. an. in d. in 3 H. 5. chief^y Steward to **Richard Beauchamp**
x Rot. F. 1. Earl of **Warwick**, and one of his Councell. This
H. 5. p. 1. m. 9. **John** by his Testament^z bearing date 5 Sept. 6 H.
y Ex autog. 5. bequeathed his body to be buried in the Chapell
penes Rob. of S. **John Bapt.** adjoyning to the Church of S.
Throkmore **Milburge** the Virgin here at **Wiltblackford**, giving
ton Bar. to certain Priests to celebrate divine Service for the
health of his soul C. marks, as also to poor people
to pray for his soul the like summe, constituting **E-
lizabeith** his siller, then Prioress at **Chester** (to
whom he also gave C. marks) together with **Will.
Clopton**, and **Joane** his wife, his Executors; and
departing^a this life the same year, lyeth buried un-
der a very fair Monument of gray Marble, raised
about 18 Inches from the ground, in the midst of
that Chapell, whereon are the portraitures in bras-
se of himself and his wife, as when I come to speak
particularly thereof shall be shewed.

But the interest which he had here, was^b only for
terme of life, by the assignation of **Sir Will. Clopton**
before specified, in whom the inheritance rested:
which **Will.** having by a certain Feoffment^c, bea-
ring date 7 Maii 7 H. 5. declared his intentions
for the setting of his estate, dyed^d, leaving only two
daughters his heirs; viz. **Agnes** the wife of **Tho-
mas Herberd**, and **Joane** married to **John Burgh**;
betwixt whom the inheritance, descending to them,
was by Indenture^e dated 22 Febr. 22 H. 6. divided,
and this Mannour of **Worcehall**, with **Wilt-
blackford** (inter alia) allotted to **Joane**, who left^f issue
by her said husband, four daughters and heirs; sc.
Eliz. married to **Newport**, **Ankaret** to **John
Leighton**, **Isabell** to **Sir John Lyngen** Kt. and **Sibill**
to **Thomas Mitton** Esq.

The Chapell (dedicated to S. **Milburge**) now
reputed a Parish Church, was originally belonging

to **Blackford**, and therewith given^g by K. H. 1. to
the Canons of **Kenilw.** shortly after the Founda-
tion of that Monastery, and confirmed^h by several
Arch-Bishops of **Canterbury**: but after that; viz.
in 5 **Steph. Raph Boteler** upon his foundation of
the Priory at **Alcester**, gaveⁱ the Tithes of this
place to that Religious house, though by what col-
our of right I find not. Which grants occasion-
ed the Monks of **Evesham** to look about them,
who being Lords of the Mannour, conceived that
they had a good title to the patronage of the Cha-
pell, whereunto they made their claim^k: but at
last they came to this Agreement^l with the Ca-
nons of **Benlwozth**, viz. that the said Canons
should yearly have the summe of viii s. which they
had wont to receive for the Tithes of this Village,
and whatsoever Parochial benefite they had used to
have therein, excepting the Tithes of those lands,
which particularly belonged to the said Monks of
Evesham: In consideration whereof the same
Canons of **Benlwozth** were yearly to pay to the
Monks of **Evesham** X s. at the Feasts of S. **Mich.
th' Archangell**, and the **Annuntiation** of our La-
dy by equall portions, and to cause divine Service
to be celebrated three days a week in the said Cha-
pell, sc. Sundays, Wednsdays, and Fridays: which
Agreement was confirm'd^m by **Roger** Bishop of
Worcester in H. 2. time.

But thereof had not the Monks of **Alcester** any
benefite; wherefore insisting upon their right in
this Chapell, there was at length, a fair conclu-
sion made betwixt the said Canons of **Benlwozth**
and them, in the presenceⁿ of **John de Constantis**
Bishop of **Worcester**, and others, at the appoint-
ment of the Archbishop of **Canterbury**, whereby
it was concluded, that the Monks of **Alcester**
should thenceforth receive the whole Tithes of the
demesns of this Lordship for ever, and the Canons
of **Benlwozth** the Tithes of that held in Villenage.
And in like sort, that the Monks should receive all
the Tithes of **Budeley** (now called **Worcehall**) ex-
cept of those lands which belong'd by inheritance
unto **Ris. de Eccleshale**, **Godfrey de Budiford**, as
also to **Norman** and **Will. Parmentier** at the time
when this Agreement was made: Of which lands
the said Monks and Canons should divide the
Tithe-Corn betwixt them; but the parochiall
right, with the small Tithes of those 4 persons, and
their successors, in the said lands, to belong to the
Canons for ever.

The Chantry.

In 26 H. 6. one **Will. Wolashull**, obtaining
Licenseⁿ from the King, founded a Chantry here,
for one Priest, perpetually to celebrate divine Ser-
vice to the honour of our Lady and S. **John Bap-
tist**, in the Chapell annex to this Parish Church,
for the good estate of the said King, with **Margaret**
his Queen, and of the said **Will.** during their lives
in this World: as also for their soules after their
departure hence, together with the souls of **Thomas
Crewe** Esq; and **Julian** his wife, **Sir William Clop-
ton** Knight and **Joane** his wife, their parents and
friends; unto whose maintenance he gave in pure
Almes, a certain dwelling House situate here in
Wiltblackford, called **Proffs-place**, with a Close ad-
joyning thereto, containing two acres. But by the
Survey^o taken in 37 H. 8. I find it certified, that
this

g Regist. de
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p. 85.
h 26. p. 109.
i 110.
i Cart. 14.
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k Reg. de
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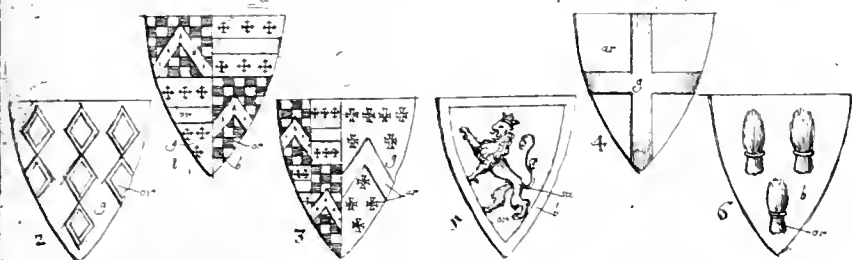
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this *Chantrie* had no foundation at all; and that the Priest serving there was Chaplain to one Dame *Sibill Mytton*, who in her life time had made instant labour unto *Richard Mytton*, her son and heir, to grant him an annuity of Cvi s. viii d.

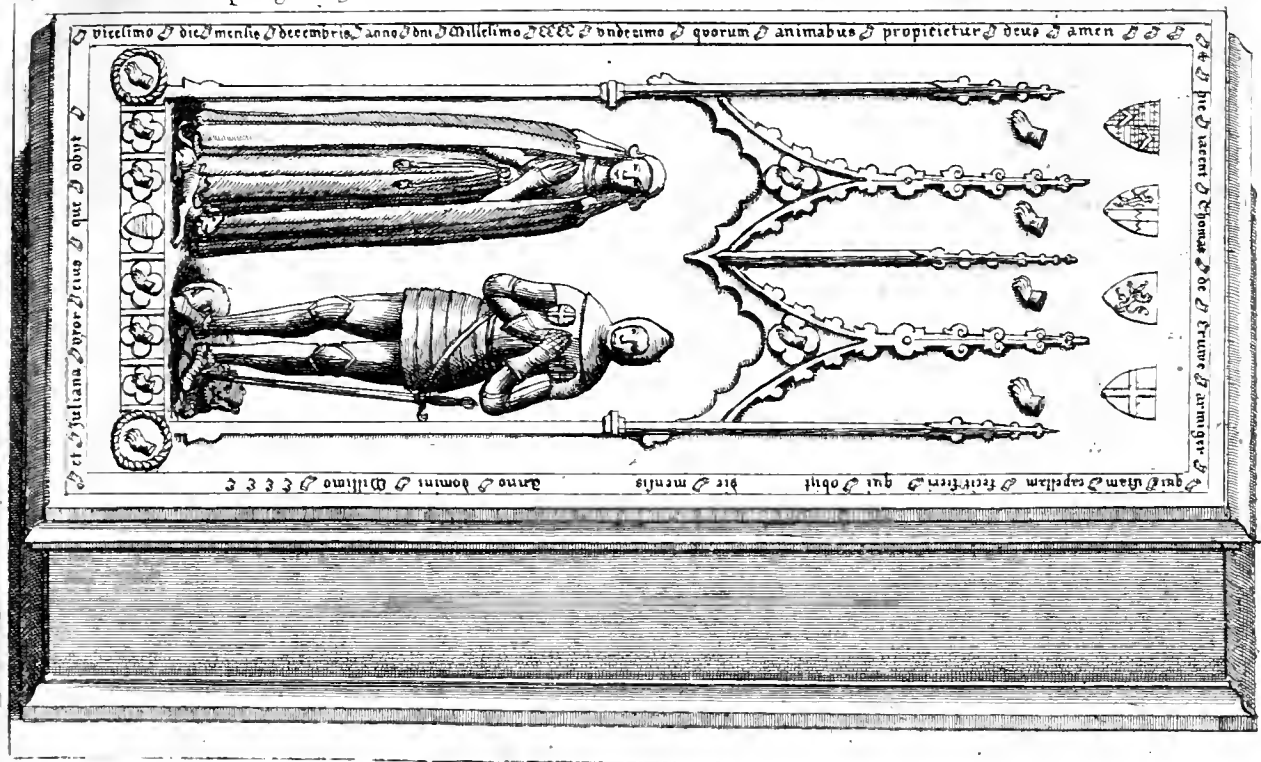
out of his lands for terme of life: at who's request the said *Richard* was contented; it being at his the said *Richard's* pleasure, whether he would grant more Annuities to any other after the death of one *Richard Eliot*, at that time *Chantrie* Priest.

Armes in the east window of the South Ile



- 1 Ric. Beauchamp E. of Warr.
2 Ferrers of Groby
3 Ric. B. Earle of W. empaling Berkley
4 S^t George his Croze.
5 Crew
6 Earle of Chester

In the midst of the same Ile is this monument,



Apley juxta Wicksford.

This is a depopulated place, and not mentioned in any Record, that I have seen, till 18 E. 3. that *Gilbert Chasteleyn* releaseth, to Sir *Fouk de Bermingham* Knight, all his right and title therein: nor afterwards till after the death of *Thomas Crew* (of whom in *Wicksford* I have spoke) at which time it was found: that he held it during his life by the assignation of Sir *William Clpron* Knight, together with *Wicksford* and *Worehall*: since which time it hath accompanied those places in point of succession; and is now posselt, with them, by the *Throkemorton's* of *Coughton*.

Salford-Priors.

Having thus taken notice of all on this side *Arroto*, I must passe over that River to *Salford*, which is the last and only Parish whereof I

am now to speak, in this Hundred. This containeth the Hamlets of *Abbots-Salford*, *Wood-Bevinton*, *Cock-Bevinton*, and *Dunnington*; and had its name originally from a Salt Spring that hath been there, as the Inhabitants doe observe from one accessse of Pidgeons to the place where it was, which is now choakt up.

Upon the Foundation of the Abby at *Cobham* in the year of Christ DCCxiii. this place, by the name of *Salford major*, was given to that Monastery by S. *Ecgvyn* Bishop of *Worcester*: but it continued not long to the Monks; for it appears that in K. E. the Confessor's days, *odeva* wife to Earl *Leofrike* (of whom in *Cobentre* I have spoke) posselt it; and that after the Norman Conquest *Leveve*, a Nun, had it of the King's gift, in whose hands it was at the time of the generall Survey; and certified to contain three hides, there being then a Church, with a Mill rated at v s. and Woods containing two furlong in length, and half a furlong in breadth; in which Record it is written *Salford*, and valued at vii li. But upon

r Monast.
Anglic. p.
146. b. l. 27
f Domest.
lib.

on the advancement of *Henry de Neuburgh* to the Earldome of *Warwick*, this Lordship was (*inter alia*) given to him, as it seems; for it appears that *Earl Roger*, his son and successor, possessed it; and thereof enfeoffed *Geffrey de Clinton*, to hold by the service of a Kts. Fee: Howbeit, *Livitha* the Nun, being thus outed, commenced her suit in *K. Henrie's Court*, and recovered it; whereupon the said *Geffrey* came to some agreement with her, and by her consent, with the good liking of the said *Earl*, gave it to the Canons of *Kenilworth*, upon his foundation of that Monastery: in Confirmation^x whereof, the same *Earl*, whose consent therein he had, acquitted to them the said Kts. service, and ratified the grant in the King's presence. And to the intent that no farther Challenge should be made by those that might pretend thereto, *Margaret* the Countesse (mother to *Earl Roger*) by the full consent of the said *Earl* and the rest of her sons, *viz.* *Rotroc* Bishop of *Curcur*, *Rob. de Neuburgh*, *Geffrey*, and *Henry*, for the health of *Henry* her late husband's soul, as also of her own, and her sons, added her Charter^y of confirmation, in regard of the interest she had in the moytie of it: In consideration whereof, *Bernard* the first Prior there, gave her xx marks of silver.

Which Canons of *Kenilworth*, being so possessors of this Lordship, had divers liberties and privileges therein; *viz.* *Court Leet*, Assize of bread and beer, Gallows, and Weyfs, for all which they pleaded^z Prescription in 13 E. 1. and had allowance of them; having therein, as it appears by the Record^a of 19 E. 1. four Carucates of Land, rated at xx s. the Carucate; xvii. in Rent of Assize, together with the Ferm of the Mill, & in Pleas and Perquisites two marks: in the demesne lands whereof they obtained a Charter^b of *Free Warren* in 11 R. 2. After the dissolution of which Monastery, it continued in the Crown, till that *K. James* (*inter alia*) past it to certain persons in trust for payment of his debts; who accordingly sold it unto *Sir Simon Clarke* Baronet, now owner thereof *An. scil.* 1640.

The Church being confirm'd^c to the Canons of *Kenilworth* by *Simon* Bishop of *Worcester* in H. 1. time, with *Eccleshale* and *Withlakesford* (then Chapells belonging thereto) and said to be of the same King *Henry's* grant; was also ratified^d by *Thomas* Arch Bishop of *Canterbury* in H. 2. time; by whose Instrument^e there is mention of a Chapell also at *Little Salford* (*id est Abbots Salford*) belonging thereto, and of a piece of glebe called *Littleham* (being a meadow) with Tithe of Salt; which shews that there hath been antiently a Salt Spring, there, that yielded good benefit. In *An.* 1291. (19 E. 1.) it was valued^f at xvi. marks, the Vicar then having a portion of x. marks, and the Abbot of *Evesham* xxx s. But in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was rated at x l. out of which the *Procurations* and *Synodals* then issuing, were xs. vd. ob.

Patroni Vicariæ. Incumbentes &c.

D. Ric. de Mycham 10
Cal. Maii 1322.
Will. de Warmynton Pbr.
28 Oct. 1331.
Will. fil. Rad. de Thurstorp 4 Dec. 1381.
Joh. Wyte 21 Febr.
1384.

D. Will. Gerard Pbr. 23 S. Germ. f.
Sept. 1401. 221. b.
D. Will. Grenehull Cap. 4 Bouych. f.
Nov. 1437. 36. a.
Ric. Freman Cap. ult. Carp. vol. 1.
Aug. 1448. f. 62. b.
Ric. Bonifaunt Art. Magr. Carp. vol. 2.
2 Maii 1475. f. 70. a.
Hugo Laytho Cap. 24 Alc. f. 84. b.
Apr. 1481.
Nich. Snede Cap. 11 Sept. Gyg. 2. f. 8.
1499. a.
Nich. VV althe Art. Magr. lb. f. 64. a.
14 Maii 1510.
Joh. Faux Cap. 12 Jan. Jeron. f. 1. b.
1520.

Edw. Brooke de *Evesham* Yeoman, ratione assign. *Willielmi Gower* ar.

D. VVill. Scollowe Pbr. 9 Heath. f. 12.
Oct. 1546. a.

Abbots Salford.

THIS, by the name of *Salford minor*, was given to^h the Abby of *Evesham*, at the foundation thereof by *S. Ecgwyne* in the year DCCxliii. And being possess'd by the Monks of that House in the Conqueror's time, was then certifiedⁱ to contain two hides, having a Mill rated at x^s and xx sticks of Eeles, all valued at Lx^s. Which Monks in 13 E. 1. claimed^k a *Court Leet* here, and divers other privileges by Prescription, and had allowance of them: But further of this Lordship, other than the description of its boundaries, which are here added^l, I have not seen any thing memorable whilst it continued to those Monks.

Limites in Salford Abbatis.

Hi sunt limites terra de parva Salford, qua de jure communi, & a tempore quo non existat memoria, pertinent ad matricem Ecclesiam, & parochiam Eveshamensis Ecclesie. Ex opposito parochia de Offenham, descendendo quo sicutus qui vocatur Smalcmeresuche qui cadit in Avenam, & dividit parochiam Salford Eveshamens. & parochiam de Herberton; & inde contra decursum fluminis ascendendo usq; in Offepole; de Offepole usq; ad vadum quod vocatur Benetord.

Till the dissolution of which Monastery this Lordship continued thereto; but then, coming to the Crown, was by the K. 9 Julii 38 H. 8. past (*inter alia*) to *Sir Philip Hobby* Knight and his heirs: which *Sir Philip*, the next year following, aliened^m it to *Anthony Littleton* Gent. After which it was not long ere it came to *John Alderford* Esq; (by purchase as I have heard) who left two daughters and coheirs; *scil.* *Margaret* the wife of *Sir Sim. Clarke* Baronet, and *Elleanor* of *Charles Stanford*, grandchild to *Sir VVill. Stanford* Kt. (sometime one of the Justices of the King's Bench) by *Sir Rob. Stanford* Kt. his second son: Which *Charles* had issue *John*, and he *VVilliam*, the present owner thereof.

About the time of *K. H. 2.* reign, there was an Agreementⁿ made betwixt the Monks of *Evesham*, and the Canons of *Kenilworth* touching the Chapell of this *Little Salford*; whereby it appeareth that the said Canons released to those Monks

Regist. de Kenilw. p. 143.

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lb. p. 19.

Rot. de Quo. 11. MS. in Scac. p. n. Rem R.

Cart. 11. E. 2. n. 26.

Regist. de Kenilw. p. 85.

lb. p. 109.

MS. in Scac. MS. p. n. S. A. eq. any.

Cob. f. 28. b.

Hort. vol. 1. f. 29. a. wak. f. 24. a.

lb. f. 40. b.

Prior & Conv. de Kenilworth.

Ex Reg. de Evesh. f. 12. a.

Monks all the land which had been given to maintain divine Service in that Chapell, preserving always the first Composition made betwixt the Monasteries of **Evesham** and **Kenilworth** before the building of that Chapell. And as for the meadow which was given to this Chapell, the Monks by this Agreement granted, that the Church of great **Salford** should have that part of it, which lyeth betwixt the Water and the Foot-path leading from **Salford** Mill to **Cliffe** Mill, by the upper Foarde; but the other part of the meadow to continue as the demesne of the Abbot, upon condition that it might not be grazed or mowed before the whole meadow should be cut.

Wood-Bevinton & Cock-Bevinton.

These two petty Hamlets, being originally members of **Salford** Priors, were involved therewith, both in the Conqueror's Survey, and in the grant to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, as appears by that Certificate made in 9 E. 2, wherein by the name of **Bybinton major**, and **Bybinton minor** they were so reputed. Of which **Wood Bevinton** the said Canons did make a Lease to **Will. Grey** the elder, in H. 7. time; who in 21 of that King's reign, depopulated here, 6 Messuages and one

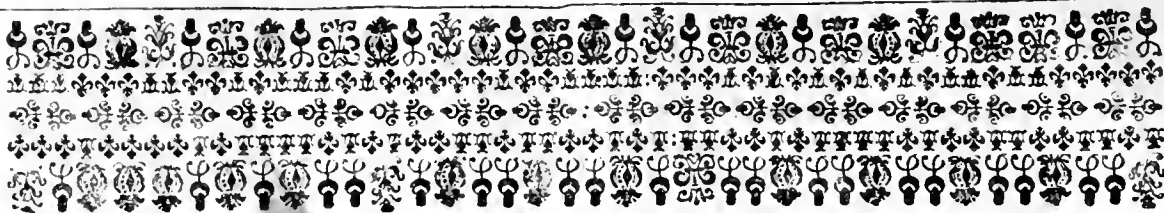
Cottage, xxx acres of arable land belonging to each Messuage, which he converted unto pasture. To whom succeeded **Will.** his son and heire, who, surrendering that Lease, purchased the inheritance thereof from those Canons, for a Fee-ferm Rent of *xiii^{li} viii^s iiii^d per an.* and in 10 H. 8. when the Statute of Inclosures was lookt into, reedified four of the said Messuages. Which **Will.** had issue **Eliz.** his daughter and heire, wife to **Edward Ferrers**, second son to Sir **Edw. Ferrers** of **Badley-Clin-ton** in this County Kt. who left only daughters, whereof **Elizabeth**, the eldest, was married to **Thomas Randolph**, son and heir to **Thomas Randolph** of **Codington** in *Com. Buck.* who purchasing the interest of the other Sisters, became intirey Lord of this Mannour, and left issue **Ferrers Randolph** his son and heir, now owner thereof.

Of **Cock-Bevinton** I can say no more, than that it is now posselt by Sir **Simon Clerke** Baronet, together with **Salford**, wherewith, I suppose, hath past ever since it was in the Crown.

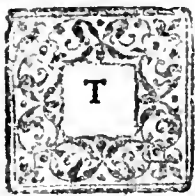
Dunnington.

This is also a member of Prior's **Salford**, and involved therewith in all grants; by which means it is now posselt by the before specified Sir **Sim. Clarke**.





HEMLINGFORD HUNDRED.



The place whence this Hundred takes its appellation, is the Foard or passage over *Tame*, somewhat more than a flight shoot Southwards from *Kingsbury Church*; of which likewise the Mill, near unto it, is

still called *Hemlingford Mill*: but antiently *Colmill* (that stands about the midst of the Hundred) gave name thereto, as appears by the Conquerors Survey^a; and to this day the Three-weeks Court held for the same Hundred is kept there. 'Tis very like that the original occasion of calling the Inhabitants to this place, whereupon the name came to be changed, was, for that some of the *Ardens*, whose seat *Kingsbury* long since was, being Shiriffs of the Countie, caused the meeting of the Hundreders there, in regard of their Vicinitie to it; but leaving this as a conjecture I come to its antiquity, the first mention that I find of its name, being in 8 H. 2. Where *Raph. Basset*, the then Shiriff, accompts^b for certain money by way of Amercement for Murther, paid out of it: and after this *scil. in* 16 H. 2. two marks were answered into the Exchequer for it *pro placitis conceleatis*; yet there it is written *Sibbesocha de Humelisofo*, and so are *Chuchtelaw*, and *Chinton*, all which had the title of Hundreds soon after: But, doubtlesse, it should have been *Sirbesoca* (the old Saxon *p* being mistaken for a *p*, as in *Knightslow* I have already intimated) which importeth as much as the Fraunchise, Libertie, or Jurisdiction of a certain company of men, suppose an hundred or the like number, coming from the Saxon *rip* or *rippe*, signifying a number, multitude, or company, and *pocce* a privilege, Libertie, or Jurisdiction.

And in 21 H. 2. *xv*. marks was accounted to the King for three Murthers, whereat it had been amerced, but there it is written *Sibbesocha de Humelisofo* the *p* being mistaken for a *b*, as before it was for a *p*. So also in 24 H. 2. Howbeit in 29 H. 2. & 1 R. 1. upon the like amerement for Murther, it is called *Humelisofo* Hundred, which manifests that the word *Sirbesoca* and *Humelisofo* do intend one and the same thing: After which it is constantly termed *Humelisofo*. But in K. John's time the Ferm thereof was *xx* marks, the profits of the *Leet* *xli* s. the Shiriffs Aid *xvii* li. *xviii* s. and the *Warch* money *v* s. Which *Warch silver* (now by corruption of speech called *Wharfe money*) I take to have been, at first, a certain payment for service of warding the King's Castles in this County, for antiently it is written *Ward peny* as by sundry authorities I could manifest.

In 21 H. 3. *Will. de Lusey* being then Shiriff accounted^c,

For { The Ferme thereof *xx* marks.
The Shiriffs Aid *vi* li.
The Leet *xli* s. *iiii* d.
Warch silver *v* s.

In 4 E. 1. by Inquisition^d taken before the Justices Itinerant, it was found that the profits of this Hundred, besides perquisites, amounted to *xiii* li. *iii* s. *ii* d. *ob. per an.* and the perquisites *xx* li. it being then in the King's hand. In 11 E. 2. the Bayliwick thereof was committed^k to one *Will. Raymond*, to hold during the Kings pleasure, paying yearly to the Shiriff of this County for the time being, as much as others had used to doe, so that he should keep the same Bailywick according to the forme of the Statute of *Lincolne*. Nor can I find that it was ever out of the Crown, untill 3 Eliz. that the Queen by her Letters^l Pat. bearing date 10 Jan. granted it, with all the rights belonging thereto, unto *Brian Cave* Esquier and *Edw. Williams*, and their heirs, to hold in Socage of the Mannour of East *Grenetolch*. To which *Brian* succeeded, in the possession thereof, Sir *Ambrose Cave* Knight, who dying^m seized of it in 10 Eliz. left *Margaret* his daughter and heir, then wife of *Henry Knolls* Esquier. Which *Henry* having issue by her two daughters and heirs, *viz. Mary* married to *Will. Lord Pager*, and *Eliz.* to Sir *Henry Willoughby* of *Ritley* in *Derbyshire*, by partition betwixt them, it was allotted to *Elizabeth* and is by the same Sir *Henry* accordingly enjoyed: the Towns that now owe suit thereto (I mean to the *Leet*) being these, *viz. Berkswell*, the three *Wickenhills*, *Sheldon*, *Edgbaston*, *Curdworth*, *Spintworth*, *Kingsbury*, *Hurley*, part of *Perston* *juxta* *Kingsbury*, *Whateley*, *Holt*, *Slateley*, half *Willeccote* *juxta* *Tamworth*, the half of *Sekindon*; in *Austrey* the Mannour sometime belonging to *Barton Abby*, *Wadley-Endesoure*, *Anley*, *Hartshill*, and *Whitacre* superior.

Tame fluvo.

Being now to speak of the particular places within this Hundred of *Hemlingford*, according to my accustomed method in the rest, I must follow the course of *Tame*, which having its rise from several heads about *Dudley*, and *Walshall* in *Staffordshire*, glides along with a slow and gentle course (whence perhaps it became at first so called, as *Arrow* was by reason of its swiftnesse) and entering it at *Aston*, moveth for a while Eastwards; but being augmented by divers petty streams, in its passage, bendeth at length Northwards, leaving the same, together with the County, at *Tamworth*, whereunto, as a farewell it giveth that name.

Aston juxta Bermingham.

This is a very large Parish, and containeth divers petty Hamlets and places of note, *scil. Bechels*,

^a Domeld. lib.

^b Rot. P. 8. H. 2.

^c Rot. P. 16. H. 2.

^d Rot. P. 21. H. 2.

^e Rot. P. 24. H. 2.

^f Rot. P. 1. R. 1.

^g Lib. v. lib. f. 233. b.

^h Rot. in бага. de Inquis. penes Camer. Scac.

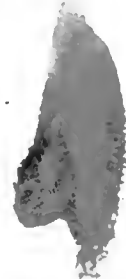
ⁱ Rot. in бага. de Ragman ibid.

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^l Pat. 3. Eliz. p. 3.

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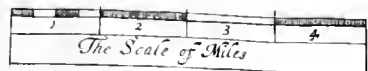
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Re. Ric. Newdigate

Pechels, Dudston, Dervatend, Bordesley, Hepbarnes, Saltley, Wardend, Castle-Bromwich, Park-Hall, and Water-Dyton, all lying on the South side of **Tame**, with **Alston** and **Erdington** on the North; of which in their order, and first of **Alston** it self.

This, for distinction from others of that name, is now commonly called **Alston juxta Bermingham**, but antiently it was written **Estone**, having originally had that name, perhaps, from the situation thereof Eastwards from **Wedsbury** in **Staffordshire**, a town of some note in the Saxons time. Before the Norman Conquest **Edwine** Earl of **Mercia** was Lord of this place; but upon that great distribution made by King **William** to his friends and followers, it with other vast possessions of the disherited English, lying in the Counties of **Surrey, Berks, Bucks, Devon, Northampton, Worcester, and Stafford**, besides much more in this Shire, was bestowed on **William Fitz Ausculf** (who had his principall seat at the Castle of **Dudley** in **Staffordshire**) and by the generall Survey then taken, certified to contain viii. hides, valued at C s. there being at that time a Church, with a Mill rated at iii s. as also Woods extending to 3. miles in length, and half a mile in breadth, all then held of him by one **Godmund**.

To which **William Fitz Ausculf** succeeded in the Barony of **Dudley**, and possession hereof, **Gervase Paganell**; who, dying without issue, left **Hawise** his sister and heir, wife to **R. Someri**, whereby the whole Barony of **Dudley** devolved to that Family. Which **R. Someri** by her had issue **Raph Someri**, who being possessor of this Lordship, as a member of the said Barony, gave unto **Thomas** the son of **William de Erdington** and his heirs, about the beginning of King **John's** time, his Mannour house here at **Estone**, with all the demesns; as also divers Tenements particularly mentioned in his Charter, to be held of him the said **Raph** and his heirs, by the service of a pair of gilt Sours, or the price of them, viz. vi d. payable at **Easter** for all services and demands whatsoever: Touching which Family of **Erdington** I shall speak historically in **Erdington**, where I have inserted the Descent, and therefore will here take notice of what only concerns them in reference to this place.

In 2 H. 3. this Mannour (together with **Erdington**) was assigned by the King, to **Rose de Cocfeld**, the Widow of the before specified **T. de Erdington**, for her present maintenance, till her dowry should be set out: howbeit, the next year following, the Shirriff had command, though for what reason appears not, to deliver possession of it unto **Philip de Ascells**, for the King's use, and that he should not permit **William Grasse** to meddle therewith, nor to make any waft or destruction in the land or woods belonging thereto. This being the utmost Lordship towards **Staffordshire**, and some dispute growing touching the bounds thereof; King **H. 3.** directed his Precept to the Justices Itinerant, in 20. of his reign; whereby, declaring it to be his royall pleasure, that there should be speciall and certain marks set forth, for the limits of each Countie, about the parts of this **Eston** in **Warwickshire**, and **Hanneworth** in **Staffordshire**; he gave command to the Shirriff of **Warwickshire**, to bring into **Lichfield**, upon Sunday next after the Feast of **S. James** the Apostle, xii. discreet and lawfull Knights, there to make and establish such metes and divisions, upon their Oaths; and the

like to the Shirriff of **Staffordshire** for as many out of that Countie.

To which **Thomas de Erdington** succeeded ¹ **Giles**, and unto him **Henry** ²: which **Henry**, about the beginning of **Edw. 1.** reign, enfeoffed ³ **Thomas de Maidenbach** in this Mannour, bounded by the Rivers of **Tame** and **Burne**, as his Charter manifesteth: who being so possessor of it, in 13 E. 1. claimed by Prescription Assize of Beer, Gallows, Infangthef, Mifangthef, with a Court Leet, and Weyfs; As also that he and his Tenants should be free from any suit to the Countie or Hundred Courts, bounding his claim within the limits of those two Rivers before specified, and had allowance of them accordingly. After which, viz. the next ensuing year, did the said **Thomas de Maidenbach** obtain a Charter of **Free-warren** for himself and his heirs in all his demesns lands here. It seems he was a servant to the King; for in that grant the King calls him dilectus Valettus noster (our beloved Esquire) in 18 E. 1. he impleaded **William de Bermingham** for fishing in a part of his water, called **Hoppsich** to **Scrafsod**-bridge, within this his Libertie of **Alston**: And in 19 E. 1. was certified to hold this Lordship, together with **Dudston**, of **Roger de Someri**, as of his Mannour of **Bordesley juxta Bermingham**, by the Rent of ii s. viii d. payable yearly at the Feast of **S. Michael** for all services.

But all that I find farther of this **Thomas de Maidenbach** is, that being to attend the King in his voyage beyond Sea 14 E. 1. he had speciall Letters of protection granted to him; as also that he was a Benefactor to the **Hospitall** of **S. Thomas** the Apostle in **Bermingham**, by giving thereto ten Acres of Heath lying within this his Lordship of **Alston**; and that he departed this life without issue male; for by an Inquis. taken after the death of **Isabel** his widow in 12 E. 2. **Joane, Sibill, Isabell, and Margaret** were found to be his daughters and heirs, the youngest then being above xxi. years of age. Of which, **Joane**, shortly after, died issueless, so that by Partition made in 12 E. 2. the possessions of the said **Thomas** were divided betwixt the other three; viz. this Mannour of **Alston**, with the Mannours of **Gerndon** in **Drfordshire**, **Wikes**, and **Sonde** in **Suffex**, and **Bergholtes** in **Suffolk**; besides other lands and Rents lying in the Countie of **Southampton**: whereof **Sibill**, then the wife of **Adam de Grymesarwe**, had this Lordship for her share. Which **Adam** and **Sibill** had issue ⁴ **John**, unto whom the said **Sibill** his mother, by her Deed bearing date on the day of **S. Lamberti** the Bishop and Martyr 31 E. 3. gave the inheritance thereof; whereby it descended, after the decease of the said **John**, who dyed childless, unto his Cousin **Maud Grymesarwe**, daughter of **John**, brother to the before specified **Adam**: which **Maud** in 40 E. 3. past it unto **John atte Holt** of **Bermingham**, as her Charter dated here at **Alston** on the Sunday next before the Feast of **S. Agapite** the Martyr, testifieth; whose posterity (whereof I have inserted the Descent in the following page) do enjoy it to this day.

Which **John Holt** dyed childless, so that **Walter** his uncle became heir to the estate; who in 40 E. 3. and 1 R. 2. underwent the office of Eschaetor to the King, for this Countie and **Leicestershire**; a service in those days of great trust, and wherein none but persons of eminent worth and quality were employed: In the later of which

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e Esc. 19.
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f Pat. 14. R.
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g Esc. 13. E.
1. m. 128.

h Esc. 12. E.
2. n. 37.

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q Rot. F. 49.
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r Rot. F. 1.
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years he was the principall Commissioner assigned in this Countie for levying and collecting a Fifteenth and Tenth, then granted to the King in Parliament. Of this *Walter* I find, that by a Feoffment^f to one *Williams Whetele* and other persons in trust, he setled this Mannour to the use of himself, and *Margerie* his wife, as also to his own right heirs; and that he departed^g this life, the said *Margerie* surviving; who the better to secure her estate, enfeoffed^h *John of Gaunt* Duke of *Lancaster*, Sir *William Bagot* of *Baginton*, and other persons of qualitie therein: And that he left issueⁱ *John* and *William*; which *John*, being heir apparent, made another Feoffment^k in Fee simple thereof, to the said Sir *William Bagot*: But *William* the younger brother, having great favour and countenance from King *H. 4.* in consideration of his good service done and to be done, as the words of the^l Patent import, obtained a grant of it from the said King, for life, in *1 H. 4.* who challenged^m a legall title thereto, as son and heir to *John* Duke of *Lancaster* above mentioned, one of the Feoffees unto the before recited *Margerie*; in which Patent, the King calls him, *Dilectus Armiger noster*; whence I guesse that he was his servant before he attained the Crown.

... del Holte-Matilda del Holte

| relicta 16 E. 2.

Joh. atte Holte

16 E. 2.

Simon del Holte de Albreda
Bermingham 4 E. 3. 14 E. 3.

Walt. Holte-Margeria.
49 E. 3.

Joh. atte Holte senior;
21 E. 3.

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Simon-Matilda filia &
hær. Ric. ar. 1 H. 4.
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de Bruge North.

Will. Holt de Aston
ob. f. p.

Joh. Holt ob. f. p.

Walt. Holt fil. & hær.
obit. f. p.

Audomarus Holt fil. &
hæres 12 H. 6.

Joh. Holt ar. 19 H. 6.

Margar. filia Ric. de la Bere
de Kenardley in Com. Heref. militis.

Will. Holt-Margarita filia Will. Cumber-
ford de Cumberford in Com. Staff. armigeri.

Will. Holt de Aston-Johanna filia Adæ
ar. obiit 28. Sept. 6 H. 5.

Knight de Salopia.

Thomas Holt Justic. North-Margeria primogenita fil. &
Wallæz obiit 23. Martii 37 H. 8.

coher. Will. Willington de
Barcheston ar.

Edw. Holt de Dudston-Dorothea filia Joh. Ferrers
ar. obiit 3. Feb 35 Eliz. de Tamworth Castro ar.

Thom Holt eq. aur. -Gracia filia & cohæres Will. Brad-
& Bar. burne de Hogh in Com. Derb. ar.

But about this time the said Sir *William Bagot* was under a great cloud (as my story of him in *Baginton* will shew) by which means the said *William Holt* kept the possession thereof, with little opposall: Howbeit, in *5 H. 4.* after time had shadowed the memory of his by-past actions, and that he had got a Releaseⁿ from the Bishop of

S. Davids, and other his Feoffees, of the interest they^b had to all his lands, he set afoot his title to this Mannour: but in conclusion there was a reference^c betwixt them, made unto *Edward* Duke of *York*, and *Richard Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick*, unto whose arbitrement they were contented to submit; and to that end bound themselves in CC li. bonds a piece. The particulars of their Award I have not seen; but by what afterwards appears, it is evident, that the said *William Holt* kept the possession thereof; for in *14 H. 6.* he released^d unto *John Warde* of *Little Bromwiche* and *John Shyngler*, all his right therein; which *John* and *John* had been his Feoffees^e together with the said Earl of *Warwick* and others; and so, it seems, still stood, the possession continuing in himself; for the better corroborating of whose title, the next year after, did *Andomare* his nephew (who in truth was the right heir) release^f unto him all the right and claim he had thereto.

This *William* in *12 H. 6.* was^g one of the chief persons in this County, choien to make Oath for performance of divers Articles concluded of in the Parliament then held, having the title of *William Holt de Aston armiger*: but for ought yet appeareth, the estate which he had by grant from King *H. 4.* was but for terme of life, so that the inheritance resting in the Crown, occasioned *John Holt* his nephew (scil. son to his brother *Simon*) in *19 H. 6.* to procure a Patent^h thereof, with all the Liberties and privileges thereto belonging (and therein particularly exprest) for himself and his heirs, to be held of the chief Lord of the Fee, and not of the King in Capite. Which *John* being so vested therein, and taking notice of a certain Act of Reassumption made in the Parliament held at *Westminster* *29 H. 6.* exhibitedⁱ his Petition to the King, that the same Act might not be prejudicial to him, nor unto *Margaret* his wife, nor the heirs or assignes of the said *John*, in respect of the Patent before mentioned, considering that it had been duly recovered (as the said Petition alledged) according to the course of Law before the Justices of the Common Pleas, in the tenth year of the same King's reign, by the said *Aymer Holt*, cousin and heir to the before specified *Walter*, against *Will. Holt* Esquire, then tenant thereof, by virtue of certain Letters Patent to him made, as aforesaid; which Petition was accordingly^j granted.

Of this *John Holt* I further find, that he was constituted^k Eschætor for this County, and *Leicester* in *16 H. 6.* and became afterwards a meniall servant to the same King; who by way of reward for his fidelity and diligence, made him Ranger of *Sutton Chase*; the words of which grant^l being memorable, I shall here transcribe. *Rex, &c. Sciatis quod de gratia nostra speciali, ac consideratione diutini & continui servicii, quod humilia servitor noster Joh. Holt, Armiger de Hospicio nostro, nobis impendit, & impendere proponit in futuro, Concessimus ei Officium de Ridership infra Chaceam de Sutton in Comitatu nostro Warwici, quod per rebellionem Ricardi nuper Comitis Warwici vacat, & de dono nostro existit. Habendum & occupandum dictum Officium prefato Johanni seu deputato suo sufficienti, pro termino vite sue, cum omnimodis vadiis, feodis &c. ab antiquo debitis &c. Teste Rege apud Coventre xxiii. Maii.* To him succeeded^m *William*, and likewise to that *William* anotherⁿ *William*; and to him^o *Thomas*; who being a learned Lawyer, and Justice^p of

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g Pat. 12.

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y Efc. 35.
Eliz.

z Rot. P.
42. Eliz.

North-Males in H. 8. time, as also in Commis-
sion for the Peace in this Shire the greatest part of
that King's reign, wedded ^c *Margerie* the eldest
of the seven daughters and coheirs to *William Wil-*
lington of Warchellon Esquire (a wealthy Mer-
chant of the Staple) who survived him, and after-
wards became the wife ^u of Sir *Ambrose Cave*
Knight, And by her left issue *Edward Holt* Esquire,
Which *Edw.* having had his education with Sir
John St. Leger (then of *Woeley* Castle in *in Com.*
Wigorn.) as by his Fathers Will appears, was in
14 *Eliz.* constituted ^w one of the Justices of Peace
for this County, and in 26 *Eliz.* Sheriff ^x; and
died ^y 3. Febr. 35 *Eliz.*

Unto whom succeeded *Thomas* his son and heir,
then of full age, being made Sheriff ^z of this Coun-
ty, in 42 *Eliz.* and Knighted by King *James*, at his

first coming into **England**; but afterwards, viz.
25. *Novemb.* 10. *Jac.* advanced ^a to the dignity of a Baronet; Of whom I may not omit to take this
further notice; viz. that by him there was a fair
Parke inclosed here, and a noble Fabrick therein
created, which for beauty and state much excee-
deth any in these parts; the building whereof was
begun in *Aprill Anno* 1618. (16 *Jac.*) and fi-
nished in *Aprill* 11^o *Caroli*: As also that by his last
Will and Testament he assigned CCC li. for the
building of an *Hospitall* here at *Aston*, for five men
& five women, appointing a Rent charge out of his
Mannour of *Erdington* of LXXXV III li. per ann.
for their support: And lastly that he departed this
life . . . *Anno* 1654. being then about LXXXIII.
years of age.



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Holt,
The Church (dedicated to *S. Peter & Paul*) being
given ^b to the Monastery of *Petropoit-Paganell*
in **Buckinghamshire** (commonly called *Utk-
Priorie*) by *Gervase Paganell* Baron of *Dudley*,
and Lord of this Mannour in H. 2. time, was ap-
propriated ^c to them by *Ric. Peche* then Bishop of
this Dioces; which appropriation *Hubert* Arch-
bishop of *Canterbury* shortly afterwards confir-
med ^d. But the Monks of that House thought not
their title very secure, till they had got a ratifica-
tion ^e thereof from *Giles de Erdington* in 15 H. 3.
for which he and his heirs were made partakers of
all the prayers and pious works to be performed in
that Monastery for ever. After which, viz. in 38
H. 3. there was an Ordination ^f of the Vicaridge,
here, by *Roger de Weseham* then Bishop of *Co-
ventre* and *Lichfield*, with the consent of the
Monks of *Petropoit-Painell* and *William de Kil-*
kenny the then Rector. By which Ordination, bea-
ring date at *Bretwood* on the morrow after the
Feast of *S. Cecily* the Virgin, it appears, that the
Dean and Chapter of *Lichfield* were thenceforth
to receive out of the fruits of the Rectory, the sum
of xx. marks yearly, at the Feasts of the *Annun-
ciation* of our Lady, and *S. Andrew* th^e apostle, by
even portions: Howbeit, after this, scil. about six
years, there was something more done as to the be-
fore specified Ordination ^g, by *Roger de Molend*
the succeeding Bishop.

In *Anno* 1291. (19 E. 1.) the Rectory was va-
lued ^h at xl. marks, over and above the same Pen-

sion of xx. marks payable yearly to the Canons of
Lichfield; and the Vicaridge ⁱ at vii. marks and
a half. About the later end of E. 2. time, I find
that the Nuns of *Catesby* in *Com. Northamp.*
made some title ^k to the third part of the Tiches
belonging to this Church; but the Monks of *Utk-
foyd* by a Writ of Right recovered ^l against them,
and had a confirmation ^m of those Tiches accord-
ingly, made by King *Edw.* 3. in 5. of his reign. Up-
on the dissolution of which Priory of *Utkfoyd* in
17 H. 8. this Rectory, with a certain Mannour
here, belonging thereto, as the words of the Patent
do import, were with that Religious House, and di-
vers other small Monasteries (at that time likewise
suppressed) given ⁿ to Cardinal *Woolsey*, for the en-
dowing of his Colledges in *Oxford* and *Ipswich*,
then begun to be erected. Which Cardinal did
accordingly confer ^o what he had here at *Aston*,
upon the Dean and Canons of his said Colledge in
Oxford, then called *Woolsey's Colledge*. But that
Foundation of the Cardinal, was soon after altered
by the King, who not only assumed the honour
thereof to himself, but made great alteration in the
endowment; yet what was so given here at *Aston*
continued, though not without a new ^p grant from
the King, to *John* then Bishop of *Lincolne* and
others, to the use of the same Colledge. Of the be-
fore specified Vicaridge I further find, that it, with
the Chapell of *Bromwich* of xiv s. per an. value,
was in 26 H. 8. rated ^q at xxi li. iv s. viii d. over
and above iii s. payd yearly to the Dean and
Chapter

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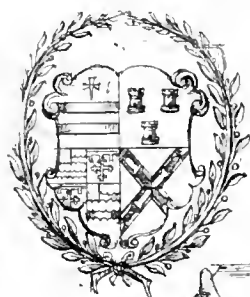
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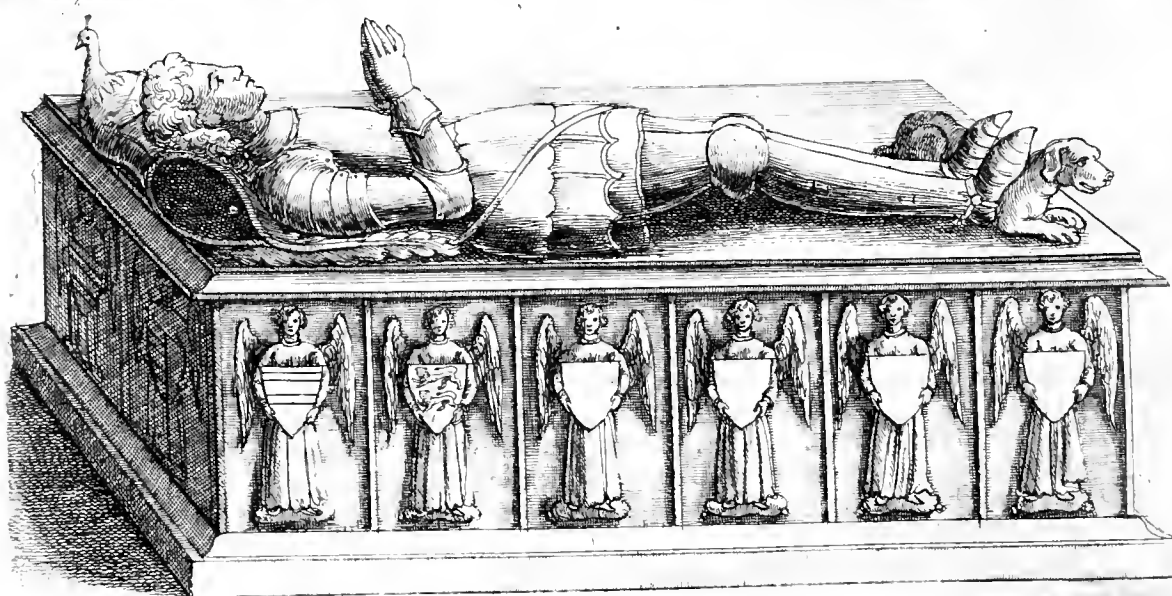
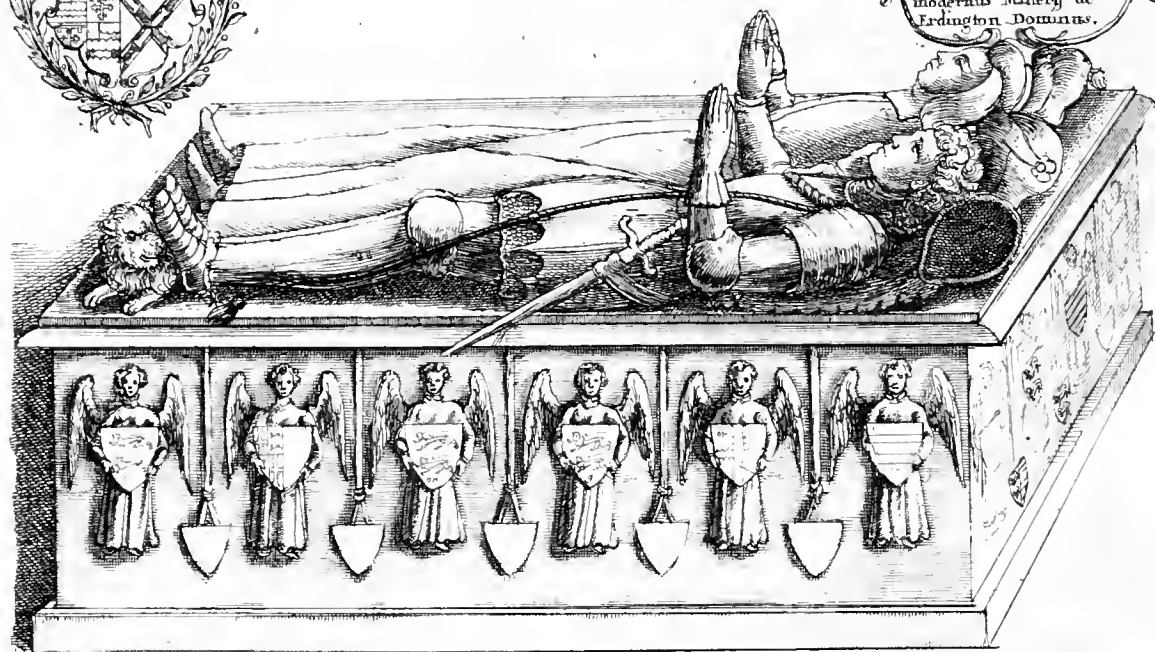
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Chapter of *Wichfield*, *iii s. viii d.* to the Bishop for of a Garden to *Thomas Holt*.
Procurations and Synodalls, and *iv d.* chief Rent



In the South Ile. called Erdingtons Chancel.

Cui Erdingtonorum de
 Erdington. Quorum quamplures
 suo tempore equitum ordine illustres
 memoriz, cum sede admodum grata
 P.
 Rob. Holt Baronettus,
 modernus Manerij de
 Erdington Dominus.



Patroni Vicariæ. Incumbentes, &c.

Langf. f. 6. b.	Prior & Conv. de Tykford.	{	GMfr. de Wenrich Pbr. 2.
Northb. f. 20. b.			Cal. Nov. 1303.
Ib. f. 48. b.			Henr. de Schirington Pbr. 16. Cal. Martii 1326.
Ib. f. 51. b.	D. Rex ratione tem- poral. Priorat. de Tykford in manu sua existentium.	{	Joh. Draper Cap. 15. Cal. Aug. 1349.
Ib. f. 59. a.			Petrus Botereh 2. Non. Nov. 1349.
Sivet. f. 31. a.			Ric. de Tykenhale Cap. 2. Cal. Apr. 1355.
Sk. f. 6. b.			Thomas Skyl Pbr. 5. Nov. 1383.
Burgh. f. 13. a.			Thomas atte Cruche 14. Oct. 1391.
			Will. Pollard 10. Maii 1404.

Prior & Conv. de
Tykford

Will. Tonge Cap. 22. Oct. 1b. f. 19. b.
1405.
Rob. Hunte Cap. penult. Heyw. f. 16. b.
Oct. 1425.
Ric. Hancocks Pbr. ult. 1b. f. 32. b.
Dec. 1433.
Ric. Bryan 6. Julii 1b. f. 39. a.
1440.
Thomas Gayton Pbr. 25. 1b. b.
Jan. 1440.
D. Joh. Dren Pbr. 3. Nov. 1b. f. 40. b.
1441.
Ric. Grove Pbr. 25. Aug. 20. f. 21. b.
1449.
Will. Musselwyke 2. Dec. 1b. f. 12. b.
1451.
David Seyward Cap. 9. 20. f. 32. a.
Sept. 1453.

1b.f.24.a. } *Joh. Albod. Cap. 5. Oct.*
Idem Prior & Conv. } 1456.
 1b.f.29.b. } *Thomas Baker Cap. 8.*
 } Nov. 1458.

Sampf. f. 43. a. *Ambr. Cave miles, ratione dotis Margeria ux. sua nuper ux. T. Holt are* } *D. Thomas Byrde Cler. 25. Maii 1552.*
Sampf. & B. f. 30. a. } *Laur. Blakeway 30. Maii 1561.*

Overton bund. F. *Thomas Holt de Dudston miles.* } *Joh. Machon Cler. 1. Martii 1603.*
 } *Ric. Dickleg. Cler. 1. Maii 1611.*

Morton bund. in eccr. *Thomas Holt miles & bar.* } *Job. Grent art. Magr. 12. Dec. 1621.*

Erdington's Chantry.

r Pat. 27. H. 6. p. 2. m. 18. **I**N 27 H. 6. Sir Thomas Erdington Knight founded a Chantry in this Church, for one Priest to celebrate divine service daily at the Altar of the blessed Virgin perpetually, for the good estate of King Henry the sixth, and of him the said Sir Thomas and Joyce his wife, during their lives in this world: and for the health of their souls, as also the souls of their Progenitors, Parents, and Benefactors, and all the faithful deceased: The revenues whereof, in 26 H. 8. were certified to be vii li. xix s. ob. over and above iii s. iv d. for the Anniversarie of the Founder, and xvi s. ob. in Rents to the Lord of the Fee: Howbeit, in 37 H. 8. considering an Annuite of xl s. granted out of the lands belonging thereto, unto John Throckmorton gentleman for life, the cleer yearly value amounted to no more than vi li. But after the generall dissolution of the Chantries, this, with the lands belonging to it, was by Letters Patent, bearing date 9. Sept. 2 E. 6. (inter alia) granted to Ric. Pallady gentleman, and Francis Foxall Citizen and Mercer of London, and their heirs; and the next year following, another Patent thereof made to Thomas Hawkyngs, alis Fysher of Warwick, and his heirs.

In the utmost window (on the South side) towards the West, of those that pertain to the body of the Church, is this inscription.

Orate pro bono statu fratrum de Bromwich, qui hanc fenestram fieri fecerunt.

In the next window is this coat of Armes; viz. *Argent a Chevron gules between 3. lozenges sable:* And under it, the portraiture of a man kneeling in a surcoat of the same Armes, with 4. sons behind him, over whose heads is this in a scroule *Pater Dei memento mei.*

Behind them is the portraiture of a woman in a scarlet gown, with 4. daughters, having a scroule, over her head, in which is written: *Fili Dei miserere mei.*

And under them all this Inscriptoin: *Orate pro bono statu Roberti Passet & Elisabethe uxoris sue.*

In the fourth window on the same South side, is this coat; viz. *Argent a Lyon rampant sable [Stapleton] empaling Massy, and under it the following Inscription.*

Orate pro bono statu Roberti Passet & Elisabethe uxoris sue, qui hanc fenestram fieri fecerunt.

In one of the like windows on the North side are the portraitures of the same Walter Arden and Alianore his wife, kneeling, whose monument is in the Chancell; and in the same surcoats of Armes as thereupon are exprest. Over his head is this scroule, *Iesu Fili Dei miserere mei.* Over hers *Pater Dei memento mei.* And under them both, this written: *Orate pro bono statu Walteri Arderne armigeri & Elianore uxoris eius.*

On a stone fixed in the North Wall of the Chancell, is this Inscription.

Henry Williams Vicar once of this Church, and Parson of Aberfro in Anglice, lyeth here under, who died Anno 1603. Febr. 14.
Quod sibi quisq; ferit presentis tempore vita,
Hoc sibi messis erit cum dicitur Ite, Venite.

On another stone in the same Wall.
Memoria Sacrum.

Pientissimi atq; optimi juvenis Olliphi Boys, ex antiqua & generosa Boysiorum in Cantio stirpe oriundi: patre Antonio Boys verbi divini Ministro apud Cullesden in Surria nati, in celeberrima Wichamiecorum societate Wintonia primum, dein Oxonia educati: bonis literis egregie instructi, gradu Magisterii in artibus ornati; sacrisq; ordinibus initiati; Qui cum una & altera Concione ad populum habitaret, magnam apud omnes spem sui, & expectationem fecisset, gravissimis calculi doloribus interceptus, ac demum oppressus, hic apud affines suos expiravit die 5. Augusti An. D. 1630. etatis sue 31.

Monumentum hoc Dorothea Gilmin mater amantissima L. M. Q. Posuit.

On the same side of this Chancell, there is a very noble Monument for Sir Edward Devereux Kt. and Baronet (grandfather to the now Vicount Hereford) erected by his Lady, who survived him; the Figure whereof I have here omitted, for the reasons exprest in my Preface, but have added the Epitaph.

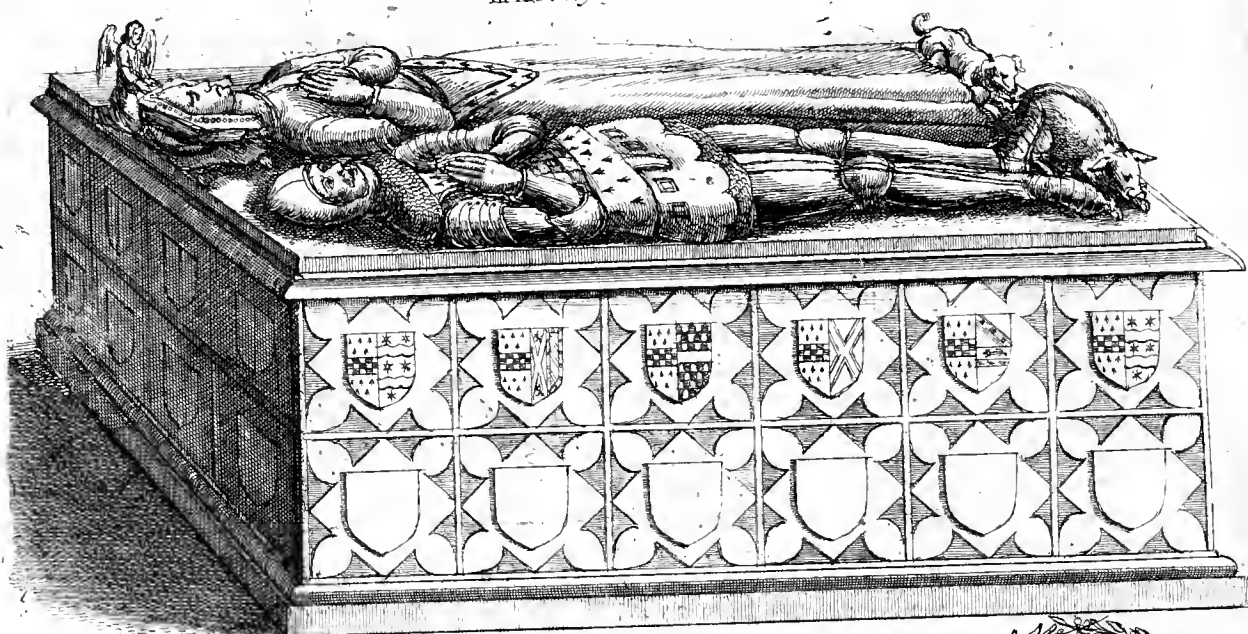
Here lyeth Sir Edward Devereux of Castle-Bromwich Knight and Baronet, youngest son of Walter Lord Ferrers of Chartley, and Viscount Hereford, by Margaret his second wife, daughter of Robert Garnish of Kenton Hall in Com. Suff. Esquire; who married Katherine eldest daughter of Edward Arden of Park-Hall Esquire, by whom he had issue five sons and four daughters, Sir Walter Knight and Baronet, William, George, Edward, and Henry; Margaret, Anne, Howard and Grace. Sir Walter married Eliz. daughter and heir of Robert Bayspole of

Aldeby in Com. Norff. Esquire, who died without issue. Secondly, he married Elizabeth second daughter of Thomas Knightley of Broughall in Com. Staff. Esquire, brother to Sir Richard Knightly of Fausley in Com. Northampt. Kt. George married Blanch, daughter and heire of John Ridge in Com. Salop. gent. Henry married Barbara daughter and heire of Robert Smallbrook of Yardley Gent. William and Edward died unmarried. Margaret married Sir Hugh Wrottesley of Wrottesley in Com. Staff. Kt. Anne married Robert Leighton of Wattelsborow in

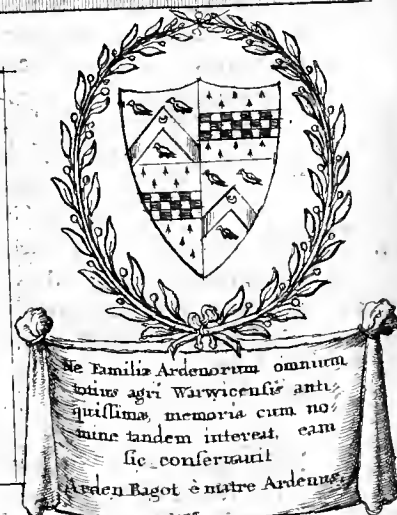
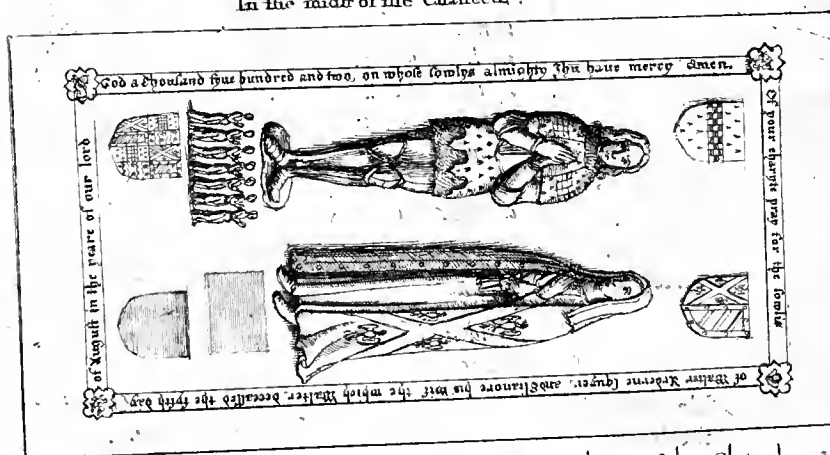
Com. Salop. Esquire. Howard married Thomas son and heire of Sir Thomas Dilke of Maxstoke Castle in Com. Warr. Esquire. Grace the youngest. Which Sir Edward died the 22th of Sept. An. D. 1622.

Here lieth Lady Katherine wife to Sir Edward Devereux, who died the second of November 1627. To whose memorie Sir George Devereux her second son, caused this part of this Monument to be erected, according to her command.

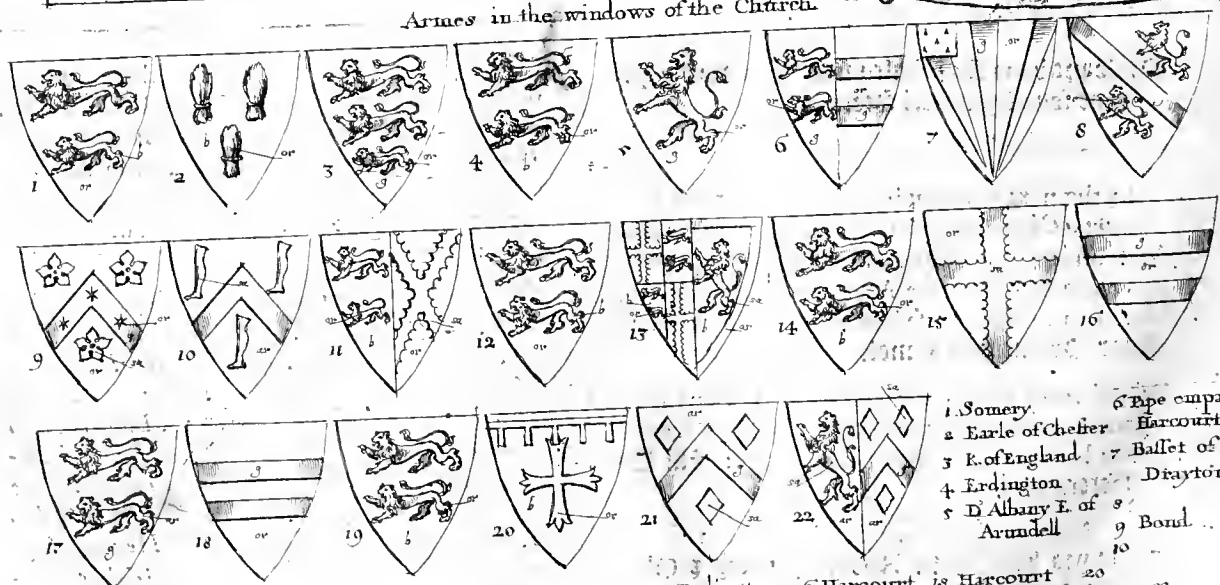
Atton Rectory, Beruingham,
In the body of the Church.



In the midst of the Chancell.



Armes in the windows of the Church.



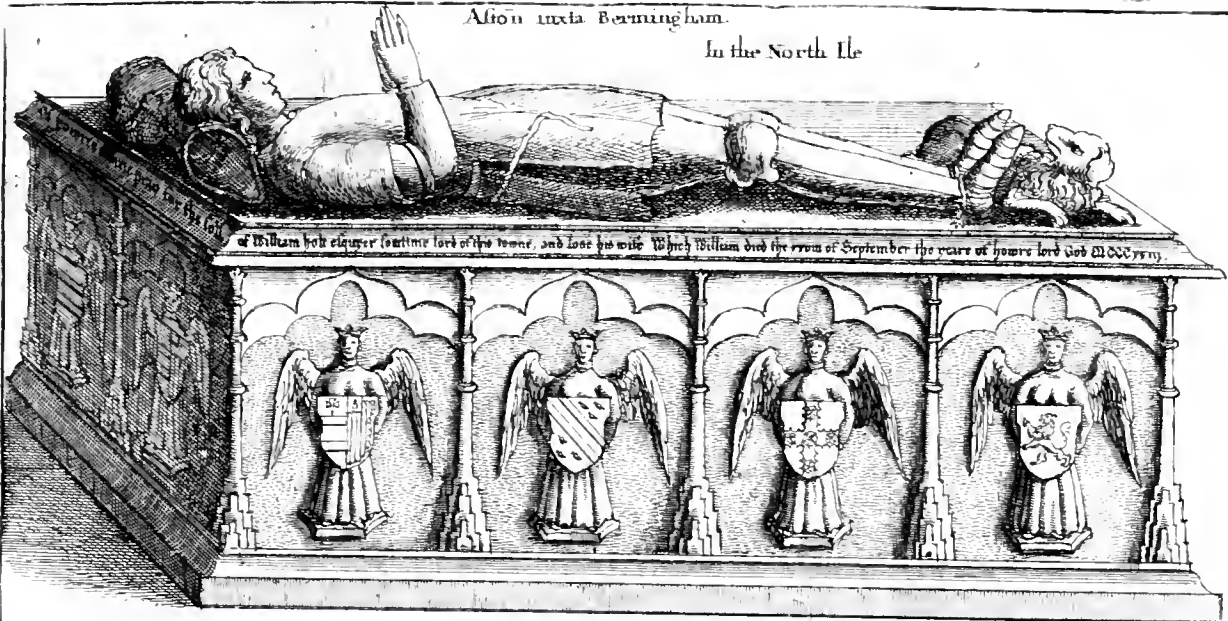
11 Erdington empaling Botetourt
12 Somery
17 Erdington empaling

14 Erdington
15 Mohun
16 Harcourt
17 Strange
18 Harcourt
19 Erdington
20 Stapleton empaling Mally

1 Somery
2 Earle of Chetser
3 R. of England
4 Erdington
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6 Rape empaling Harcourt
7 Ballet of Drayton
8 Bowl
9 Bowl
10 Bowl

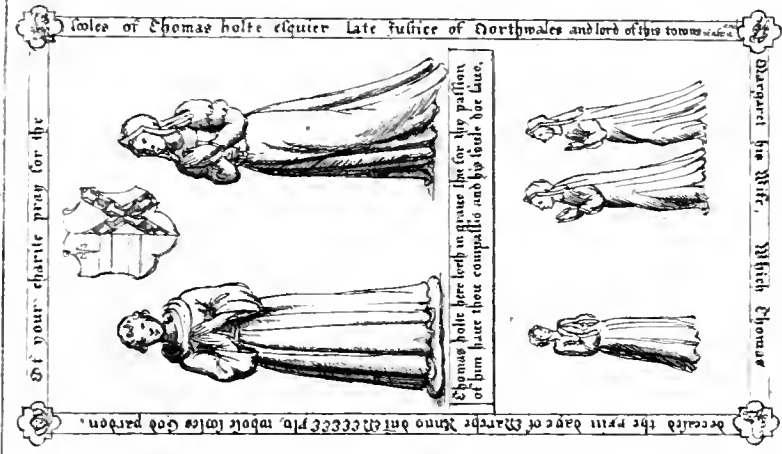
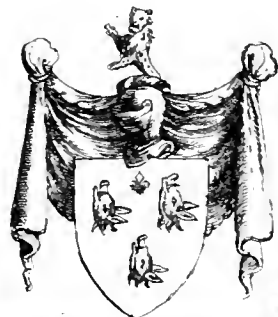
Alston iuxta Birmingham.

In the North Ile



of William holte esquier sometime lord of the town, and lost his wife. Which William died the xxviii of September the year of howre lord God 1500. xxviii.

On the North wall of the Chancell.



Thomas holte here lyes in quene the for the passion of him have their compaignie and his hole for due.

HERE LYETH WILL. BOOTH OF WITTON IN COM. WARR. GENT. WHO HAD 3 WIVES THE FIRST DOROTHE DAVGH OF RICH. DILLKE OF KIRBY MALORY IN COM. LEIC. ESQVIER BY WHOME HE HAD ESVE SONS AND 4 DA. WILL. RICH. EDW. THOMAS PERCEVAL AND GEORGE ANNE MARY DORA THE AND IONT. THE SECOND MARIETH THE WIDOW OF WILL. PERSON OF BICKENELL IN COM. WARR. GENT. BY WHOME HE HAD ESVE WILLIAM. THIRDELY HE MARRIED DOROTHE DAVGH OF EDWARD SANDERS OF FLOWER IN COM. NORT. ESQ. WHICH WILL. WAS BYTLED APR. 18 1610

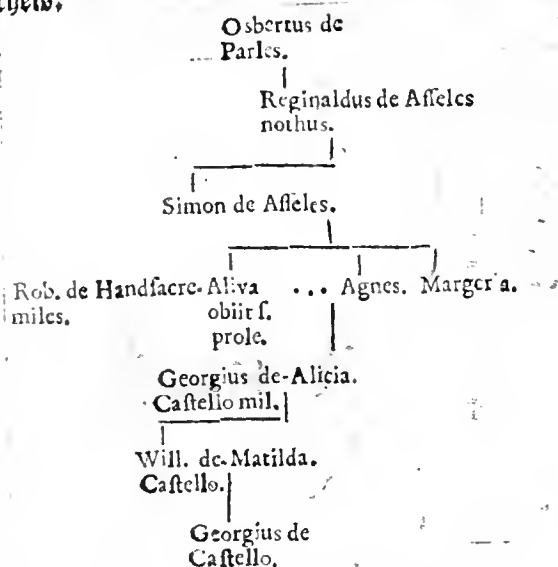
HERE ALSO LYETH WILL. BOOTH OF WITTON IN COM. WARR. ESQ. SONNE AND HEIRE OF THE ABOVE SAID WILLIAM WHO MARRIED ALICE DA. OF RICH. FOX OF HOSSELEY IN COM. WIGGON. GENT. AND HAD BYTLE. 3 SONS AND 7 DAUGH. WILL. RICH. JOSEPH SAM. BENJAM. JOHN AND THOMAS. LLINOR. MARY AND SARAH W. WILL. DIED THE 27 OF NOV. 1637.

HERE LYETH BYTLED EDWARD HOLTE ESQVIER AND MARY HIS WIFE EDWARD WAS LORD OF THIS TOWNE AND PATRON OF THIS CHURCH. BECAUSE HE WAS ALSO LORD OF DUNSTON AND MIDDLETON. HIS OTHER LANDS WERE IN THE PARISH WHO DIED ABOVE CANDLEMAS EVE. ABOUT THE AGE OF ONE AND FIFTY YEARES IN THE XXV YEARES OF THE REIGNE OF QUEENE ELIZABETH AND IN THE YEARES OF OUR SAVIOUR CHRIST 1500.

Nechells.

OF this place there is no mention at all in the Conqueror's Survey, forasmuch as it was then involved with **Aston**; but the name thereof, scil. **pechells**, or **echells**, (for it is indifferently written) discovereth it to have been a **Wood** at first, **echel** signifying the same in the German language (whereof our Saxon is a branch) as *Quercus* in the Latine. I am of opinion that one of the old Barons of **Dudley** granted it, originally, unto one of the Family of **Parles**, together with **Hannetworth** (now called **Hansworth**) in *Com. Staff.* For I find* that **Osbert de Parles** had a Bastard son called **Reynald de Affeles**, or, whom he conferred the inheritance of all his lands here in **Affells**, or **pechells**.

x Ex vet. membr. penes T. Holt, eq. aur. & Bar.



Which **Reynald** had issue **Simon**, and he three daughters that were his heirs, with the eldest of whom he gave these lands of **pechells** to Sir **Robert de Handsacre** Knight, in frank marriage; but she dying without issue, they came to **Alice** her neice, then the wife of Sir **George de Castell** Knight; which **Alice** in her widowhood, sc. 4 E. 3. in consideration of xl li. of silver, past away all her interest in this Mannour unto **Simon del Holt** of **Birmingham**, and his heirs, whose posteritie have continued Lords thereof ever since; Sir **Thomas Holt** now of **Aston** Knight and Baronet, being the present owner thereof Anno scil. 1640.

y Ex autog. penes eund. T. H.

But it hath been long since totally depopulated, though antiently it was a pretty Village, as by severall instances, might be shewed: for in 34 E. 3. Sir **Thomas de Arden** Knight, had a mansion here, as appears by a Licence² granted to him from **Robert de Stretton** then Bishop of this Diocess, to have a private Oratorie or Chapell, therein, for himself and his own Family. It seems that the same **Philip de Aylesbury**, of whom I have made mention in **Dudston**, had also some interest here in R. 2. time; for he then wrote^a himself **Dominus de Dudston & de pechells**; but of what extent it was, I cannot say: all which was^b passed by Sir **William de Bishopsdon** in 2 H. 5. unto **Rich. de Clodhale** (of **Saltley**) and his heirs, being said to have sometime belong'd unto the same **Philip de Aylesbury**. In 33. H. 6. there was a^c Fine levied betwixt **Thomas Waldeyve**, and **William Leycroft**, Plaintiffs, and **Robert Danvers**, **Henry Fillongley**, and **John Holt** Esquire, deforciant, of this

z Strct. f. 5. b.

a Ex autog. penes Rob. Arden. ar.

c F. levat. Off. Trin. 33 H. 6.

Mannour (for by that name it then passed) by which it seemeth, that the inheritance thereof became vested in the before specified **Thomas Waldeyve**; perhaps to the use of the same **John Holt** and his heirs; for in 20 H. 8. **Thomas Holt**, who then wrote himself *de medio Templo London generosus*, was^d owner thereof, which **Thomas** was grandfather to Sir **Thomas** above mentioned.

d Ex autog. penes Fr. Netherfole eq. aur.

Dudston.

OF this Hamlet there is now no more left than the Mannour-house; but by the name, I should judge it to be a Village of great antiquitie, and so called from **Dodo** or **Dud**, whence **Dudley** (doubtlesse) had the appellation. But till E. 1. time, I have not found any mention of it in Record, in regard it was involved with **Aston**, and so came to Sir **Thomas de Erdington**, as a member thereof, though it be not particularly named: for it is evident^e that **Henry de Erdington** (great grandchild to the said Sir **Thomas**) did his fealtie to **Joane Botetourt** Lady of **Woelep**, as coheir to **Someri** Baron of **Dudley**, on S. Mark's day 17 E. 2. for this place, together with **Aston**; mention being made of their tenure by a pair of gilt Spurs, or six pence, as in the originall grant of **Aston** may be seen, which Sir **Henry** (for he was afterwards a Knight) granted^f it by the name of **Manerium de Dudston** to **Thomas de Maidenhache** and his heirs, about the beginning of E. 1. time; who had **Free warren**^g in all his demesne lands here, together with **Aston**, as by the King's grant thereof in 14 E. 1. appeareth: but having severall daughters and heirs (as in **Aston** is shewed) this, *inter alia*, was allotted^h, as a member of **Aston**, unto **Sibill** the wife of **Adam de Grymesarve**; by means whereof it cameⁱ to **John de Grymesarve** their son and heir, who^k sold it unto **John atte Holt** in 38 E. 3. for xl. marks: From which **John** it is descended, as the Pedegree in **Aston** manifesteth, unto Sir **Thomas Holt** now of **Aston**, Knight and Baronet, the present Lord thereof; and was his principall seat, till he had built **Aston** house.

e Ex Cartul. de Erdington f. 55. b. & 148. b.

f Ex autog. penes pref. T. Holt. g Cart. 14. E. 1. p. 47.

h Ex vet. membr. penes eund. T. H.

But notwithstanding the Mannour thus fixed in the Familie of **Holt**, there was a considerable part of this Village antiently posselt by the **Aylesburies** (of whom I have spoke in **Edston**) for I finde^l that **Roger de Aylesbury** stiled himself **Dominus de Dodestone** in 5 E. 2. so also did^m **Philip de Aylesbury** in 10 R. 2. yet when or how it past from **Aylesbury**, I have not seen: but in 2 H. 5. Sir **William de Bishopsdon** Knight, granted to **Richard de Clodhale** all the lands and tenements lying here, which had formerly belong'd to the before specified **Philip de Aylesbury**; after which I have not met with farther mention of them.

l Ex autog. penes Rob. Arden ar.

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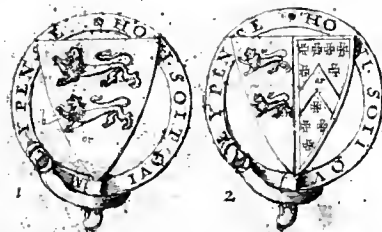
THIS place (antiently writtenⁿ **Durp-patehend**) though it be within the Parish of **Aston**, is parcell of the Lordship of **Birmingham**; so that of it self there is nothing farther memorable than a certain Chapell, erected^o about the beginning of King **Ric.** the second's time; wherein by an Agreement

n Ex autog. penes Will. Booth ar.

ment^v made 13. Junii Anno 1381. (4 R. 2.) betwixt the Monks of **Wyke** in right of their Restorie of **Alton** before specified, **Richard Shoben-hale** then Vicar of **Alton**, and **Sir John Botetourt** Knight, Patron of the said Priorie of **Wyke**, on the one part: And **Sir John Birmingham** Kc. Lord of this Hamlet, **Geffrey Boteler**, **Robert Greene**, and others, Inhabitants here and in **Worsley**, on the other part; by the consent of **Robert de Stretton** then Bishop of **Coventry** and **Lichfield**, the said Inhabitants of these two Hamlets, partly in respect of the danger by floods, especially in Winter-time, and their great distance from the said mother-Church of **Alton**; and partly that their Children might not want Baptisme, in case of necessity, there should be a Font in the said Chapell, and that they might have libertie to find at their own proper costs, a fitting Priest to celebrate divine Service therein, as also for Churching of women. Provided that the same Inhabitants should repaire to the said Mother-Church of **Alton**, on **Easter-day**, **Christmase-day**, **All-Hallow-day**, and the days of the Dedication of the said Church, scil. **S. Peter & S. Paul**, hapning next after the Feasts of the Nativity of **S. John Baptist**, and Purification of the blessed Virgin; then and there to render and pay to God and the said Parish Church, all their Tithes, great and small, with Oblations, in such sort as they had anciently used, and were of right to do to the same Church. Which Priest so serving in this Chapell, was by the before specified Agreement in case the Vicar of **Alton** for the time being, or his Parochiall Priest could not attend it, to visit the sicke of these two Hamlets, and to administer unto them, as also to confesse and absolve them, so as they should thrive themselves once a yeare to the said Vicar of **Alton**, or his Parochiall Priest, as of right they ought.

After which, viz. in 6 R. 2. did **William Geffen**, **Thoms Holden**, **Robert of the Greene**, **Richard Bene**, **Thomas de Belne**, and **John Smyth** obtain License^t of the King to give certain lands of x. marks yearly value, and lying within the said Parish of **Alton**, for the finding of a Priest to celebrate divine Service daily in this Chapell. But in 37 H. 8. were the possessions, lying in **Worsley**, **Dutton**, **Battle**, and **Bermlugham**, which belong'd thereunto, seized^t upon as Chantrye lands, and then valued^t at *xiii li. xix d. per annum*, out of which two Priests, officiating in the said Parish Church of **Alton**, had^u *x li. per an.* betwixt them.

Decorated
In the Windows of the Chapell.



1. Lord Dudley
2. Dudley empaling Bertley of Berkston

Orate pro bono statu
Walteri. Kiderne armigeri et
Suzanne uxoris eius.

Bordsley.

This being originally a member of **Alton**, and therewith involved at the time of the Conqueror's Survey, descended to the **Someris**, Barons of **Dudley**, by the heir female of **Paganell**, as the Castle of **Dudley** (which was part of **William Fitz-Anselm's** possessions, together with **Alton**) did: yet have I not seen it particularly mentioned in any Record till H. 3. time; but then was it certified^w to be in the Earl of **Chester's** hands, who had obtained^x, the Wardship of the son and heir to **William Percival de Someri** (whose posterity were onely surnamed **Someri**) And afterwards scil. in 1 E. 1. being assigned^y to **Anabill** the widow of **Roger de Someri**, as part of her Dower, was valued^z at *xviii li. xv s. v d. q.* having a **Leet**, which the Barons of **Dudley** anciently held here, extending into **Bromwycch parva**, **Bromwycch magna**, **Dobeston**, **Saluthep**, **Cheells**, **Overton**, and **Crdington**, as by the Claim^a of **Roger de Someri** in 13 E. 1. appears: At which time it was also found, that three Rodmen of **Wiltton** (a Hamlet likewise in the same Parish) did usually, by turnes, do suit to the King's Hundred-Court of **Hemlingford**, from three weeks to three weeks, for all those Hamlets except **Crdington**; but that all the Freeholders of **Crdington** did personally perform their suit to the said Hundred from three weeks to three weeks, or pay a Fine of *xix d.* And that all the said Hamlets before specified, together with **Crdington**, used to pay for the Shiriffs Aid *xxxv s.* To the **Leet** a mark; and for **Withe** *xi d. q.* but that the King was in possession of the **Weyfs**.

Which **Roger de Someri** had issue **Roger**, upon whose death in 19 E. 1. the extent of what he had here, was thus certified^b; viz. a certain Grange, with an Oxe-house, *Lxi.* acres of land in demein; three Meadows, scil. one lying here, another in **Dobeston**, and the third at **Olton**; as also a certain proportion of pasture ground: That he had likewise *xvi.* Customarie Tenants, which held in Villenage six yard land and a half, with a fourth part, and ten Acres, paying *Lx s. xi d. ob. per an.* And four Freeholders, who held in Socage four Messuages, and four half yard lands, paying yearly *xxxvi s. x d. q.* doing suit of Court, as also giving Heriot and Relief, as it should happen. And moreover, that besides these, there were *Lxxviii.* Freeholders, that held lands, without Houses, newly reduced to tillage, paying yearly *xii li. xv s. iii d. q.* and performing two appearances in the year, unto the Court held at this place. All which being put together, amounted^c to *xxvii li. xii s. ii d. per annum*, whereof *v li. viii s. v d. ob.* was assigned^d towards the Dower of **Agnes** his widow.

But by the constant possession, which the Barons of **Dudley** had of this Lordship, it came, at length, to be reputed^e as a member of **Dudley**; and was therefore after the death of **John de Someri** in 16 E. 2. certified^f to be held of the King in Capite, as part of that Baronie, and so came to **Joane** one^g of his two sisters and coheirs, then the wife of **Thomas de Botetourt**; and by her death in 12 E. 3. to **John de Botetourt** her son and heir, a great Baron^h in those dayes (together with **Willelmus** in **Com. Wigorn.** a Castle scarce three miles distance from

w Testa de N.

x Claus. 7. H. 3. m. 20.

y Claus. 1. E. 1. z m. 1.

a Rot de Quo. 11.

b Esc. 19 E. 1. m. 15.

c Pat. 20. E. 1. m. d. 27.

d Rot. F. 16. E. 2. m. 14.

e Esc. 16. E. 2.

h Esc. 12. E. 3. m. 40.

i Summon. ad Parlab. an. 16. E. 3. usq. 9. R. 2. Claus. de iud. an. in d.

k Pat. 48. from hence, built^b by *Rog. de Somerie* in *H. 3.*
 H 3. time) which afterwards was his principall seat.
 Howbeit, these, with the rest of his lands, for want
 of issue male, came¹ to *Joyce* his grandchild (scil.
 daughter unto the said *John*) who brought them in
 marriage to^m *Sir Hugh Burnell Knight*. Which
Joyce, dyingⁿ without issue, 1. Jan. 7. *H. 4.* *Maud*
 and *Agnes Botetourt*, *Maurice de Berkley*, *Agnes*
Wykes, and *Joyce Wykes* became her coheirs^o and
 heirs (of which, *Maud* and *Agnes Botetourt* were
 Nuns^p, the first at *Polestowth* in this Countie,
 and the second at *Cleestow* in *Bedford-*
shire) viz. ^q *Maurice Berkley*, son of *Maurice*,
 son of *Katherine*, sister of *John Botetourt*, father
 of the said *Joyce*; *Agnes* and *Joyce Wykes* being
 daughters of *Joane*, daughter of *Alice* the other
 sister to the said *John Botetourt*.

r Clauf. 8. The estate of which coheirs came by purchase
 H. 5. m. 9. in *H. 5.* time to *Joane Beauchamp Lady Berga-*
 Pat. 8 H. 5. venny, as at large may appear by these^r Records:
 m. 11. Which *Joane*, by her last Will^s settled it upon
 f Chicheley *James* or *Ormund*, her eldest son by *James* Earl of
 f. 455. *Ormund* her last husband; so that by the attain-
 t E. 1. E. der^t of the same *James* in 1. E. 4. (he being then
 4. n. 29. Earl of *Wiltshire*) it escheated to the King; who
 u { Pat. 2. the next year following, in^u consideration of the
 w { E. 4. p. good and acceptable service, which *Sir Thomas*
 1. m. 15 *Erdington Knight*, had performed to him in his ad-
 vestise, confer^d it upon the said *Sir Thomas* and
Joyce his wife, to hold during the life of the lon-
 ger liver of them, without any Rent or other thing
 to be given in lieu thereof: And by his^x Letters
 x Pat. 6. E. Patent, bearing date at *Westminster* 10. Dec. in
 4. p. 2. m. the first year of his reign, in consideration of the
 12. great and memorable services, which *Sir John Dud-*
ley Knight, Lord *Dudley*, had^y likewise performed,
 granted the reversion thereof to the said Lord *Dud-*
ley and the heirs male of his body.

But whether the said Lord *Dudley* survived them,
 and so became actually possessor of it, I cannot tell;
 for in 11 *H. 7.* there was a Fine^y levied thereof
 by *Edward*, Bishop of *Chichester*, *Sir Thomas Or-*
mund Knight, with divers others, Plaintiff, and *Sir*
William Berkley Knight, and *Anne* his wife De-
 fore. by which Fine the inheritance thereof became
 vested in the before specified *Sir Thomas Ormund*,
 with Warrantie against the heirs of the same *Anne*.
 Which *Sir Thomas Ormund* was brother to *James*
Earl of Wiltshire, formerly attainted, as hath been
 shewed; and left issue two daughters his heirs;
 viz. ^z *Margaret* the wife of *Sir William Bullein*,
 and *Anne* married to *Sir James St Leger Knight*;
 which *Anne* in 11 *H. 8.* wrote^a her self *Domina*
de Wodelesley. To whom succeeded *Sir John St Le-*
ger Knight her grandson and heir, that sold^b it to
Edward Arden of *Park-Hall Esquire*, about the
 beginning of *Queen Elizabeth's* time, whose po-
 steritie do still enjoy it.

Heybarnes.

HAVING thus traced down the succession of
Wodelesley, I shall not need to say much of
Heybarnes, it being only a member^c of the other;
 and by the Inquis. taken after the death of *Sir John*
Botetourt Knight, certified^d to contain one Mes-
 suage, and three Carucates of land; all which hath
 been^e, and is to this day still possessor by the owners
 of *Wodelesley*.

Saltley.

THIS place also having been originally a member
 of *Atton*, is involved therewith in the Con-
 queror's Survey; and was soon after granted, by the
 then possessor of *Dudley-Castle*, unto the Ancestor
 of *Henry de Rokeby*, to hold by the fifth part of a
 Knight's fee, as the Confirmation^e thereof made
 unto the same *Henry* and his heirs by *Gervase Pa-*
ganell Lord of Dudley, in *H. 2.* time, doth man-
 ifest; wherein it is written *Saluthelep*. From
 which *Henry* descended *Ranulph de Rokeby*,
 whose daughter and heir *Annabill* married unto
Sir John Goband Knight, as in *Rokeby* appeareth,
 whereby the inheritance hereof came to the same
Sir John Goband, who in 16 *E. 2.* was cer-
 tified^f to hold it of *John de Someri* (Baron of
Dudley) then newly deceased, by the said service
 of the fifth part of a Knight's Fee. Which *Sir John*
Goband and *Annabill* in 5 *E. 3.* granted^g it unto
Walter de Clodshale, and *Richard* his son, to hold
 during the lives of them the said *Walter* and *Richard*,
 for the Rent of *x li. per annum* sterling; but
 afterwards to returne unto the said *Sir John* and
Annabill, and the heirs of *Annabill*.

Of this *Annabill* I find, that surviving her said
 husband, and afterwards being wedded^h to *John*
Brown of Wurbach in Com. Leic. she past away the
 inheritance thereof to the before specified *Walter*
 and *Richard de Clodshale* in 17 *E. 3.* For the better
 confirmation of which title, *John* the son and heir
 to the above mentioned *Sir John Goband* and *An-*
nabill, released unto them the said *Walter* and *Richard*,
 and the heirs of *Richard*, all the right and
 claim that he could pretend thereto, as by the
 sameⁱ, bearing date at *Birmingham* in 20 *E. 3.*
 sealed with his Armes, viz. *Gules two bars Or*,
 with 3. *Besants in Chief*, appeareth. Which *Walter*
de Clodshale, and his descendants in the male line,
 so long as it continued, had their seat here; and
 increasing their estate by the marriage of severall
 heirs, were reckoned amongst the Gentlemen of
 the superior rank in this Countie.

Agnes- Walt. de Clodshale- Alicia filia & hæres Rog. de
5 E. 2. 5 E. 2. | *Bishopsciden* 19 *E. 3.*

Ric. de Clod- Iohanna relicta Ro-
dale 24 *E. 3.* | *berti de Ribsford.*

Ioh. de Clodshale- Beatrix soror & hæres Will.
 47 *E. 3.* | *Golofre*, 47 *E. 3.*

Ric. Clodshale- Isabella filia & hæres Ric. de
 3 *H. 5.* | *Edgbaston*, relicta *Thomæ*
Midlemore.

Eliz. filia & hæres uxor Roberti
Arden de Park-Hall ar. 4 *H. 6.*

But from what originall his Ancestors were, other
 than Townsmen of *Birmingham*, wherein they
 had lands of good worth, as by a multitude of an-
 cient Deeds^k appeareth, I cannot expresse: Of
 which lands, out of the good affection by him
 born to that place, in 3 *E. 3.* he obtained License
 from^l *Sir William de Birmingham* (then Lord of
Birmingham) of whom they were held, to amor-
 tize four Messuages, and *xv. acres*, as also a Rent
 of *xviii d.* for the foundation of a *Chantrie* at the
 Altar of the blessed Virgin in the Church of *S.*

Martin

Martin, there in *Birmingham*, for one Priest to celebrate divine Service daily thereat, for the souls of him the said *Walter*, and *Agnes* his wife, their Ancestors and successors, with all the faithful deceased.

Of the same *Walter*, and *Richard* his son, I further findⁿ, that being, by the Commissioners of Array in this Countie 21 E. 3. charged with two Archers, they were abated one of them, paying *xli s.* for the expences of that one: as also that the said *Richard*, for the health of his soul and the soul of *Alice* his wife, about the same time, added five Messuages, *x.* acres of land, and *x s.* Rent to the Chantry before specified: and moreover, that in 32 E. 3. he paid a Fine^o of *x li.* for his Parson, in respect he came not in, to receive the Order of Knighthood, upon Proclamation made that all such as were posselt of lands or Rents to the value of *xli s.* should appear for that purpose. And likewise, that in 34 E. 3. he was in Commission^p for the assessing and collecting of a xvth. and Tenth then granted to the King in Parliament, and the same year had a speciall License^a granted to him from *Robert de Stretton*, then Bishop of *Cobentre* and *Lichfield*, dated 3. Cal. Jan. for an Oratorie or Chapell in his House here at *Saltley*: and lastly that he bore for his Armes per pale indented, with certain Martlets in the place of a border, on the dexter part of his shield, as appears by his Seal^r; which (doubtlesse) was in reference to the tenure of his ancient lands from the *Berminghams*, whose coat it did so nearly resemble.

But the last of the male line, that had to do here, was *Richard* (grandchild to the said *Ric.*) who in 4 H. 4. had the title of Esquire; for so he writes^t himself in a Bond for payment of 500 *li.* to *William de Bermingham* Esquire. Betwixt this *Richard* and the same *William de Bermingham* was there a suit^t at Law touching the advowson of the Chantry, before specified, founded by *Walter de Clodhale*, his Ancestor, in the Church of *Birmingham*; in which suit he prevailedⁿ and accordingly presented thereto in 5 H. 4. In 7 H. 4. he was one^w of those gentlemen of note in this Countie *Arma portantibus de Armis antiquis* (as the words of the Writ are) who had summons to attend the King in their proper persons for defence of the Realm: and in 4 H. 6. underwent the office of Sheriff^x for this Countie and *Leicestershire*. By his Testament^r bearing date at *Eggeston* 7 Maii Anno 1428. (6 H. 6.) he bequeathed his body to sepulture in the Church of *Birmingham*, within his own proper Chapell of our Lady, constituting the Duke of *Bedford* (whom he there termes his honourable Lord) one of his Executors, and departed this life the same year, as appears by the Probate thereof. The Armes which this *Richard* bore, did much differ from his Grandfathers, being two Bars nebule betwixt six Estoiles, as his Seal^r manifesteth; which coat (I believe) he assumed for the allusion that it hath to his name, scil. the representation of Clouds to *Clodhale*; for it was a common usage in ancient time, where they could hit upon any thing, that founded neer or like to the name, to bear it in their Armes, as by a multitude of instances might be demonstrated. But dying without issue male, *Elizabeth*^a his daughter became heir to this Mannour, as also to that of *Pebores* in *Com. Wigorn.* and other lands, who being wedded^b to *Robert Arden* of *Park-Hall* Esquire,

brought them to that Family wherein they continue till this present, Anno scil. 1640.

Ward end, alias Little Bromwich.

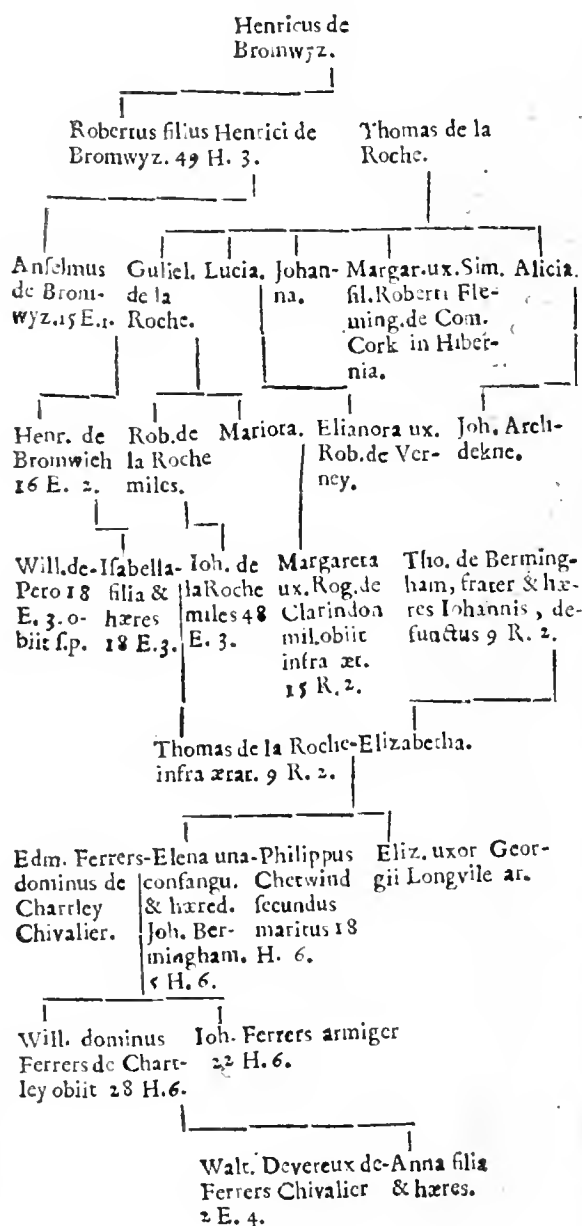
This place, heretofore called *Little-Bromwich*, was at first, either a member of *Castle-Bromwich*, or of *Aston*, which contained both: But the ancientest mention I finde of it, is in 13 E. 1. where it appears^c that one *John de Bradewell* had a suit for lands therein, with *Walter de Eylesbury* Steward to *Roger de Someri*, Baron of *Dudley*, and recovered them; forasmuch as it appeared, that the said *Walter* was born before matrimony betwixt his Father and mother. Which *John* in 19 E. 1. was certified^d to hold three yard land here, of the said Baron, by the xth. part of a Knight's fee. But from that time till 3 H. 8. that there was a^e Fine levied thereof, betwixt *Edward Belknap* Esquire, and others plaintiffs; and *Richard Wodshawe* and othes Deforc. I have seen little of this Mannour. After which it was not long, ere that one *John Bonde*,^f a wealthy Clothier in *Cobentre* and Merchant of the Staple, posselt it; who bearing a good affection thereto, by the consent of *Geffrey Blythe* then Bishop of the Dioces, as also of the Prior and Convent of *Witkford*, Rectors of the Parish Church of *Aston*, and *Richard Stich* then Vicar there,^g built a Chapell here, to the honour of the blessed Virgin and *S^t Margaret*, for the benefit of the Inhabitants of this Hamlet; in respect that the distance from hence to the said parish Church was such, as that many times, by reason of floods they could not repaire unto it.

And for the maintenance of a Priest to perform divine Service therein, and likewise support of the ornaments belonging thereto, obtained a grant from the said Vicar, with the consent of the before specified Monks of *Witkford*, and the Bishop, of all Oblations, aswell in money as others things, which should happen to be there made: as also that it should be lawfull for him the said *John Bonde*, his heirs and assignes, to retain all his own Tithes, aswell arising out of his Park here at *Ward end*, as out of a certain meadow commonly called *Grith meadow*, and belonging of right to the Vicars of *Aston*, paying unto the said Vicar and his successors, in the same Church of *Aston*, the summe of *vi s. viii d.* of lawfull English money for ever, as by the publique Instrument of the said Vicar, bearing date at *Aston* aforesaid 23. Feb. Anno 1516. (8 H. 8.) appeareth. Which *John Bonde*^h made a small Park here, of xxx. acres, in 6 H. 8. and stored it with Deer; and left issueⁱ *Thomas Bonde*, and he severall daughters and coheirs, whereof *Margaret*, being the wife^k of *Edward Kynardesley*, son^l to *John Kynardesley* of *Wattlesford* in *Com. Derb.* brought this Mannour to that Family, wherein it still continues.

Castle Bromwich.

THAT this place had its first denomination from the Broome, that the soile (being of a sandy disposition) naturally produceth, and the crooke

of the River, which our Ancestors used to call a **Welch**, or **Wilk**, there is likelihood enough. Neither do I doubt, but that originally it was a member of **Afen**, and so disposed of by some one of the old Barons of **Dudley** unto him, who in respect of his residence here, had the surname of **Bromwich**. Of these, the first I find mentioned in Record, ^m is *Wido de Bromwicz* in 15 H. 2. and next unto him *Alande Bromwich* in 31 H. 2. whose son *Thomas* granted ^o to the Canons of **Leicester** certain Common of Pasture in **Berwode**, on the other side the River. Besides which *Thomas* there was one *Henry de Bromwich*; but whether he was also son to *Alm*, I am not sure. I am of opinion that this *Henry* is he, who in 54 H. 3. is called ^p *Henricus del Chastel de Bromwicz*; by reason that he had his residence at a little Pile or Castle here, situate upon the brow of the Hill on the Southern bank of **Tame**, as by the *Vestigia* thereof, yet remaining, may appear: from which Castle I suppose that the Family surnamed *de Castello*, whereof I have spoke in **Wiltshire**, took their surname.



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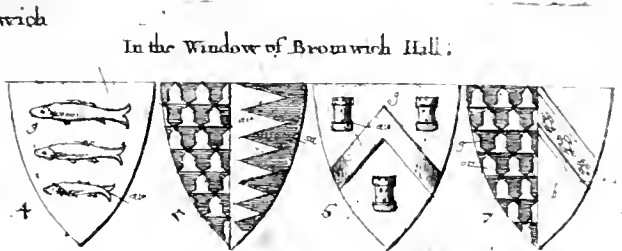
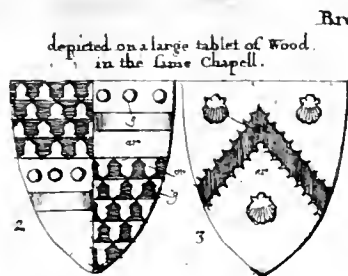
Of Robert son to the same *Henry de Bromwicz*, I find ^a, that in 49 H. 3. he was one of the Collectors

of the revenues arising out of those lands within this Hundred of **Wenlingford**, which escheated to the King by the overthrow of them that were vanquished in the battail of **Evesham**, fighting on the Barons part; and that he had issue *Anselm de Bromwich*, who in 19 E. 1. was certified ^r to hold of *Roger de Someri* (then Baron of **Dudley**) one hide of land in **Woddy-Bromwich** by the six part of a Knights fee; for at that time the severall parts of this Hamlet were distinguished by the name of **Woddy-Bromwich**, **Little-Bromwich**, and **Castle-Bromwich**, *Henry de Castello* then holding in **Castle-Bromwich**, one yard land by the xxxiith part of a Knights fee. As also that *John Lovell*, at that time, held ^f of the said *Roger de Someri*, a certain Park here at **Bromwich**, paying ii s. per annum at *Michaelmasse*, for all services: And that *Thomas de Bromwich* held likewise one yard land by the service of the xxiith part of a Knights fee; both which I presume to be meant of **Castle-Bromwich**.

To this *Anselm* succeeded *Isabell* his grandchild and heir, who in 18 E. 3. was wedded to *William de Peto*, a younger son of *William de Peto*; at which time this Mannour of **Castle-Bromwich**, wherein the said *Anselm* reserved ^u an estate to himself for terme of life, was settled upon the same *William* and *Isabell*, and the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten: but she, having no issue by him, afterwards married to Sir *John de la Roche* Knight, by whom she had divers Children; whereupon, being desirous that this Mannour, of her so antient inheritance, might remain to her posterity, she joyned with her said husband in the levying of a Fine ^w in 48 E. 3. whereby, reserving their own lives therein, they entailed it upon *John* their son, and the issue male of his body, with remainder to *Roger*, *Thomas*, and *William*, their younger children, successively; and for default of issue by them, to the heirs generall of their two bodies, and for lack of such issue to the right heirs of the same *Isabell*.

Of which sons, *John* and *Roger* died young, so that the inheritance devolved to *Thomas*, who by the death of *Margaret* wife of Sir *Roger de Clarindon* Knight, without issue, came to possess a ^x fair part of the Barony of **Tyllaghlar** in **Ireland**, by rightfull descent (as the Pedegree ^y before inserted sheweth.) Which *Thomas* had issue onely two daughters, betwixt whom his lands were divided, this Mannour falling to *Elene* the wife ^z of Sir *Edmund Ferrers* of **Chartley** Knight, and so descended unto *William* Lord *Ferrers* of **Chartley** her son and heir, who died ^b seized thereof in 28 H. 6. leaving *Anne* his daughter and heir then the wife ^c of *Walter Devereux* Esquire; which *Walter* in 2 E. 4. (and so afterwards during that King's regn, and in 1 R. 3.) was summoned ^a to Parliament amongst the Barons, by the name of *Walter Devereux de Ferrers Chivalier*: whose grandchild *Walter* Vicount **Hereford**, settled it upon *Edward* his son by a second wife, and his heirs: which *Edward* built a fair House of brick, here, wherein he resided; and being created Baronet 25 Nov. 10 Jac. departed this life 22 Sept. in 30th of that King's reign, leaving Sir *Walter Devereux* his son and heir, now Lord of this Mannour, *Anne* soil. 1640.

Park-Hall.



1. The Lord Ferrers of Chartley.
2. Devereux and Ferrer quartered.

3. Garnish.
4. De la Roch.

5. Ferrers and Bermingham enampul.

6. Ferrers enampul.
7. Ferrers enampul.

Park-Hall.

THIS having been the chief seat of the *Ardens* for near CCC. years last past, had in 38 E. 3. the name of *Park-Hall*, being situate in *haya de Bromwich*, the House (as it should seem by an ancient moat) then standing at the top of the hill, Southwards from the River. But in 2 H. 5. it was called *Munerium de Park-Hall*. As a member of *Bromwich* it did originally belong to the old Barons of *Dudley*, for so the tenure thereof implies: but when it came to the *Ardens*, or was by them impark't, I have not yet discovered. In 2 H. 8. I find that the Park was enlarged with Cx. acres of Wood and Pasture, as also with x. acres of arable ground, by *John Arden* Esquire; by which it seems that the extent of it before, was not great: And that afterwards, scil. in 32 H. 8. it was called *Munerium de la Logge*, alias *Park-Hall*. And here should I, according to my accustomed methode, speak historically of the *Ardens*; but in regard that *Curdwoth*, and *Pinwoth* have been of their inheritance, even from the Norman Conquest, I have thought it more proper to refer what I have to say of that ancient Family, thither.

Water Orton.

THIS little village hath its name from the situation, standing neer the River, and upon such an ascent. Before 32 H. 6. I have not found it termed a Mannour; but then by an Inquisition taken after the death of *Raph de Arden*, it was so reputed, coming to the same *Raph* by the marriage of *Eliz.* the daughter and heir of *Richard de Clodhale*; to whose posteritie it still continues. That it was originally, as a member of *Aston*, belonging to the old Barons of *Dudley*, there is no cause to doubt, considering that it hath so anciently been within the view of their *Leet* held at *Wodstap*, for all the Hamlets in *Aston* parish; and that it appears to have been held as *Salstap* was (the grant whereof from *Gervase Paganell* I have already vouched:) But that the *Ardens* had some lands therein, long before the match with *Clodhale's* heir, is as evident.

There is, besides this, another Mannour (at least in reputation) within the precincts of this Hamlet; concerning which, there was a Fine levied betwixt *Francis Morgan* and others Plan-

tiffs, and *Richard Tate*, and others deforc. in 6 E. 6. (before which time I have not seen any mention of it) and whereof in 43 *Eliz. Will. Tate*, son of *Barth. Tate* was posselt: At which time I find it certified to be held of *Ardens* Mannour before mentioned.

The Inhabitants of this Village, being within the parish of *Aston*, did antiently use to hear divine Service in the Chapel of *Bromwich*: but in 20 E. 3. having built one of their own, they obtained Licence from *Roger Northburgh* then Bishop of *Cobentre* and *Lichfield*, for a Priest to performe the like service therein, for one year; provided that they should not retain any thing of their dues from the Vicar of *Aston*: which Licence bears date at *Wepwood* 2 Aug. Anno 1346.

For the antiquity of the Bridge, here, I cannot speak positively; but in 37 H. 6. I find, that *Reginald Bowlers*, then Bishop of this Dioces, taking into his consideration, that it was out of repair, granted a speciall Indulgence of xl. days, bearing date 24. Sept. to all the Inhabitants of *Cobentre*-Archdeaconry, who should within the space of three years next following, charitably contribute to the amendment thereof. But whether that Bridge was then of stone or not, I am not sure; for there is a tradition, that *John Harman* (alias *Vesly*) Bishop of *Exeter* in H. 8. time, built it and *Curdwoth* bridge, at his own Charges; causing the stone, for that purpose, to be brought from the old Mannour-House of *Sutton*: of which Bishop I shall say more when I come to that place.

Witton.

THIS was the freehold of one *Staunchel* before the Norman invasion; but afterwards, being disposed of, with *Aston*, to *William Fitz Asculfe*, the same *Staunchel* became Tenant to this new Lord (as generally the native English were constrain'd to do,) so that at the time of the Conqueror's Survey, it was certified with the rest of *Fitz Asculfe's* lands in this Countie; and containing one hide, was valued at xx s. in which Record it is written *Witton*. But the next possessor thereof, afterwards, that I can yet discover, was *Andrew de Witton*, who held it in 25 H. 3. (being the first, perhaps, that became enfeoffed thereof by one of the Barons of *Dudley*) at which time there was some dispute betwixt the same *Andrew*, and

n Lib. 6. cedul.

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q Bowl. f. 94. b.

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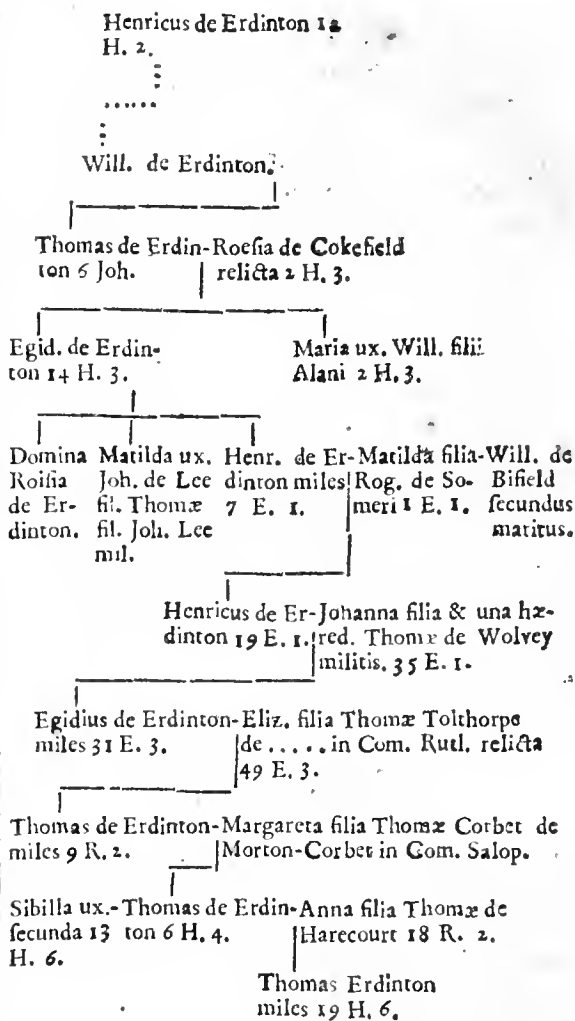
and *William de Pyrie* touching the bounds betwixt this Lordship, and that of *Pyrie* in *Staffordshire*; whereupon the King directed his Precept " to the Sheriff of this Countie, to bring with him twelve discreet and lawfull Knights of *Staffordshire*, having done the like to the Shiriff of *Staffordshire*; so that, upon Perambulation made, there might be certain metes and bounds exactly set forth betwixt them, which were to be certified to the King's Justices at the next Assize: and there it is written *Wilton*, which plainly shews, that though it be vulgarly pronounced *Wiltton*, the originall occasion of its name was from the situat on that it hath so near the bent of the River.

The next mention I find of it, is in 19 E. 1. upon the death of *Roger de Someri* Lord of *Dudley*; where it appears " that *John* the son of *Will. Dyxle* held it of the same *Roger* by the eighth part of a Knight's fee. Which *John* had issue *John*, who wrote " himself *Dominus de Wilton*, in 18 E. 2. But in these *Dixleys* it continued not much longer: for in 14 E. 3. did *Sarra* the widow of the said *John de Dixle*, and *John* the son of *John de Barre* the elder, passe " away the whole Mannour, excepting C. acres of Pasture and xl s. Rent, to *Richard* the son of *Richard de Pyrie*, and his heirs. To whom succeeded " *Philip de Pyrie*, whose widow *Marion* held " it in 35 E. 3. And in " 47 E. 3. one *William de la Hay* with *Marion* his wife: which *Marion*, was (in all probabilitie) daughter and heir to the said *Philip*: From whom, with *Marion* his daughter and heir, it devolved to " *Thomas East*, then Yeoman " of the Crown, who in 5 H. 6. enjoy'd " it. Which *Thomas* had issue " *Thomas*, and he *Henry East* " of *Hay-Hall* in *Wardley Com. Wigorn.* that sold " it to *John Bond* a rich Draper in *Cobentre* (of whom in *Ward end* I have made mention) who having 3. daughters and heirs, whereof *Alice* was married to *Michaell Joyner* of *Cobentre*, this by Partition " fell to her; and by her and her said husband was sold " in 15 Eliz. to *Edward Kynardfley* Esquire, that had married *Margaret* one of the other sisters. From which *Edward* it descended to *John* his son and heir; who having first pass " away the Feesmes to sundry persons, in 18 Jac. aliened " the Mannour unto *William Booth* Esquire, an utter Barister of the *Middle Temple* (descended by a younger son from the *Booths* of *Cheshire*, as I have heard) whose son and heir *William* now enjoys it, being a Gentleman so well affected to Antiquities, that by his judicious observation of sundry notable things concerning this part of the Countie, which with much freencle he hath imparted toward this present work, he deserves a better acknowledgment from me, than by a few words can be expressed.

Erdington.

Before the Norman Invasion, *Edwine* Earl of *Merca* was owner of this town; but afterwards, through the Conqueror's favour, did the same *William Fitz Ausculf*, of whom I have spoke in *Aston*, possesse it. By the generall Survey " , then taken, it was estimated at three hides, valued at xxx s. having a Mill rated at iii s. and woods containing one mile in length, & half a mile

in breadth. As for the name, I am of opinion that it originally proceeded from some antient possessor of it in the Saxon's time; perhaps *Harding*, for in *Domesday-book*, it is written *Hardintone*. Till King *Stephan's*, or the beginning of H. 2. time, certain it is, that the successors of the above mentioned *William Fitz Ausculf*, in the Barony of *Dudley*, continued owners of this place; but then was it granted " to *Henry* surnamed *de Erdinton*, in respect of his residence here, by *Gervase Paganell* (one of those Barons) to hold by the service of a Knights fee: To whose descendants, in the male line, it continued till after the beginning of ward the fourth's reign; and being their principall seat, was strongly fortified with a large double moat, on the front and two other sides thereof; having the River for its better defence on the back part; within which moat was also an antient Chapell peculiar to the House, as by its ruines may be seen,



To which *Henry* succeeded *William* " , and to *William*, *Thomas de Erdinton*, who in 6 Joh. had the Shirifalty " of *Salop.* and *Staffordshires*: And at that time a Chapell " within his Mannour-house here at *Erdington*, concerning which there grew a difference betwixt the then Parson of *Aston* and him, which was at length thus determined, viz. that the Parson should receive from the said *Thomas*, the Tithe of all his profit arising out of *Aston Mill*, and he the said *Thomas* to make Oath that the mother Church of *Aston* should not have any detriment in Tithes or Oblations in respect thereof; the Priest there serving, promising, faithfully as much: As also that on the principall Festivalls, he the said *Thomas*, with his wife, children and Family, should repaire thither, except there

o Lib. rub. f. 95. a.

p Cartul. de Erdington penes T. Holt eq. aur. & Bar.

q Pat. 6. Joh. m. 7.

r Ex pref. Cartul. f. 159. a.

there were good cause to the contrary, and especially upon the Feast day of *S. Peter and Paul*, bringing with him three Tapers of wax, weighing two pounds.

This *Thomas* was Chamberlain to King *John*, and received many great favours from him. In the eight of his reign he had the Mannours of *Kington* and *Porton*, and in 14. the Lordships of *Welinton* and *Shalbury*, in *Shropshire*, bestowed on him by that King; with whom he had so much trust, that the next year following, he, with *Raph Fitz Nicholas* (of whom in *Stretton-Baskerville* I have made some mention) was privately sent Embassador to *Admiral Marmelius* great King of *Aphasia*, *Parochia*, and *Spain*, to let him know, that he would willingly deliver up this Kingdom, to hold of him by a certain Tribute, as also forsake the Christian Religion and cleave to the Law of *Mahomet*, in case he might have assistance from him; to such a desperate condition was he exposed by his rebellious Nobility. Upon his return from which Embassie, I find that he compounded with *Stephen de Staunton* and *Robert de Staunton*, son and heir to the said *Stephen*, for their title to the Honour of *Montgomery*, and the Mannours of *Badmunsfeld*, *Pulton*, *Aton*, and *Libham*, belonging thereto; and had the King's confirmation thereupon. It seems that he had some title to that Honour, by descent from *Baldwin de Bollers*, unto whom King *H. 1.* gave it with *Sibill de False* his neice, being sprung from the said *Baldwin* by his second wife.

In 16 *Joh.* he purchased the wardship and marriage of the son and heir to *William Fitz Alan* (a great Baron in *Shropshire*) with purpose to marry his daughter *Mary* unto him, which was accordingly effected; in consideration whereof he was to pay five thousand marks; for the performance whereof, *Ranulph* Earl of *Chester*, and severall other of the great Nobilitie became his sureties. And in 17. *Joh.* had command from the King to hasten with some of his forces unto *Lamworth* Castle, in this Countie, to take out of it all the Prisoners, Horie, Armes, and amunition therein, and to pull it down to the ground. After which ere long, scil. in 2. *H. 3.* he died, whereupon this Lordship, together with *Aton*, was (inter alia) assigned unto *Roese de Cokefeld* his widow, for her maintenance, untill such time as her dowie should be set forth: leaving *Giles* his son and heir, of whom in 14. *H. 3.* the King accepted of *Cs. per annum*, to be payd into his Exchequer, till all his Father's debts were run up, or that the said King should please to require them. From the 34. to the 51. of which King's reign, this *Giles* was a Justice of Assize in this Countie: He was also a Benefactor to the Canons of *S. Thomas* juxta *Stafford*; for it appears by a speciall Instrument under their Covent Seal, that they granted to him, the admittance of a Canon into their Monasterie, upon his Presentation, and his heirs successively, to celebrate divine service there, at the Altar of *S. Thomas* the Martyr, for the health of his soul, as also for the souls of his Father, Mother, and Ancestors: And likewise, that at the celebration of the Masse of our Lady, in the Collect for the dead, the name of the said *Giles* should be always remembred, and after his decease his name registred in the Martyrologe; and his Aniversary duely kept, in as ample manner as for their Patron.

To the Monks of *Lichfeld* in *Buckinghamshire*, had he likewise been a friend, as may appear by their assignation of a Monk of that Covent, at their own proper costs, to sing for his soul, and the souls of his parents, within that Monasterie. To which *Giles* succeeded *Henry* his son and heir, who in 5. *E. 1.* was of the retinue unto *William de Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick* in the Warrs of *Wales*, and made a Knight in that expedition, as I think; for in 7. *E. 1.* he had that title. This *Henry* married *Maud* daughter of *Roger de Someri* (Baron of *Dudley*) one of the coheirs of *Nichola*, daughter and coheir to *Hugh de Albini* Earl of *Arundel*; for which respect (as 'tis most probable) he bore for his Armes *Azure two Lions passant Or*, and sometimes with a border of *Besants*, having so near a resemblance to the Coat of *Someri* (scil. *Or two Lions passant Azure*.) He also, for the health of his soul, and the soul of her the said *Maud*, gave to the Nuns of *Catesby* in *Com. Northampton*, towards supporting the charge of their Habits, and relief of poor people, the perpetuall patronage of the Church at *Perdley* in *Warwickshire*, to the intent that the fruits of the same Church should be appropriated to their use: in consideration whereof the said Nuns covenanted with him, that so soon as they could obtain an appropriation thereof, they would thenceforth appoint one of the Canons of that their Monasterie, to celebrate divine Service daily to the worlds end, for the souls of him the said *Henry* and *Maud*, and of *Giles de Erdinton* his Father, with all their Ancestors and Successors: and likewise solemnly keep the Anniversaries of him the said *Henry*, and of the Lady *Roese* his sister; and lastly, after his decease, bury his body in the Chapell of *S. Edmund* before the Altar there, within the precincts of their Monasterie.

And departed this life in 10. *E. 1.* possessed of a fair estate in this Countie, so likewise in the Counties of *Leicester*, *Salop.* & *Staff.* then seized into the King's hands by reason of the minority of his heir: of which lands this Mannour of *Erddington* was (inter alia) assigned for the dowie of the before specified *Maud* his wife; who, shortly after, married to *William de Biseild*, without License from the King; whereupon she gave *C li. Fine*, for her Pardon, To this *Henry de Erdinton* succeeded *Henry* his son and heir, who doing his homage in 23. *E. 1.* had livery of his Father's lands, and in 30. *E. 1.* performing the like homage, had also livery of those lands which descended to him by inheritance from his mother, then deceased. This last mentioned *Henry*, in 3. *E. 2.* procured *Walter Langton* then Bishop of *Cobentre* and *Lichfield*, to ordain one *John de Hull-Lemynton*, a subdeacon, to celebrate divine Service within the private Chapell of his Mannour-house here at *Erddinton*; undertaking to settle the sum of *Lx s. per an.* for his maintenance, and to preserve the said Bishop indemnified therein. For his publique employments I find, that in 7. *E. 2.* he was constituted one of the Assessors and Receivers of a Fifteenth; as also a Commissioner for conservation of the Peace in this Countie: In 8. one of the Justices for the Gaol-deliverie at *Warwick*: In 9. one of the Collectors of Scutage, in arrear to the King for the Warrs of *Scotland*, in 28. 31. and 34. years of his Father's reign. In which year likewise he was assigned to supervise, that both Men & Armes, in this Countie, were in a fit order and readiness,

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o Pat. 5. E. 1. m. 24.

p Ex autog. penes Grev. Verney eq. aur.

q Claus. 1. E. 1. in d. m. 3.

r Ex autog. in Scac. in baga de Catesby

s Ex autog. in Cur. Augm.

t Ex pref. Cartul.

u Rot. F. 10 E. 1. m. 15.

w 1b.

x Claus. 10. E. 1. m. 4.

y Rot. F. 14. E. 1. 2 m. 13.

z Esc. 19. E. 1. m. 45.

b Claus. 23. E. 1. m. 9.

c Claus. 30. E. 1. m. 8.

d Ex pref. Cartul. f. 140. b.

e Pat. 7. E. 2. p. 1. m. 3. in ced.

f Pat. 7. E. 2. p. 2. m. 6.

g Pat. 8. E. 2. in d. m. 32.

h Ex pref. Cartul. f. 98. b.

i Pat. 9. E. 2. p. 1. m. 22.

dineffe, according to the Statute of **Winchester**, for the Scotch expedition; being alsoⁱ constituted one of the Justices for the Gaol-delivery at **Warwick**, and^k conservation of the Peace.

In 11 E. 2. he was in Commission^l to enquire what persons had, or should retain any souldiers, Horse or Foot, or to make confederacies or private meetings within this Shire. From that time till^m 14 E. 2. he was again one of the Justices for the Gaol-delivery at **Warwick**, and in 17. of that Kings reign, he is in the listⁿ of those Knights and other men at Armes of this Countie, whose names were then certified into the Chancery. This is he (as I suppose) that built the South Ile to the Parish-Church of **Aston**, commonly called *Erdingtons Chancel*; for I find that in 12 E. 2. he gave a^o certain Rent seck of *vid. per annum*, to the maintenance of the Gutter betwixt the Church and it, in which grant he calls it, *Nova Capella beata Maria de Aston*; and by *Joane* his wife, one^p of the daughters and heirs unto Sir *Thomas de Wolvey* of **Wolvey** in this Countie, had^q issue *Giles de Erdinton*, who in 19 E. 3. had a^r Pardon for not appearing to receive the honour of Knight-hood before the Feast of *S. Laurence* the same year, according to the form of the King's Proclamation.

This Sir *Giles* in 20 E. 3. was^s in the Warrs of **France** (the King himself being there in person) being of the retinue of *John de Montgomery* in that service: and in 23 E. 3. in^t Commission for the levying of a *xvth* and Tenth in this Countie: So also in^u 26 E. 3. In^v 31 E. 3. he was a Knight, and bore^w for his Armes a bend over his *Lions passant*; and in 33 E. 3. one of the Commissioners, in this Countie, assigned for the asfraying of men, for defence of the Realm, in the King's absence; which is the last mention I have seen of him. To whom succeeded *Thomas* his son and heir *xxviii.* years of age at^y his Fathers death, *viz.* in 49 E. 3. who in 9 R. 2. served^z in the Parliament then held at **Westminster**, as one of the Knights for this Shire, being then a Knight, and^a departed this life in 18 R. 2. leaving issue *Thomas* his son and heir; who being^b 30. years of age at his mothers death, in 6 H. 4. was in 5 H. 5. in Commission^c for conservation of the Peace in this County; and in 8 H. 5. Shiriff^d of this Countie, and **Leicestershire**; but dyed in or before 12 H. 6. as appears^e by the respite given to *Thomas* his son and heir for doing his homage, being^f then thirty years of age. Which *Thomas* was Shiriff^g of these Counties the next year following, and one of^h the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament of 18 H. 6. about which time he had the honour of Knight-hood confer'd upon him; for in 19 H. 6. I find him so stiledⁱ, being then in Commission touching a loan of money to the King.

In 24 H. 6. he againe underwent the Office of Shiriff^k: In 28 H. 6. he was employed as a Commissioner^l for another Loan, and about^m levying the Subsidie then granted to the King in Parliament. Inⁿ 31 H. 6. again for a Loan. In 39 H. 6. as also in 1 E. 4. he was constituted^o one of the Justices of Peace in this Countie. But notwithstanding these employments of trust by King **II. 6.** he stood more cordially affected to the House of **Bozke**, as he manifested by declaring himself for **Edward** the fourth in his greatest Straights; for which faithfull service, in the second year of that King's reign, he had a grant^q of the Mannour of

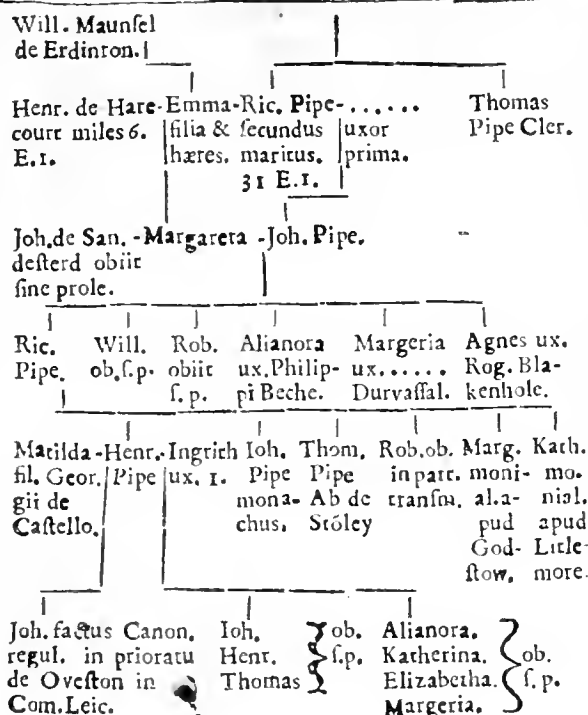
Bozke, already spoke of, for his own life, and the life of *Joyce* his wife; which Mannour was then eschaeted to the Crown by the attainder of *James* Earl of **Wiltshire**. This is the man that founded the Chantry in **Aston** Church 27 H. 6. (whereof I have there spoke) being the last of his Family that posselt this place. In 6 E. 4. he was joyn'd in^r Commission for the Peace in this Countie but what came of him I know not; for after^s 7 E. 4. I have seen no more mention of his name.

The next owner thereof (concerning whom I find any authoritie) was^t *George* Duke of **Clarence**, Sir *William Harecourt* Knight, being his Steward^u here in 11 E. 4. After which, ere long, it came to the hands of one *Robert Wright*, but by what means I know not; who in 11 H. 7. past it^v, together with the advouson of the Chantry of *S. Mary Magdalen* at **Aston**, unto Sir *Reginald Bray* Knight, (a great favorite to that King) which Sir *Reginald* having no issue, gave it, with other lands of great value, by his Testament^w, to *Edmund* his nephew, (*scil.* so^x to his brother *John*) Which *Edmund* in 21 H. 8. being then a Knight, sold^y it, together with the advouson of the said Chantry at **Aston**, to *Francis Englefield* Esquire, (afterwards Knight) from whom in 4 E. 6. it was purchased^z by *Humphrey Dimock* Esquire, who left issue *Francis* and *Henry*; after the death of which *Francis* the same *Henry*, as engaged for his Brothers debts, held^a it during his life, and resided here, being then a Knight; but dying unmarried, Sir *Walter Earle* of **Charbozow** in **Dorsetshire** posselt himself thereof, in right of *Anne* his wife, sole daughter and heir to the before specified *Francis Dimock*; and in 1 Car. sold it to Sir *Walter Devereux* Knight and Baronet. From which Sir *Walter*, it was purchased, in 23 Car. by Sir *Thomas Holt* of **Aston** before specified.

Pipe.

THIS Mannour, lying within the precincts of **Erdington**, was antiently posselt^a by one *William Maunsel*; who having his residence here, underwent the Office of^b Shiriff for this Countie and **Leicestershire** from 35. to the 40 H. 3. inclusive; and in 39 H. 3. was joyn'd in^c Commission with *William Trussell*, and *Robert de Grendon* for the finding out of certain notorious malefactors in this Countie: as also in^d 52. of the same King's reign for the Gaol-delivery at **Warwick**; and left issue one onely daughter and heir, called *Emme*, married to Sir *Henry de Harecourt* Knight, which Sir *Henry* had issue^e by her, one sole daughter named *Margaret*, whose wardship and marriage *Richard de Pipe* (having wedded her mother) purchased for an C. marks of *John de Bishopston* in 22 E. 1. and having so done, made her the wife^f of *John de Pipe*, his son, by a former venter: which *John* had issue by her divers Children, as the Descent^g in the following page sheweth.

Will.



By *Richard*, the eldest of which sons, it descended to *Henry* his son and heir; who by *Ingrith* his first wife, had many Children; all which, excepting *Margerie*, died¹ (with their mother) of the Pestilence, so that the same *Henry* afterwards wedded a second wife, scil. *Maud*, the daughter of *George de Castello*, of whom he had but little joy: for not long after the marriage, he found that she was^m with child by one *John Boote* his Father's servant, at which he took such grief, that he diedⁿ before the child was born, viz. on the Feast day of St. *Laurence* 36 E. 3. being then also seized^o of the Mannour of *Boxton-Dasbenie* in this Countie, as also of *Staunton* and *Silbeston* in *Leicestershire*. Whereupon *John D. of Lancaster*, of whom as in right of the Honour of *Leicester* the said Mannour of *Boxton* was held, seized^p the said *Margerie*, his surviving daughter, and *John* the son of *Maud*, so begotten as aforesaid, as his Wards; granting^q them to *John de Stafford* his Clerk; who to prevent that ill begotten child of enjoying the inheritance, made^r him a *Canon Regular* in the Priorie of *Duston* in *Leicestershire*, where he died; and afterwards, having procured the said *Margerie* to make a Feoffment unto one *Peter Banaster* a Priest, and others, of all her inheritance, to the use of him the said *John* and his heirs (which Feoffment bears date in 47 E. 3.) past^s it away to *Will. Paylington* Vicar of *Radway* and other Feoffees for the Abbot of *Stoneley*'s use: whereupon they, by virtue of the King's License, as also of Sir *John de Botetourt* Lord of *Meolep*, chief Lord of the Fee, granted^t it to *Thomas Pipe*, then Abbot of *Stoneley*, and his successors for ever.

To which *Thomas Pipe* succeeded *John de Colshull*; who with the Covent of that House, in consideration of CC. marks, sold^u it to *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick*; from whom descending to the succeeding Earls, it came in 3 H. 7. to the Crown, with the rest of their lands, as in *Warwick* I have shewed; where it rested till 36 H. 8. and then being past out to Sir *Will. Staunford*, one of the Justices of the King's Bench, was by him sold^v in 37 H. 8. to *John Butler* a Citizen of *London*, whose widow *Catherine* (af-

terwards married to *Anth. Throgmorton*) and *Ric. Butler* son and heir to the said *Joh. Butler*, aliened^x it to *Edw. Holt* Esquire in 11 Eliz. which *Edw.* sold it to *Francis Dimock* Esq. whose daughter and heir *Anne*, being married to Sir *Walt. Earle*, joynd with him in the sale of it, together with *Erdrington* already spoke of, unto Sir *Walt. Devereux* Kt. and Baronet; from whom it was also purchased by Sir *Thomas Holt*.

Within the Precincts of *Erdrington* there hath been a Familie of the *Maffies* (descended from those of *Cheshire*) which by marriage of an heir Female of *Holden* (as I have heard) first settled here in H. 6. time. Of these *John* was a Justice of Peace in this Countie towards the later end of H. 8. time, and had issue *Hugh*, and he *John*; which last *John*, wasting his estate by excess, was the last that had to do here.

Edgbaston.

Being past *Erdrington*, *Tame* is enlarged by a Brook called *Rhea*, from the British word *Rhe*, *rheawor*, or *rhedg*, as, I conceive, which significth to run or flow, and seemeth to have its originall from the Greek word *ῥήσσω*: which torrent hath its rise from the foot of the *Lickey* hills in *Worcestershire*, whence passing on with a swift course, it enters this Countie here at *Edgbaston*, whereof I am next to take notice. In the Conqueror's Survey^y this is certified to contain two hides, having Woods that extended to 3 furlongs in length, and half a mile in breadth; all which were valued at xxx s. but there it is written *Celboldestone*, (which shews that the denomination of it originally grew from some ancient possessor thereof in the Saxons time) *Will. Fitz Ausculf* (of whom in *Aston* I have spoke) being then the chief Lord of it; but one *Drew* held it immediatly of him. Whether this *Drew* were paternall ancestor to *Henry* surnamed *de Eggbaldeston*, of whom there is mention^z in H. 2. time, I cannot directly affirm, but 'tis likely enough that he might so be, though *Henry* was the first, that I find, who assumed it for his surname.

From which *Henry* descended another *Henry*, who being a Knight^a in 22 E. 1. gave for his Arms *per pale indented Or and Azure*, as by his Seal^b and other authorities appeareth. Which Coat hath not onely a resemblance in the colours, but somewhat in the very charge, to the ancient Armes of *Birmingham* (as in *Birmingham* may be seen) and therefore was doubtless assumed by the Family of *Eggbaston* in imitation of the other, in respect of their tenure^c of this Mannour by military service of the *Berminghams*, who held^d it over of the Barons of *Dudley*. To this *Henry de Eggbaston* succeeded *Richard*, whom I find intrusted with sundry great employments; viz. in^e 7. and^f 19 E. 2. as a Commissioner for assessing and collecting a Fifteenth in this Countie. In^g 11 for choosing of six hundred Foot-souldiers for the wars in *Scotland*; as also a Commissioner^h for the Gaol-delivery at *Warwick*; Inⁱ 15 for the choice of 1800 Foot souldiers in this County and *Leicestershire*, and likewise to conduct^k them to *Newcastle upon Tyne* to march against the Scots: and in 7 E. 3. for^l choosing and arraying of Foot-souldiers for another. Scotch expedition.

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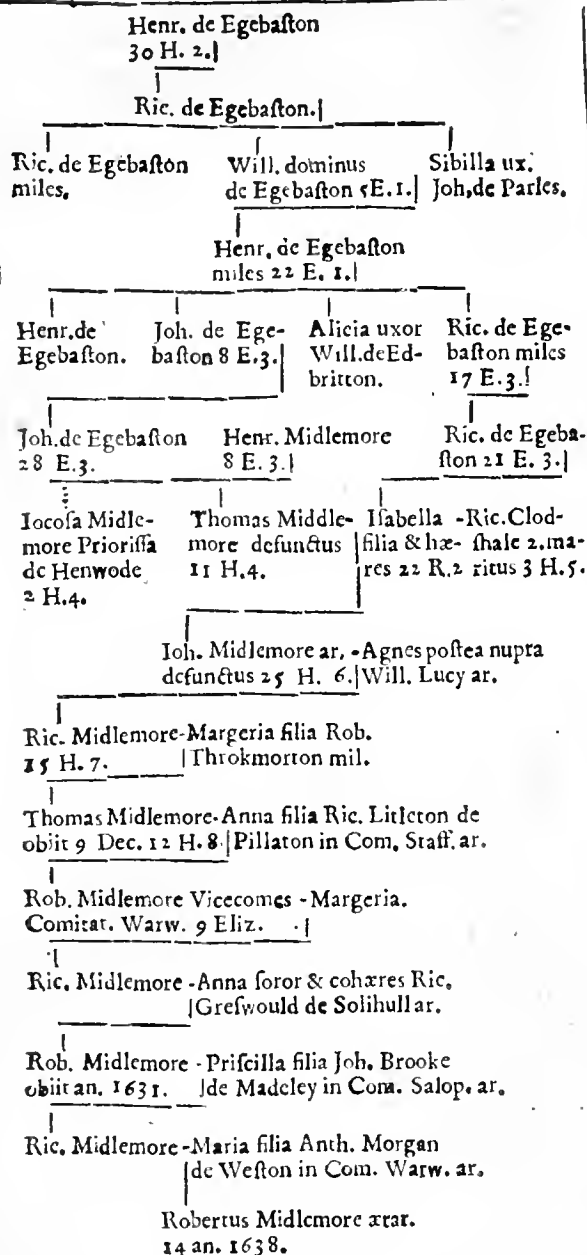
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i Claus. 15.
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k Pat. 15.
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l Pat. 7. E.
3. p. 1. m.
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To him succeeded another *Richard*, who having in 2 R. 2. been employed, together with other persons of qualitie, for collecting a Subsidie in this Countie, left issue *Isabell* his daughter and heir, by whom this Lordship became transferred to the line of *Midlemore*, wherein it continueth to this day : which Family before that time, had their seat at *Waplebozough*, in the Parish of *Studley*, whereof I have already spoke. Of *Thomas*, who wedded the said *Isabell*, it appearsⁿ that he founded the *Chantrie* at *Studley* in 7 H. 4. (as I have there declared) and that he bore for his Arms *partie per Cheveron Argent and sable, two Moor-Cocks in chief, proper*, and for his Crest the like *Moor-Cock upon a tuft of Reedy-grass*, as by his Seal^o and the Church-windows at *Studley* appeareth. To whom succeeded *John*, who in 12 H. 6. amongst other the chief persons of note in this Countie, made Oath^p for the observance of certain Articles agreed on in the Parliament then held; and departing^q this life in 25 H. 6. was buried in the Church, here, at *Eggebaston*, leaving *Richard* his son and heir within age, who during such his minoritie, was in Ward^r to Sir *Will. Bermingham* Kt. which *Richard* bequeathing^s his body to be buried in the Church-yard at *Eggebaston*, and six pound of waxe, in Tapers, to be burnt about it on the day of his Funerall, left *Margerie* his wife Executrix^u of his said Testament, who in her

widowhood, vowing^w Chastitie, built the fair Tower Steeple here, as the tradition is; and appointing^x her sepulture in this Church, directed that^{xl} should be bestowed at her Funerall, amongst Priests, Clerks, and poor people; as also that Sir *John Baker*, her own peculiar Priest, should sing therein for her, by the space of one whole year next after her decease, taking^{xl} s. wages, with meat, drink, and lodging.

And moreover that^y her *Months mind* should be kept, during the space of one year next after her decease. To *Robert Midlemore*, her God-son and Grandchild, she likewise gave^z certain lands by her purchased in *Hales-Dwen*, upon condition, that he and his heirs should find a Priest to be resident at *Studley*, there to sing for the soul of her late husband, and her own soul, with all their consanguinitie and affinitie, giving to the said Priest, and to every Priest, for his time being, in wages and salary, seven marks of lawfull money, yearly, for ever: After which, viz. in 22 H. 8. she departed^a this life. And now, having thus mentioned her *Vow of Chastitie*, to the end it may appear with what Ceremony the same was performed, I shall here exhibite the form of a Commission^b made by the Bishop of this Dioces, for the effecting thereof.

Johannes (&c.) Cov. & Lich. Episc. dilecto fratri nostro N. N. salutem, & fraternam in domino caritatem. Per partem honeste mulieris Margerix Midlemore relicte Ricardi Midlemore nostra Dioc. nobis est humiliter supplicatum; quod cum ipsa propter ipsius anima salutem uberioorem, ac viduitatis ordinem strictiorem, ad Dei honorem devotius ac celebrius servandum, votum continentie emittere, ac continentiam expresse & solemniter fovere; nec non in signum Viduitatis sue hujusmodi perpetuo, Deo dante, servando, Velum sive Peplum cum habitu hujusmodi Viduis, continentiam perpetuam expresse & solemniter profitentibus debitam & consuetam, seu ab eis communiter usitatam, sibi sumere, & ad vitam eam uti in castitate, ut asserit, devotè intendat, ipsam ad hujusmodi suum pium propositum admittere dignaremur: Nosque hujusmodi supplicationem piam atque devotam, ac Deo placabilem reputantes, aliasque multiplicis occupati, quo minus hujusmodi intentum prefata Margerix ad debitum valeamus perducere effectum; ad recipiendum igitur expresse & solemniter continentie Votum, & Castitatis promissum dicta Margerix; ac in signum hujusmodi continentie & castitatis promisso perpetuo servando, eandem Margeriam Velandam seu Peplandam habitumq. Viduitatis hujusmodi Viduis, ut prefertur ad Castitatis professionem dari & uti consuetum, cum unico Anulo assignandum, ceteraque omnia & singula faciendum, excercendum & expediendum quæ in negotio hujusmodi de jure vel consuetudine necessaria seu opportuna fore dinoscuntur, vobis committimus potestatem per presentes. Sigillo nostro signatum (&c.)

But I return to the before specified *Robert*. He was a Justice^c of Peace in this County, from 3. & 4. Ph. & M. and in 9 Eliz. high Shiriff^d of this Shire, single (for till then it with *Leicester* shire had but one Shiriff) referring what is to be said of his descendants, to the Pedegree before inserted.

The advouson of this Church (dedicated to St. Bartholmew) hath long appertained to the Dean and Chapter of *Leitchfield*; but when first granted, I find

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find not. In 12 E. 1. *Henry de Egebaston* brought an Assize against them for the right of presentation thereto, but they soon came to an Agreement about it; for it appears that the very same year, he quitted to them all his right therein, in consideration whereof they gave him xx l. sterling: since which time they have found a Curate to officiate here.

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F. Joh.
pt, 12. E.

Armes upon severall Gravestones in the Church, as they were long since observed by Mr. Will. Belcher.

Upon the Tombestone of *John Midlemore* and *Agnes* his wife.

One Escoccheon, wherein *Midlemore* and *Edg-baston* are quartered.

Another with 3. *Leopards heads*, by which it seems that she was the daughter of *Waldeive*.

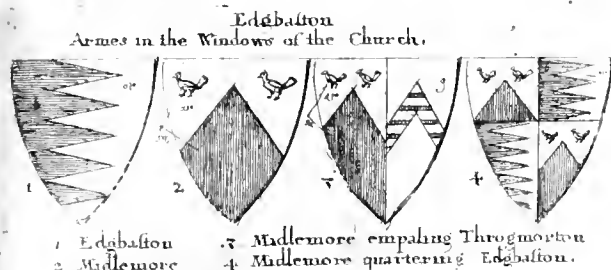
Upon the Tomb-stone of *Ric. Midlemore*.

Midlemore impaling *Throkmorton*.

Upon that of *Rob. Midlemore*.

Midlemore impaling *Ermine a fesse frette*.

But of these Monuments, I might have given a better account, had not the Church been utterly demolisht by the Parliament forces, in the late wars, when they Garrison'd *Eggebaston-house*.



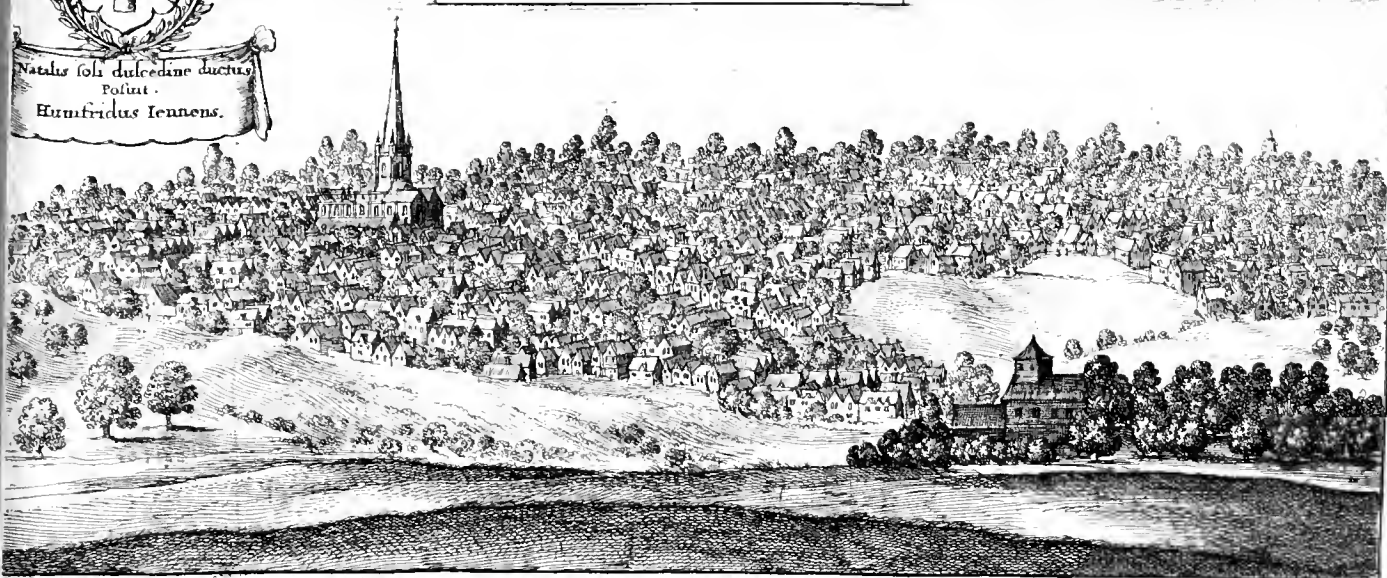
Edgaston
Armes in the Windows of the Church.

1 Edgaston
2 Midlemore
3 Midlemore impaling Throkmorton
4 Midlemore quartering Edgaston.



Natus soli dulcedine ductus
Posuit.
Humfridus Iannens.

The prospect of
BERMINGHAM.
from Ravenhurst (neere London road)
on the South-east part of the towne.



Birmingham.

THis being a place very eminent for most commodities made of Iron, was in *Edw.* the Confessor's days, the freehold of one *Vluine*, but after the Norman invasion *Will. Fitz Ausculf* (whose seat was the Castle of *Dudley*) posselt it, with divers other towns hereabouts. By the Conqueror's Survey I find it rated for 4. hides, having Woods of half a mile in length and 4. furlongs in breadth, all being then held of the same *Williams*, by one *Richard*, and valued at xx s. But that its appellation was originally taken from some ancient owner thereof, or planter here in the Saxons time, need not to be doubted, the last part of its name denoting a home or dwelling, and the former manifesting it self to be a proper name. Whether the before specified *Richard* were paternal ancestor to those who afterwards assumed this place for their surname, I cannot positively affirm; but certain it is, that the *Paganells* (who immediatly succeeded *W. Fitz Ausculf* in the enjoyment of *Dudley* Castle, and the substance of all other his lands) past it away, with other fair

possessions, to be held by military service; for in 12 H. 2. amongst the Knights fees then certified by *Gervase Paganell*, it appears, that *Peter de Bermingham* held ix of him, *de veteri seoffamentis*; so that it is thereby clear, that the Father of the same *Peter*, whose name was *William*, if not his grandfather, became first enfeoffed thereof in H. 1. time.

This *Peter*, being Sewer to the said *Gervase Paganell*, had a Castle here, which stood scarce a Bow shoot from the Church, South-westwards; and by the grant of K. H. 2. as also of the same *Gervase*, in his presence, a weekly *Mercate* thereat upon the Thursday, with the Liberties of *Thol*, *Theam*, *Soch*, *Sach*, and *Infangerthef*, to him and his heirs: Which *Mercate* and priviledges, K. Ric. 1. afterwards confirmed to *Will. de Bermingham*, son and successor to the said *Peter*, who bore for his Arms *Azure a bend lozengè Or*, as by his seal and other authorities appeareth. Out of this Family (doubtless) came the *Berminghams* of *Ireland*, who settled there very antiently; perhaps in H. 2. dayes, upon the first Conquest of that Realm by *Ric. Strongbow*: for I find that in 2 H. 3. there was a controversie touching the title of certain lands there, betwixt *Eva de Bermingham*,

h Lib. sub.
f. 95. a.

i Cart. an.
tiq. T. n. 34.

k Ibid.
l m n

o lb. n. 35.

p Penès
Rad. Sneed
de Kneels
in Com.
Staff.

q MS. de
rebus Hi-
bern. in bibl.
Bodl. [F.
99. Tom.
4.] p. 85.

r Claus. 2.
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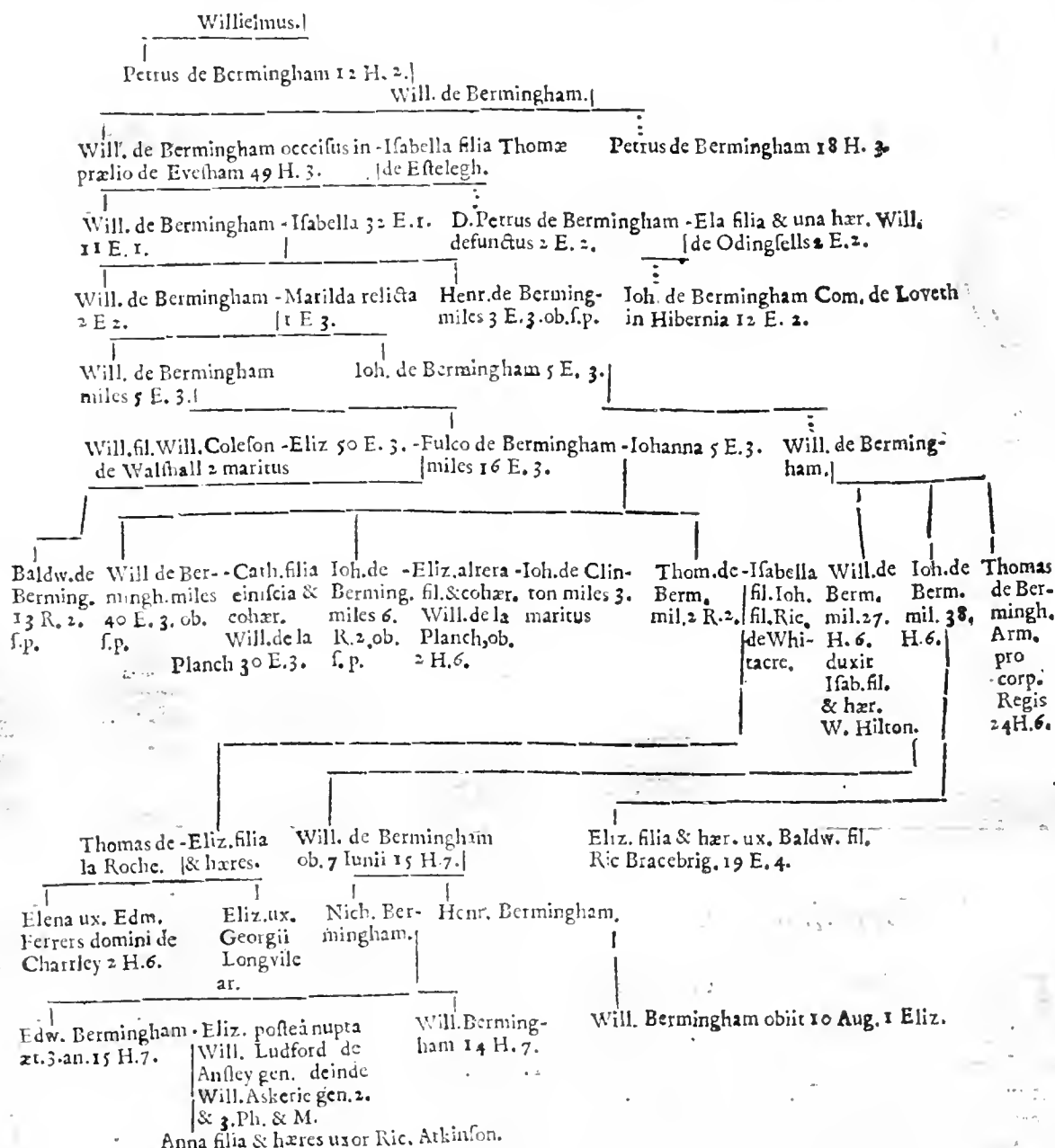
mingham, then the wife of *G. de Marisco* Justice of *Ireland*, and *Reginald Talbot*; for justification whereof the said *Reginald* pretended a Charter made to him by *K. John*, at such time as he was Earl of *Hereford*: and it is also manifest, that there was one *Peter de Bermingham*, an eminent man there, about that time, forasmuch as *K. H. 3.* in 18. of his reign, made him a grant of .xx. marks *per an.* to be received out of the Exchequer at *Dublin*, for his support in his service.

But I must not here stand to trace down the descent of that Family in *Ireland*, it being besides my business; and therefore shall pass it by,

with this onely note^c, that in 12 E. 2. when *Edward de Brus* raised a rebellion in those parts, and caused himself to be crowned King of *Ireland*, through the singular valour and prudent conduct of *John de Bermingham*, then Commander in chief for the King against those Rebels, the said *Edw. de Brus*, with a multitude of his party, were slain, and the rest routed; for which signall service, he the said *John* was created^a Earl of *Ulster*, whose posteritie do continue there in great honour till this day, bearing the antient Armes of this Family before exprest, with a *Castle* in the sinister part of the Shield, for a distinction.

^c Cart. 12. E. 2. ^u 12. 12.

f Pat. 18. H. 3. m. 4.



I now come to *Will. de Bermingham*, son and successor to the last mentioned *William*. In 25 H. 3. he had a suit^w for certain lands, lying in this place, with *John* the son of *Robert de Hathemy*; for determination whereof certain Justices of Assize were then constituted. In 34 H. 3. he was by a speciall Pat.^x exempted from serving on Juries; and the next year following had a Charter^y for a *Faire* to be annually held here, by the space of four days, beginning on the Eve of the *Ascension* (commonly called *Holy Thursday*) as also^z *Free Warren* in his Mannour of *Hoggeton in Com. Buck.* Not long after this, I find that there grew some dispute^a betwixt *Rog. de Someri* (Baron of *Dudley*) of whose Fee *Bermingham* was held, and

this *Will. de Bermingham*, touching the services due by him to the said *Roger* for, this Mannour, with the members thereto belonging; for which he required that the same *Will.* should perform the service of eight Knights Fees, a half and fourth part, and also do suit to the Court at *Dudley*, for the Knights fees belonging thereto, once every three weeks: whereupon they came to an Agreement^b in 46 H. 3. viz. that the same *Will.* should do service for so many Knights fees, as afore said, and appear at the Court at *Dudley* onely twice every year; scil. at that held next after *Michaelmas*, and that likewise after *Easter*: And moreover, that whensoever the King's Writ of Right should be executed there, *id est* that when of necessity

w Pat. 25. H. 3. m. d.

x Pat. 34. H. 3. m. 13.

y Cart. 35. H. 3. m. 13.

^a F. 16. ^u Pat. xv. Trin. ^b 46. E. 3.

cellitie all the Kts. and Peers of the same Court, holding by service military, were to be called thither to give Judgement in cases of difficultie; as also for trial of a Thief, upon reasonable Summons he should not neglect to make his appearance.

Upon which Agreement, the before specified Roger de Soxeri released to him his suit of Court from thence weeks to three weeks. But the next thing memorable, that I find of this Will. de Bermingham is, that he sided with his Father in Law, Thomas de Ayley, and the other Barons, in that grand Rebellion against King H. 3. and that, being slain in the battail of Evesham in 42 H. 3. and his lands extended, this his Mannour of Bermingham was rated at xl l. and the inheritance of it given by the K. with divers Lordships more, forfeited by others, unto Roger de Clifford, for his faithfull service: Howbeit, by vertue of the *Ditum de Henilworth* (whereof I have there spoke) the greatest part of all mens lands to confiscate, being liable to Composition, this with the rest, upon satisfaction made, according to the tenor of that Decree, was repossessed by Will. de Bermingham, son and heir to the Rebell; who in 11 E. 1. obtained a Charter of *Freewarren* throughout all his demesne lands here; as also within his Mannour of *Stokton* in *Worcestershire*, *Shetteford* in *Com. Oxon.* *Waldencote* in *Berkshire*, *Hoggesston* in *Com. Buck.* and *Cristleton* in *Cheshire*; which last (*viz.* *Cristleton*) was given by *Thomas de Estley*, with *Isabell* his daughter in frank Marriage, to Will. de Bermingham, Father to the present William.

In 13 E. 1. this Will. upon a *Quo Warranto* brought against him, and all others who exercised or claimed any Liberties, or Priviledges within their Lordships, exhibited K. Henry the 2. Charter for the Thursday *Mercate*, *Toll*, *Tem.* *Sak.* *Sok*, and *Infangenthef*: And for the *Faire* and *Freewarren* K. H. 3. Charter, pleading Prescription for *Weyfe*, *Gallows*, *Court Leet*, with *Affize* of *Bread* and *Beer*; all which were allowed. The next year following he had Letters of protection, upon the King's purposed transference, whom he was to attend therein. Whether at that time he went beyond Sea, considering it doth not appear by our Historians, that the King himself was out of England, I am uncertain; but in 25 of the same King's reign, it is manifest that he was in *Calcein* in his service, under the conduct of the Earl of *Lincolne* and *John de S. John* of *Basing* (a great Baron) where intending to relieve *Wollagard*, then besieged by the Count of *Arras*, the said Earl and Baron divided their forces, the Lord S. John leading the Van through a Wood; who being presently encountered by the Enemy, and the Earl not seconding him, was overpowered with numbers and so routed, himself with our Sir Will. de Bermingham and eight more Knights, besides Esquires very many, taken Prisoners, and carried in triumph to *Paris*.

This Sir Will. de Bermingham died before the 32 of E. 1. for in that year do I find *John de Ayleston* Clerk presented to the Church of *Bermingham* by *Isabell de Bermingham* his widow, in whose Seal are 3. Escutcheons, *viz.* one with the *Bend lozengé*, another with a *Lion rampant*, and the third a *Lion Rampant debruised with a Bend*; but whose Armes the two last are, except I knew the colours, is hard to say. From which Sir Will. descended another William,

and Henry a younger son, afterwards a Knight, who bore for his Armes *partie per pale indented Argent and Sable*, as by his Seal and certain ancient Rolls appeareth. Touching this last mentioned William. I find, that in 2 E. 2. his Bailiffs distrained divers Inhabitants of *Bromsgrove* and *Doxtun* (commonly called *King's Doxtun*) in *Com Wigorn.* for Toll in the *Mercate* here at *Bermingham*; so that there grew a suit betwixt them: whereupon, producing the Charters of divers King's, as also that of *Gervase Paganell*, formerly mentioned, for justification of his *Mercate*, he further alleadged, that his Ancestors (for so the pleading calls them) had a *Mercate* here before the Norman Conquest: But the men of *Bromsgrove*, and *Doxtun*, to this answered, that those Lordships, where they so inhabited, were of the ancient demesne of the Crown of England; and that they, as all other resident upon the like lands, ought to be freed from payment of Toll throughout the Realm for all petty commodities, as *Victuall* and the like, except it could appear that they did buy and sell as common Merchants; and were acquitted accordingly by the Judgement of the Court, having costs awarded them against the said Bailiffs.

In 11 E. 2. this William was a Kt. but after that, finding no more of him by that title, I have adventured to conclude the next mentioned William to be his son. Which William had many eminent employments; *viz.* in 18 E. 2. for choosing of 400. Foot-souldiers within this Countie, excepting the towns of *Warwick* and *Cobentre*, and arming them for defence of the Realm; and likewise the same year for the electing of Knights, Esquires, and other men at Armes to attend the King into *Calcein*. The next ensuing year he was a Commissioner appointed to enquire and certifye the names of all those in this Shire, that having xl l. lands per an. had not received military Armes, as also for the arraying of men according to the Statute of *Winchester*. In 20 E. 2. he had the custodie of *Dudley* Castle, with the appurtenances; but this was so granted to him by those that then exercised Regall power in the King's name (for the King was then a Prisoner, and shortly after deposed and murdered.) The Record says that it was upon the forfeiture of *Hugh le Despenser* the younger: perhaps that upon the death of *John de Someri*, which hapned about 4. years before, leaving none but Female heirs, the same *Hugh* had the trust thereof (as the King's speciall Favourite) committed to his charge.

In 1 E. 3. this William was in Commission with *John de Murdak*, for conservation of the Peace in this Countie, as also to put the Statute of *Winchester* in execution; so likewise in 5 E. 3. being at that time a Knight. I do not directly find how long he had the custodie of *Dudley* Castle; but in 7 E. 3. 'tis evident that it was not out of his hands; for by his Patent, being to answer for the profits thence arising, unto the King's Exchequer, and then complaining that the Treasurer and Barons there, did refuse to admit of his Accompt, whereby he had made defalcation of such wages as had been paid to the Porter and Watchman of the said Castle, and to the Forresters and Keepers of the Chase of *Wentwood*; as also of the Parks of *Dudley*, *Seggeley*, and the old Park, pertaining to the

i Claus. 9.
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k Pat. 9. E.
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m. 24.
l Pat. 9. E.
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p Ex autog.
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q Claus. 25.
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r Claus. 35.
E. 3. in d.
m. 38.
s Pat. 35.
E. 3. p. 2. in
d. m. 33.
t Claus. 36.
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u Claus.
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x Pat. 40.
E. 3. in d.
m. 16.
y Pat. 41.
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z Claus. 47.
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b Rot. F. 2.
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d Claus. 4.
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e Rot. F. 4.
R. 2. m. 23.
f Claus. 5.
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i Claus. 8.
R. 2. in d.
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k Rot. F. 8.
R. 2. m. 19.
l Ib. m. 16.
m Claus.
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same Cattle; there was a speciall *Mandamus* directed by the King to the said Treasurer and Barons, commanding them to let it pass. In 9 E. 3. he was in Commissionⁱ for arraying of men, as well Knights, as others, according to their severall states and degrees, in order to the Statute of *Winchester*; to the end that they might be in readines for the defence of the Realm, whensoever they should be called upon: In which Commission he is called *William de Bermingham senior*; so also in two others the same year, the one^k for conservation of the Peace and the Statute of *Portsmouth*, and the other^l of *Ar-*

To this last Sir *William* succeeded Sir *Fouk de Bermingham* Knight; of whom the first mention^m, that I find, is in 16 E. 3. he having then lent 48. marks to Sir *Baldw. Frevill* of *Tamworth* Castle, for which he had five Mills at *Tamworth*, (*viz.* 3. in *Warwickshire* and two in *Staffordshire*) in Lease for one year. In 20 E. 3. he was retainedⁿ by *Thomas Bishop of Durham* to attend the King in his French expedition. 'Tis probable that in this voyage he used the Coat, which Sir *Henry de Bermingham* his uncle, bore, *viz.* partie per pale indented *Arg. and Sable*; for the next year following it appears, that he sealed^o with it; though in 16 E. 3. with^p the *Bendlozengè* (the ancient Coat of his Family) and a *Label* of 5. points. In 25 E. 3. he was one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held at *Westminster* so also in^r the Parliament of 35 E. 3. The same year was he first a Commissioner^s for conservation of the Peace in this Countie. In 36 he served again in the Parliament then held at *Westminster*, as one of the Knights for this Shire: so likewise in^t 39 and 40^u E. 3. In the same 40th year he was^x one of the Commissioners of Array in this Countie, and likewise in^y 41 E. 3. and lastly in^z 47 E. 3. one of the Kts. for the Shire in the Parliament held at *Westminster*.

To him succeeded *John* his son and heir, who in 50 E. 3. was^a a Knight and in 2 R. 2. Shiriff^b of this Countie and *Leicestershire*. This *John* bore^c for his Armes partie per pale *Arg. and Sable*, as his Father last did; and in 4 R. 2. served^d in the Parliament at *Portsmouth*, as one of the Knights for this Shire, being the same year Shiriff^e for the Counties of *Buck.* and *Bedf.* In 5 R. 2. he was again one^f of the Knights for this Countie, in the Parliament then held at *Westminster*, and a Commissioner^g for raising power against the Rebels (*id est* the followers of *John Wickliff*) So likewise^h the year next ensuing. In 8 R. 2. he servedⁱ again in the Parliament at *Westminster*; was also a Commissioner^k for the asselling a xvth. and Tenth then granted to the King; and the same year constituted Shiriff^l for this Countie and *Leicestershire*: but the certain time of his death, I cannot discover. After which, *Elizabeth* his widow, one of the daughters and heirs^m to *William de la Plaunch*, by whom he had no issue, marriedⁿ to the Lord *Clinton*, as in *Warstoke* shall be shewed, and held this Lordship of *Bermingham*, in dower, till her death, which hapned not till 2 H. 6.

But before I proceed further, it will not be incongruous (I hope) to say something of Sir *Thomas de Bermingham* Knight (brother to the

before mentioned Sir *John*) especially because he had his residence in this Countie, and very likely here at *Bermingham*, though he was not Lord of the Mannour. In the Parliament held at *Westminster* 51 E. 3. he was one^o of the Knights for this Shire: The same year, and in 1 R. 2. a Commissioner^p of Array. In 2 R. 2. he served^q again as a Knight for this Shire, in the Parliament then held at *Gloucester*; and in another^r at *Westminster*. In 3 R. 2. he was in Commission^s for arraying of men. and for asselling^t a Subsidie in this Countie; and wedded^u *Isabell* the daughter of *John de Whitacre*, grandchild and heir to *Richard*, son of *Richard*, son of *Simon de Whitacre* (an ancient Family in this Countie, as in *Whitacre* shall be shewed.) Which *Isabell*, in her widowhood, had^v the custodie of the lands in *Wales*, belonging to *Thomas* son and heir to Sir *John de la Roche* Knight deceased, committed to her during the minority of the said *Thomas*; unto whom she afterwards gave her daughter and heir *Elizabeth* in^x marriage. Which *Elizabeth* by the same *Thomas de la Roche*, left issue^y *Elene* the wife of *Edmund Lord Ferrers of Chartley*, and *Elizabeth* of *George Longvile* Esquire; who were found^z to be Cousins and heirs to the before specified Sir *John de Bermingham*.

Howbeit, the inheritance of this Lordship, was by some Entail (as it seems) settled upon the heir male of the Family, *viz.* another *William de Bermingham*, son of *William*, son (if I mistake not) to *John*, uncle to the before mentioned Sir *Fouk*: for it appears^a, that in 20 Ric. 2. he confirm'd unto certain Feoffees, to the use of the Lady *Elizabeth*, then the wife of Sir *John de Clinton* (but formerly of Sir *John de Bermingham*) an estate for life in this Mannour; saving the reversion to himself and his heirs; and yet stiled himself *Dominus de Bermingham*, before her death, as is evident by his presentation^b of a Priest in 4. H. 4. to *Clodphales* Chantrie, in the Church of Saint *Martin*, here at *Bermingham*: And so (for ought I know) was reputed, notwithstanding the interest that *Edm. Lord Ferrers of Chartley* had therein, in right of *Elene* his wife, as by the Inquis.^c taken after his death may seem. This *William Burmyncham* was not much inferior to any of his Ancestors, for publick employments in this Countie. In 1 H. 5. he served^d as one of the Knights for this Shire, in the Parliament then held at *Westminster*; yet afterwards till 17. H. 6. he lived retired, as it seems, but then he was first put in Commission^e for conservation of the Peace, and the same year had a speciall exemption, that no Purveyor, or Victualler should take any provision within this his Lordship, for the expences of the King's Household; in which Patent^f the King calls him *dilectus Armiger noster*. In this mans time; *viz.* in 19 H. 6. I find it certified^g that this Lordship of *Bermingham* was held of Sir *John Sutton* of *Dudley* Knight, as of his Castle of *Dudley*, by military service, *scil.* by Homage, Fealtie, and Escuage, that is to say when Escuage runneth at xl s. so much, and when more, more, and when less, less; and by suit to his Court at *Segeffrey*, called *Ington-Court*, as also by *Castleward*.

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q Claus. 2.
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r Ib. m. 3.
s Pat. 3. R.
2. p. 2. in d.
m. 5.
t Rot. F.
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u Rot. Assis.
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rot. 13.
w Rot. F. 9.
R. 2. m. 8.
x Passib. F.
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z 6. m. 8.
a Claus. 20.
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b Burgh. f.
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c Esc. 14.
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d Claus. 1.
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f Pat. 17.
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m. 13.
g Pat. 19.
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In 121 H. 6. he underwent the Office of Sheriff¹ for this Countie and **Leicestershire**. In 27. he was a Knight^k. In 28 he was a Commissioner¹ for assessing a Subsidie then granted to the King in Parliament; as also for treating^m with the people about lending money to the King: but after H. 6. time, I do not find him made use of, for any publick service, whereby I conclude that he adhered to the House of **Lancaster**; for he died not till 18 E. 4. leaving **William** his son and heir then thirty years of age; I am of opinion that **Thomas Bermingham**, whom King H. 6. made one of the Esquires for his Body, was Brother to this Sir **William**: Which **Thomas** in 24 H. 6. had the grant^o of an Annuitie of L. marks to receive during life, for his daily attendance upon the same King's person, as Esquire of his Body; and within two years after was made Master of the King's Hawks, having a grant of the Mannour called the **Mewes**, with the appurtenances, in reversion after the death of Sir **Raph Cromwell** Knight, to hold for his life, with all the Fees belonging to that Office. But passing from him, I come to the last Sir **William Bermingham** of this Family; of whom I can say no more, than that he wedded^p **Isabell** the daughter and heir of **William Hilton**, and by her had issue **William**, who departed^q this life 7 Junii 15 H. 7. leaving **Edward** his grandchild and heir, not much above three years old; whose Wardship, being in 17 H. 7. granted^r by the King, to **Edw. Lord Dudley**, together with the custody of the lands of his inheritance; viz. the Mannours of **Ober-Morton**, **Petherworth**, **Moch Tewe**, **Uptil Tewe**, and **Shuttofd** in Com. **Oxon.** **Hogston** in Com. **Buck.** **Billesley** in Com. **Wiltgon**: and this of **Bermingham**, was purchased, it seems, by **Elizabeth Bermingham** his mother; for I find that she afterwards sold^t it to **William Coningsby** Sergeant at Law.

This **Edward** hapned to be the last of the Family, that had to do here; For, being contemporary with that ambitious man **John Dudley**, afterwards Vicount **Lisle** (more commonly known by those greater titles, which he sometime had, viz. Earl of **Warwick** and Duke of **Northumberland**) he was strangely wrested out of this Lordship: For the said **John**, having posselt himself of **Dudley Castle**, (as in **Warwick** I have shewed) and observing **Bermingham** a fit ornament for so noble a seat, but being the principall residence of such a Family, as had for some Hundreds of years enjoy'd it, not likely to be purchased from the then rightfull owner, conspired by a wicked stratagem, to work him out of it, which he soon put in practise; the Story whereof is in substance thus, as by tradition from divers discreet persons I have heard; viz. that **Dudley** did set on some of his Agents to lodge in **Bermingham**, and to learn when Master **Bermingham** was to ride out from home; which being accordingly done, they so contrived their business, that one of their plot should ride leisurely before, so that they might soon, keeping but an ordinary pace, overtake him; whereupon they watcht an opportunity to strike into Master **Bermingham**'s company, as Travailers, with whom they soberly rode for a while; but being come up to their confederate, forthwith set upon

him for his Purse, so that the villain thus seemingly rob'd, makes pursuit after them, and likewise after Master **Bermingham**, as one of the pack; who being thereupon apprehended and prosecuted, apparently saw his danger. The business therefore now working according to **Dudley**'s first design, there were others imployed to Mr. **Bermingham** with overture, how he might save his Life, viz. to make the Vicount **Lisle** his friend, in giving up this Lordship of **Bermingham** to him; which, that it might bear the better colour, and be the more valid, was performed by yielding it to the King, and ratified by a speciall Act^u of Parliament, the tenor whereof was as followeth.

Where **Edward Byrmingham**, late of **Byrmingham** in the Countie of **Warwick** Esquire, otherwise callid **Edward Byrmingham** Esquire, ys and standyth lawfully indettid to our sovereing Lord the Kyng in diverse grete summes of money; And also standyth at the mercy of his Highness, for that the same **Edward ys** at this present convicted of Felony; our seide soveraign Lord the Kyng, ys contentid and pleased, that for and in recompence and satisfaction to his grace of the seide summes of money, to accept and take of the seide **Edward**, the Mannour and Lordship of **Byrmingham**, otherwise callid **Byrmingham**, with the appurtenances, lying and being in the Countie of **Warwick**, and all and singular other lands and tenements, reversions, Rents, Services, and hereditaments of the same **Edward Byrmingham**, set lying and beyng in the Countie of **Warwick** afforesayde. Be yt therefore ordeyned and enacted, by the autorite of this present Parliament, that our saide soveraine Lord the Kyng, shall have hold and enjoy to him his heirs and assignes, for ever, the seide Mannour and Lordship of **Byrmingham** (&c.) In which Act there is a reservation of xl l. per an. to the said **Edward**, and **Elizabeth** his wife, during their lives.

Howbeit, after this, it was no less than nine years, ere the grant^u of it from the Crown, to the said Vicount **Lisle**, was made; for it bears not date till December 21 37 H. 8. (perhaps on purpose, so deferred, that the world might the less censure him for this hard dealing) at which time the inheritance thereof, together with the Burgh of **Bermingham** and patronage of the Rectorie, late belonging unto the before specified **Edward Bermingham**, were past unto him, with other lands lying in the Counties of **Salop.** **Heref.** and **Worcester**. But how short a time he enjoy'd it, my Story of him as Earl of **Warwick** will further shew; for being attainted, and losing his head in 1 M. whereby all, that he had, eschaeted to the Crown, the same Queen

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u Ps. 37.
H. 8. p. 16.

in 3. and 4. of her reign, by her Letters^w Pat. & 4. Ph & dated 9 Apr. granted the inheritance thereof to Thomas Marrow Esq. whose posteritie (seated at Berkswell in this Countie) continue Lords of it till this day.

Other particulars memorable, relating to this place, are as followeth; viz. in 35 H. 3. a grant^x that another *Faire* should be yearly kept here, for three days; sc. on the Eve of St. John Bapt. and the two days next following, the Shiriff of *Worcestershire* having then command to proclaim it accordingly throughout his Liberties. And that in 12 E. 2. the Inhabitants, at the instance of *Andomare de Valence* Earl of *Wembroke*, obtained a License^y to take Toll of all vendible commodities brought hither to be sold for the space of three years; viz. for every Quarter of Corn a farthing, &c. towards paving the town: But this work was not perfectly compleated within that time, nor of xv. years after; for in 7 E. 3. I find that they had another^z Pat. to take Toll, in like manner, for the space of 3. years more.

The Hospitall of St. Thomas the Apostle.

This was situate at that end of the town towards *Wolverhampton*, and on the right hand the road, almost opposite to the sign of the Bull: but touching the originall Foundation thereof, I have not seen any farther testimony, than that Certificate^a made by the Commissioners upon their Survey in 37 H. 8. where it is said they were informed, that the Ancestors of the *Berminghams*, Lords of *Bermingham*, erected it for one Priest to sing Mass daylie therein, for the souls of the Founders for ever; as also that the late Lord of *Bermingham* (viz. *Edw. Bermingham* Esq.) did, *inter alia*, grant the patronage of it to one *John Prettye* for XCIX. years, which said *John* past away his title therein, to Mr. *Clem. Threkmorton* Gentleman. And the first mention of it, that I find, is in 13 E. 1. where it appeareth^b, that *Thomas de Maidenhache* (of whom I have spoke in *Aston*) gave unto it ten acres of Heath in *Aston*, *Will. de Bermingham* x. acres likewise, and *Ranulph de Rekeby* 3. acres of land in *Saluteley*. About that time were divers Cottages and lands, lying also in *Bermingham* and the adjacent Villages, given to it by sundry others; viz. xxvii. acres of land, and half an acre of meadow, by the same *Will. de Bermingham*, and the rest by a number of ordinary persons; for all which the Prior and Brethren thereof, obtained the King's speciall pardon^c in 4 E. 2. in regard they had been given thereto after publication of the Statute of *Mortmain* made in 7 E. 1.

In 24 E. 3. *Fouk de Bermingham* and *Ric. Spenser* gave^d thereunto two Messuages and an hundred acres of land lying in *Aston*, and *Bermingham*, to find a Priest to celebrate divine service daily at the Altar of our Blessed Lady in the Church of the same Hospitall, for the souls of *Will. le Mercer* and *Margerie* his wife, and of certain others. The clear yearly value of all which lands and tenements belonging thereto, over and above reprises, were in 26 H. 8. certified^e to be viii l. v s. iii d. at which time Sir *Edw. Tofte* was *Chantrie* Priest there; but in 37 H. 8. the value, above reprises, was rated^f at viii l. viii s. ix d.

Patroni.

D. Episcopus.

D. Fulco de Bermyncham miles.

D. Joh. de Clinton miles.

Domina Eliz. de Clinton.

D. Joh. Russell miles.

D. Eliz. Domina de Clinton.

Edw. Bermyngham.

Dominus Rex.

Custodes five Guardiani ejusdem Hospitalis.

Frater Rob. Marmion 16. Northb. f. 20. b.
Cal. Oct. 1326.
Joh. Nevill confrater Non. 1b. f. 57. a.
Nov. 1353.

Rob. Cappe Cap. 6. Cal. Junii 1361. Sret. f. 8. a.
Thomas Edmund Pbr. 2 Non. 1b. f. 18. a.
Aug. 1369.

Joh. Frotheward Pbr. 15. Sk. f. 12. a.
Nov. 1390.
Joh. Cheyne 5. Sept. 1393. 1b. f. 9. a.

Henr. Bradley Pbr. 22 Oct. 1398. Burgh. f. 4. a.
Tho. Salpyn 24 Sept. 1b. f. 12. b.
1403.

Rob. Browe Cap. 7. Martii 1b. f. 19. b.
1407.
Joh. Port. 5 Aug. 1412. 1b. f. 31. a.

Will. Prestwood Cap. 26. Oct. Bull. f. 5. a.
1416.

D. Henr. Drayton 16 Maii 1421. Heyw. f. 5. a.

D. Edw. Tofte ult. Ian. 1521. Bl. f. 8. a.
Henr. Hody Cler. 6 Oct. 1538. Str. & P. f. 16. a.

The Gild of the Holy Cross

The Hall whereof, standing in Newstreet, is now the Free-School.

The originall hereof grew thus; In 6 R. 2. *Thomas de Sheldon*, *John Colshill*, *John Goldmyth*, and *Will. atte Slowe*, having obtained License^g to grant lands of xx. marks per an. value, lying in *Bermyngham* and *Esgebatton*, for the maintenance of two Priests, to celebrate divine Service daily, to the honour of God, our blessed Lady his Mother, the *Holy Cross*, *S. Thomas* the Martyr and *S. Katherine*, in the Church of *S. Martin* here at *Bermingham*; within ten years after, the Inhabitants of this town, by the name of the Bailiffs and Communaltie of *Bermingham*, procured a Patent^h from the same King, to found a Gild or perpetuall Fraternitie, amongst themselves, to the honour of the *Holy Cross*, consisting not onely of men and women of *Bermingham*, but other adjacent places; and to constitute a Master, with certain Wardens thereof: as also to erect a *Chantrie* of Priests, to celebrate divine Service in the said Church, for the souls of the Founders, and all the Fraternitie: for whose support and all other charges incumbent, there were Xviii. messuages iii tofts, six acres of land, and Xl. s. Rent lying in the above specified towns of *Bermingham* and *Esgebatton* then given thereto. The lands belonging to which Gild were in 37 H. 8. valuedⁱ at xxxi l. ii s. x d. out of which, three Priests that sung Mass in the Church here, had Cvi s. viii d. a piece; An Organist Lxxiii s. iii d. The Common Midwife iiiii s. per an. and the Bell-man vi s. viii d. but other reprises for brevity, I omit.

Which lands, at the humble suit of the Inhabitants, in 5 E. 6. were assigned^k by the King unto Will.

h Pat. 16. R. 2. m. 15. Esc. de Ad quod D. 16. R. 2. n. 139.

i MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. f. 38. f. Ex alio MS. penes eund. S. A. f. 14. a.

k Pat. 5. E. 6. p. 1.

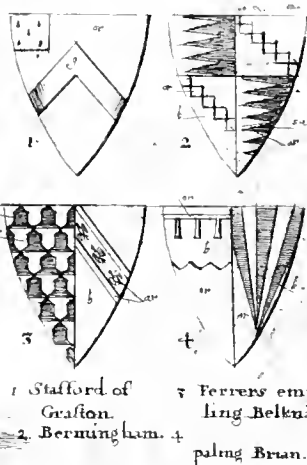
Will. Symons Gentleman, Richard Smalbroke then Bayliff of the town, John Shilton, Richard Swifte, Will. Colemore the elder, Thomas Marshall, Henry Foxall, John Veyss, Will. Bagee, John Kinge, Thomas Cowper, John Wylls, Will. Paynton, John Elyat, Will. Ascherig, Thomas Smith, Rob. Rastell, Will. Colemore the younger, Thomas Snodon, and Will. Mychell, Inhabitants of this place, and to their successors, to be chosen in, upon the death or departure out of the town of any of the before recited persons, for the support and maintenance of a Free Grammar School, within **Bermingham**, to be called the Free Grammar School of K. Edw. the sixt, for the education and instruction of Children in Grammar for ever, with one School-master and an Usher under him: And extending to the value of *xv l. per an.* were by the said Letters Pat. to continue unto the persons above specified and their successors, to be held of the said King his heirs and successors, as of his Castle of **Kenilworth**, in free and common Socage, paying *xv s.* yearly into the Court of Augmentation, at the Feast of S. Michael the Arch-Angell, for all demands and services whatsoever.

Bermingham.

In the windows of the Gild.



Dns Edmundus Ferrers



1 Stafford of Grafton. 2 Bermingham. 3 Ferrers empaling Belknap. 4 palming Brian.

The Church of **Bermingham** (dedicated to St. Martin) was in an. 1291. (19 E.1.) valued at *vii marks and a half*; but in *26 H. 8.* at *xix l. iiii s. vi. d.* at which time the Procurations and Synodalls amounted to *xii s. vi. d. per an.* Patroni Ecclesie Incumbentes, &c.

1 MS. m. Scut. m MS. pe. nès S. A eq. aur.

D. Isabella quondam ux. domini Will. de Bermingham.

Thomas de Hinkelgh Accol. 16 Cal. Martii 1300. Steph. de Segrave Pbr. 4 Cal. Maii 1304. Joh. de Ayleston Pbr. 9 Cal. Nov. 1304.

D. Will. de Bermyncham miles. Fulco de Bermyncham.

Rob. de Shuresford Pbr. 5 Id. Northb. Febr. 1336. Will. de Seggeley 17 Cal. Julii 1349.

Fulco de Fermyncham miles.

Thomas de Dumbleton Pbr. 1b. f. 59. a. Non Nov. 1354. Hugo de Wolseley Pbr. 5 Cal. Aug. 1369.

Joh. de Clinton mil. jure Eliz. ux.

Thomas Darnall Pbr. 15 Nov. 1396.

Nobilis domina Eliz. D. de Clinton.

Will. Thomes Cap. 10 Nov. 1412. Ric. Slowthur 4 Oct. 1414.

Edmundus Ferrers miles D. de Chartley.

Joh. Waryn 8 Julii 1428. Will. Hyde 16 Sept. 1432. J. Armstrong ult. Aug. 1433.

Elena relicta D. Edm. Ferrers.

Henr. Symon Pbr. 21 Aug. 1436.

W. Bermyncham ar. Edw. Sutton D. de Dudley, ratione custod. terr. D. de Bermingham.

Hums. Jurdan Pb. 9 Oct. 1444. Ric. Sutton Arc. Magr. 8 Maii 1504.

Edw. Littleton ar. ex concess. Ed. Bermingham ar.

Bl. f. 3. b. Julii 1536.

D. Regina Eliz.

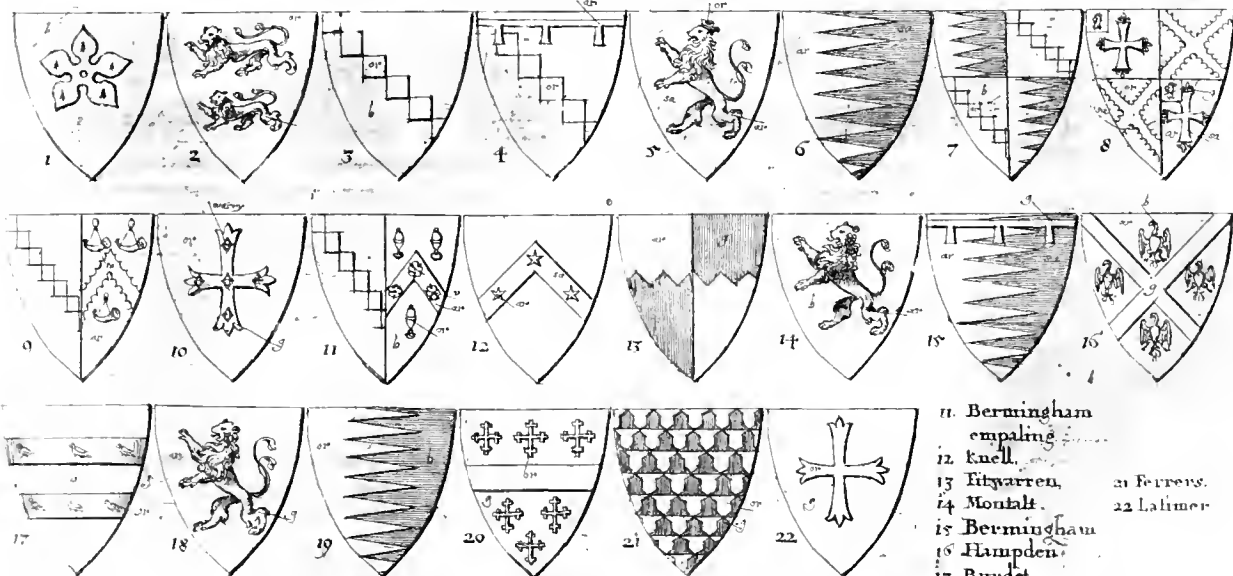
Will. Wraxam Cler. 16 Junii 1544.

Thom. Smyth de Bermingham ex concess. Sam. Marrowe.

Lucas Smith Cler. 8. Sep. 1578.

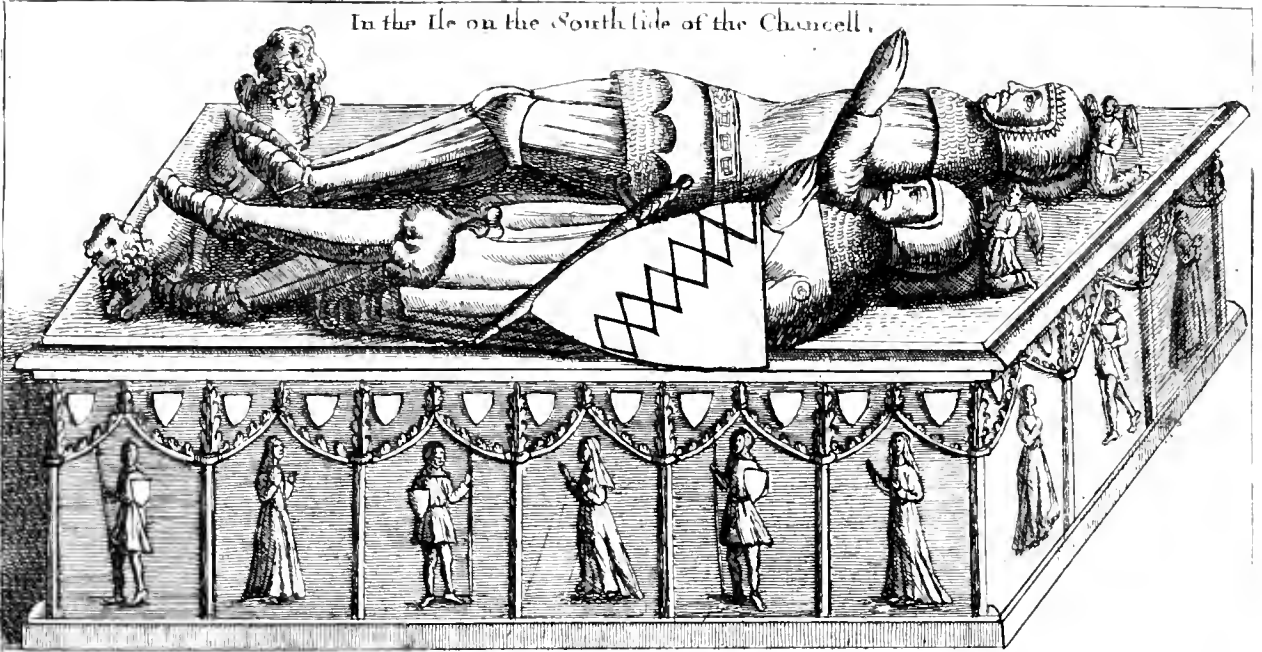
Bermingham.

Armes in the windows of the Church.

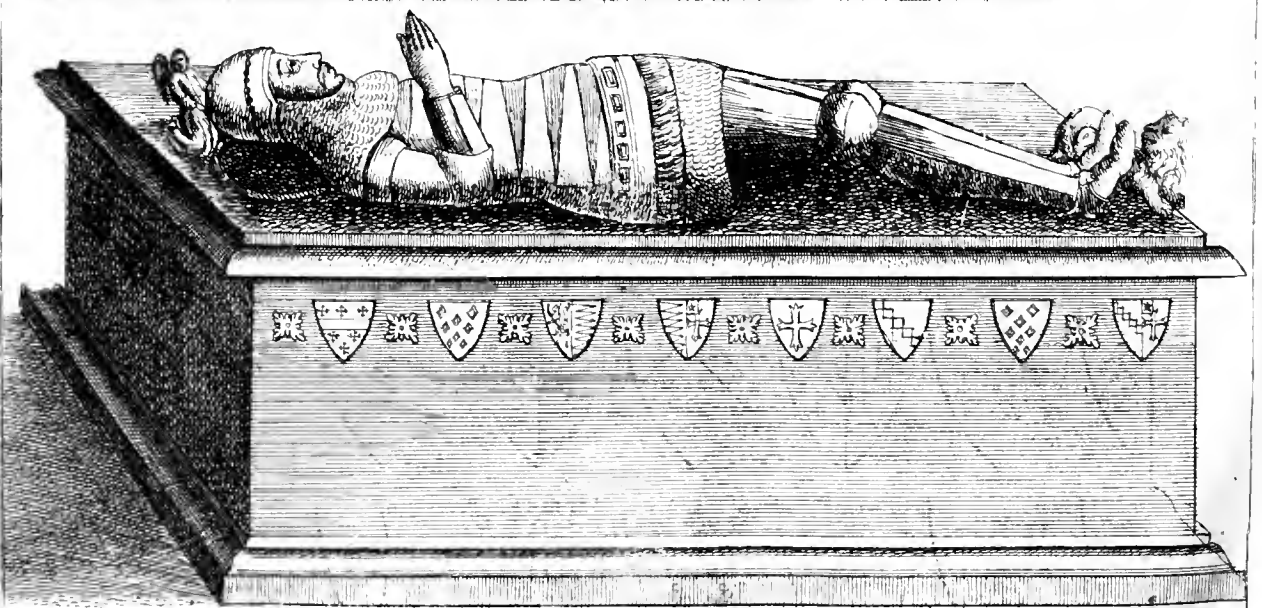
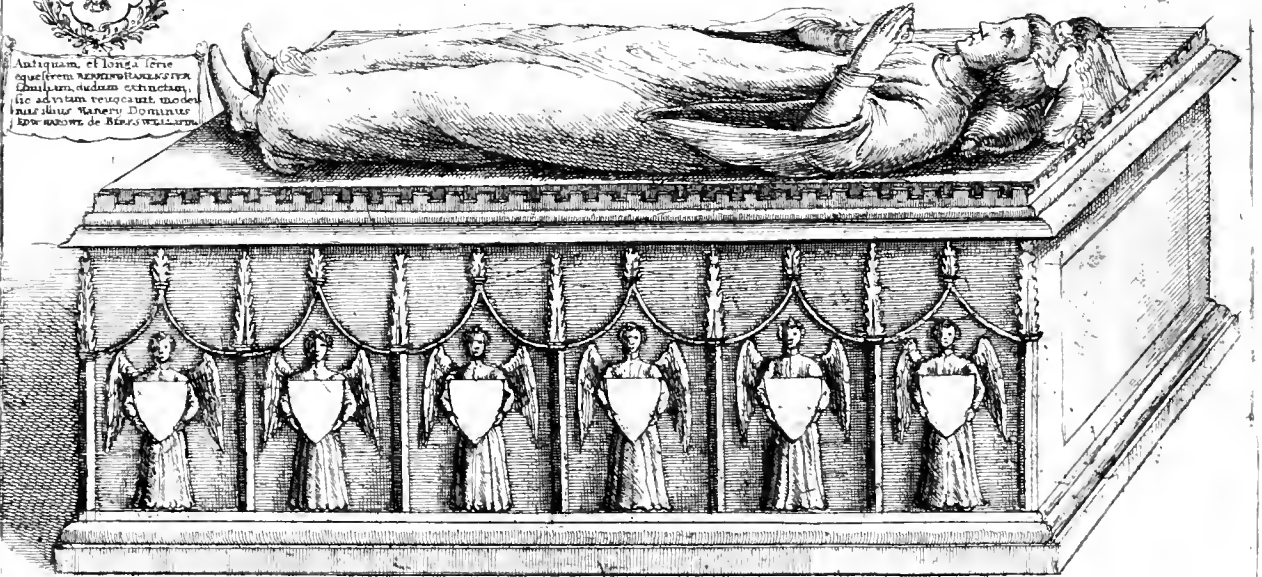


1 Astley 2 Somerv 3 Bermingham 4 Segraue 5 Bermingham quartering Botetort 6 Frevile 7 Bermingham 8 Ferrers 9 Montalt 10 Edgbaston 11 Beauchamp 12 Enell 13 Fitzwarren 14 Montalt 15 Bermingham 16 Hampden 17 Burdet 18 19 Edgbaston 20 Beauchamp 21 Ferrers 22 Lathmer

In the Ile on the South side of the Chancell,



Antiquam, et longa serie
equeſtrem ARMORUM RARISSIMAM
ſimulam, dudum exſtictam,
ſic aditum reuocauit, modum
ſui illius Rariſſimi Dominus
EDWARDVS de REX WILLIAMVS



Clodshal's Chantrie.

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tog. penès
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2. p. 2. m.
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Pat. 7. E.
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IN 4 E. 3. *Walter de Clodshale* (of *Saltley*) ha-
ving obtained Licenseⁿ from *Will. de Bermyngham*, chief Lord of the Fee, as also^o of the King,
for the founding a Chantrie at the Altar of our La-
dy in this Church, gave 4. Messuages, xx. acres of
land and xviii. d. Rent, all lying in the town of
Bermingham, for the maintenance of one Priest
to celebrate divine Service there, for the souls of
him the said *Walter* and *Agnes* his wife, their
ancestors, and all the faithfull deceased. And in 21
E. 3. did *Ric. de Clodshale*, (son and heir of the
same *Walter*) give^r 5. messuages, ten acres of land,
and x s. yearly Rent, lying also in *Bermingham*,
for the support of another Priest to celebrate divine
Service at the same Altar, for the good estate of
him the said *Richard* and *Alice* his wife, during
their lives in this world; and for their souls after
their departure hence: as also for the souls of his
Father and Mother; and likewise of *Fouk de Ber-
mingham* and *Joan* his wife, and all the faithfull
deceased; an Inventorie of the Ornaments belong-
ing to which Altar and Chantries, taken in An.
1424. (3 H. 6.) I have thought fit here to in-
sert, as I find them by an Indenture⁹ of that
date.

Inpr. one old Misall prec. vi s. one Portvos prec.
xl s. A peyre vestments the Chesypellof red Tartry,
price of the vestments holl. xxvi s. viii d. Item an
Auter cloth with a front of blew ynde wyrket with
I. and b. prec. x s. A Corporas prec. xii d. A
Cas therefore with red silk with sterrs and Mone.
prec. xx d. Another Vestment ferriall, of Fustian,
the Chesibill, prec. in toto x s. Two other Corpo-
rasses prec. ii s. A cas for hem of ray silk prec. xii d.
An other Auter cloth with a Front bordally-
saunder prec. xl d. Another Auter cloth steynet
prec. xvi d. Three Iwayles prec. xviii d. Four o-
ther Auter cloths without fronts; one prec. xx d. a
piece, Another prec. xii d. the third prec. vi d. the
fourth prec. iii d. Two Cruets prec. vi d. Two Pax-
bredes prec. iii d. Three pieces of old silk for the
Images prec. xl d. A Cofer in the Chapel prec. v s.
Another Cofer in Sir Thomas Bromley's Cham-
ber prec. ii s. A solet of thrid; also a gret portvos
prec. C s. A vestment of the Chespel of purple silk
prec. xxxiii s. iii d. A Chalice with patyn and
Spone prec. xxvi s. viii d. and this Boke vestment
and Chalice were yeoven by Sire Henry Watneys
Priest: And also a new Missle prec. ix marks
yeoven by Sire Roger Bugge Priest.

In 26 H. 8. the value^r of the lands and te-
nements belonging thereto, was esteemed at Ci s.
Sir Thomas Allen, and Sir John Grene Priests be-
ing then Wardens thereof: But in 37 H. 8. the
value of these Chantries was divided^r; that of the
first by the name of *Prima Cantaria beata Maria*
in *parochia S. Martini*, rated at Cxx s. xi. d. ob.
over and above all reprises: and the other by the
name of *Secunda Cantaria in predicta parochia* at
vi li. iii d. ob. And after the dissolution of them,
by the Statute of 1 E. 6. the lands belonging to the
later, were in 4 E. 6. granted out of the Crown
to *Will. Morice* of *Chepyng-Angre* in *Essex* Es-
quire, and *Edw. Isaak* of *Welle* in *Kent*, and their
heirs: And in 7 E. 6. those appertaining to the o-
ther, sold^u to *Kenelm* and *John Threkmorton*
Esquires.

Sutton.

HAVING now done with *Bermingham*, and
tracing *Rhea* through the Parish of *Aston*,
I come to its confluence with *Tame*; following
which River about two miles lower, I find the
accession of a pretty torrent from the North west,
at the head whereof stands *Sutton*, being a large
Parish, but a barren soil, and containeth divers
Hamlets and places of note; viz. *Wigginhill*,
Panep, *Hill*, *Little Sutton*, *Warmley*, *Langlep*,
Pewhall, and *Pedmoze*; of all which in their
order.

That this *Sutton* was originally so called from
its situation, there is no doubt; and therefore as it
stands South to *Lichfield*, I am inclin'd to believe
that the name at first arose. In *Edw.* the Confes-
sor's days *Edwine* Earl of *Merca* was owner^w of
it; but after the Norman invasion the Conquer-
or held it in his own hands, as appeareth by the
generall Survey^x shortly after made, wherein it
is rated at viii hides, the Woods extending to two
miles in length and one in breadth, and all valued
at 4 l. But it continued not long in the Crown;
for I find^y that K. H. 1. past it away in exchange
unto *Roger* Earl of *Warwick*, for the Mannours
of *Hocham* and *Langham* in *Rutland*; *Haber-*
dum & tenendum dictum Manerium de Sutton
(saith my authorit e) *dicto Rogero Comiti & ha-*
redibus ejus, cum omni libertate & regalitate, sine
sektis ad Hundredum, sine solutione Scutagii, vel
alicuius forinseci servitii, cum libero Chaceo inter
Thame & Bourne, qua dividunt libertatem dicti
Manerii ab aliis. Et habeat dictus Rogerus & ha-
redes sui unum Parcum & unam liberam Hayam
in defensione. Et habeant liberam Curiam suam ad
voluntatem in omnibus liberis consuetudinibus cum
visu Franciplegii. Item habeant boscum forinse-
cum, communem libere tenentibus, sine Ripario.
Item habeant in dominico duas Carucasas terra,
& unum molendinum aquaticum cum sektis. Item
habeant Ofodecem Cervos non nobiles.

But it doth not appear by this that any yearly
Rent was reserved to the King, his heirs, and suc-
cessors, upon the said Exchange; therefore 'tis pro-
bable that by some other Agreement with that
King, or King H. 2. it might be; For in the Shi-
riffs Accompt² of 23. 24. and 25 H. 2. there is
xxxix s. per an. answered to the King de *Firma de*
Sutton. In 26 H. 2. xvii s. x d. de *perquisitis*;
In 30 H. 2. xxxix s. de *Firma*: In 31 H. 2.
Lii s. de Firma; and in 1 R. 1. iii l. de *Firma*:
howbeit, in these two last 'tis like some arrears are
accounted, in regard that xxxix s. was the stan-
ding Rent or Ferm formerly due.

The next thing, in order, to be spoke of, is the
Chase, whereof the bounds extended (as by the
before recited authoritie is evident) to the banks of
Thame and *Bourne* (which Rivers are described
by the Map) and so consequently out of the bounds
of this Countie, as well as into other Lordships
within it, that are no members of *Sutton*: To
give some reason therefore for this, I have look't
further into the antiquitie thereof; and do find,
that whilst this Lordship continued in the King's
hand, that which afterwards bore the name of the
Chase, was then a Forest; and this appears by a
special Inquisition² taken in 3 E. 2. where the
Jury say upon their Oaths, that they had heard

w Do-
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their Ancestors affirm the same: For, that the ancient King's of **England**, before they limited themselves by *Carta de Foresta* in 9 H. 3. might and did make Forests where they pleased, *Mannwood*, in his treatise of *Forest Laws* (whereunto I refer my Reader) doth sufficiently declare. And here, before I proceed further, I have thought fit to insert a Copie of the bounds of this Chase, as by the before-specified Inquisition they are set down: *Sez sont lez boundes trovez de la Chase de Sottone en Colsebe, & se commencez à la teste de Bourne; dekes à la Woltestile; & dekes tank à la Tindit hoc; & dekes tank à Mosewall; & dekes tank à le Holecrook; & dekes tank a le Thame; & dekes tank a Wolsozdbrugge; & dekes tank a Schrafsozdbrugge; & dekes tank a Wylford; & dekes tank a la teste de Bourne.* Most of which places, if not all, are (I am sure) very well known at this day.

That the Earl of **Warwick** so held it, with all privileges thereto anciently belonging, may appear by sundry testimonies, some of which I shall here point at. About the beginning of K. John's time, the Lord *Basset* of *Draiton* (a great Baron in these parts) erected a Park at *Draiton-Basset*, which being within the precincts of this Chase, and questioned by *Waleran* then Earl of **Warwick**, necessitated the said Lord *Basset*, rather than he would pull down his pales again, to come to an Agreement with the Earl; which accord^b was in 3 Joh. and because 'tis very memorable, I will here recite it.

Hac est finalis concordia inter Comitem Waleranum de Warwic quierentem, & Radulphum Bassiet tenentem de una sepe in Draiton, quam idem Comes dixit fuisse levatam ad necumentum Foresta sua de Colmesfeld, unde placitum conventionis summonitum est inter eos coram Justiciariis domini Regis apud Covinriam; viz. Magistro Willielmo de Kilkenny & dominis Henrico de Barton & Nicholao de Trye; scilicet quod predictus Comes concessit, & quietum clamavit, de se & heredibus suis, predicto Radulfo & heredibus suis, predictam sepe & totum Parcum de Draiton infra illam sepe inclusum. Et pro hac concessione & in pace dimissione, & quieti clamazione, predictus Radulphus pro se & heredibus suis concessit eidem Comiti & heredibus suis, duos Damos idoneos quolibet anno de predicto Parco, captos inter Assumptionem & Nativitatem beate Mariae Virginis; scil. de utroque Damo quatuor membra, & Capud, corio, & furehero; ita quod predictus Radulphus vel heredes sui, per seipsos vel per nuncios suos, faciant habere Rastivis predicti Comitis, vel heredum suorum, ad Manerium ipsius Comitis de Sutton, predictos duos Damos, sicut predictum est, inter predicta duo Festa. Et sciendum quod predictum Parcum de Draiton ita clausum erit, quod totum erit integrum versus Forestam predicti Comitis de Colmesfeld, & sine Bukestall.

c Cartul.
warw. Com.
f. 100. b.

To this Agreement were witnesses^c *Thomas de Erdinton*, then Sheriff of *Staffordshire*, *Geffrey Sauvage*, *Hugh fil. Willielmi* (id est de *Draiton*) *Thomas de Ardern*, *Raph de Mutton*, *Will. de Arderne*, *Rob. fil. Willielmi*, *Henr. fil. Sewalli* (progenitor to the *Shirleys*) *Hugh de Cuilli*, *Henr. de Ullenhale*, *Alex. de Mildecumbe*, *Jordan de Whitacre*, and divers other. And that the succeeding Earls of **Warwick** still held it as their free Chase, the severall Licenses^d that they granted to sundry persons in their own peculiar lands and

d Ex pref.
vet. cod.
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ar.

Woods, lying within the precincts thereof, do sufficiently manifest; viz. to *Raph de Limefi*, by *Will. de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, to make a Park at *Wesford* of his Wood called *Amehap*, in 17 E. 1. In 18 E. 1. to *Raph Lord Basset* to hunt in his Woods at *Draiton*. In 21 E. 1. to *Will. de Odingfells* to hunt in the Woods and feilds of *Wesford*, *Thickbrome*, and *Hynts*: So also to *Will. Meignill* and *Rob. de la Ward* in their lands and Woods at *Hynts*, &c. And that this Chase was of high esteem with those great Earls (who had here a very goodly Mannour House, with fair Pools near unto it) is evident, as I shall now further manifest.

In 17 E. 1. the last recited Earl obtained a speciall Patent^e of the King, that during his life he might have free libertie to follow and pursue such of his Deer as, being hunted within this Chase, fled into the Forest of *Hanc*, and there to kill and bring them away, without any disturbance of the said King's Verderers or other Officers of the Forest: Nay the Earl was so tender in preserving his game, that though he had given libertie to the Lord *Basset* for hunting in his own Woods at *Draiton*, yet to the end it might appear that he excluded not himself, he questioned the same Lord *Basset* for his Keepers over-boldness in those Woods; So that *Basset* coming to an agreement^f with him; it was concluded, that from thenceforth his Forester for *Draiton*-woods, for the time being, should make Oath to the said Earl and his heirs, for his faithfull custodie of the Venison, and to make Attachments, and Presentments in the said Earl's Court at *Sutton*, touching the same: And that the Ranger to the said Earl and his heirs, for the time being, should oversee the Keepership of the Deer in those Woods, at his own pleasure, and make attachments for the same: As also that the Earl should have the one half of all *Amerciaments*, and recompence for Trespasses done to the Deer in those Woods, to be received by his Bayliff of *Sutton*. Which Accord was made at *Sutton* on the Eve of *Holy Rood* day, in the presence of Sir *John Clinton* the younger Kt, *Thomas Prior* of *Cantwell*, *Anketill de L'isle*, *Rob. de Schelden*, *Herr. de Mabely*, *Will. de Lee*, *John Russell*, and others.

e Pat. 17.
E. 1. m. 79.

f Cartul.
Warw.
Com. f. 101.
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In 21 E. 1. there being a complaint^g made to the King, by the before specified Earl, that some misdemeanours had been committed by certain lewd persons in killing of Deer within this Chase, a speciall Commission was directed to *Roger Lord Strange*, to find them out, and to punish them according to their demerits. And in 25 E. 1. *John Lord of Little Warre* came to an Accord^h with the before specified Earl, for license to inclose his Woods at *Little Warre*; as also to improve them by assarting, and for cutting of under-wood there, they being within the bounds of this Chase: for which libertie so granted he covenanted for himself and his heirs to pay yearly to the said Earl and his heirs six barbed Arrows on the Feast day of St. *Michael*, at his Mannour of *Sutton*.

g Pat. 21.
E. 1. m. 22.

h Ex pref.
cod. MS.
penes R.
Arden.

I now come to the Mannour. After the death of *Thomas* Earl of **Warwick** in 26 H. 3. it was, *inter alia*, assignedⁱ to *Ela* his Countess in dower: and in 31 H. 3. upon the Agreement^k made betwixt *John de Plessers*, who had wedded *Margerie Marechall*, heir to the Earldome of **Warwick** (as in **Warwick** is fully shewed) and *Will. Manduit* and *Alice* his wife (Aunt and afterwards heir to the

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the same *Margerie*) it was accorded, that the same *John de Plessers*, in case he survived his said wife, should enjoy this, *inter alia*, during his natural life. But the Countess *Ela* was then living and a long time after; for in 32 H. 3. *Philip Marmion* (Lord of *Lamwoth* Castle) brought an Assise against her for Common of pasture within this Lordship; and in 36 H. 3. had a speciall Charter of *Free Warren* granted to her, for life, in all her demesne lands here, as also in divers other Mannors of her dower. After which, viz. in 13 E. 1. *Will. de Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick*, then Lord thereof, claymed " by Prescription a Court Leet here, with Assize of Bread and Beer, Free Chase, *Insangthes*, *Tumbrell*, *Thewe*, *Weyf*, and *Gallows*; and it being found that he and his ancestors had exercised all these Liberties and Privileges time out of mind, they were allowed.

To the last *William* succeeded *Guy de Beauchamp* in the Earldome of *Warwick*, and possession of this Lordship; who in 28 E. 1. obtained a Charter for a weekly *Market* here, upon the Tuesday, and a *Faire* yearly, to begin on the Eve of the holy Trinity, and to continue for three days following: In the time of which Earl, viz. in 35 E. 1. the K. having received information, that the free Chase here at *Sutton*, had been anciently a Forest, &c. in the time of the King's progenitors, before it came to the same Earl's Ancestors, made *Henry de Spigurnell* and *Will. de Mortimer*, Commissioners to enquire, whether it were so or not; and in case it should be found accordingly, then to certify when it was so disafforested, by whom, and for what reason; as also, how it past from the Crown: And the Sheriff of this Countie and *Staffordshire*, had thereupon command, to summon so many honest and lawfull men, to trie the same, as in their discretions they should think meet: But what return was made thereupon, I have not seen. Shortly after this, viz. in 3 E. 2. at a Court Leet and Court Baron, held for this Mannour, the ancient Customes thereof, were certified by the Jury upon their Oaths; which, in regard they are very memorable, I have here transcribed.

Inquisitio xii Juratorum capta ad hunc Visum coram Galfrido de Okenham Seneschallo, per Sacramentum Ancelmi de Cliftona, &c. juratorum oneratorum de antiquis consuetudinibus istius Domini tam de libertate quam de bondagio, quales consuetudines solebant facere & habere, ante Coronationem domini Henrici Regis, avi domini Regis nunc, a tempore Athelstani quondam Regis Anglia, per quem prius usum antiqui domini & consuetudines fuerunt facte & ordinate.

Qui dicunt super Sacramentum suum; Quod unusquisque liber homo de Sutton predicta, solebat terras & tenementa sua, vi & effectu Carte sue originalis, tenere: Et si aliquod Placitum terra fuerit inter aliquos liberos homines de isto Dominio solebant implacitari & terminari per Breve domini Regis secundum Legem Anglia, coram Justiciariis. Et illi homines de Bondagii tenura, qui tenuerunt integram virgatam terra vel plus, solebant esse officarii Regis, vel Domini, dum Domino placuerit, quicumque fuerint electi ad illud Officium.

Item illi qui tenuerunt dimidiam virgatam terra, vel vocatam terra, vel Cotagium de Bondagii tenura, solebant esse Bedellum Manerii & Decennarium. Et etiam omnes illi qui tenuerunt in Bondagii tenura, solebant vocari Custumarii. Et quotiescumque Dominus ad venandum venerit illi Ca-

stumarii solebant fugare Waulassum & Stabulum in fugatione ferarum bestiarum secundum quantitatem tenura sua; ut illi qui tenuerunt integram virgatam terra, per duos dies, & sic de aliis. Et solebant habere inter eos dimidiam partem seodi Woodwardi de venatione capta.

Item solebant esse Custodes bruerie de Colseild, quotiescumque fuerint electi per vicinos ad Curiam; & solebant emere & vendere liberè tam infra dominium de Sutton & extra, sine calumpnia; Et etiam solebant facere sectam ad Curiam de Sutton de tribus septimanis ad tres septimanas, & solvere redditum Assise cum Tallagio secundum quantitatem hujusmodi Custumariorum ad quatuor anni terminos usuales, &c. Et solebant habere Housebote & Haybote secundum quantitatem tenura, per visum Forestariorum & Woodwardorum tempore Quadragesime, sufficienter pro hais & domibus emendandis super Bondagii tenura.

Et post decessum hujusmodi Custumariorum, Dominus solebat habere nomine Herioti melius animal, & non plus: Nec bona, nec catalla, nec in vita, nec post mortem hujusmodi Custumarii, nisi ea de causa quod primogenitus filius Domini vel filia fuerit maritandus; & tunc Dominus solebat habere, ad voluntatem suam, de hais qui fuerunt mortui ante administrationem Executorum, tertiam partem omnium bonorum hujusmodi Custumarii mortui. Et de vivis hujusmodi Custumarii, Dominus solebat similiter dimidiam partem habere omnium bonorum suorum, salvis sufficienter bobus pro carucis, & juvencis lactandis, ad primogenitum filium vel filiam maritandam. Et si aliqui hujusmodi Custumariorum fecerint alienationem Bondagii tenura sue alicui, solebant sursum reddere in Curia coram Seneschallo illam tenuram, & levare, & finem facere ad voluntatem Domini.

Et etiam si aliqui de hujusmodi Custumariis exierint de Dominio, & noluerint plus trahere moram ibidem, solebant venire in Curia & sursum reddere in manum Domini tenuram suam Bondagii, cum omnibus equis suis masculis, & pullis masculis, & caretam ferro ligatam, porcis masculis, Panna sua integra, Lanca non formata, & meliorem Ollam suam eneam & exire & trahere moram ubicumque voluerit, sine calumpnia Domini, & ipse cum omni sequela sua esse Liber imperpetuum. Et etiam omnes tenentes tam Liberi quam Custumarii, solebant habere communem pasturam cum omnibus animalibus, infra Dominium de Sutton in omnibus forissecis boscis, & aliis communibus locis, omni tempore anni, & etiam in omnibus separabilibus locis a festo S. Mich. Archangeli, usque ad festum Purificationis beate Mariae, exceptis Dominicis terris & Parco Domini, & etiam exceptis gardinis Vicinorum.

*Item nullus hujusmodi Custumariorum solebat molare bladum suum, nisi ad Molendinum Domini aquaticum, dum Molendinum fuerit reparatum ad molandum, nisi solverint totum bladum suum Molendinario Domini prius; sub pena forisfactura totius bladi, exceptis Tenentibus de *Maney*, *Windleley*, & *Wigula*, qui molabant ad Molendinum Domini ventile de *Maney*. Et etiam dicunt quod audierunt antecessores dicere, quod tempore quo Manerium de Sutton predicta, fuit in manibus Regum Anglia, tota Chacea fuit afforestata, & omnes Canes infra Forestam solebant esse impediati & amputati sinistro oculo: Et postquam deveniunt in manum Comitis Warwici licentiam habere & tenere Canes opertiis ex omni genere Canum,*

num, & non impediati. Et etiam omnes Tenentes, tam Custumarii, quam Liberi, solebant habere mortuum boscum in omnibus boscis ubicunque fuerit inventum ad focale.

Et etiam omnes Libere tenentes solebant summoniri ad apparendum per tres dies ante Curiam; & Custumarii similiter. Et si placitum debiti vel transgressionis, vel aliquod placitum fuerit inter vicinos; & Defendentes negaverint, & vadierint Legem versus Querentem, solebant facere Legem cum tertia manu, & solebant se effoiniare de Communi secta Curia, bina vice; & tertia comparere, & warrantizare effoinium: Et similiter de placito tam Querentis quam Defendentis, bis de Placito, & bis de Lege effoiniari, & tertia vice venire, seu habere considerationem Curia. Et Custumarii solebant bis amerciari in Curia per domos inventas super Bondagii tenura; & tertia, si non fuerit emendatus, solebant incurrere poenam ad voluntatem Domini.

Et predicti Custumarii solebant reparare vadum circa Stagnum Molendini Domini de Sutton, in opere terreno, quotiescunq; necesse fuerit per rationabilem pramonitionem pramoniti: Et si non venerint solebant amerciari ad proximam Curiam sequentem: Et solebant amerciari similiter, si non venerint ad VVaulassum, quoties Dominus ad venandum venerit. Et omnes Custumarii, qui tenuerunt integram virgatum terrae de Bondagio, solebant operari cum Domino in Autumno, per duos dies; & similiter omnes alii Custumarii ad quantitatem tenurae per rationabilem pramonitionem Prapostui; pro quo solebant habere unum Multonem pingue & iiii d. Panem album, & xii lagenas cervisia; Et si non venerint, tunc solebant amerciari ad proximam Curiam sequentem.

Et dicunt, quod omnes predictae Consuetudines solebant fieri, & a tempore Regis Athelstani, & tempore Regis Johannis, & ante Coronationem Henrici Regis: Et predecessores predictorum Juratorum & dicebant. Et dicunt quod Waleranus quondam Comes WWarwici concessit, quod omnes predictae consuetudines, & omnes aliae antiquae consuetudines, pro se & hered. suis, durabunt imperpetuum.

The next things of note that I have observed concerning this Lordship, are these, viz. that in 9 E. 2. upon the death of Guy de Beauchamp Earl of Warwick, it was^r valued at xiiii l. iiii d. ob. q. per an. as also the next ensuing year, in respect of the minority of his heir, committed^r to the custody of John de Somers. And that in 17 E. 2. there was a notable Robberie^r committed upon a certain Road, thwarting that part of the Chase called Colsefeld, then, and yet known by the name of Rugelwey, the partie rob'd being one Elias Le Collier, and the summe of money taken from him CCC l. about nine of the Clock in the morning: whereupon he commenced his suit against the Inhabitants of this Hundred of Hemlingford, and those of the Hundred of Othlow in Staffordshire, according to the Statute of Winchester, for not prosecuting the Felons; in regard that the same Way, as the Record saith, divideth the Counties of Warwick and Stafford, viz. leaving Sutton and Aston juxta Bermingham, on the one side of it (of this Countie) and Barre, Alrewich, with part of Shenston in Com. Staff. on the other side; and had Judgment to recover the money accordingly: wherupon Writts being directed to the Shiriffs of both Shires, to levie the said summe, return was made, that the people were so much indebted to

the King, and impoverished by Murrein of their Cattell, dearth of Corn and other accidents, that they were not able to pay it. Nevertheless, it seems that the Shiriff pressing hard upon them, by virtue of severall Writts to him directed, at the procurement of the partie rob'd, levied xl. marks of it. Much ado there was about this Money, the Bishop of Cob. and Litch. pleading, for himself and his Tenants, immunitie from such charges; and the Countie still shifting the payment; so that at length, they procured a Superseedeas from the King to stop any farther proceeding therein.

Over part of this Chase there is another ancient Way called **Pakenild-street** (though not now much noted) being one of those four eminent ones made by the Romans, concerning which I have said something in my discourse of **Watling-street**; the tract whereof is yet to be seen in divers places within this Countie, especially here, and over a corner of **Sutton Park**; where, going over low grounds, it appeareth to be firm and high ridged up with Gravel. This Way coming from **Wine-mouth** in **Northumberland**, through **Yorkshire**, to **Bolesober**, and thence by **Chesterfeld**, through **Scarsdale**, comes over **Moxley-moor** to Little **Chester** near **Derby**, and so over **Cogginton Heath**, c. flecth the River **Dove**, at **Mponks-bydge**, then over **Barton-moor**; and passing **Trent** at **Whitch-nour-bydge**, stretcheth through **Alberwas-Ways**; thence to **Street-hep**, and so to **Wail** (anciently called **Stocetum**) where it thwarts **Watling-street**: thence over **Rabley-moor**, leaving **Little Aston** on the right hand, entreth this Lordship of **Sutton** (as the Map sheweth) and so extendeth it self to **Alcester** in this Countie. Thence over **Witsoford-Bridge** (leaving **Cambden** in **Gloucestershire** a little on the left hand) to **Stow** on the **Wolds** (where it crosseth the **Fosse**) and from **Stow** to **Witsoford** and over **Wissat** at **Wetwylodge**, directly to **Wallingford**; and so through **Winchester** to **Sou-thampton**.

But I return. Perhaps the Tuesday **Mercate**, formerly granted (as is before exprest) grew to be discontinued; for in 27 E. 2. **Thomas de Beauchamp** then Earl of **Warwick** (and Lord of this Mannour) obtained another Chatter^u for it upon the same day: by which he had likewise a grant of two **Faires** to be yearly kept here; sc. the one on the Eve of the **Holy Trinitie** and two days after, the other on the Eve and day of **St. Martin**. With the other lands belonging to these great Earls this Mannour, at length, came to **Ric. Nevill** in right of **Anne** his wife (as in **Warwick** is shewed) but towards the later end of **H. 6.** reign, when this haughty spirited Earl, sided with the House of **York**, it was seized by the King, and demised^w to **Sir Edm. Mountfort** Knight, one of his Carvers, for the terme of x. years; and the Ranger^xship of the Chase disposed^x of by the same King, to **John Holt** Esq. one of his Household servants, to hold for terme of life, with the Fees and profits thereof anciently due and payable. How it was afterwards (sc. in 14 E. 4.) taken from the said **Anne**, with the rest of the lands of her inheritance, and seled by Act of Parliament upon **Isabell** and **Anne** her Daughters, I have in **Warwick** fully shewed; as also how by a speciall grant, and Act of Parl. likewise, to strengthen the same, it came to the Crown: It now therefore remains to shew the course of it since: in which disquisition I find, that **K. H. 7.** in 5. of his reign, assigned^y it to the before specified

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^w Pat. 36.
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specified *Anne*, to hold during her life.

After which, ere long, the *Mercate* being utterly forsaken² the Town fell much to ruin; and the Mannour place was totally pulled³ down by one *Winston*, who being employed as an Officer there for the King, made use of most of the timber for himself, selling the intire fabrick of the Hall unto the Marq. *Dorset*, which was set^b up at *Bradgate* in *Leicestershire*. And in this decayed condition did *Sutton* continue, till^c that *John Harman*, alias *Versey* Bishop of *Exeter*, bearing a great affection thereto, in respect it was the place of his birth, having obtained^d of the King in 10 H. 8. certain parcells of Inclosure here, called *Moore crofts*, and *Wethe yards*, and more than xl. acres of watt, with Licence to inclose it, the next year ensuing procured Letters Pat.^e dated 16 Dec. for the making it a Corporation, by the name of a *Warden and Societie*, to consist of xliiii. persons besides the Warden: As also another yearly *Faire* on *Simon and Jude's* day, with a weekly *Mercate* upon the Munday (the Tuesday *Mercate* being discontinued) together with a Common Hall or *Moore Hall*, for their assemblies, a Clerk of the *Mercate*, and a Steward, and one or two Sergeants at Mace; the VVarden for the time being, to be Coroner within the same Corporation; and that no Shiriff nor Bailiff shall meddle within their Liberties: Granting besides unto them the whole town and Mannour of *Sutton-Colsefeld*; as also the *Chase* and Park, to hold to them and their successors for ever in Fee ferm, at the Rent of *Lviii. l. per an.* in which sort it continueth till this day.

Concerning the parentage of this *John Harman*, I find^e that he was born in this Lordship, and of a Family residing^f here, his Father's name being *Will. Harman*, and his mother's *Jane*, daughter unto *Henry Squier* of *Handsworth* in *Staffordshire* (from which *Henry* is also descended my singular friend Mr. *Scipio Squier* now one of the V. ce-Chamberlains in the Exchequer, a Gentleman of great knowledge in Antiquities, and a special furtherer of this work). The first mention that I have seen of the said *John Harman*, isⁱ in 11 H. 7. Where the King grants unto him, by the name of *John Harman* D. of Law, the free Chapell of *S. Lase*, situate within this his Mannour of *Sutton* in *Colsefeld*, with all the lands and possessions thereunto belonging, for life: By which Pat. recital is made, that the same Chapell, &c. was formerly granted also for life, unto one *John Hermon* Priest in 20 H. 6. to celebrate Divine Service therein according to the Ordination of the Founders thereof; and confirm'd to him by *George Duke of Clarence* (in right of his Earldome of *Warwick*) 12 Oct. 11 E. 4. and then, viz. 11 H. 7. surrendered to the King and cancell'd to make way for this grant: Of which Chapell, all I have seen else, is only, that in 2 E. 3. the King in respect of the then Earl of *Warwick's* minority confer'd^h it upon *Thomas de Hampton* Clerk, as a Donative.

But I return to *John Hermon*. He was afterwards, viz. in 22 H. 7. Vicarⁱ of St. *Michael's* Church in *Cobentre*: Next Dean^m of the Royall Chapell at *Windsor* to K. H. 8. *Homo cui nec eruditio deerat, nec prudentia; morum porro comitate insignis perhibetur* (saith *Godwyn*) For which his abilities, being highly esteemed of the King, he was employed on sundry Embassies, made Tutor to the Lady *Marie* (then the King's onely Daughter) and President of *Wales*; and after the death

of *Hugh Oldham* Bishop of *Exeter*, advanced to that See, being consecrated 6 Dec. an. 1519 (11 H. 8.) To this town he bore a speciall affection; and besides the procuring it to be incorporate (as I have said) bestowed very great cost, as well for ornament as enriching thereof; *sc.*^o The *Moore* Hall, with a Prison under it, and a *Mercate* place, he built, at the charge of xxxv. l. v. s. vi. d. Inclosed all the Coppices called the *seven Heys*, and set up Gates and Locks to them, at xliii. l. ii. s. vi. d. Paved the whole Town, at xl. l. ii. s. viii. d. Stored the Park with Mares, Colts, and Horses at xl. l. Gave to the ditching and Quicksetting thereof at one time xvi. l. viii. s. x. d. And at another x. l. xvi. s. viii. d. Paid for weights and Balances, and the VVarden's expences at the first Leet xli. s. For the Organs in the Church (an. 22 H. 8.) xlii. l. ii. s. viii. d. For building of two Iles to the Church (an. 25 H. 8.) XCii. l. xii. s. ii. d. Besides the finishing of them liii. l. vi. s. x. d. Built the School and endow'd it, as I shall further shew anon. Destroy'd the *Chase* for the benefit of the Poor, who for x. d. per an. had keeping for their Cows; and gave a meadow for Hay to the poor Widows, appointing the Coppices to be for *Fewell* to the Inhabitants.

Nay so great a desire had he, that it should increase in people and wealth; not doubting but that the barrenness of the soil would give an edge unto Industrie, that building^p *L. stone* Houses within the precincts of the Lordship, he began^q to set up a trade of Cloathing there, in making *Kersey's*, in imitation of *Devonshire*, which he saw had much enricht that County: But so much did he impoverish his Bishoprick, to do these things, that (as *Godwyn* observes) what was so founded upon Sacriledge, thrived but little: for this Cloathing trade being soon neglected, his design therein came to nothing: Neither had that better success wherewith he advanced his kindred, which continued not to them for three generations. The later part of his days, he spent^r here at *Sutton*, having built^s from the ground, a very fair House (North East near a mile from the Town) called *Moore Hall*; where he lived very hospitably, having of his retinue^t *Cxl. men* in Scarlet Caps and Gowns, his Household expences then amounting to 1500 l. per an. (which was no small summe at that time.) To *Bulloin* he sent^u xx. able men with K. H. 8. and C. l. with them; and twice as many to *Bozworth* feild, giving also money extraordinary with them, for the support, in case any fell sick by the way: and afterwards, in recompence of their service, bestowed^w on them lands and livings.

And for prevention of Robberies, which were in those days frequent upon the Road over *Bassets-Heath* (leading from *Litchfield* towards *London*) he erected^x a House, upon a piece of Wast called *Coppsmoore*, containing nine acres of ground, lying in a kind of desert place, near to *Canwell-yate*; which place, as by an Autograph^y I have seen, was deservedly called *Latronum spelunca & receptaculum*, wherein he placed one of his own domestique Servants, to reside, paying ii. s. yearly at *Michaelmas* to himself and his heirs, and xviii. d. to the Warden and Fellowship of *Sutton*, and their Successors. At his own proper costs he also built^z two Stone Bridges within 3. miles of *Sutton*; viz. at *Curdworth*, and *Water-Diton*: and for that purpose (as the tradition is) pulled down

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down the remainder of the antient Mannour Houſe (which ſtood about a furlong Weſtwards from the Church.) And departing this world at the age^a of Ciii years, lyeth buried on the North ſide of the Chancell here at **Sutton**, having a fair Monument there, with his ſtatue mitred and veſted for the Altar, as I ſhall ſhew anon.

Of the before ſpecified Mannour Houſe, I may not omit to obſerve, that it ſtood very delightfully, having not only the *Chafe* for pleaſure of hunting, but divers large Pools near at hand; as alſo a Chapell^b within it (that of St. *Blife* before ſpoke of, as I take it) wherein the Prieſt that celebrated divine ſervice in 24 H. 6. had xxxiii s. iiii d. per an. for his Stipend. Concerning which Pools, being in number four, I have obſerved, that Sir *Raph Bracebrigg* of **Kingsbury** Kt. having a Leaſe^c of them for terme of life, from 7 H. 5. covenanted to pay the yearly Rent of x l. or Cxx. Bemes, the price of each Breme reckoned at xv d. but if they ſhould happen to be at a greater rate, then to be allowed back proportionably. Whereunto I ſhall adde part of an Account^d made by the before recited Earl of **Warwick's** Bayliff in 32 H. 6. that the price of ſuch Fiſh in theſe days, compared with other things, may the better appear.

Item *John Burbage* and *Will. Lempſ* for ſi-
ching on *W. ſday* nexte before the Exaltacion of the Croſ, and dyde take ii B. ems, and were lade to my Lorde of **Lychefelde** be *Will. Alyn*; And to the ſeyde *Fychers* hyre and for her coſts, mans mete and horſemete iii s. x d.

Item the ſame *Fychers* were ſend for again, on *Thurſday* nexte after the Exaltacion, and was ther *Thurſday*, *Fryday*, and *Setyrday*, and tok four Breme, ther hyre and ther coſts iiii s. viii d. Item the coſts of bakyng the ſeyde iiii. Breme in flowre xii d. Item in Spys, *Peppr*, *Saffron*, *Clows* and *Synamun* vi d. Item the coſts of caryng the ſeyd iiii. Breme to **Wyolam** to my Lord in the North Con-
trei, be *Thomas Harys* of **Sutton**, &c.

Item for the Swans, four quarter Otter, and a buſhell, two quarter of hem a ſtreke ii d. ob. and two quarter and a buſhell a ſtreke iii d. (vii s. x d.)

The Church (dedicated to the Holy Trinitie) was in an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) valued^d at xx marks; and in^e 26 H. 8. at xxxiii l. ix s. over and above xii s. yearly allowed for Procurations and Synodalls.

Here was in this Church a certain Chantrie founde^f by one *Thomas Broadmeadow* (but the time when appears not) for one Prieſt to ſing Maſs and to pray for the ſoul of the ſaid *Thomas* and his Parents; the value of the Lands and Rents belonging thereto, being in 26 H. 8. rated^g at Cvi s. viii d. and in 37 H. 8. at C s.

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Thomas de Bello-
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Henr. Rex Angl. Ric Penne Cap. Burgh. f. 9.
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Ric. de Bellocampo Joh. Adams Pbr. 2 Martii 1b. f. 30. a.
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Thomas Hill Cler. 12 Dec. 1b. f. 25. a.
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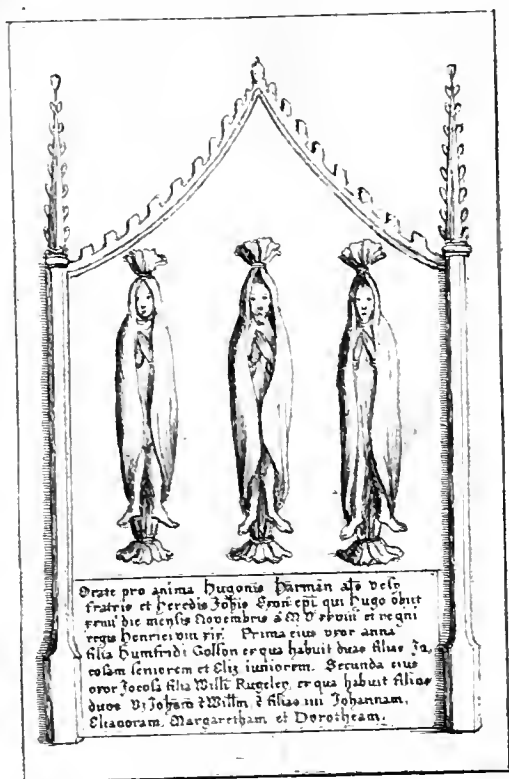
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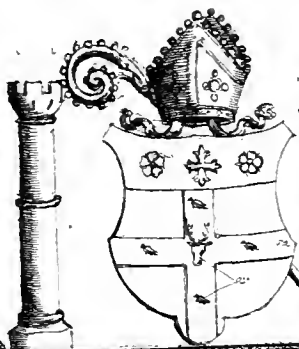
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clericum & Thomam, & tres Filias, ſeniorē nup-
tam Thomæ Keene & tertiam nuptam Edwardo
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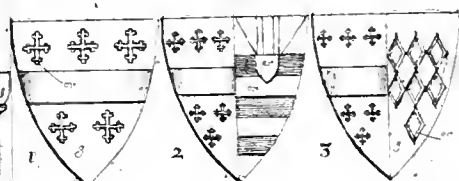
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mum Cancellarium eccleſie cathedralis Eton.
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tus Debonſie, ac Annam nuptam Georgio Ro-
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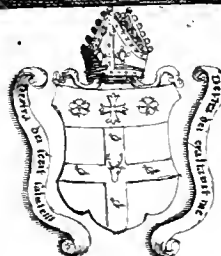
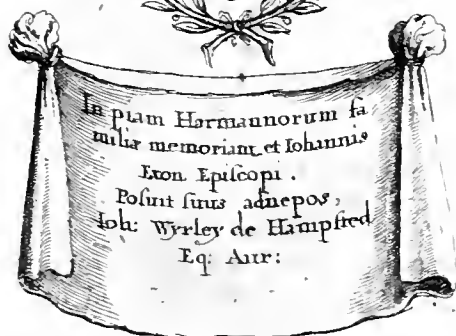
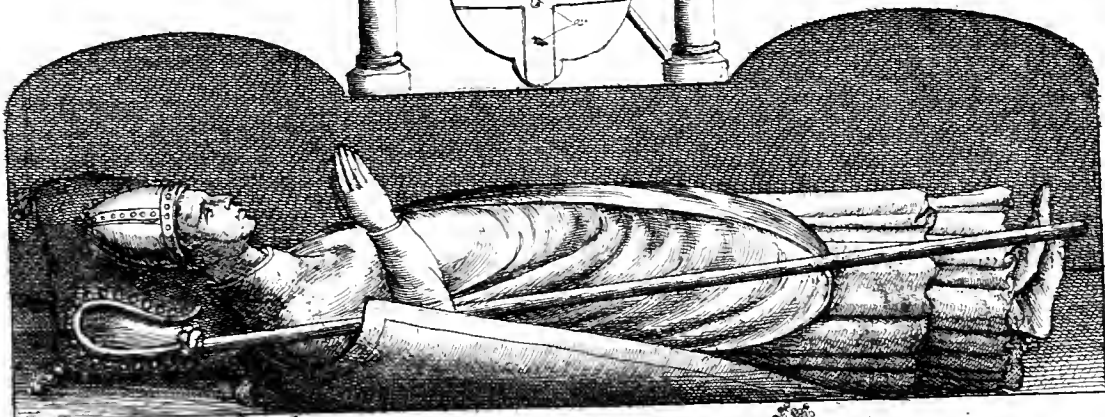
On the North side of the Chancell.



Armes in the east window of the Chancell



1. Beauchamp E. of Warwick 2. Beauchamp empaling Mortimer 3. Beauchamp empaling Ferrers



In a window on the North side of the Chancell.



Orate pro anima Johis Harman nuper prelati Eronis.

The *Grammar School*, here,
founded by the before mentioned
Bishop of *Exeter*, after
this ⁿ sort.

h Ex au.
tog. penes
Gardian
et Societ.
de Sutton.

First whereas the annuall Rent of vii *l.* formerly, by virtue of a certain Feoffment, had been reserved to the disposall of the same Bishop, either for the maintenance of a Priest to celebrate divine Service thrice every week in the Parish Church of *Sutton*, or else of an honest Lay-man, sufficiently learned and skilfull to teach *Grammar* and *Rhetorique* within the said town, was by him appointed to be allowed and payd for the support of a fit man to teach *Grammar* and *Rhetorique*, as above said; and that together with his Scholars, should daylie say the Psalm of *De profundis* for their Benefactors: And in case such a meet person should not be found, then to be employed in the providing of certain Lay-Artificers to teach their trades within this town of *Sutton*, there living well and honestly, or else to other pious uses ordained and declared by the said Bishop. And whereas for performance thereof, he appointed, that whensoever it hapned that ix. of the xii. Feoffees by him constituted, should be departed this life, that then the xii. surviving, ought, within one month after, to enteeff other nine of the most substantiall Inhabitants, from time to time, for ever.

And whereas by the said Feoffees not performance of what was so ordained, and for certain other causes, the said settlement thereof became void in Law, he being in full power to dispose otherwise of the same; out of his wonted pious regard to the publick benefit of the Common-wealth, and this his native Countrey, made a Feoffment of divers lands, lying within the precincts of this Parish, unto the Warden and Fellowship of *Sutton*, bearing date the first day of *October* in 35 *H.* 8. to the intent that the said Warden and Fellowship, and their successors, with the profits thence arising, should find a certain Learned Lay-man fit and skilfull to teach *Grammar* and *Rhetorique*, within the same Parish; who together with his Scholars ought daily to say the Psalm of *De profundis* for the souls of their Benefactors: and if such person could not be found, then to provide certaine skilfull Artificers to teach their trades as above said, or to distribute the Rents and profits of those Lands, for the discharge of *Tallage*, *Taxes*, or other impositions made by the King's authoritie, upon the poor people of the Parish; or else to be employed for the marriage of poor Maidens, or Orphans, or to some other charitable secular use, within this Lordship of *Sutton*.

i Penes T.
Holt eq.
aur. &
Bar.

k lb.

Whereupon the said Warden and Fellowship, by their publick Instrument dated 6 *Apr.* the year ensuing, constituted one *John Savage* Schoolmaster there for life, granting him an Annuitie of x *l.* per an. issuing out of those lands: And on the first of *October* in 38 *H.* 8. conferred ^k the same again upon *Laurence Noel* in like sort; the memory of whom, is still famous for his singular

learning, as Master *Cambden*¹ observes, *Vir rarâ doctrinâ insignis* (saith he) & qui *Saxonicam Majorum nostrorum linguam desuetudine intermortuam, & oblivione sepultam, primus nostra aetate resuscitavit.* But though he was a man so eminent in that kind, it seems that his dexterie and diligence in teaching Scholars, fell far short of what they expected; For it appears ^m that soon after his teaching here, the Corporation took great exceptions at him for the neglect of his School, and exhibited Articles against him in the Chancery; whereupon, after the fitting of a Commission, and sundry depositions taken, he procured Letters from the Councell Table, admonishing them that they should not go about his removal, except any notable crime could be proved against him; so that in conclusion, finding such slender cause amongst them, he accepted of his arrears, and a gratuitie of ten pounds, whereof the said Bishop of *Exeter* gave five marks; and in 1 *Edw.* 6. resigned; so that his stay in this place, was not much more than a year.

But how long these Trustees continued so zealous for the good of the School, and faithfull in disposing the profits of the lands before specified, to the designed uses, I cannot affirm: perhaps whilst the Bishop lived, which was till towards the end of *Queen Maries* reign: Sure I am, that to such an height of civetousness they did in time grow, that to prevent the Schoolmasters from enjoying what was justly due unto them, they contrived to elect them of their Societie (I mean of the Corporation) before they could be acquainted with their right; so that having made Leases of their Lands to their Children or friends, for small Rents reserved, it should not be in the Schoolmaster's power, being so bound up, as one of that Body politique, to question the same. Thus was the pious intent of the well-meaning Founder abused, till that within these few years, the fraud being discovered, some remedie was had by a Chancerie Decree, at the prosecution of *John Michaell* the then Schoolmaster, that famous man the Lord *Coventre*, being Lord Keeper of the great Seal.

Canb.
hic in
Cornwall
p. 88.

m Ex auct.
Script. Penes
nec prof.
G. & Societ.
et de Sutton.

Hill, and Little Sutton.

THese two petty Hamlets I now joyn together, because I find, that a good part of them antiently belong'd to the Little Priorie of *Cantwell*, situate on the borders of this Countie (but within *Staffordshire*.) Which lands, as part of *Sutton*, were first given thereto by one of the antient Earls of *Warwick*, as I guess; for it appears that *Waleran* Earl of *Warwick* made a confirmation ⁿ to the Monks of that House, of three yard land lying in *Hulle* (which is this *Hill*) given to them by Earl *Roger* his Father. To which Monasterie they continued till the dissolution thereof in 17 *H.* 8. but then, by the name of the Mannours of *Hulle* and *Little Sutton*, were they granted, together with the site of that Religious

n Ex auct.
tog. penes
Will. Per.
thale eq.
aur.

o Pat. 17.
H. 8. p. 1.
p F. lez. at.
T. Hill. 18.
H. 8.

Religious house and other its possessions, by the King's Letters^o Pat. dated 20 Jan. the same year, unto Cardinall *Wolsey*, who soon after conferr'd^d them on the Dean and Canons of his Colledge, then called *Cardinall-Colledg*, in *Drfozd*.

Maney, and Warmley.

These Hamlets are parcell of the Lordship of *Sutton*, and therefore not to be farther spoke of.

Wigginshill.

Domeld.
ib.

This being posselt by *Turchill de Warwick*, in the Conqueror's time, was by the generall Survey certified^d to contain 3 yard land, having Woods of two furlongs in length and as much in breadth, one *Bruning* being then his Tenant thereto, whose freehold it had been before the Norman invasion, but in that Record it is written *Winchicelle* and valued at *v. s.* With the rest of *Turchill's* lands it came to the Earls of *Warwick*, as is evident by the Certificate^t of their Fees in 20 H. 3. at which time one *Will. Bonchivaler* enjoyed it: but afterwards, *sc.* in 36 H. 3. *Raph de Wylinton* held^t it, together with *Chirfton*, of the same Earls by the service of a Knights Fee: To whom succeeded *John de Wylinton* in 9 E. 2. who held^t it single for the fourth part of a Knight's Fee, and there it is written *Wigginshill*.

Tessa. de
V.
ib.

Cartul.
Narw.
com. f. 176.

Rot. pe-
tes. S.
Clarke B.

Penès
Will. So-
nervile ar.

Plac. co-
am R. T.
pafch. 16.

Rot. in
cacc. penès
tem. R.

The next possessor thereof, that I find, was *Will. de Lucy*; who in 20 E. 3. held^t it by the same fourth part of a Knights Fee, of *John de Hull*; and he of the before specified *John de Wylinton*, and he of the Earl. But by a Court Roll^w of 35 E. 3. *Baldw. de Bereford* (owner of *Langley*, hard by) is said to be Lord of it, whose Ancestor *Osbert de Bereford*, had^t lands here in E. 1. time. And in 10 H. 6. *John Hore* of *Wiltshaw* Esq; (descendant of the same *Baldwin*) yet not by the name of a Mannour, but three Mesluages; and that he held them by the fourth part of a Kts. Fee. Which Mesluages were in *Q. Eliz.* time sold to *Thomas Gibbons* (then of *New Hall*) by *Rob. Pudsey* Esq; (heir to the same *T. Hore*, as in *Langley* appeareth) reserving the ancient Rent, *viz.* xiv. s. ii d. ob. per an. to himself and his heirs.

Regist. de
Leic. in
publ. Bodl.
52. a.

There was antiently a suit^z betwixt the Abbot of *Leicester*, as Rector of the Church of *Curdworth*, and the Parson of *Sutton*, for certain Tithes arising out of nine yard land lying in this Hamlet; whereof six were of the Earl of *Warwick's* Fee, and the other three of the Fee of *Thomas le Arden*, and pertaining to the Church of *Curdworth*. And because it was a hard matter to distinguish betwixt these Fees, at length, by authority from the Pope, certain Judges were appointed to determine, the businesse; who decreed, that two parts of the Tithe Corn of the said nine yard land, should be payd to the Church of *Sutton*, and the third to *Curdworth*: And also, that the Inhabitants upon the same six yard land of the Earls Fee, should repair to the Mother-Church of *Sutton*, on the Feast days of the *Assumption* of our Lady, and *Easter*, and there communicate; and that the Priest of *Sutton* should strive

them in Lent, and on their Death-beds: And moreover that at *Sutton* they should bury their dead, and pay to that Church all their small Tithes throughout the year: But because of their great distance from the said Mother-Church, they could not without much inconvenience go thither, that they should pay all their Oblations and Obventions to the Priest ministering at *Curdworth*, from whom they might receive spiritual comfort as occasion should require: As also that the Priest of *Sutton* should yearly pay to the Church of *Curdworth* *iiii d.* to buy Frankincense: And lastly that the Inhabitants upon the other three yard land of *Arden's* Fee, should be answerable to the Mother-Church of *Curdworth*, for all Obventions and Oblations,

Langley.

That this was originally a member of *Sutton* (in which parish it lyes) I incline to believe for in 37 H. 3. which is the first mention that ever saw of it, *Walter de Bereford* did (inter alia, grant^a to *Walter* his son *L.* acres of land lying in *Lonkelepe*, *Blackmoze* and *Brockhurst*, all which are said to be within the territory of *Sutton*: So that hence I conclude, that the same *Walter*, or his ancestors, first had it from one of the antient Earls of *Warwick*; adding thereto, that by a multitude of^b Inquisitions it appeareth to have been of their Fee. But all the farther mention that I find of this *Walter*, is in the Sheriff's Accompt^c of 23 H. 3. and that in 36 H. 3. he brought an Assise^d of *Novell disseisin* against *Nich. L'ile* for certain Common of pasture in *Worhull*. To whom succeeded *Walter* his son and heir; and to him *Osbert de Bereford*, who in 2 E. 1. was constituted Sheriff^e of this Countie and *Leicestershire*; as also the next year ensuing, a Commisioner^f for levying a Fifteenth; and in 8 E. 1. Sheriff^g again of these Counties: And to him *William* his brother; for he and his descendants went away with this *Langley*, and certain lands in *Wiltshaw*, *Sutton*, *Curdworth*, *Wintworth*, *Widleton*, and *Wigginshill* in this Countie; as also *Stapleford* in *Leicestershire*.

a Ex antoz.
penès G.
Pudsey gen.

b Efc. 20. E.
2. m. 45.
Ejc. 3. E. 3.
n 63.
Efc. 20. E.
4. n. 48.

c Rot. P. 23.
H. 3.

d Pat. 36.
H. 3. in d.

e Rot. F. 2.
E. 1. m. 34.

f Caus. 3.
E. 1. in d.

g Rot. F. 8.
E. 1. m. 11.

Which *Will.* was in 16 E. 1. a^h Kr. and being learned in the Laws, in 2 E. 2. had the Chief-Justiceship of the Common Pleas conferredⁱ upon him. But about three years after such his advancement to that eminent place, there was an high Complaint^k made against him to the King, by *John de Someri* (a great Baron in these parts) for words of defamation; *viz.* that he did so domineere in *Staffordshire*, that no man could enjoy the benefit of Law or reason, taking upon him more authority than a King; as also that it was no abiding for any thereabouts, unlesse they did bribe him in contributing largely towards the building of his Castle (at *Dudley*) And moreover that the said *John* did use to beset mens Houses in that Countrey, threatening to murder them, except they gave him what he would demand. Whereupon the King issued a Commission^l to *Alan la Zouche* and *Will. Trussell*, to enquire thereof; and in case the words were proved, then to find out whether the before specified *John* were really guilty of those misdemeanours, and to certifie the truth therein.

h Plac. co-
ram R.
term. P. 16.
E. 1. rot. 2.

i Pat. 2. E.
2. p. 1. m. 9.

k Pat. 4. E.
2. in d. m.
23.

l Ibid.

How he answered this businesse, appears not; but
H h h h 2 in

m Claus. 8.
E. 2. in d.
m. 24.
n Pat. 13.
E. 2. in d.
m. 19.
o Pat. 11.
E. 2. p. 1. m.
11.
p Efc. 20.
E. 2. m. 45.
q Rot. F. 20.
E. 2. m. 7.
r Pat. 1. E.
3 p. 3. m.
16.
f Ex autog.
penes pref.
G P.

in 8 E. 2. I find^m that he was one of the Justices of Assize in this County; so likewiseⁿ in 13 E. 2. As also a Benefactor to the Canons of **Benll-worth**, by granting^o to them *Lx.* acres of land and two acres of meadow, lying in **Radford-Simelie**; and that he departed^p this world in 20 E. 2. leaving **Edmund** his son and heir 28 years of age, who did his homage the same year, and had livery^q of his lands. Which **Edmund** in 1 E. 3. obtained License^r from the King, to fortifie his Mannour House here at **Langley**, with a wall of lime and stone, and to embattle it. In that Record the K. calls him *dilectus Clericus noster*, yet was he then a Knight; for in a Release^s bearing date at **Chaucumbe** the same year, whereby **Henry de Beresford** Parson of the Church of **Cozson**, gave up unto him all his right in this Mannour, as also in **Wiltshaw**, he is so stiled; the sealing whereof was somewhat observab^e. In *cujus rei testimonium* (saith the Parson) *Sigillum meum apposui; Et quia Sigillum meum plurimis est incognitum, Sigillum Rogeri Hillari nepotis mei apponi procuravi*. Whereunto were witnesses Sir Gilbert de Elsfeld, Sir **Sim. de Beresford**, Sir **Miles de Beauchamp**, Sir **James de Audley**, and Sir **John de Broughton**, Kts. Rog. Hillari, John Dimeck and others. Which instance, as it shews of what regard Seals were anciently, so doth it give me an oportunitie to say something as to the original use of them in this Realm, and of the great esteem, wherein they have continued ever since.

Of Seals.

That K. **Edw.** the Confessor, was the first here in **England**, that ever put Seal to his Charters, is very evident; and that he did so in imitation of the Normans, amongst whom he had been educated, is not to be doubted; but till after the Conquest, we have no testimony that they were used here by any Subject, as *Ingulphus*^t manifesteth. — Nam *Chirographorum confectio nem Anglicanam* (saith he) *qua antea, usq; ad Edw. Regis tempora fidelium presentium subscriptionibus, cum Crucibus aureis, alijsq; sacris signaculis firma fuerunt, Normanni condemnantes, Chirographa Cartas vocabant, & Chartarum firmitatem cum cerea impressione, per unius cujusq; speciale Sigillum, sub instillatione trium vel quatuor testium astantium conficere constituebant. Conferebantur enim primò multa pradia rudo verbo absq; scripto vel Charta; tantum cum Domini Gladio, vel Galea, vel Cornu, vel Cratera, & plurima tementa cum Calcari, cum Sirigili, cum Arch, & nonnullum cum Sagitta; Sed hæc initio Regni sui (speaking of Will. the Conq.) posterioribus annis immutatus est iste modus.*

But that this use of Sealing was of greater antiquity, with the French, I shall exhibite the testimony of a learned^u person, from whom I have abstracted what follows. *Karolus dei gratia Rex Francorum &c. Notum sit omnibus &c. qualiter vir illustris Rogerus Comes fidelis noster &c. Monasterium &c. in loco nuncupato Karrosum &c. in pago Pictavense construxit &c. Et ut hac presens auctoritas nostris & futuris temporibus inviolata perdurare valeat, manus nostra signaculis cum decrevimus roborari, & de Annulo nostro iussimus Sigillari (circa An. D. DCClxxix.)*

In^w nomine domini Dei &c. **Hludovicus** divina ordinante clementia Imperator **Augustus**, Notum sit &c. Hæc verò auctoritas, ut nostris futurisq; temporibus melius credatur &c. manu propria subscripsimus, & de Annulo nostro subter iussimus Sigillari. Dat. &c. An. D. DCCCLxxiii.

But I return to **England**. That our Kings, and all great persons, anciently used their own pictures in the impressions of their Seales, is very evident; Militarie men allways on Horsback, and in the same kind of Armour that they wore, which in the elder times was Male, for the most part, with a Shield on the left Arme and in the right hand a naked Sword: upon which Shields 'tis rare before K. Ric. 1. time, to see any distinct charge, at least such as became hereditary; but after that, it was held a great honour for those whose Ancestors had served in the *Holy Warrs*, to retain the same Badges and Marks, which they there bore; so that then they did not only continue them upon their Shields, but to be the better known, had the like depicted upon surcoats of filke, behind and before, which they wore over their Male, as in those excellent observations^x made upon **Upton** by that learned gentleman, and my singular Friend **Edw. Bishe** Esq; is made most evident; and as is farther testified by **John Rous** — *Tempore Regis Joh. (saith he) erant in Sigillis Dominorum, tunica super loriciis, non autem ante: erant autem tunica longa ad talos*. But after this, ere long, divers bore their Armes on fair, large, and deep Shields, in their Seales; and some on the reverse, where the picture on Horsback was on the other side; of which the same Author saith^y — *Circiter annum MCCxviii, Domini, qui in Sigillis more solito habebant Equites armatos cum gladiis, nunc in dorso sigillorum Arma sua posuerunt de novo in Scutis*. Howbeit, in **Edw.** 1. days and after, most men began to leave of their pictures on Horsback in their Seals; which custome by degrees declining, was utterly given over in **Edw.** 3. time; So that our Historian observes — *Post^z captionem Johannis Regis Francia (an. sc. 1356) Domini atq; Generosi, relictis imaginibus Equitum in Sigillis, posuerant Arma sua in parvis Scutis*.

Now in what reverend esteem this practise of Sealing hath anciently been, may be observed from these testimonies. sc. Of a Charter made by K. **H. 1.** unto the Abby of **Chesham**, touching the Hundred of **Blackherst**, and divers Liberties, it appeareth, that being exhibited to K. **H. 3.** and through rude handling, the Seal cloven in sunder, that the validity thereof might not be lessened, the K. forthwith caused it to be confirmed (3 Maii 25 H. 3.) with this^b clause — *Ne igitur prefata Carta, occasione fissura pradicta, processu temporis ab aliquo possit haberi vitiosa, hac presenti Charta nostra duximus testificandum, quod pradictum Sigillum sanum & integrum recepimus: Statuentes per hanc Cartam nostram, & pro nobis & heredibus nostris firmiter percipientes, quod pradicta Carta avi prefati Henrici avi nostri, nichilominus esse idem robur, & omnem eandem efficaciam habeat imperpetuum, quod haberet si Sigillum integrum esset & indivisum, sicut fuit quando prefatus Abbas eam nobis liberavit.*

And for counterfaising another man's Seal observe what punishment was anciently used. **Rex Vice comiti Oxon: Mandamus tibi quod Ankeriluni Manvers, qui captus fuit pro falsina Sigilli Roberti de Veteri ponte, abjurare facias terram nostram; & ipsum postea sine dilatione mittas ad mare, per aliquos de tuis, qui videant quod exeat à terra nostra &c. T. Rege apud Clipston 27 Martii.** Nay so tender was every man in those times, of his Seal, that in case he accidentally had lost it, care was taken to publish the same, least another might make

x Imp.
Lond.
1654.

y Hist.
MS. de
Reg. in bibl.
Cotton.

z Ib.

a Ib. p. 253

b Commun.
de T. Mich.
33. E. 1.
rot. 9. in d.

c Pat. 16.
Joh. p. 1. m.
5.

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t Ingul. hist.
f. 512. b. m.
20.

u Pnyue de
le Hist. des
Comtes de
Poitou
&c.
Imp. Paris.
1647. p.
155.

w Ib. p. 18.

use of it to his detriment, as is manifest in the case of *Benedict de Haghham* in 54 H. 3. Where the Record runs thus, *Memorandum quod publicè clammum est in Banco, quod Sigillum Benedicti de Haghham, cum uno capite in medio sub nomine suo, in quacunq; manu fuerit, de cetero nullum robur optineat.* And not much unlike to this is that of *Henry de Perpount*, a person of great quality, in 8 E. 1. *Memorandum quod Henricus de Perpount die Lune in crast. Octab. beati Mich. venit in Cancellaria apud Lincolniam, & publicè dixit quod Sigillum amisit, & protestabatur, quod si aliquod instrumentum cum Sigillo illo post tempus illud inveniretur consignatum, illud nullus esse valoris vel momenti.* As also, that in 7 E. 2. *Johannes E. recognovit in Cancellaria Regis se amisisse Sigillum suum, & petit quod dicto Sigillo deinceps non habeatur fides.*

Nay by a Pleading^s in 9 H. 3. I find, that CC. marks damages was recovered against *Henry de Grendon*, and *Will. de Grendon* by Sir *Raph de Crop-hull* Knight, for forcibly breaking a Seal from a Deed. And in 13 E. 3. when by misfortune a Deed, then shewed in the Chancery, was severed from the Seal, in the presence of the Lord Chancellor, and other noble persons, command^h was not only given, for the affixing it again thereto, but an Exemplification made thereof under the great Seal of England, with a recital of the premises. Nor is that publicationⁱ made by *John de Grefeley* of *Drakelow* in Com. Derb. 18 R. 2. upon the losse of his Seal, lesse considerable *Notum sit omnibus Christianis, quod ego Joh. Grefeley non habui potestatem Sigilli mei per unum annum integrum ultimo preteritum, jam notifico in bona memoria & sana mente; & Scripta Sigillo meo contradico & denego in omnibus a tempore predicto usq; in diem restorationis Sigilli predicti. In cujus rei testimonium Sigillum Decanatus de Repindon apposui. Testibus domino Thoma Stafford milite, Joh. Arderne, Joh. Corfoun de Lictleson, & Rog. de Montgomeri. Dat. apud Drakelow xviii R. 2.*

And here we see, that as *Henry de Beresford* procured his nephew *Roger Hillari*, to affix his Seal to that Instrument before mentioned, in regard it was more known (which hath occasioned this digression) to both *John de Grefeley* now cause the Seal of the Deanry of *Repindon* to be put to his Deed. A multitude of Examples in the like kind I could produce; some of the Seals of Bishops, some of Deans and Chapters, some of Corporations, and some of sundry eminent persons, whose Seals were most notable, but for brevities sake I forbear; concluding my discourse of this matter with that which is very observable; viz. that King *John*, whilst he was Earl of *Moreton*, to his grant of the Church of *Hope* in *Derbyshire* made unto the Canons of *Lichfield*, affixed his gold Ring, with a Turkey stone in it, to the silk string whereunto the Seal was put, with this expression^k — *non solum Sigilli mei impressione, sed proprii Annuli appositione roboravi.* But further concerning Seales I refer my Reader to the learned *Selden's Titles of Honour*, Part 2. Cap. 5. Sect. 37.

And so returning to Sir *Edmund de Beresford*, I find, that in 9 E. 3. his Seal^l of Armes was *Crusule fitchè and three flowre de lices*, the colour sable and the field Arg. which coat hath a good affinity with *Hillaries* before mentioned; that differing from this in nothing but a border, as the Seal^m also sheweth. In 25 E. 3. this Sir *Edmund*, ha-

ving by his Testamentⁿ, made at *Brightwell* in *Derbyshire*, bequeathed his body to sepulture in the Priory of *Chaucumbe*, betwixt the steps and the Altar, in the midst of the floor, if with convenience it might be: and to his poor Tenants of *Chaulgrave* in *Derbyshire*; *Shottwell*, *Derfet*, *Wiltshaw*, *Wigginhill*, *Maney*, *Sutton*, *Wike-merthe*, and *Therpe*, all in this County, given liberall Legacies, died^o in 28 E. 3. leaving *John* his son, possessor of most of his lands, by vertue of a special^p entail in 22 E. 3. For it seems he was^q illegitimate.

Gualt. de Beresford-Margeria domina
37 H. 3. de Apelby.

Walt. de Beresford.

Osbertus de Will. de Beresford Rob. de
Beresford 2 E. 1. miles 16 E. 1. Beresford.

Iohanna ux. Margar. ux. Agnes ux. Edm. de Joh. de
Gilb. de Jac. de Audle. Ioh. Ma. Beresford Beresford
Elsfield. travers. obiit 28 6 E. 2.
E. 1.

D. Gilb. de Ioh. de Bere-Alanora filia Baldw. de Bere-
Elsfield 25 ford, nothus. Ric. Comit. ford miles, frater
E. 3. Arundeliz & hæres defunctus
sine prole 1 H. 6.

Guliel. de Elsfield
obiit 21 R. 2.

... Anna filia & Iuliana uxor Thomæ
coheres, de Loundres.

Ioh. Hore-Iohanna
de Childer-
ley 8 H. 4.

Gilbertus Hore ar.
16 H. 6.

Thomas Hore
obiit 20 H. 6.

Gilb. Hore obiit Ioh. Hore.
infra ætat.

Thomas Fulthorp-Editha consangu & Rowl. fil. Henr.
de Castro Bernar- hæres Gilb. Hore, ar. Pudsey de Barford
di 19 H. 7. 40 an. 7 H. 8. & Bolton in Com.
Ebor. filii & hæ.
Ioh. Pudsey mil.

Will. Pudsey.

Robertus-Alanora filia Hug.
Pudsey. Harman de Morehall.

Margareta filia-Georgius-Marilda filia Humfr.
Will. Gibbons. Pudsey Cotton de Bothe, ux. 41.
ar.

Georgius Pudsey Ric. Pudsey Mich. Pudsey.
an. 1640. obiit sine prole.

Georgius Pudsey.

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f Esc. 30.
E. 3. n. 47.
B. v. a. f.
19. v.
u Pat. 1. R.
2. p. 4. m.
23.
w Cart. 4 R.
1. n. 3.

Which *John* wedded *Alianore* daughter to *Ric.* Earl of *Arundell*, and after that, another wife; but dying in *Gascon* 30 E. 3. left *Baldwin* his brother and heir *xxiii* years of age. This *Baldwin* was a Knight in 36 E. 3. and in 1 R. 2. constituted by *Thomas de Holland* (half brother to the K.) chief Guardian of all the Forests on this side *Trent*, his Lieutenant in that Office. In 4 R. 2. he had *Free warren* granted to him in all his demesne lands and Woods of *Brightwell*, *Chalgrave*, *Pewham* and *Rufford* in *Com. Oxon.* *Stene* and *Fernyngho* in *Com. Northampt.* *Bykmarsh*, *Shottwell*, and *Wymshaw* in this County, with *Sutton* and *Meptham* in *Derbyshire*: And in the same year was made Keeper of the King's Park at *Eltham*, for life; with a Fee of *iii d. per diem*, to be received out of the Rents of that Mannour. He was a special favourite and a powerfull man with *K. Ric.* 2. For besides the discharge of an *Cl. li.* due by him for the Wardship and Marriage of *John* the son and heir of *John de Odingfells*, he is noted to be one of those, who had the Character of an evill Counceller, given him by that tumultuous Parliament, held in 11 R. 2. and thereupon, with the Lord *Zouch*, and divers other great men, expelled the Court.

But the affection born towards him by the King, was not without great cause, I presume; For he had been servant to his Father the Black Prince, retained by Covenant for life, as well in Peace as Warr, having an Annuity of *xl li. per an.* granted unto him out of the Lordship of *Cobentre*; which the said King not only confirmed, after his Father's decease, whilst he was Prince of *Wales*, but again in the first year of his reign.

This Sir *Baldwin* had a Bear for his Crest, in regard it alluded so near to his name (a course very frequent in those times:) And having no issue, he settled a great part of his estate, by Fine, upon *John Hore* and *Joane* his wife; which *Joane* was grandchild by a coheir, to *Will. de Ellesfield*, and he grandchild of *Gilb. de Ellesfield*, by *Joane* his daughter, sister to Sir *Edmund de Beresford* before spoken of, as the Descent doth shew. This *John* being of *Childerley* in *Cambridgeshire*, and likewise *Gilbert* his son, resided wholly there: After which ere long, viz. about the beginning of *H. 7.* time, their male line extinguished, and this Lordship with other lands came to the *Pudseys*: For *Edith* cozyn and heir to the last *Gilbert Hore*, residing at her Mannour of *Ellesfield* near *Driford*, having a special liking to *Rowland Pudsey*, a younger son to *Henry Pudsey* of *Barford* and *Bolton* in *Yorkshire*, then a Student in that University, and a Gentleman much accomplished, took him for her husband, the posterity of which *Rowland* and *Edith*, have ever since enjoy'd it.

New-Hall.

This being a member of *Sutton*, was about the beginning of *E. 3.* time, possessed by one *Will. de Sutton* of *Warwick*; which *Will.* or his predecessors, had it (doubtlesse) from one of the Earls of *Warwick*, and granted it to one *Rob. de Sutton* a Merchant of *Cobentre*, who past it in 12 E. 3. unto *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick*, and Sir *John Lizours* of *Fledborough* in *Com. Nott.* Knight, to the behoof of the said Sir *John* and his heirs, as it seems, for the next year follow-

ing, the said Earl released all his right therein accordingly; in which Release it is termed one Messuage called *Pew-Hall*. After this till 15 H. 6. I have seen no more of it, but then did the Homage in a Court Baron held at *Sutton*, present, that Sir *Ric. Stanhope* Kt. died seized thereof, by the name of the Mannour of *Pew-Hall*, held of the Earl of *Warw.* by the service of *xs. xd. per an.* a Heriot being then seized by the Bayliff. Whereupon *James Stanhope* son and heir to Sir *Richard*, exhibited a Deed, whereby it appeared, that his Father had in his life time enfeoffed Sir *Thomas Aston* Knight, *Nich Goughall* Esquier and others, in this Mannour and other lands, as well in this County as elsewhere, and therefore required a discharge from the Heriot. But all that I have further seen thereof is, that *Katherine* the widow of *Will. Bassett* of *Fledborough* beforementioned, demised it in 20 H. 6. unto *Will. Deping* of *Sutton*, and *Ric. Ley* of *Maney*, for 21 years, by the name of *Dominium Vocatum Pew-Hall*.

Pedimore.

Here is now no more remaining of an ancient Mannour place, that the *Ardens* had, than a large double moat; for after they settled in these parts, having another House on the South side of *Tame*, called *Park Hall* (whereof I have already spoke) they resided for the most part, there, and let this goe to ruine. I do not conceive this to have been the inheritance of that ancient Family, so long as *Curdwozth* and *Wimwozth*, (whereof I am next to discourse) but am of opinion, that they had it from one of the Earls of *Warwick*, after *Sutton* (within the territories whereof it lies) came to their hands: howbeit till 9 E. 1. I have not seen any mention of it at all, no not so much as the name; but then was it stiled the Mannour of *Pedimore*, and passed by *Thomas de Arden* of *Roiley* unto *Hugh de Vienna*, together with all his lands in *Curdwozth*, *Wimwozth*, *Worhull* &c. Which grant was no other than a trust, I suppose; for very soon after, did the same *Thomas* convey the inheritance of it to *Thomas de Arden* of *Hantwell* and *Rose* his wife, together with all his said lands in *Curdwozth*, *Worhull*, *Wimwozth*, *Che-nours*, and *Overtown*, as by his Deed, whereunto Sir *Richard de Mandevill*, *Will. de Odingfells*, *John de Clinton*, *Thomas de Hasele*, and *Ric. de Whitacre*, Kts. *Hugh de Beresford*, *Anketyl de L'ile*, and others, were witnesses, appeareth.

Who being thus in possession of it, began to exercise the like Liberty here, as he did in his other lands, not considering that it was within the compass of *Sutton Chase*, where the Earl of *Warwick* had so much privilege relating both to *Vert*, and *Venison*, as already hath been said; so that the Earl, having begun suit against him, he was glad to seek his favour, and submit to a peaceable Agreement; by which it appears; that the said Earl (sc. *Will. de Beauchamp*) condescended to grant unto them the said *Thomas* and *Rose*, and the heirs of *Thomas*, liberty to fish in that little stream, called *Chroke*, at his coming to *Pedimore*, and during his stay there, so far as his lands lay adjacent thereto: As also that they might have liberty to agist Hogs within their Woods of *Curdwozth* and *Pedimore*, take benefit of the paunage, and beat down Acorns for their Swine; and likewise gather such Nutts as should be there growing. And

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q Cartul.
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y Claus. 8.
R. 2. m. 37.
z T. n. 2. f. p.
365. n. 10.

a Claus. 12.
R. 2. m. 6.

c Ex au-
tog. penes
pref. G.
Pudsey.

d Claus. 1.
H. 6. m. 4.

e Esc. 21. R.
2. n. 30.

f Esc. 30. E.
3. n. 47.

g F. levat.
xv. Pasch.
8. H. 4.

h Heyw. f.
34. b.

i Esc. 7. H.
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l penes
m pref.
n G.
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And moreover to cut down wood for their Fewell and Hedges, without any assignation of the said Earl's Forester; and to make sale of twenty poundsworth thereof, so that it were by the oversight of the said Forester, to the end that the *Chase* might have least prejudice thereby: as also timber to repair the buildings, within his said Mannour of *Curdworth* and *Pedmore*, by the like oversight of the Forester, upon warning; or at least one of the Earl's Bailiffs at *Sulton*, or in those Woods, in the presence of two neighbours.

And if upon such warning given, the Forester should absent himself, that then the said *Thomas* and his heirs, might by the view of two neighbours, enter those Woods, and cut down and carry away so much as should be necessary: but after the death of the said *Thomas* and *Rose*, neither his heirs, nor assigns to take *Eslovers* for their Fewell and Hedges, nor Timber but by assignation of the said Earl's Foresters. And that their Woodward should be sworn to the said Earl and his heirs, as touching his *Venison*, carrying only a Harcher (i. e. *rest-Bill*) without Bow and Arrows. And further the said Earl did likewise grant for himself & his heirs, that the same *Thomas* and *Rose*, and the heirs and assigns of *Thomas*, should have liberty to make improvement of their Wast, within the said Mannours, according to the *Sulton* measure, to the extent of xx. acres only, and to inclose them according to the Custome of the *Chase*, so that Does with their Fawns might leap over the Hedges; and that they might reduce the same land to Tillage, as they should think fit in severall places, to the least damage of the *Chase*, and most advantage of the said *Thomas*, his heirs and assigns; Saving to the Commoners their Common of pasture when the Corn is off. And lastly that the said *Thomas* and *Rose*, as also the heirs and assigns of *Thomas*, might peaceably hold in, and enjoy four Acres and an half of the said Wast, whereof they had received the crop before the date hereof; which was at *Pinworth* the Sunday next after the Feast of the blessed *Virgins Nativity* in 16 Edw. 1.

Swet. f. 5.

In this Mannour House at *Pedmore* was anciently a Chapell; for I find that Sir *John de Arden* Knight, in 34 E. 3. had License from *Rob. de Stretton* then Bishop of this Dioces, to have a Priest for celebration of Divine Service therein: But now all is level with the Earth, the site thereof, with the lands thereto belonging, continuing to the posterity of the said Sir *John* (of whom in *Curdworth* I am to speak) till this day.

Curdworth.

This lying on the North-west side of *Tame*, and including *Pinworth* *Berthode*, and *Duntun* in its Parish, was in the Conqueror's dayes posselt by *Turchill de Warwick*, and by the general Survey^r, then taken, certified to contain 4 hides, the Woods being half a mile in length; with as much in breadth, and all valued at L. s. In that Record it is written *Credetmorde*, which makes me guess, that the name originally arose from some ancient owner of it in the Saxons time; perhaps *Crida*, for that was then a frequent appellation: but before the Norman invasion one *Uluvinus* had it.

Domesd.

In this place I have made choise to speak historically of that most antient and worthy Family, whose surname was first assumed from their residence in this part of the County, then and yet called *Arden*, by reason of its woodinesse; the old Britains and Gauls using the word in that sence, as Master *Cambden* hath observed: Not for that the same *Turchill* or his descendants lived here; for their principall seats were in other places; viz. *Kingsbury* and *Hampton* in *Arden*, on this side the *Snare*; as also *Rotley* and *Redburne* on the other, whilst some male branches lasted; but because this is the chief place, which continued longest in the Family, even till of late time (as I shall shew anon) and was near to that^{*}, where for the greatest part of these last 300 years they have had their residence, Hall.

Having therefore spoken so fully of the before mentioned *Turchill*, in *Warwick*, I shall now passe him by, with this only observation, that he was one of the first here in *England*, that, in imitation of the Normans, assumed a surname; for so it appears^a that he did, and wrote himself *Turchillus de Eardene*, in the days of K. *Will. Rufus*. This *Turchill* left issue^w *Seward* his eldest son (by the 6th wife) as also *Peter* a Monk in the Abby of *Thorney*; and, I think, *Raph*, of whom and his descendants, I shall speak in *Hampton* in *Arden*: and by a second wife *Osbert*, as in *Kingsbury* shall be further shewed.

Which *Seward* was not permitted to enjoy any large proportion of his Father's lands; the Earl of *Warwick* having the greatest part assigned^x unto him by K. *Will. Rufus*, about the beginning of his reign, in *Comitatus supplementum* (for augmentation of his Earldome) but what he had leave to retain, was by him and his posterity held by Military service of those Earls. Some^z say that he became Sewer to *Henry de Newburgh*, the first Earl of the Norman race; but all that I have seen further memorable of him is, that he was a witness to some principall Grants made by *Geffrey de Clinton*, Founder of *Kenilworth* Priory in H. 1. time, upon his endowment^a thereof; and to certain confirmations^b of *Roger* Earl of *Warwick*,^c and others: as also a speciall Benefactor to the Monks of *Thorney* in *Cambridgeshire*, by bestowing^d on them his Mill at *Rilton*, and certain lands in *Flekenho*, within this County: And that he left issue *Hugh* and *Henry*. Which *Hugh*, being a very pious and devout man, gave^e a large proportion of lands, out of his Mannour of *Rotley* unto the Monks of *Stoneley*: confirm'd^f to the Canons of *Kenilworth* the grant of *Pakinton* (which was of his Fee, and given to them by *Geffrey de Clinton*) Gave^g to the Canons of *Leicester* his Mannour of *Berthode* with an Hermitage^h there; as also one Messuage, one Mill, two Carucates of land, Lx. acres of meadow, Lx. acres of pasture, CCC. acres of Wood, and X. s. Rent in this *Curdworth*, with the advouson of the Church: And confirm'dⁱ to the Monks of *Canwell* that grant made by *Cecile* his sister, of one yard land lying also in this Lordship, with the meadow adjoining thereto: but it doth not appear that he left any issue, for *Henry* his brother succeeded him in the estate.

u Ex Reg. gift. de Abend. in bibl. Cotton. f. 122. b. & 137.

w Regist. de Thorney. p. 9. f. 15.

y Regist. de Abend. f. 137. a.

z H Ferrers.

a Regist. de Kenilw. p. 2.

b Ib. p. 18.

c Ib. p. 26.

d Reg. de Thorney ut suprad.

e Cart. 19.

f. 2. m. 6.

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g Reg. de Kenil.

p. 29.

h Reg. de Leic. in bibl. Corr.

f. 7. a.

i Cart. 11.

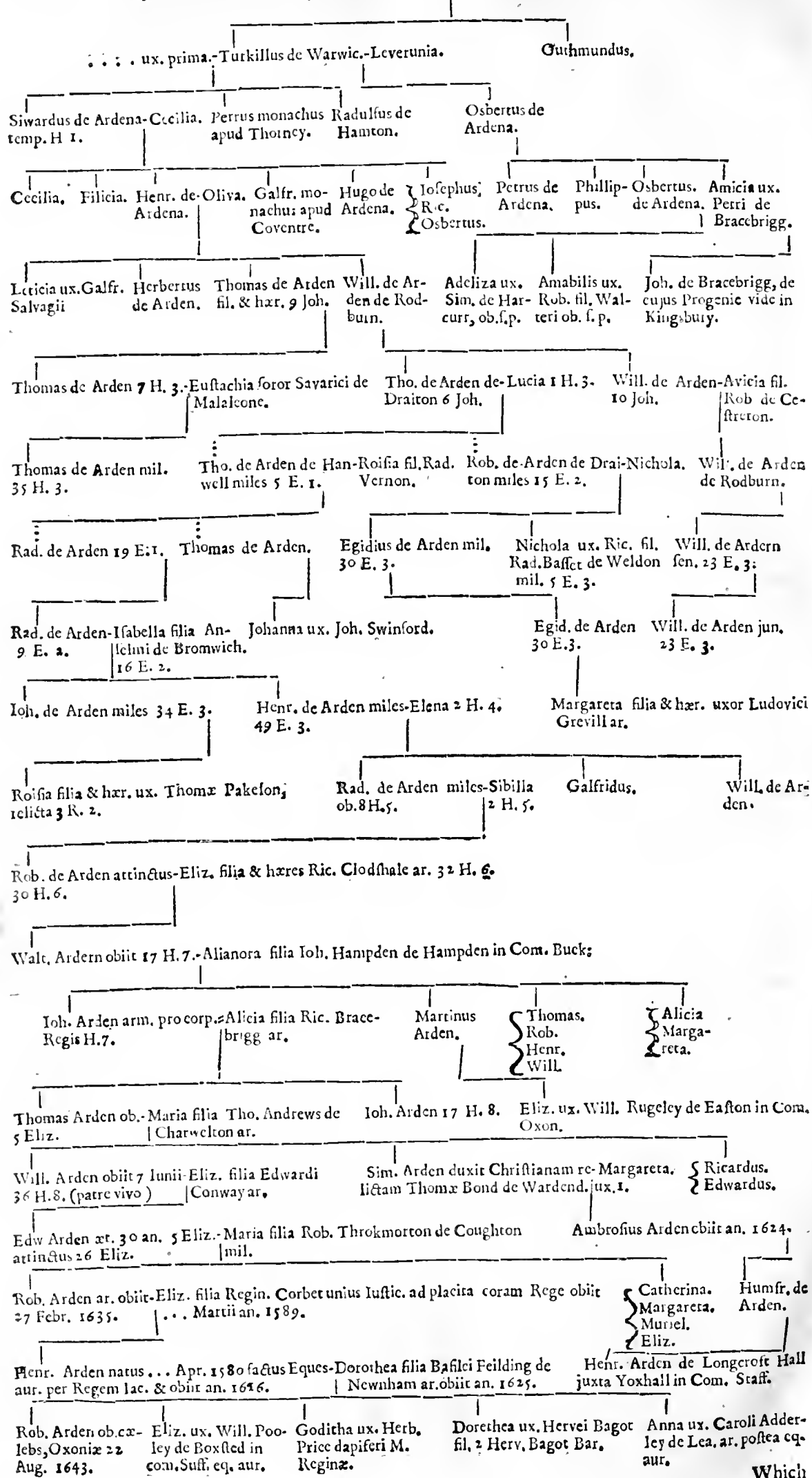
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i Ex autog.

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k Lib. rub.
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1 Reg.
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p. 36.
n lb. p. 30.

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Cumb. f.
41. 2.

p Reg. de
Pipw. f.
82. b.

q Reg. de
Thorney
p. 4. cap. 2.
& 3.

r Plac. de
T. P. p. 1.
9. 1. p. 1. 9.

f Reg. de
Leic. ut
supra.

t Ex. 1. 1.
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Deuv. f.

u Reg. de
Thorney
ut. supra.

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z Pat. 26.
9. 3. p. 1.
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Thorney
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Which *Henry* in 12 H. 2. was certified^k to hold 5. Knights Fees of *Will.* then Earl of *Warwick*, as his brother *Hugh* did other five and a third part; and gave^l to the Canons of *Kenilworth* a meadow in *Bathampton*. He likewise confirmed^m to them the Mannour of *Wainton*, and partⁿ of *Newton*: As also^o the Monks of *Combe* what they had in *Wilney*, and to^p the Monks of *Pipwell*, *Caufron*; all which were of his Fee: and ratified^q his Father's grant to the Abby of *Thorney*, adding thereto some what more in *Riton*, of his own bounty. To this *Henry* succeeded *Thomas*^r, as son and heir; who gave likewise to the Canons of *Leicester* certain parcells of land and Woods in *Berwood*; and confirmed to the Monks of *Stonley* what they had in *Rotley* of his Uncles gift; making some enlargement^s thereof: So likewise^t to the Monks of *Thorney*, of what his Father, and grandfather had be towed on them; and moreover gave^u them all *Salbridge* in this County... This *Thomas* was one of those who met^x at the Tournament at *Whitby* in *Nottinghamshire*, contrary to the King's prohibition, for which his lands were seized on: but in 7 H. 3. he had restitution^y of them again: and having wedded^z *Eustachia* the widow of *Saturnicus de Matalene*, a Poictouin (one^a of those Courtiers that much guided the King and against whom the English Nobility took such high exception) departed this life before 17 H. 3. For in that year *Avicia de Arden* (wife to *Will. de Arden* of *Robburne*) having made a great complaint^b to the King, that whereas her said husband was gone on Pilgrimage to *Jerusalem*, and not returned, and yet there being no certainty at all of his death, the before specified *Eustachia*, had not only seized upon those lands, which the said *Avicia* had by her husband's assignation, to maintain her self in his absence, but taken away her son and heir: whereupon the King issued out his Precept to the Sheriff of this County, requiring him to put her in possession again, and restore her son.

Which last mentioned *Thomas* had issue *Thomas*, who ratified^c his Father's concessions to the Abby of *Thorney*: and in 35 H. 3. was^d a Knight. In 48 H. 3. this *Thomas* had Summons^e, together with many others of the most eminent men in *England* to appear at *Orford* in *Midlent*, there to advise with the King, and attend him in an expedition designed against *Lewellin ap Griffith* (Prince of *Wales*) and his complices, then in Rebellion: but what good affection he bore to the King, may be seen by his after-actions, for he presently took part with the rebellious Barons, and the next year following participated of their fate, being taken prisoner^f in the battell of *Evham*. Which unhappy enterprize, notwithstanding the *Dictum de Kenilworth* had made him capable of redeeming his Lands by a tolerable fine, was (as I guesse) the ruine of him: For I find that in 9 E. 1. he paid^g away all his lands here in *Curdworth*, and divers other places unto *Hugh de Vienna*: that in 14 of that Kings reign, he quitted^h to the Kts. *Hospitalers* the totall interest that he had in *Riton* (now *Dunsmore*): in 15. soldⁱ the Mannour of *Rotley* with the advouson of the Church unto *Nic. de Eton*: and about that time likewise granted^j unto *Thomas de Arden* of *Hantwell* and *Role* his wife, the inheritance of the Mannour of *Pedmore*, and of all his lands lying here in *Curdworth*: as also in *Worham*, *Wintworth*, *Echenours*, and *Overton*: and to shut himself out of all, made a convey-

ance^m unto *Will. de Beauchamp* then Earl of *Warwick* and *Maud* his wife, and the heirs of *h.* the same Earl, of all the Fees throughout *England*, that were held of him. The Armesⁿ he bore, were *Chequi Or and Azure a Cheveron orles*, which his Ancestors assumed, as it seemes, in regard that they held their lands of the Earls of *Warwick*, whose *Cheveron* was *Ermine* in the like manner; but whether he left any issue, I make a question.

I now come to *Thomas de Arden* of *Hantwell*, unto whom this Lordship with other lands were past by the last mentioned Sir *Thomas*, whose seat was at *Rotley*. This *Thomas* was^o in that Welch expedition of 5 E. 1. but little else have I seen of him, that is very memorable, other than the Agreement betwixt the Earl of *Warwick* and him, whereof I have spoken in *Pedmore*, and the bearing of his Armes; viz. *E mine a Fesse Chequie*, as appeareth by his Seal^p; as also that he married *Rose* daughter^q unto *Raph de Ferrun*, by whom (I think) he had the said Lordship of *Hantwell*; and left issue one only daughter called *Joan* wedded to Sir *John Swinford* Knight. To whom succeeded *Robert* his brother, who living at *Wapenham* near *Wanbury*, became Governour^r of *Wanbury* Castle in 15 E. 2. and in 16 E. 2. was in the Scotch Expedition: This *Robert* was in 3 E. 3. a Knight: After which, viz. the next ensuing year, he obtained License^s of the King, to fortifie his Mannour house at *Wapenham*, with an embattelled Wall of lime and stone; and in 5 E. 3. departed^t this life, seized of a very fair estate; left the Mannours^u of *Draiton*, *Hantwell*, *Worham*, *Dunsmore*, *Pelushbury*, *Wapenham*, and *Swallowcliffe* in *Orfordshire*; *Wapenham*, and *Sudbury* in *Northamptonshire*; with *Perching*, *Adurton*, *Fulking*, *Lawke*, *Hangelton* and *Pote-knolle* in com. *Suff.* Whose grandson *Giles*, being the last male of this branch, left an only daughter called *Margaret*, married^v to *Lodewick Grevill* Esq; from whom the *Grevills* of this County did descend.

But the next possessor^w of this Mannour, of whom I have seen any mention, was *Raph*, the son of *Raph*, a younger^x son to Sir *Thomas Arden* of *Hantwell*. This *Raph* was in 17 E. 2. certified to be one of the principal Esquires in this County, and by *Isabell* his wife daughter^y unto *Anselme de Bromwich*, left issue^z *John* and *Henry*. Which *John* bore for his Armes^a *Ermine a Fesse Chequie*; and in 33 E. 3. being a Knight, as also a powerfull man in this County (as my Author^b saith) impleaded the Abbot of *Leicester* for the Mannour of *Berwood*, with the advouson of this Church of *Curdworth*, given to the Canons of that House, by his Ancestors many ages before: whereupon the Abbot, fearing partiality in hearing the cause, for it was to be tried at *Warwick*, procured the King's Letter to the Judges of this Circuit: viz. Sir *John de Montbray*, and *Thomas de Hengyly*, requiring them that he might have equal right; by means whereof the Verdict past for the Abbot. This Sir *John de Arden* resided^c at his Mannour of *Pedmore*, as it seems by a License to have divine Service celebrated in his Oratory there, but left no other than heirs female; whereof *Rose* was married^d unto one *Thomas Pakeson*, and the rest dyed issueless: which *Pakeson* was outlawed^e for Felony in 43 E. 3. and dyed^f in 2 R. 2. leaving *John* his son, 7 years of age.

as the money will extend. Item, I will at the day of my buriall, that xii. pore women of my Tenant's shall have each of them a black Gown, with a Hood, apair of Bedes, Fourpence, and a Dinner, to bear each of them a Torch about my Herse. Item, I will have burning about my Herse xxiii. Tapers, and each Taper of half a pound of Wax. Item, I will every Months day, during the year, be sung a solemne Dirige, and on the morrow Masse of Requiem, for my soule and all Christen soules by Note; and at every Dirige and Masse to be bestowed iii s. iii d. amongst Priests, and Clerkes, Ringing, and Lights. Item, I will that a Priest sing at **Wotton** two whole Trentalls of St. Gregorie, with the Diriges belonging, that is for two years, and to have v l. a year, &c. Item, my best Gown of black Damask to my parish Church of **Wotton**, to make a Cope with all.

But here, before I proceed further with my historickall discourse of this Family, taking notice of the *Mortuaries* given by this **John Arden** and his Father, it will not be amiss to say somewhat, not onely touching the antiquitie, but the reason and originall occasion of such bequests; as also how in times past they were usually paid.

That which here is called a *Mortuarie* was by our Ancestors, the Saxons, called *Saml-ſceat*, as is to be seen in the Laws of *Canutus*, and signifies a tribute or pension payd for the safety of the Soul, the later syllable *ſceat* importing the same with *census*, *vestigal*, and *pensio*, as Master *Lambert* observeth: Neither is the word, with a signification not much unlike, out of use with us at this day, we commonly calling such money as Travelers pay for their entertainment, at a common Inne, the *Shot*. But ascending, as far as I can, to discover the antiquitie of this payment, I find a passage in a very ancient generall Councell of this Nation [*Concilium Anhamense*] called by King *Aetheldred*, at the request of *Alpheagus* Arch-Bishop of **Canterbury** and *Wulfstane* Arch-Bishop of **Dorchester**. An. M. ix.] *ſaml-ſceat* is *ſaml-ſceat* þ man ſymbel geſæpte à à æt openum ƿræps. Which words Sir *H. Spelman* thus interprets: *Sed aquissimum est ut anima symbolum [quam pecuniam Sepulchralem nunc vocant] semper dependatur cum sepulchrum sit effusum*: the same Canon being confirm'd by King *Canutus* 23. years after almost in the very same words.

But here we may observe, that though there be a time prefixt when this *ſaml-ſceat*, or *symbolum anime* ought to be payd; yet was it neither certain, whether it were Ox, Cow, Horse, Money, or other Good; nor indeed any other than arbitrarie: And no less doth the old Latine *M.S.* Copie of the before mentioned Synod Cap. 14. implice, where the Saxon Canon is thus rendred — *Munera necnon defunctorum animabus concernentia, puto impendantur aperto; id est* Let the gifts also which are given for the behoof of the Souls of the dead, be paid at the opening of the Grave. And further to make good what hath last been spoke, let us observe what *Glanvill* (a famous Lawyer, who lived in H. 2. time) hath to that purpose. — *Poteſt quilibet homo liber* (saith he) *majoribus debitis non involutus, de rebus suis in infirmitate sua rationabilem diviſam facere, sub hac forma, secundum cuiusdam patrie consuetudinem; Quod Dominum suum primò de meliore re, quam habet, recognoscat; Deinde Eccle-*

siam; postea verò alias personas pro voluntate sua. And going further saith — *Quicquid autem diversarum Patriarum consuetudines super hoc teneant, secundum Jura regni, non tenetur quis in Testamento suo alicui persone, nisi pro voluntate sua aliquid relinquere: libera enim dicitur esse cujuscunque ultima Voluntas secundum has Leges, sicut & secundum alias Leges.*

Now to give some reason for the name, I shall cite what *Lindwood* * expresseth thereof, sc. *Mortuarium sic dictum quia relinquitur Ecclesie pro Anima defuncti*; And for this he cites the *Gloss.* upon the *Decretal* Epistle of Pope *Honorius* the third, about the year 1220, and beginning of the reign of our *Henry* the third. But *Sr Edw. Coke*, from the words of *Sim. Langham* Arch-Bishop of **Canterbury** (near 300 years since) in a certain Constitution of his, thus hath it, * *Mortuarium* (saith he) is a gift left by a man at his death *pro recompensatione subtractionis Decimarum personalium, & Oblationum*, which is a more particular definition than the former; yet is not this very consonant to the instances in these two Testaments, viz. of *Walter* and *John Arden* before recited: for in the first *Walter Arden* bequeaths for his *Mortuarie*, and his *Tithes* forgotten, his best Ox, not or his *Tithes*; which and shews that they were not one and the same thing. And *John Arden* in his Will makes it more plain, viz. *Item I bequethe for my Mortuaries, or Cors present a black Geldyng amblyng, that allmighty God may the rather take my soul unto his mercy and grace*: And then, in a distinct Legacie, he saith, *Item, I bequethe to the high Altar of Wotton for Tithes and offerings negligently forgotten iii s. iii d.*

So that here we see *Cors presentie* is apparently the same as we call the *Mortuarie*, id est the Body presented or offered to the Priest; for where *Mortuaries* were used to be payd, the Body of the best Beast, or Good, was, according to the custome offered and presented to the Priest, in behalf of the Cors or person deceased. And yet, however here they are given as a Legacie, or bequest, which argues that of Custom they were not anciently payd in this place, 'tis very evident, that where they had been used to be payd, the Laws of this Realm did so settle them, that they were then recoverable as due debts; which the Statute *de Circumspecte agatis*, in 13 E. 1. doth manifest, in these words. *Item si Rector petat Mortuarium in partibus ubi Mortuarium dari consuevit, &c.* And Custome, in tract of time, did so prevail, as that they being held as due debts, the payment of them was enjoyned by severall Constitutions; the first whereof, that I have met with, is that of *Robert de Winchelsie* Arch-Bishop of **Canterbury** in An. 1294. 23 E. 1. — *Quia inter Rectores Ecclesiarum & Parochianos suos lites capitimus extinguerem, quæ frequenter oriuntur; Statuimus, quod si decedens tria ad minus vel plura cujuscunque generis in bonis animalia habuerit, optimo, cui de jure fuit debitum, reservato; Ecclesia sua à qua recepit Sacramenta dum viverit, melius post optimum reservetur: id est* the best being reserved for the Lord as an *Heriot*, the Church to have the next for a *Mortuarie*.

Which Constitution was farther, and more fully explained by *Sim. Langham* Arch-Bishop of **Canterbury** about Lxxx. years after, where he alledges the occasion of that payment to be *pro recompensatione subtractionis Decimarum personalium,*

* Ad cap. Statut. de Consuetudine verbo Mortuarij.

x Cokes Inst. part. 2. p. 421. vide Lindw. lib. 1 de Consuet. cap. stat. ut.

vide LL. Canuti ut suprà Can. 13.

w Glanv. in tract. de Leg. Angl. lib. 7. c. 5.

y Lindw. cap. Quia inter de Sepulturis lib. 3. f. 93.

z Lindw. Cap. stat. de Consuetud.

nalium, necnon & Oblationum, as I have already intimated; the truth whereof I somewhat doubt, for the reasons before exprest, though *Lindwood* in his *Glosse* upon that Constitution saith: *Quia non remittitur Peccatum, nisi restitutione factâ, ideo statuit quod pro compensatione sic subtractorum secundum melius animal defuncti Ecclesia dampnum debet applicari*; He means *ut dampnum Ecclesia resarciat*, to make some recompence for the Tithes and Oblations withheld.

Now, the manner of their payment was anciently by driving, or carrying the same before the Corps of the Defunct, on the day of his sepulture, I shall demonstrate by these ensuing testimonies. (1.) *William de Beauchamp* (father to the first Earl of *Warwick* of that Family) who died in 52 H. 3. scil. near 40 years since, in his Testament hath these words — *Et corpus meum terra sepeliendum in Ecclesia Fratrum Minorum Wigornie; & coram corpore meo unum Equum ferro coopertum, ut decet, cum stramentis militariibus.* (2.) In 12 E. 1. *Roger de Clifford* (a great Baron) in his Testament hath it thus — *Et Corpus meum sepultura, matrixi Ecclesia de Doze, & cum corpore meo Dextrarium meum coopertorium, vel xxx. marcas.* (3.) And in 20 E. 1. *Sir Hugh de Plessers Knight* thus — *Et Corpus meum ad sepeliendum in Ecclesia Conventuali de Wussenden, juxta Monumentum patris mei ibidem, quondam defuncti; & cum corpore meo, nomine Principali, Palefridum meum album cum armatura qua decet.*

(4.) Adde to these, that of *Sir Walter Cokesey Knight* in 24 E. 1. — *Item lego Corpus meum ad sepeliendum in Ecclesia Fratrum Minorum Wigornie, & eisdem Fratribus x. marcas argenti pro omnibus Armis meis coram corpore meo venientibus, que quidem Arma integraliter Waltero filio meo remanebunt; & quidam Equus coram corpore meo veniens, tunc ibidem dicta Arma deferens, cum dictis Fratribus remanebit.* (5.) And that of *William de Beauchamp* the first Earl of *Warwick* of that name, in 25 E. 1. who bequeathing his Body to be buried in the Quire of the Friars Minors at *Worcester* (as his Father did) goeth on thus — *Lego etiam duos magnos Equos coram corpore meo Arma mea; secundum quod decet, portantes, ut predicto loco ubi corpus meum sepelitur, remaneant.* (6.) As also of *Ric. de Mundevile* (of *Werkswell* in this Countie) in 27 E. 1. — *Do, lego Corpus meum Ecclesia Conventuali Canoniorum de Chaucumbe humane tradendum sepultura, juxta patrem meum; & coram eodem unum Equum precii xx. marcarum, vel valorem xx. marcarum.*

And to descend unto later times, that of *Sir Robert de Legh Knight* in 9 H. 4. *Item lego unum Palefridum nigrum, coram Corpore meo die sepulture mee transsurum, nomine Herietis.* As also that of *John Marlesfeld Clerk* in 9 H. 5. *Item lego Equum meum vocatum le Bay ambler, ut offeratur ante Corpus meum in die sepulture mee nomine Principali.*

By which instances that already said is not onely made good, but the originall occasion and practise of Horses being led, and Armour carried before the Corps at the Funeralls of great persons (which perhaps most men suppose to have been rather as a badge of their militarie services) sufficiently manifested. Many more of which nature I could exhibite, were it not for brevities sake:

but to make the matter more cleer, I shall further observe, that in a very antient autographⁱ of no less antiquity than *Henry 3.* time, in which the Depositions of sundry persons is recorded, to prove what Priviledges the Abby of *Perthore* had, forasmuch as their Charters and evidences had been unhappily consumed by Fire, when that Monastery was burnt; and wherein *Walter* the then Prior, sworn and examined, having declared his knowledge touching the right of Sepulture, which that Abby had unto the Bodies of the Inhabitants, not onely of *Perthore* but of xxxiii. other Villages, there named — *Requisitus de Testamentis dictorum hominum* (saith my Authoritie) *dicit, quod Principale legatum debet deferri ante corpora defunctorum ad Ecclesiam de Perthore, & ibi per Sacristam illius Monasterii, & Capellanos dictorum locorum estimari; & factâ estimatione, medietas debet residere penes Sacristam, & alia medietas penes Capellanos dictorum locorum, &c.*

And consonant to this, did *John Fillol* (an *Essex* man) by his Testament^k dated 20 Julii An. 1390. (14 R. 2.) who bequeathing his Body to be buried in the Church of *Thorp*, saith, — *Item lego ad fugandum ante Corpus die sepulture mee unum Bovem meliorem*: Nay, that it was the Custome of those elder times so to do, observe this following instance, by *Thomas Frembaud Esquire* in 8 H. 6. — *Ac Corpus meum ad sepeliendum in Cœmeterio Ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum de Badlesden, &c. & meum melius animal coram corpore meo, ut mos exigit, die sepulture mee, nomine Principali.*

And now a word or two to shew, that the Mortuarie, and Legacie for Tithes forgotten, though at first they were different things, (as by what hath been said may appear) came at length to be thrust together, and therefore might cause that exprestion in the Canon of *Simon Langham* before specified. I find that *Thomas de Beauchamp Earl of Warwick*, who died in an. 1369. (43 E. 3.) by his Testament^m thus bequeatheth; *Item ieo devise a chescun Eglise ou ieo su Seigneur, & ay per mez ministrez ma menere en mon temps, ma mellour Beste, illoques trove, en nom de Principal, pur gree faire de mez Dismez obliez.*

And *Thomas* his son and Successor, by his Testamentⁿ bearing date in 2 H. 4. — *Item ieo devise a chescun luy ou ie suy Seigneur ou Patron xx s. de monoie en nom de mon Principal; forspris si aveigre que me tollu la vie à Warrewyk, ie devise à l'eglise de nostre Dame susdite (sc. Ecclesia Collegiata Warwici) le mellour Beste que ia illoques le iour de ma moriant.* And lastly, that of *Simon Digby Esquire* in 9 H. 8. who bequeathing his Body to sepulture in the Chancell of the Church at *Colthill*, in this Countie hath this exprestion — *and my best Good to my Principal, after the use of the Countrey.*

But this kind of payment was converted into money by the Statute^p of 21 H. 8. whereunto I refer my Reader. And so having herein digrest enough, by the help of that learned gentleman *Master Thomas Barlow* of *Qu. Coll. Oxon.* my singular friend, from whom I acknowledge that divers of the materialls, whereof I have here made use, were imparted to me, I return.

To this *John Arden*, who died . . . Junii 17 H. 8. succeeded^q *Thomas*, and to him *Edward*, (son and heir to *William* that died in his Fathers

a Gist. f. 11. b.

b Ib. f. 251. a.

c Ib. f. 365. b.

d Ib. f. 411. a.

e Ib. f. 429. a.

f Ib. f. 445. b.

g March. f. 133. a.

h Ib. f. 423. a.

i In bibl. Hatton.

k Rous. f. 54.

l Luffnam. f. 95. b.

m Witlesey. f. 110. 2.

n Arund. vol. 1. f. 180.

o Ayllof. q. 29.

p Cap. 6.

q Porth. q. 8.

Ex autog. nris Edw. Ric. Con. ay. Fathers life time) in ward^r to Sir George Throgmorton Knight in 38 H. 8. whose daughter he afterwards married. Which Edward, though a gentleman not inferior to the rest of his Ancestors, in those virtues wherewith they were adorned, had the hard hap to come to an untimely death in 27 Eliz. the charge layd against him being no less than high Treason against the Queen, as privie to some foul intentions that Master Somerville, his son in Law, (a Roman Catholick) had towards her person: For which he was prosecuted with so great rigour and violence, by the Earl of Leicester's means, whom he had irritated in some particulars (as I have credibly heard) partly in disdain to wear his Livery, which many in this Countie of his rank, thought, in those days, no small honour to them; but chiefly for galling him by certain harsh expressions, touching his private accesles to the Countess of Essex, before she was his wife; that through the testimonie of one Hall, a Priest, he was found guiltie of the Fact, and lost his life in Smithfield, *Tristis hic exitus nobilis viri* (saith Master Camden) *qui sacerdotis infidiis illectus, & ejusdem testimonio percussus, Lecestrii invidia vulgo vertebatur. Certum enim est illum Lecestrii invidiam, nec immerito incurrisse, cui in omnibus quibus poterat se temere objecerat, quasi adultero obrectaverat, & ut homini novo detraxerat.* Upon whose attainder his lands were given away to Edward Darcy Esquire: and his heirs: but Robert son and rightful heir to that inheritance, being a prudent person, and well read in the Laws; by virtue of an Entail made upon his marriage (in his Father's life time) after very long suits, recovered all again, this Mannour of **Curdworth**, and **Minworth**, excepted; and living to a great age, with no small reputation in his Countrey, left Robert, his grandchild, heir to the estate. Which last mentioned Robert, being much accomplished with learning, and other excellent parts, died in the flower of his youth, whereby the inheritance of this antient Family resorted to his Sisters, of whose marriages I have in the Pedegree, before inserted, taken notice.

Vide. Annal. Eliz. per. Lambd. an. 1583. Within this Lordship did the Abbot of **Leicester**, in 13 E. 1. (having a large proportion of land by the grant of *Hugh de Arden* in H. 2. time) claim a **Court Leet**, as also *Infangthef* with Assize of Bread and Beer; and to justify this Challenge exhibited the Charters of K. H. 2. and Ric. 1. whereby the Canons of that house had sundry generall privileges granted to them throughout all their possessions. whereupon, the Jury finding that they had enjoy'd a **Court Leet**, with Assize of Bread and Beer time out of mind, those Liberties were allowed. And forasmuch as it appeared, that in the time of Abbot Henry, a Gallows had been set up, and a Thief there taken committing Felony, adjudg'd to death, and hanged by his Bailiff, the same Priviledge was likewise allowed.

Plac. de Quo. w. Reg. de Leic. in ibl. Cotton f. 7. a. Ex autog. nris D. & Cap. Lich. MS. in cas. The Church (dedicated to S. Peter ad vincula) being given to the Canons of **Leicester** in H. 2. time, by *Hugh de Arden* before specified, was soon after appropriated to them by Ric. Peche Bishop of **Ex. and Lich.** his Successors, *Hugh Norwint*, and *Geffrey Muschamp* confirming the same. And in An. 1291. (19 E. 1.) valued at vii. marks and a half, but the Vicaridge at no more than two marks, having long before been

endowed with a certain proportion of Glebe and Tithes for maintenance of the successive Incumbents; which Vicaridge in 26 H. 8. was certified to be worth Cs. per an. over and above xs. deducted for Procurations and Synodals.

Patroni Vicaria

Incumbentes.

Mag. R. b. de Leycestre

An. 1283.

Will. de Sutton Cap.

1284.

Joh. de Berhanore Diac. 9.

Cal. Julii 1305.

Thomas de Wyate Cap. 19.

Cal. Jun. 1350.

Henr. Wyshaw Pbr. 17. Cal.

Sept. 1361.

Joh. Hamund Pbr. 5 Id.

Martii 1367.

D. Joh. Broke Cap. 5 Feb.

1404.

Ric. Lawrence Pbr. 5 Sept.

1493.

Ric. Singleton Cap. 8. Mar.

1498.

Edw. Arden ar.

Edm. Lyngard Cler. 27

Maii 1561.

Jac. Rex Angl. &c.

Thomas Aylebury Cler. 4.

ratione minoris at.

Maii 1618.

Edw. Darcy ar.

Will. Clifford in Art. Mag.

23 Julii 1619.

Carolus Rex, ratione

Josephus Clifford Cler. 20.

ut supra.

Martii 1625.

In a North Window of the Church these Armes.

Gules a Cinquefoile & Old Earls of Ermine. Leicester.

Minworth.

This having been the freehold of one Godric before the Norman invasion, and in the Conqueror's time posselt by *Turchill de Warwick*, was by the generall Survey^b certified to contain 1 hide, the woods extending to half a mile in length, and 3 furlongs in breadth: All which with the rest were then valued at xs. In that Record it is written *Penelworde*, the later syllable signifying an habitation or dwelling, and the former shewing of whom, though a name now out of use.

But farther of this Village, I have very little to say, forasmuch as it continued in the *Adens* Family, till the attainder of Edward in 27 Eliz. and was past out of the Crown therewith, in 28 of the same Queens reign, to Edward Darcy Esquire and his heirs. That part of the Park, which lyeth Northward of the River, was first impaled by the before specified Edward Arden, about the beginning of Q. Eliz. reign, as I have heard: but before the recoverie of it by Robert Arden, his son. from Darcy, all the Trees were cut down, and rid out of it.

Berwood.

This being involved originally with **Curdworth**, is not at all mentioned in the Conqueror's Survey, neither have I seen any thing there.

d Reg. de
Leic. m
b. l. Cot-
ton f. 2. &
1. 7.

thereof till H. 2. time, that *Hugh de Arden* gave it to the Canons of *Leicester*; viz. *locum de Berwda, cum exsartis & pratis* (for those are the words of the grant) & *omnibus pertinentiis suis, in bosco & in plano, & totam illam partem nemoris sui, quæ est inter filum aquæ de Ebzoc, & filum aquæ de Lame, cum Insula de Wycheholme usque ad divisas de Erdinton, & cum pannaio & omnibus libertatibus, &c.* Which grant was confirm'd by *William* and *Waleran* both Earls of *Marwick*, it being of their Fee, as all the rest of *Arden's* lands were. Some small parcells, lying also here in *Berwood* did *Thomas de Arden* (nephew to the said *Hugh*) give likewise to those Canons.

e 1b. f.
f 18. d.

Here was anciently a Chapell of our Ladie belonging to the said Canons, which long since went to decay; for in the beginning of H. 4. time, upon an extent of what they had in this place, there was certified to be onely a Hall, with Chambers, Buttry, Bakehouse, and all other necessarie rooms. Concerning which Chapell I further find, that *Sir William de Arden* Knight gave to *Robert* sometime Abbot of *Leicester* and his successors, one Mess. one Mill, and a large proportion of land lying in *Curdworth*, to find two Canons to celebrate divine service therein, for the health of his soul, and of the souls of his predecessors and heirs: But this, together with the Mannour of *Berwood*, as also the Rectory of *Curdworth*, appropriated to the before specified Canons, was after the dissolution of the Abbies purchased from the Crown, by *Thomas Arden* of *Park Hall*, and *Simon* his younger son, for the sum of CCLxxii l. x s. and to be held of the King his heirs and successors by the xxth. part of a Knight's fee, paying the yearly Rent of xxx s. iiii d. into the Exchequer. Whereupon, the next year following, by virtue of a speciall Feoffment made by the above-mentioned *Thomas* and *Simon*, the inheritance thereof became vested in *William Arden* eldest son to the said *Thomas*, and the heirs male of his body.

g Pat. 31.
H. 8. p. 5.

h E. 3. 37.
H. 8.

Dunton.

THat the high situation of this place, did originally occasion its name, is plain enough; *Dun* in our ancient English signifying a Hill: But till 36 H. 3. that *Hugh de Mancestre* (of whose Family I shall speak in *Mancestre*) had a Charter of *Free-warren* in all his demeln lands here, together with those at *Mancestre*, and *Drakenegge* in this Countie, I have not found any ment on of it in Record. Which *Hugh* was then posselt of certain lands therein; but not of the Capitall Messuage; for 'tis apparent that *Philip Lovell* in 41 H. 3. had the like grant of *Free-warren*, from whom the Lords of this Mannour do derive their title. This *Philip* is he, (if I mistake not) who was one of the King's Clerks in 34 H. 3. being brought into his service by *Sir John Mansell*, his chief Councillor: but *Math. Paris* gives him the Character of a crafty and deceitfull man, making particular mention of his corrupt doings, for which he was removed from his employment, and in disgrace; yet was it not long

i Cart. 36.
H. 3. m. 27.

k Cart. 41.
H. 3. m. 3.

l M. Paris.
p. 774. 34.

m 1b. p.
287. 26.
& 34.

n 1b.

ere he got into favour again, by the intercession of *Alexander* King of *Scotland*, the King's son in Law (whose speech in his behalf our Historian doth relate) and was made the King's Treasurer; in which Office he continued, till for abusing the great favours he had received, sc. by wasting the King's Deer in his Forrests, he was routed. Which disgrace went so near to his Heart, that he retired to his Benefice at *Hamestable* (for he was a Clergie man) and there died of grief the next year following; whereof so soon as the King had notice, he commanded all his possessions to be seized on, till satisfaction should be made to his own content.

o 1b. p. 830.

p 1b. p. 847.

q 1b. p. 977.

r 1b. p.
1 981.

To whom succeeded *Henry Lovell* Clerke, in the possession of this Lordship; who required suit unto his Court, here, from the Abbot of *Leicester*, for a certain yard land, named *Donks-field*; As also an Oath of Fealtie, and other services: whereupon the Canons of that House, whilst the difference was thus depending, past away their title therein, unto *William* the son of *Ankittell de Bracebrigge* (of *Kingsbury*) of whom the said *Henry* required the like service: but at the intercession of friends, they came to this Agreement; viz. that the said *William* and his heirs should pay unto them xx d. yearly Rent, without any suit of Court, or other service to the Lords of *Dunton* for the same.

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After this, ere long, it appears that *Raph de Gorges* became Lord of this Mannour (though by what title I have not seen) who, together with *Joane* his wife, in 22 E. 1. commenced suit against the said *William de Bracebrigge* concerning those lands before mentioned; as also against *John Lovell* of *Wichmerth*, whereby they required the said *John* to discharge them of such services as *Amice* the widow of *Hugh de Sirelly* challenged of them for their estate in *Dunton*: To which Action the said *John Lovell* appeared, but after the Declaration read, he departed in contempt of the Court; whereupon the Shiriff had command to distrain him, and to compell his appearance again.

w Pat. 22.
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Banco 22.
E. 1. p. 16.

To this *Raph de Gorges* succeeded *Hugh*, his son; who obtained License, from *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of *Marwick*, to inclose that place of Wood lying within this his Mannour of *Dunton*, called *Claphaw*; and to make such a fence about it, as that neither Hart, Hinde, Buck, nor Doe; no nor Goat might enter therein; with this proviso, that if it should not be sufficiently inclosed to keep out the Earls Deer, belonging to the Chase of *Sutton*; and that, upon warning given by the Earls Bailiffs, the same were not made good within xx. days thereof, that then it should be lawfull for the Earl to lay it open again: And that if any of the said Earls Deer, being driven by hunting, did break into it, that the said Earl or his Servants might pursue them into the said Park, and there take and carry them away, without doing wilfull hurt to any of the Deer belonging to the before specified *Rause*: And for the better finding of such hunted Deer, that the Earls Hounds might likewise enter, but no Bow to be brought in with them. Which concession, being about the 28 E. 1. as I guess; for it hath no date, was witnessed by *Sir Bernard de Brus*, *Sir John de Clinton*, *Sir John de Beauchamp*, *Sir Ric. de Whitacre*, and others.

y Cartul.
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Com. f. 103
b. &c.

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hides, there being then a Church, as also Woods that contained three furlongs in length and one in breadth, all valued at no more than x s. Which argueth that it then lay for the most part wast, in regard it is said to have been worth xxx s. in Edw. the Confessor's days. But there is little to be found thereof in our publike Records till Edw. 1. time, so that I am not able directly, to discover who posselt it in the interim.

In 29 H. 2. *John de Doura* impleaded *Rob. fil. Willielmi*, and *Will. de Arden*, for the fourth part of a Knight's fee lying in *Coxcote* (juxta *Studley*) and here in *Wiltshage*: And the Knights *Templars* were antiently posselt of some lands here, though by whose gift I yet know not; for about 12 H. 3. it appears ^a, that under their publick Seal they granted unto *Margaret de L'isle* two yard land and a half lying therein: Which Family have been long owners of land in this Lordship; for in 56 H. 3. *Helewis* the widow of *Nich. de L'isle* brought an Assize^b of *Novell disseisin* against *Anketill de L'isle* and others, concerning certain tenements here, and in *Worhull*. But that the *Templars*, notwithstanding what they so past away, as abovesaid, had still some possessions here, is manifest by that Presentment^c in 4 E. 1. Whereby it was certified, that they had withdrawn their suit due to the Hundred Court for 4. yard land and a half thereof.

Of that Family of *Bereford*, which had to do in this place; whether *Osbert* were the first, I cannot affirm; for till 16 E. 1. I have not found any thing of him in relation thereto; but then I do conclude that he was Lord thereof; and that by a Deed^d of Entail, he seised all his lands in this *Wiltshage*, *Langley*, *Sutton*, and elsewhere, upon *Will. de Bereford* his Brother. It should seem, that these *Berefords* had that here in *Wiltshage*, which belong'd to the *Templars*: for in 20 E. 2. (which was after the accession of the *Templars* lands to the *Hospitalars*, as in *Walthall* shall be shewed) it was found^e, that *Will. de bereford*, beforenamed, held a Mannour here of the said *Hospitalars*, by the service of xvii d. to be paid at *Michaelmas* and the Feast of the *Annunciation* of our Lady, by even portions, for all services.

Touching the Descendants of which *Will. de Bereford*, having spoke in *Langley* (their principall seat in this Countie) I have here no more to say of them, than that in 19 E. 3. *Edmund de Bereford* had a Charter^f of *Free warren* in all his demesne lands here. From whch Family it came to *Hore*, and from *Hore* to *Pudsey*, both by heirs female, as the Descent in *Langley* sheweth, and therefore 'tis needlesse here to give farther instance thereof.

In A. 1291 (19 E. 1) the Church (dedicated to S. Chad) was valued^g at vi. marks, and in 19 E. 2. the advouson thereof granted^h by *Will. de Castell* to *Will. de Bereford*: but in 26 H. 8. the value was certifiedⁱ at Cv s. over and above ix s. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

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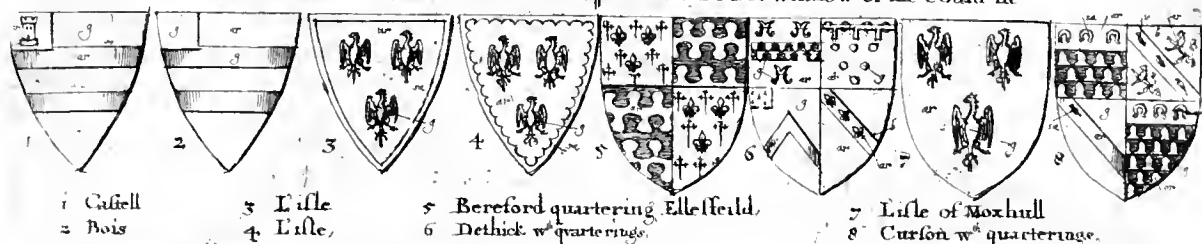
Will. de Castello mil. Nich. de Castello 5 Id. Dec. 1306.
Georgius de Castello Will. de Laberton Accol. 10 Cal. Feb. 1310.

Joh. Siene Cler. 7 Id. Sept. Northb. f. 39. b.
1342. Nich. de Lichfeld Cler. 14 Ib. f. 48. b.
Cal. Aug. 1349. Job. Grant Cap. 2 Cal. Ib. f. 53. a.
Julii 1350. Ric. de Geytingdon Cap. 12 Stret. f. 9. a.
Cal. Sept. 1361. Will. de Osmundeston Pbr. Ib. f. 10. b.
Morehall, hac vice. 5 Cal. Dec. 1361.
Sieph. de Carleton Pbr. 1 d. Ib. f. 16. b.
Nov. 1367. Thomas Frome Pbr. 3 Ib. f. 22. b.
Non. Sept. 1375. Job. de Eton Pbr. 12 Cal. Ib. f. 23. b.
Apr. 1376. Thomas Haddon Pbr. 11 Ib. f. 24. a.
Cal. Dec. 1377. Henr. Eaytwayte Pbr. 18 Ib. f. 30. b.
Nov. 1383. Ric. Brewes Pbr. 14 Mar- Sk. f. 12. b.
tii 1396. Job. Romay 15 Aug. Burgh. f. 16. a.
1405. Job. Wermote Cap. 2 Oct Ib. f. 31. b.
1412. Eliz. relicta Baldw. de Bereford militis. Nich. Braddeley 7 Julii Ib. f. 33. a.
1413. Custos Coll. libera Capella Reg. de Windfore. Job. Rolf Cap. 27 Aug. Arund. f. 138. a.
1414. Eliz. relicta Baldw. de Bereford mil. Will. Clerke Cap. 23 Julii Bull. f. 4. a.
1416. Thomas Hemyngburgh 8 Heyw. f. 16. b.
Oct. 1425. Job. Harman Pbr. 9 Oct. Ib. f. 26. b.
1431. Rob. Yerburch Pbr. 19 Ib. f. 27. a.
Martii 1431. Rad. Horleston Pbr. 18 Ib. f. 32. a.
Nov. 1433. Thomas Spenser Pbr. 8 Ib. f. 34. b.
Aug. 1436. Joh. Gallard 3 Sept 1439. Ib. f. 37. b.
Hilb. Hore de Chilverley ar. Ric. Sturges ult. Apr. Ib. f. 40. a.
1441. Job. Tamworth Canon. reg. S. Aug. 7 Dec. 1444. Ib. f. 42. b.
Thomas Hore ar. Will. Bekei Cap. 15 Jan. Bowl. f. 24. a.
1456. Rob. Perham ratione minoris et. Gilb. fil. & har. Tho. Hore. Thomas Dene Cap. 19 Ib. f. 141. a.
Junii 1494. Will. Clayton art. Magr. Ib. f. 142. a.
21 Jan. 1494. Tho. Fulthorp & Editha ux. sua, filia & har. Joh. Hore. Magr. Will. Burgh in leg. Bl. f. 3. b.
Bac. penult. Martii 1504. D. Will. Smith Cap. ult. Sir & P. f. 15. b.
Maii 1538. D. Will. Bowers, alias Vicars Sampf. f. 43. a.
5 Aug. 1552. Edw. Warde in art. Bac. 21 Bund. B.
Jan. 1584. Geo. Pudsey ar. Job. Wilston Cler. 10 Feb. Overton. lund. C.
1602. Mich. Walsford Cler. in Morton bundin. cert.
Geo. Pudsey de Langley gen. art. Magr. 7 Oct. 1629.

In the east window of the Chancell.

Withaw

In the east window of the South Ile



Moxhull.

THis, though it be in the Parish of *Withaw*, seemeth to have been originally a member of *Curdworth*; for 'tis evident^k that the *Ardens* held it immediately of the Earls of *Warwick*: But the Ancestors of that Family, which doth still enjoy it, have posselt it for more than four hundred years, and had it first from one of the *Ardens* (lord of *Curdworth*) as is cleer enough by the Tenure: for by severall^l Inquisitions and other authorities it appeareth to be held of their posterity. The first mention that I have met with thereof, in any Record^m, is in 36 H. 3. Where it is written *Duke-hull*, *Walt. de Beresford* having brought an Assize of *Novell disseisin* against *Nich. de Lile* and others, for Common of pasture there: which *Nicholus* was the son of *William*, and he of *Henry* (as I think) for I have seen antientⁿ evidences, which do import as much; so that 'tis like that *Henry* was he that seated himself here: and probable enough it is, that *Herbert del Yle* (for so is his name written) might be Father to *Henry*; for I find him a witnesse^o to severall Charters of *Geffrey de Clinton* (son to *Geffrey* the Founder of *Kenilworth* Castle and and Priory) about the beginning of H. 2. time.

This *William* (father of *Nich.*) was a person of the superior rank amongst the gentry in this Shire, as may seem by a speciall^p Commission^q constituting him one of the Justices for the Gaol-delivery at *Warwick* and *Kenilworth*; but all that I have farther seen of him, is, that he was a Witnesse^r to the grant of certain assarted lands in *Wedmore*, which *Henry* Earl of *Warwick* made to *Thomas de Arden*: Neither after 10 E. 1. have I found any mention of the before specified *Nicholus*, he being then exempted from serving on Juries by the Kings Letters^s Pat. To which *Nich.* succeeded *Anketil de Lile* who wedded^t *Julian* the daughter and heir to *Rob. de Blaggreve* of *Spoleton*, and did his Homage^u to *Philip Marmion* (Lord of *Samworth* Castle) for the lands he had with her in frank marriage, of his Fee. Which *Anketil* had suits^v with *Raph de Gorges*, of *Dunton*, concerning certain lands here in *Moxhull*, about 22 E. 1. and left issue *Henry*, who was a Servant in much trust and esteem, unto *Raph* Lord *Basset* of *Draughton* (a great man in these parts) For in the Commission^w he had from that Baron, to treat with Sir *Rob. Marmion* concerning the Mannours of *Peckherthillacre*, *Halughton*, *Pericroft*, and *Glascoate* (all in this County) in 14 E. 2. the Lord *Basset* calls him *notre chiere & bien ame Vadelot*, his dear and welbeloved Esquier.

And (to manifest that he was a person eminently qualified) in 18 E. 2. he served^x in the Parliament then held at *London*, as one of the Knights for this Shire, having ii s. vi d. allowed him *per diem*, for his expences during that employment. But in 1 E. 3. upon a strong suspicion of Heresie, suggested against him to the King, a Commission to *Will. de Clinton*, bearing date 3 *Maii*, was forthwith issued out, not only to arrest and take him, but to seize on all his lands, goods, and Chattels; of which being advertised, he submitted himself to prison, and brought in sureties to stand to a lawfull trial therein; viz. *Raph. de Crophull* of *Pottinghamshire*, *Walt. de Heselarton* of *Worshshire*, *Edm. de Shireford*, *David de Gaunton*, *Rog. le Ple-dour*, and *John de Alpath* of this County; whereupon he was set at liberty, and his lands and goods restored to him, as by the King's special Precept bearing^y date at *Pottingham* 3 *Sept.* appeareth: After which, viz. in 5 E. 3. the said Lord *Basset* received his full accompt, for all the time he had served, and retained to him, and gave him a general^z Acquittance.

To whom succeeded *John*, who for the lands in *Blaggreve*, which sometime belong'd to *Rob. de Blaggreve* his grandmothers Father, obtained a Release^a from Sir *Baldwin Frevill* Knight (heir to *Marmion*) as to the suit due to his three weeks Court at *Stipershill*, and all other services for that land, during his own life, and the life of *Maud* his wife, saving to the said Sir *Baldwin*, his homage and a pair of gilt spurs at the Feast of *S. Edith* yearly. This *John* in 30 E. 3. payd^b to Sir *John de Arden* Kt. and *Henry* his brother, Executors to *Raph de Arden* their father, the sum of vi s. viii d. for reasonable Aid due upon the marriage of *Sibill* his eldest daughter, in respect of the lands in *Moxhull*, which he held of him by military service; and at the same time xxxviii s. iii d. for a^c Relief due to the before specified *Raph*, for those lands: and bore for his Armes three *Eglets* displayed, gules, as by his Seal^d and an old Glasse window in *Bentley* Chapell appeareth; which coat or part thereof, at least, was assumed by *Henry* his Father; for I have seen a Seal of^e his with one *Eglet* displayed, within the compasse of a roundle, and not in a Shield; a course very anciently used before they put their Badges into Shields, as I have observed in the Families of *Beke* of *Cresby*, and *Darcy*; the first of which bore their *Crosse sarcile* so; and the other their *Cinqueseile*.

Which *John*, bearing a singular reverence to the Monks of *Berevale*, desired that his body might be there buried, as may appear by certain land and Rent that he assigned^f to some friends in trust, for the

^c Cartul.
Warw.
Com. f. 186.

^e Esc. 9.
Eliz.
Esc. 38
Eliz.

ⁿ Pat. 36.
H. 3. ind.

^l Penès
Rob. Lisle
w.

^o Regist. de
Kenilw.
p. 8. 14. &
23.

^p Pat. 21.
H. 3. ind.
m. 7.

^q Ex autog.
penès Rob.
Arden ar.

^r Pat. 10.
E. 1. m. 14.

^s Ex au-
tog. pe-
nès
pref.
I. L.

^u Pat. 22.
E. 1. m. 17.

^w Ex au-
tog. penès
Will. Vic.
Staff.

^x Claus. 18
E. 2. ind.
m. 25.

^y Rot. F. 1.
E. 3. m. 16.

^z Claus. 1.
E. 3. p. 2. m.
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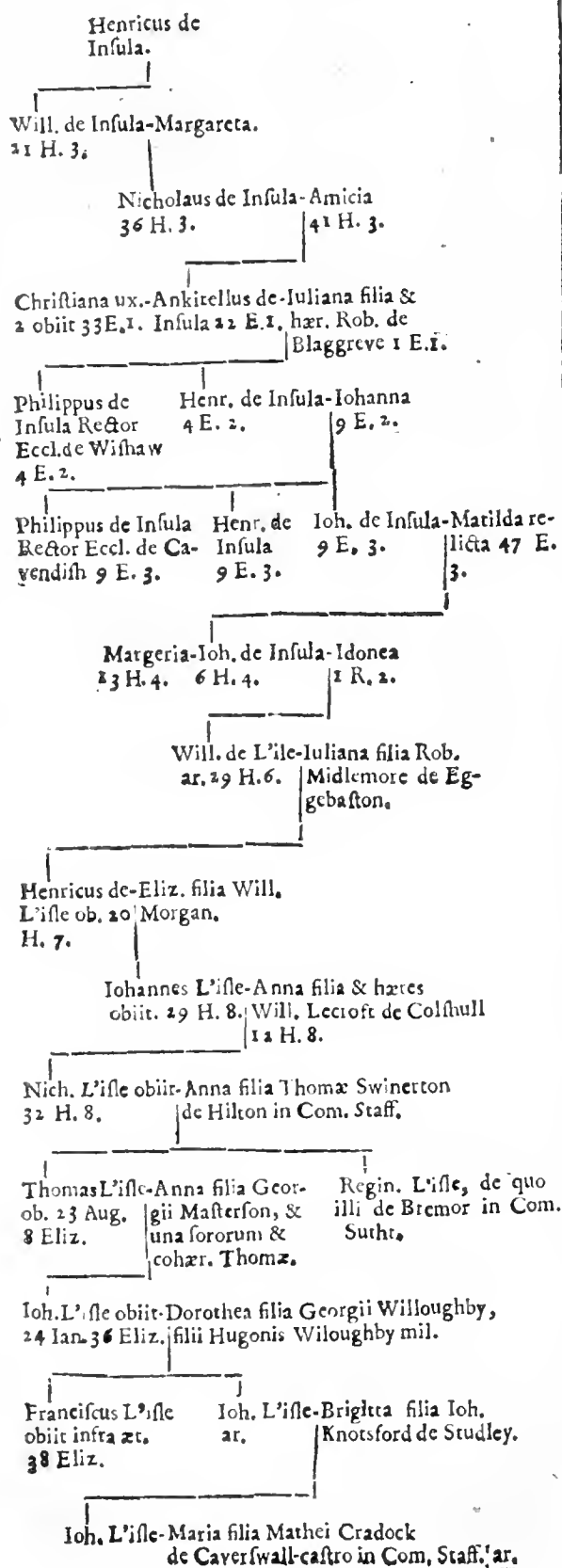
^a Ex autog.
penès pref.
I. L.

^b Ibid.
^c Ibid.
^d Ibid.

^f Penès F.
Netherfole
eq. aur.

^g Ex Coll.
W. Burton;

the finding of divers wax Lights to burn every Sunday and Holiday in the Chapell of our Lady, adjoyning to the gate of that Abby; for which respect he had a special grant^h from *Robert de Atherston*, Abbot of that House and his Covent, under their publick Seal, bearing date the Wednesday after Lammas 33 E. 3. of a certain proportion of ground, within the said Chapell of our Lady, containing seven foot square, where he and *Maud* his wife, at the death of each, should have sepulture; And that upon all great Festivall days, as well as Sundays, five waxen Lights should be burning there; as also that he the said *John* and *Maud* should have liberty to set up Images, in the same Chapell, in honour of the blessed Virgin.



To which *John* succeeded ¹ *John* his son, who, in H. 5. time, was retained^k by the Earl of *Warwick*, amongst other of his Elquires, to serve him with one Lance and one Archer, at the seige of *Caleis*, for which he was to receive^l xxx^l per an. besides his diet: And to him *William*, and to *William Henry*, who gave the Rectorie of *Willmescote*, with all the Tithes thereto belonging, to *Thomas Clopton* Master of the *Gild* at *Stratford upon Avon*, to the intent that the Priest singing the first Masse every day in the said *Gild*, should say *De profundis* before the holy Lavatorie, for the good estate of him the said *Henry* and *Elizabeth* his wife, and for their souls after their departure hence, as also for the soules of his ancestors and successors. Which *Henry* was Shiriff^m of this County and *Leicester*shire in the second, and nineteenth years of K. H. 7. reignⁿ and by his Testamentⁿ, dated 13 Sept. 20 H. 7. bequeathing his body to be buried within his own proper Chapell in the Church of S. *Chad* at *Willmescote*, before the Image of *Henry* the sixth, sometime King of *England*, departed this life about that time; for the Probate of his Will beareth date the next month following.

Unto which *Henry* succeeded *John* his son and heir, who taking to wife^o *Anne* the daughter and heir of *Will. Lecrofte*, had^p with der divers Houses, and a great proportion of land lying in *Colwall*; and other places. Of this *John* I find, that upon the birth of *Elizabeth*, second daughter to King H. 8. (afterwards Qu. of *England*) he received a special Letter^q from Qu. *Anne*, dated at *Greenwich* 7 Sept. 25 H. 8. advertising him of the good speed she had in her deliverance, and desiring his congratulation unto God for it, as also his Prayers for the good health, prosperity, and continuall preservation of the said young Princefle.

To whom succeed *Nicholas*^r, and to him *Thomas*^s, who wedded^t *Alice* one of the sisters and coheirs to *John Masterfon*. Which *Thomas* in the first year of Q. *Mary*, being one of the Justices of Peace in this County, received a speciall Precept^u from *Francis* Earl of *Huntingdon*, the Queens L. evenant, forthwith to muster and levy such and so many able men, well appointed for the Warrs, as he should call together, meet to serve the said Queens highnesse under that Earl, against the Duke of *Suffolk* and his complices, then proclaimed Traitors; and to bring them forthwith, both Horse and Foot to *Warwick* Castle, where the said Earl then lodg'd. In which service he was so active, that as a reward for his diligence, the Q. granted^w him a Warrant, under her Signet, to the Marquesse of *Winchester*, then Lord Treasurer, for a grant to passe the great Seal, of the Mannour of *Hampton* in *Arden*, for xxxi years in reversion after the decease of the Lady *Margaret*, then wife to Sir *Gawen Carew* Knight, upon the old accustomed Rent of xxx li. to be reserved unto the said Queen her heirs and successors: But the number of years fell short in the Patent^x; for it was but for xxxi. years, and the Rent increased to Lx li. As for the rest which relates to this Family, either in point of descent or matches, the Pedegree^y before inserted, will shew all that I can say.

Returning now to the banks of *Tame*, I come to *Duffhorne*, whereof, in respect it was heretofore a Grange belonging to *Sperdale*, I shall reserve what

k Ex Rot. in bibl. Hatton.

l Ex autog. penes pref. l. l.

m Rot. P. de ij/d'an.

n Holgrave q. 17.

o Esc. de an. 12. p 20. H. 8

q Ex autog. penes pref. l. l.

r Esc. 9. s Eliz. t Esc. 7. Eliz.

u Ex autog. penes pref. l. l.

x Pat. 1. M. p. 5.

y Ex autog. penes pref. l. l.

what is to be said, till I speake of that Abby, and so ascending the stream of *Blithe* (whose confluence with *Lame* is near this place, take notice next of *Solihull*, within the precincts of which Lordship it first enters this Hundred.

Solihull.

OF this, I have not seen any mention till King *John's* time; where the profit of the *Leetes* kept for the severall Hundreds and some other places, is certified², one Mark is accounted for it: but though the name be of no greater antiquity, yet that the place (I mean the whole territory, which of ancient time and still is reputed to belong thereto) is, I will presently demonstrate, notwithstanding that it had at first another appellation: and to that end shall begin my discovery by the light of that incomparable Record, viz. *Domesday book*; Where I find, that it was heretofore called *Ulverley*, and that *Edwine* Earl of *Mercia* posselt it in *Edward* the Confessor's days, but after the Conquest one *Cristina* (then owner of *Ichinton longa* in this County) At which time it was certified to contain viii. hides, and that the Woods belonging thereto, were 4 miles in length and half a mile in breadth, there being then a Church. How it came to passe appears not, but certain it is, that the rate of all was much lesse at that time, than before the Norman Invasion, for then it amounted to x li. in value, whereas at the time of the generall Survey, but liii li.

That this, with the other lands which the said *Cristina* then held, came to the Familie of *Limesie*, I have in *Long Ichinton* already manifested, here being the seat of *Limesie's* Barony, I mean in that place called *Tilberley* (about a mile distant from *Solihull* Northwards) though there be now so little memory thereof, that were it not for some grounds, lying adjacent to a petty Hamlet called *Olton*, which yet retaining the name of *Ulverley*, gave me occasion of farther search, I should have been at a great losse for the discovery thereof: but looking well thereabouts, and making diligent enquiry of the Inhabitants, I found a large Moat, containing within it at least an Acre, whereon they say a Castle long since was situate, though now nothing be left thereof (a parcell of old Oaks growing where the buildings stood) which tradition hath the more colour of truth, forasmuch as there is a Lane, near at hand, bearing the name of *Castle Lane*. Some of the neighbourhood do call this *Hoggs moat*, which I conceive is intended *Odingsells moat*, but by corrupt pronuntiation now so termed; for I have seen the name of *Odingsells* very anciently written *Hoginsells*. Which grounds being at least a mile diameter, have heretofore been a Park, as the Country people say, and is probable enough from the large bank that lieth on the out side of them, invironed with Lanes: Not far from whence, are the *Vestigia* of three very large Pooles, long ago converted to meadow ground. And 'tis not to be doubted, but that the Village now called *Olton*, was anciently this *Ulberley* above specified; which since the plantation at *Solihull*, having lost the true name, is, and hath since *Edw. 1.* time, for brevity, been called *Olton*, id est the Old town.

In *H. 1.* time I find, that *Raphe de Limesie*, the first of this line (who was a great man in the Conqueror's days, as appears^b by the possessions he then had, lying in divers Counties of England) gave^c to the Church of *Pirton* in *Warwickshire* (which he had founded) two parts of the Tithes here at *Ulberley* then written *Ulterley*. From which *Raph*, the male line of these *Limesies* continued but four descents; and then, between two sisters and coheirs, the Barony became divided, as in *Ichinton* I have shewed; this upon the partition falling to *Basilin* the wife of *Hugh de Odingsells*, by whom it was disposed of to *Will. de Odingsells* his younger son; in whose time was *Solihull*, out of the ruines of *Ulberley*, grown to be a town of some note, as it seems; for in 26 *H. 3.* he had a Charter^d bearing date 9 Apr. for a *Mercate* on the Wednesday every week, and a yearly *Faire*, beginning on the Eve of *S. Alphege*, and continuing for 3 days, that being the Saint to whom the Church had been dedicated; for that it was a very antient usage to have the *Faire* at that time, when the day of the Churches Dedication was yearly solemnized, I have in my discourse of *Stratford super Avon*, given a reason,

In the same 26th year of *H. 3.* was this *Will.* attendant^e upon the King, in person, beyond the Seas; but being returned, the next year following he obtained Licence^f that there should be a Perambulation made betwixt the lands in *Kingsporton*, and *Bromesgrove* in *Warwickshire*, belonging to the Crown, which then were in the hands of *Henry de Hastings*, by Lease, and the lands of the above specified *Will. de Odingsells*, here at *Solihull*, by the Shiriffs of *Warwickshire* and *Warwickshire*, and xii. lawfull and discreet Knights of each Countie. After which, viz. in 33 *H. 3.* this *William* (whom my Author^g calls *miles strenuus*) being made Governour^h of *Pontgomer* Castle in *Wales*, was the same year one of those that met at the Tourneament then held at *Brackley* in *Northamptonshire*, where he had some affront offered to him by *Will. de Valence* the King's brother, who being an Alien, had got *Richard* Earl of *Gloucester* to side with him, by which means the English were much insulted over.

In 34 *H. 3.* he had a Charter^k of *Free Warren* granted to him in all his demesne lands here. In 44 *H. 3.* he had Summons^l, with divers other great men, to be at *Shrewsbury*, upon the Feast day of the blessed Virgins *Nativity*, well furnished with Horse and Armes to march against *Lewelin* Prince of *Wales* and his Complices; and the next ensuing year, he had the like command to^m be at *London*, the morrow after the Feast of *Simon and Jude*. In 45 *H. 3.* he had an Annuityⁿ of xxx. marks per an. granted to him by the King, out of the Exchequer, untill better provision should be made for him. In 47 *H. 3.* he had again Summons^o to be at *Warwick* on the Feast of Saint *Peter ad Vincula* with Horse and Armes to resist *Lewelin ap Griffith*, above specified, with the power of the Welch, as also the like command^p to be at *Oxford* about Midlent, the next ensuing year: And was a Benefactor to the Friars of *Whelesford*, in this County, by the grant^q of certain lands lying here in *Solihull*, at a place called *Hundeshale*. This *William* bore^r for his Armes *Argent a Fesse with two Mulletts in chief Gules*, and left issue *William* and *Nicholas*.

Which *William* in 47 *H. 3.* had Summons^s to be

b Domesd lib.

c Regist. S. Albani in bibl. Cotton.

d Cart. 26. H. 3. m. 5.

e Pat. 26. H. 3. in d. f Claus. 27. H. 3. m. 1.

g M. Pa. rif. p. 769. l. 3.

h Pat. 33. H. 3. m. 9.

i M. Pa. rif. ut supra.

k Cart. 34. H. 3.

l Claus. 44. H. 3. in d. m. 9.

m Claus. 45. H. 3. in d. m. 3.

n Pat. 45. H. 3. m. 11.

o Claus. 47. H. 3. in d. m. 7.

p Pat. 48. H. 3. in d. in ced.

q Pat. 3. E. 3. p. 2. m. 8. per. Insp.

r Ex autog. penes D. G. Cap. Lich.

s Claus. 47. H. 3. in d. m. 13.

2 Lib. rub. f. 233. b.

a Ex vii. membr. in Libl. Hatton.

be at **Hereford**, upon the Munday next after the Feast of the Purification of our Lady, with Horse and Armes to resist the power of the before mentioned **Lewelin ap Griffith**; and in 5 E. 1. was again employed into **Wales** for the King's service. In 11 E. 1. he was a "Kt. In 13 E. 1. he claimed a **Court Leet**, Gallows, Tumbrell, with Affize of Bread and Beer, in this Lordship, by prescription, together with a **Mercate** and **Fair**, as also **Toll**, for which he produced K. H. 3. Charter, and had allowance of them accordingly. In 16 E. 1. he was employed into **Ireland** upon the K's. service: and having founded a **Chantry**, here at **Solihull**, in the

Chapell of S. **Alphage** (as I shall further shew anon) departed this life in 23 E. 1. leaving **Edm.** his son and heir, and four daughters; which **Edm.** dyed within a few months after, so that those his 4 sisters became his heirs to this Inheritance; whereof **Ida**, the eldest, married to **Joh. de Clinton** (a branch of the **Clintons** of **Colwall**) **Alice**, first to **Maurice de Cauntton** (who was slain in **Ireland** taking part with the Rebels there) and afterwards to **Raph de Perham**; **Ela**, first to Sir **Peter de Bermingham** Kt. and next to Sir **Eustace le Poer**, and **Marg.** to **John de Grey** of **Rotherfield**.

In a private grant of some land, lying within

Hugo de Odingfells 15 Joh. Basilia soror & hæres Joh. de Limefi.

Rad. de Limefi-Johanna-Will. de Odingfells
14 E. 1. 14 E. 1. 26 H. 3.

Gerardus de Odingfells de Ichinton, defunctus
50 H. 3.

Nich. de Odingfells de Fosshaw
24 E. 1.

Will. de Odingfells miles, ob. - Ela filia Will. Longspe secundi,
23 E. 1. [Comitis Sarum.

Will. de Agnes fil.
Odingfells 6
E. 2.

Joh. de Grey
de Rother
feld defun-
ctus 5 E. 2.

Marga-
reta 5
E. 2.

D. Petrus
de Ber-
ming-
ham.

Ela, secundo
nupta Eusta-
chio le Poer,
de Caun-
ton.

Alicia ux. - Rad. de
Mauritii Perham
maritus defun-
ctus 5
E. 2.

Rad. de
Ioh. de Ida primoge-
nita filiarum
& cohær. 5.
E. 2.

Edm. de
Oding-
fells ob.
f.p.

Joh. de Grey
obit 33 E. 3.

Joh. de Bermingham
Co. de Loveth.

David de
Cauntton.

Ioh. de
Clinton.

Will. de Clinton Comes
Huntendon ob. f.p.

Nich. de Odingfells-Ioana.
10 R. 2.

Ioh. de Grey æt. 30 an. 33 E. 3.

Iohannes Wal-Margareta fil. & hæres.
de cif.

Alicia ux. Ioh. Boteler.

Anna ux. Tho. Burdet.

Ioh. Deincourt miles
1 H. 4.

Rob. Grey defun-
ctus 12 R. 2.

Eliz. (filia & una hæ. Will. de la
Planch) relicta Ioh. de Berningh. mil.

Iohanna propinq. hæres Ric. Grey mil.
æt. 13. 1 H. 4.

Margareta ux. Rad. Cromwell domini de Tat-
thall 2 H. 6.

Alicia filia & cohær. ux. Will. domini Lovel & de Holand 2 H. 6.

this Town, (dated 34 E. 1.) it is said to be *infra* **Burgum de Solihull**; but this Title of **Burgum**, attributed thereto, signifies no more, than that it was *Villa insignior*, a Countrey town of more than ordinary note, and not fortified as the word **Burgum** doth commonly import. In 7 E. 2. upon an Agreement betwixt **Ela** the widow of Sir **Peter de Bermingham**, and **Raph de Perham**, two parts of this town were settled upon the said **Raph** for his life; but afterwards to remain to the said **Ela**, and her heirs: which **Peter** and **Raph** were in 9 E. 2. certified to be Lords thereof. But I suppose it should have been **Ela** the widow of **Peter de Bermingham**, with **Raph de Perham**, because **Peter** was dead before. This **Peter** being a younger son (as I guess) to **Will. de Bermingham** (as when I come to that place shall be shewed) had issue, by the same **Ela**, **John de Bermingham** (as it should seem) who immediately upon his advancement to the Earldome of **Lobeth** in **Ireland**, past away this Lordship, with the advowson of the Church, unto **John Hethum** Bishop of **Ely** and his heirs; unto which Bishop, the next year following, did **Philip Purcel** and **Ela** his wife, likewise grant their estate herein (the same **Ela** being a daughter to **Ela de Bermingham**, by one of her husbands, as I think) whereupon the said Bishop obtained a Charter from the K. bearing date at **Westm.** 23 Febr. 13 E. 2. for a weekly **Mercate** here upon the Wednesday, and a **Fair** once every year for 3. days, beginning upon the Eve of S. **Peter ad Vincula**, commonly called **Lammastide**. Which makes me guess

that the **Mercate** upon the same day, and the **Fair** at the Feast of S. **Alphage**, granted to **Will. de Odingfells** in H. 3. time (as I have shewed) were by discontinuance, either come to nothing, or else that the time for keeping of that **Fair**, viz. 19 Apr. was found somewhat inconvenient: And in 1 E. 3. obtained a Charter for **free warren** in all his demesne lands here, as also at **Thorpe Constantine** in **Staffordsh.** Afterwards within a short time, I find that the Inhabitants of this Lordship, joining with the Inhabitants of **Kings-Poxton**, and **Werdly in com. Wigorn.** for throwing down a certain Ditch, which **Roger de Mortimer** Earl of **March** had made in **Kings-Poxton** Wood, wherein those towns had Common of pasture, for all manner of Cattell throughout the whole year, were prosecuted sharply by the said Earl, who brought a Triall against them, by **Nisi prius**, at **Bromesgrave**, before **Henry de Hambury**, then one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas: Which laid Inhabitants fearing the Earls greatness and power, durst not appear to challenge the Jurie; so that he had CCC^{li} given him for damages against them: But it so fell out, that in 3 E. 3. this mighty man, being seized upon by the King at **Pottingham** Castle, and by a Parliament, there held, condemn'd for Treason, was put to death, whereby all his possessions became confiscate; insomuch as the Inhabitants before specified, petitioned the K. that he would be gracious unto them in forbearing to proceed to Judgment upon that Verdict; whereupon he was pleased to remit thereof CCxvi li. xiii s. iii d.

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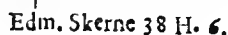
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On the South part of the Church.

Orate pro animabus Ricardi Grelmold

quorum Animabus propitiatur deus Amen.



Armen et Morte spiritus eius. Qui quidem Ricardus obiit

die Septembrii 1577 in aetate annorum 34



Here lyeth the bodies of Thomas Grelmold
of Billhill in the county of Warr. gent.
and of Anne Jane. and Isabell his
Wives. W^{ch} Thomas decessed the viijth
day of July 1577
He had issue by Alice his first
Wife one sonne and seven daughters
Whom God grant a ioyfull resurrection.

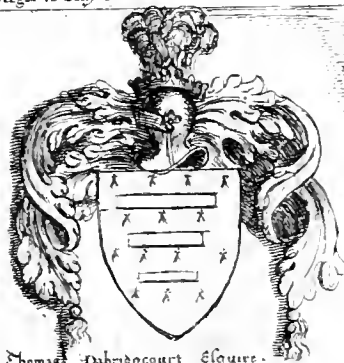
On the South wall



The corps of Thomas Dabridgecourt Esquire
Lambred here you see
Here rests his body, his soule in heaven.
Belieft undoubtedly
His life his death his faith and hope
Are testimonies true
God grant that many such as he
Amongst vs may endure.



Alice Dabridgecourt dead and gone
A Protestant most pure
A godly sinner of her house
A friend unto the poore
By vowing life the lewd to see
By death to live againe
Though her body lye here her soule no doubt
w^{ch} Christ in heauen shall reigne,



Thomas Dabridgecourt Esquire.
departed this life the
viijth of May 1577.



Alice Dabridgecourt eldest & sister
and coheire of Rich. Grelmold
departed this life the xijth of
Febr 1599.

Monumentall Inscriptions
in the Church.

Upon a plate of brasfe fixt on a marble gravestone
lying in the North Ile.

*Hic humatur cum parentibus
Johannes bottler olim caudidicus
Pontis Februarit mundo ademptus
Cujus animam suscipiat altitronus
Anno domini MCCCCCxi. Amen.*

On an Alabafter stone whereon is the portraiture
of a man in his gowne.

*Here lieth the body of Henry Huggesford of
Solithull gent. deceased the xiiith of November in
the year of our Lord God 1592.
To whom the Lord grant a joyful resurrection
Amen,*

Upon a tablet fixed in the North wall of the
Church, are the portraitures of a man, and his
wife. with 4 sons and 4 daughters, and this
Inscription.

1610.

*William Hawes Ursula Coles
at. 80. at. 76.*

*Here William Hawes and Ursula his wife
Their bodies, lye their soules with Christ in life,*

*Whose holy Spirit did so direct their wayes,
That in his Fear they lived to aged dayes;
In endlesse joy with Christ they now remain,
By whose blood all salvation do obtain.*

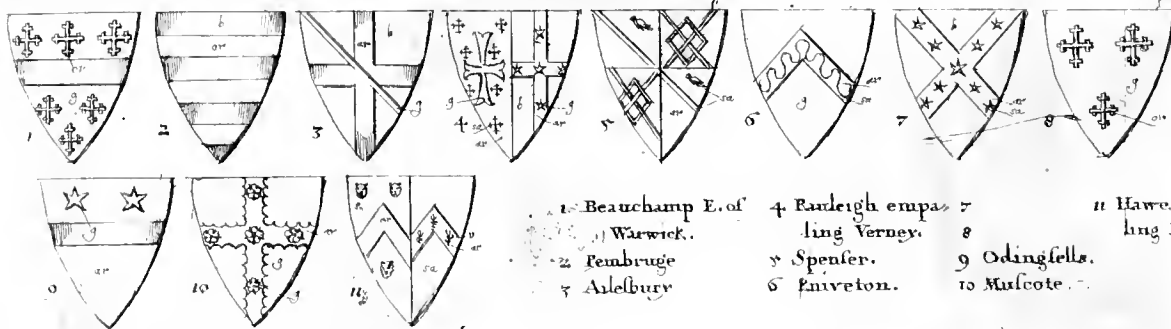
Upon a marble tombe-stone in the body of the
Church, whereon are portraitures in brasfe.

*Of your charity pray for the soules of William
Hill gent. and for Isabell and Agnes his wives,
Which William deceased the vi. day of Decem-
ber in the year of our Lord God MCCCCCxiij,
On whose soules Jesu have mercy, Amen,*

On an Alabafter gravestone in
the Chancell.

*Willielmus Plasted & soror ejus Elizabetha Plasted,
alter natus annos sex, & menses duos, altera nata
annos octo & menses decem, uterq; optima spei ado-
lescentes, uno & eodem morbo vitam finierunt,
consepulti 7 Sept. An. 1591.*

Solithull.
Armes in the Windows of the Church.



The Chantry.

d Ex vet.
exempl. pe-
nēs p. r. f.
S. A.

There was a Chantry founded^d in E. 1. time
by Sir Will. de Odingfells Kt. for one Priest to ce-
lebrate Divine service for ever in this Church, for
the health of the soules of Will. de Odingfells and
Joane his wife, father and mother to the said Sir
Will. as also for his own soul, with the soules of his
progenitors, Children, and all the faithfull de-
ceased: for maintenance of which Priest, he gave,
with the consent of Joan his mother, and Raph de
Limesi, then her husband, certain Houses and land
situate near to St. Alphag's Well, within this
Lordship, and iii li. yearly Rent, payable by fe-
verall of his Tenants here, whose names are ex-
prest in the grant. Which Priest was successively
to be presented by the said Sir Will. and his heirs to
the Bishop of Cobentre and Lich, for the time be-
ing, and by him to be instituted to the said Chantry.
In augmentation of whose maintenance, the said
Raph de Limesi, and Joane his wife, gave 5

marks yearly Rent issuing out of certian lands ly-
ing in Cotes (now called Coton) and perston
juxta Kingsbury, in 5 E. 1.

To this Chantry in H. 4. time, did likewise
Will. Hawe, and others, give^f one Messuage and
xl. acres of land, lying also here in Solithull, called
Caldeford's Tenement, to the end that the Chan-
try-Priest for the time being, should celebrate Di-
vine Service for the soules of Hugh le De-Spenser
and Sibill his wife, before specified: but the grant
being made without License obtained from the K.
the said lands became forfeited, and were in 14 H. 4.
bestowed upon John Birkyn, one of the yeomen of
the Larder to the K. to hold during life.

How the means belonging hereunto, came to be
so diminished, appears not; but in 16 H. 6. upon
the addition of Lx s. more, yearly Rent, by one
Thomas Greswold, it appears^g, that the mainte-
nance was so slender, that no Priest did then serve
therein; which Annuity he the said Thomas gave,
that the Priest officiating there, should sing
Masse

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e Efc. 9. E.
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Mass every day for the good estate of the said K. H. 6. and of the same *Thomas Greswold*, and for their souls after their departure hence; as also for the souls of the Father and mother of the said *Thomas*, and all the Benefactors thereunto: So that in 26 H. 8. the valueⁿ thereof was found to be *Cxxiii s.* per. an. over and above *xviii s.* yearly Rent, payd out of it to severall persons: and in 37 H. 8. vi. l. xvi s. vi. d. per. an. over and above all Reprizes; at which time the Chantrie Priest serving here, did, upon occasion, assist the Parson in ministering the Sacraments; in regard that the Parish was spacious, and contained 700 Communicants.

This Chantrie was calledⁿ the Chantrie of *Haltwell*; the reason whereof I conceive to be, because the Houses given thereto, by Sir *Will. de Odingfells*, at the first Foundation thereof, did stand near *S. Alphage his Well*: but it wasⁿ in a Chapel on the North side of the Church of *Solihull*, called *libera Capella S. Alphagi*.

One thing more I shall observe, before I passe from this Church; viz. that in 13 E. 3. one *Will. de Stow* a Priest, and Parson of *Solihull*, gave^m xii acres of land, and six acres of meadow, to the succeeding Rectors here, for the finding of two wax Candles burning therein every day, at the celebration of Masse, and two Torches alwayes, at the elevation of the Host.

Olton.

This, through the corrupt pronounciation of the vulgar, is now called *Oken end*; but that it had its name after the plantation at *Solihull*, is apparent enough from what I have formerly said; that of *Wolberle* being waived, and thereupon called the *Old-town*. But by this new name of *Olton*, I find no mention of it till 19 E. 1. upon the extentⁿ of the lands belonging to *Roger de Someri* Baron of *Dudley*, who was then certified to have one meadow and a pasture here at that time: and in 23 E. 1. it appears, that *Ela de Odingfells* was jointly enfeoffed thereof, with *William de Odingfells* her husband, in which Record it is called *Manerium de Dalton*. After which, upon the partition of *Odingfells* lands, betwixt the daughters and coheirs, it came to *Grey of Rotherfeld*, who wedded *Margaret*, as the Descent sheweth: for in 2 H. 4. after the death of Sir *Robert Grey of Rotherfeld* Knight, *Joane* his daughter and heir, then the wife of Sir *John Deincourt* Knight, had liveryⁿ thereof: From whom it descended to *Alice* one of the daughters and coheirs of the said Sir *John Deincourt*, and *Joan* the wife of Sir *Will. Lovell* Knight, who in her right diedⁿ seized of it in 33 H. 6. leaving Sir *John Lovell* Knight his son and heir, 22. years of age: which *Alice* afterwards marriedⁿ to Sir *Raphe Boteler* Knight, who by a Fine levied in 6 E. 4. entailedⁿ it upon the issue of his body, by her the said *Alice*; with remainder to *Anne* the wife of Sir *Remfride Arundell* Knight, and the heirs of her body, and for want of such issue to the right heirs of *Alice*.

Of this Lady *Arundell* I findⁿ, that she married afterwards to *Robert Crane* Esquire, and that in 5 H. 8. she demised it to *Catherine Boteler*, widow, for xx. years. But in 33 H. 8. *Henry Ogard* Esq. wasⁿ Lord thereof; and since that (as I have heard) one *M^r Oliver Briggs* a *Schopsire*

man, who sold it to *M^r Middlemore* of *Esgebaston*.

Fosham.

This being within the territories of *Solihull*, and antiently a member thereof, was, towards the later end of H. 3. or beginning of E. 1. time, givenⁿ by *William de Odingfells* unto *Nicholas* his younger son, and his heirs; and is, in that grant, bounded with *Tanworth* on the one side, *Kings-Poxton* on the other, *Wesley* on a third, and a great road-way leading from *Witewrthe-milne*, towards the Earl of *Warwick's* wood in *Tanworth*; reserving to the said *William* and his heirs, one penny to be yearly payd at the Feast of *S^t Michael* the Archangell for all services and demands whatsoever. By which deed was there also granted unto the same *Nicholas*, and his heirs, a Court-Leet of all the said *William's* Tenants inhabiting within those precincts; paying yearly to him and his heirs for the same, a pound of Cummin seed at the next Court, after *Michaelmasse*, to be held at *Solihull*.

From whom descended another *Nicholas*, Lord thereof in 10 R. 2. who boreⁿ for his Armes the antient coat of *Odingfells* of *Solihull*, viz. *Arg. a Fesse gules, with two Mallets of the second in cheif*, and the addition of three Escalops upon the Fesse, in which year there was a Fineⁿ levied thereof, by one *Richard atte Rynding* and *Elizabeth* his wife, to the said *Nicholas* and *Joane*, and the heirs of *Nicholas*, with warrantie against the same *Elizabeth*, and her heirs; whereby it should seem, that she was an Inheritrix. To which *Nich.* and *Joane* succeeded *Margaret* their daughter and heir, wife to *John Waldeif* Esquire, which *John Waldeif* had issue by her two daughters and heirs, scil. *Alice* married to *John Boteler*, and *Anne* to Sir *Thomas Burdet* of *Arrow* Knight. Which Sir *Thomas*, together with Sir *Nicholas Burdet* Knight, *Richard Hubaud* Esquire and others, in 15 H. 6. releasedⁿ to the said *John Waldeif*, and the same *Margaret*, all their right therein.

But it afterwards came to *Burdet* again, though how I am not sure; for certain it is, that *Richard Burdet*, of *Arrow* before specified, was seizedⁿ of it; and that Sir *Hugh Conway* Knight, who married *Joyce* his widow, held it in 19 H. 7. for the life of the said *Joyce*, as her Jointure; but afterwards it descended to *Anne* the daughter and heir of the said *Richard*, wife of *Edward Conway* Esquire, which *Edward* diedⁿ seized thereof in 38 H. 8. leaving issue *John* 35. years of age, and afterwards knighted. Here hath been antiently a kind of Park, and a Warren, which had the reputationⁿ of a Chase in *Richard Burdet's* time; but there is no more memoriall of the Mannour-house, than a double old moate of a large extent, a Coppice-wood now growing where the House stood.

Widenay.

This is an antient Mannour, though not a Village, what ever it hath been formerly; the first mention thereof, that I find, being about the beginning of H. 3. time, one *Philip de Cumtune* then grantingⁿ to *William de Parles*, his Kinsman, and his heirs *Lx.* acres of land here, which

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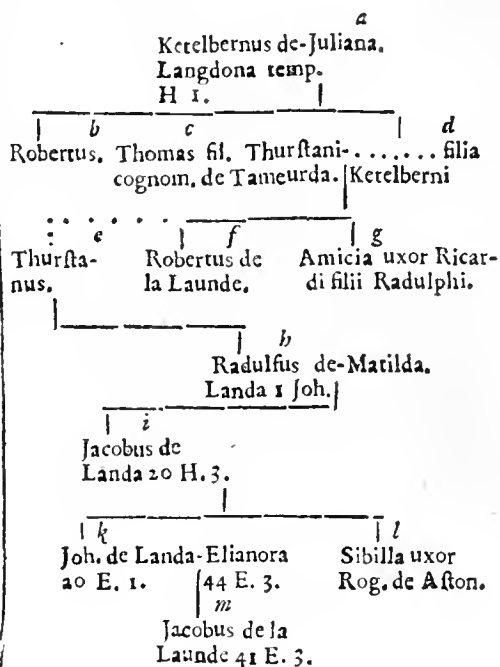
which are set out by certain metes and bounds: But the quantity I conceive to be much more than we now allow for Acres; for the words of the grant are *per magnam mensuram de Arderne*, in which Deed it is written *Walthenhal*, and the Rent reserved thereupon, *x s. per annum*, in lieu of all secular service and demand. From this *William de Parles* descended another *William*, who in *E. 1.* time, granted to *Walter de Aylesbury* all this his land at *Wydenhap*; which, as his Deed^f importeth, was before past to him from Sir *William Bagot*: So that it seems, that Sir *William Bagot* (then of *Hide juxta Stafford*) was the Chief Lord thereof: by whose grant to the said *Walter*, is reserved onely one Roſe yearly at the Feaſt of the Nati- vity of *S. John Baptiſt*, to be payd to him and his heirs for all ſervices. Which *Walter* in *13 E. 1.* obtained a Charter^g of *Free Warren* in all his demeſn lands here; whoſe poſteritie, ſeated at *Copſton* (now called *Coſton*) in this Countie, continued owners thereof, as long as the male line laſted, *John de Ailesbury* in *17 H. 6.* having a Patent^h for confirmation of the ſaid *Free Warren*, ſo granted as aboveſaid. But by *Joane* a daughter and heir of *Ailesbury*, it came to *Somerville* in *H. 7.* time (as in *Coſton* is ſhewed) and by the attainderⁱ of *John Somerville* Eſquire, in *Q. Eliz.* time, ſeichaeted to the Crown.

Langdon.

This place takes its name from the riſing ground, on the South ſide whereof it is ſituate; which lying in length like a ridge, was called *Langdone*, or *Langdune*, *id eſt* the long Hill. In the Con- queror's time one *Almar* held^k it of *Turchill de Warwick*, it being then certified to contain two hides and a half, valued at *xx s.* having Woods of one mile in length, and half a mile in breadth. But in *H. 1.* time, one *Chetilbernus* poſſeſſed it, by the grant of *Siward de Arden*, ſon to *Turchill* be- fore mentioned: which *Chetilbern* is written^l *Chetilbernus homo Siwardi*, and ſometimes^m *Ketelbernus de Langdona*, being not onely a Tenant to the ſame *Siward*, but his ſervant in the Officeⁿ of Sewer. This *Chetilbern* had a ſon called *Robert*, who died, as it ſeems, without iſſue; for the poſteritie of his daughter inherited his lands, and aſſumed the ſurname of *Launde*, or *de la Laund*, though from what place I am not ſure: the Chri- ſten name of which daughter appears not; but ſhe was the wife of one *Thomas fil. Thurſtani*, called alſo *Thomas de Tamewuda*: 'Tis like that he lived at *Lamworth*, and was a Retainer to the *Alar- mions* there; for his poſteritie were owners of a place called *Stretford*, lying near *Faleſep-byſog*, upon *Watling-ſtreet* (near *Lamworth*) as alſo this of *Lea juxta Perſton* in this Hundred, both *Marmion's* fee.

Of theſe I find that in *37 H. 3.* *James de Lande* had (*inter alia*) a Charter^o of *Free Warren* in all his demeſn lands here; and paſt away his eſtate in this place, to one *Gilbert de Kirkeby*, with the advouſon of the Nunnery of *Benwood* (of his An- ceſtors Foundation). For the ſaid *Gilb.*^p granted the Capitall Meſſuage, or Mannour place here, with all the lands thereto belonging, and ſervices of Freeholders & others, together with the Patronage of that Religious Houſe, unto *William de Arden*

and his heirs, for which he had *Cxl.* marks of ſil- ver; reſerving to the ſaid *James*, whom he calls *Capitalis Dominus feodi*, and his heirs, all ſuch ſervices that were of right due for the ſame. Of which *William de Arden* and his Family, I pur- poſe to ſpeak in *Hampton in Arden*, where I ſhall more fully ſhew, how much of their inheritance was diſpoſed of to Queen *Elanore*, by *John le Lou* and *Amice* his wife, one of the heirs to *Richard* his grandſon.



And though this Mannour of *Langdon* be not particularly mentioned therein, yet do I believe that it then paſt to her, as lying within *Solihull*, which is there expreſſed; for the Plea^q Roll of *46 E. 3.* directly aſſirms as much. And in *20 E. 1.* upon that grant^r made by the King to the Monks of *Weſtmiſter*, of divers Mannours ſituate in this and other Counties, to the intent that they ſhould ſolemnize the Anniverſarie of the ſaid Queen *Elanore*, then deceaſed (as in *Knoll* ſhall be farther maniſeſted) this of *Langdon* is one of the number, which in *22 E. 1.* was certified^s to be held by the Abbot of *Weſtmiſter* of *John* the ſon and heir of *James de la Lande*, rendring to him yearly five marks of ſilver; and that the ſaid *John* held it of *Walter de Winterton* in *Capite*, by the thirtieth part of a Knights fee. Upon the diſſolution of which Abby, in *20 H. 8.* there was firſt^t a Dean and Prebendaries ſetled, but ſoon after^u a Biſhop; who being ſhortly removed, the whole City of *Weſtmiſter* and Countie of *Glouceſter* were added^v to the Dioces of *London*, *Nicholas Ridley*, then Biſhop, poſſeſſing this Mannour; which (it ſeems) with ſome other lands, that had belong'd to the Abby of *Weſtmiſter*, were granted^x to him.

But ere long after, it came to *John Greſwold*, and by *Alice*^y his eldeſt daughter, and one of the coheirs to her brother *Richard*, to *Thomas Dabridgecourt* (deſcended by a younger branch, as their Pedegree ſheweth) from the famous *Sanchio Dabridgecourt*, one of the Founders of the moſt noble Order of the Garter: which *Thomas*, having been a Juſtice^z of Peace in this Countie, from *16 Eliz.* for many years, and high^a Shiriff of the Shire in *29 Eliz.* died^b *12 Maii 43 Eliz.* leaving iſ- ſue^c by the ſaid *Alice*, four daughters, his heirs;

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g Cart. 13.
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h Pat. 17.
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i Pat. 33.
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k Domeſd.
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l Reg. de
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viz. Katherine married to John Fullwood of **Ford Hall**, Anne to Thomas Hugford of **Henwood**, Christian to William Belcher of **Gillsborough** in **Northamptonshire**; and Grace, first to William Cartwright, and afterwards to William Dabridgecourt. Which John Fullwood had issue by the same Catherine, divers daughters and heirs, as in **Ford Hall** is shewed; whereof Frances married to Will. Noell of **Willesborough** in **Com. Leic.** Esquire, whose posteritie, as part of her inheritance, do still enjoy it.

Henwood.

THIS place, being originally a part of **Langdone**, last spoken of, was about the beginning of King **H. 7.** reign, given by **Ketelberne**, then owner of that Lordship, to the Nuns of **Estwell**; for so was the Monasterie, upon its first foundation called, being built near a fair Spring lying Eastward of the said **Langdone**, and dedicated to **S^t. Margaret**. Which **Ketelberne**, by his Charter, whereby he so disposed of it, set forth the metes and bounds thereof, as followeth: viz. from the Ditch called **Winewodshed**, by **Marrewell**, to **Coleford**; and thence along the River **Blithe**, to the confluence thereof with **Perreboch**; and ascending **Perreboch** till it meet with **Rodboch**; and from thence to the head of the said **Rodboch**; and so by the midit of **Timbleseage**, unto the Ditch called **Winewodshed**, excepting **Pachellingewich**: Granting likewise unto them a Free Court, with all Customes and Liberties, in as ample manner as he the said **Ketelberne** had his own Court, with Customes and Liberties, from **Hugh de Arden** his superiour Lord: And pasturage for all their Cattell, Horses, Sheep, Goats, and Hogs, in every place where his own used to feed, without paunage, or any custome at all to be paid for them: And in defect of any of his own, that theirs might depasture where his should be, in case he had any. And moreover gave them power to take timber in **Langdon-wood**, for the structure of their Church, and other buildings; with leave to erect a Mill, wheresoever they could find a fit place, upon any part of their land, his lying opposite thereto.

But afterwards the name of **Estwell** growing out of use, it came to be called **Hean-wood**, by reason of the tall Oakes there growing, the word **hean** in our old English signifying *high*. Unto these Nuns, which were of **S. Benedicts** Rule, did Pope **Gregory** the ix. in **Anno 1228.** (12 **H. 3.** confirm all such Tithes as they had obtained within the precincts of **Solihull**, together with the rest of their possessions, whereof I shall here exhibit a short view, with the Donors names; viz. one yard land in **Rodburne**, by **William de Arden**, given to them about the beginning of **H. 2.** reign, as may seem by the confirmation thereof, made by **Walter** Bishop of **Chester**; as also the advowson of the Church, which was appropriated to them by **G. Muschamp** Bishop of **Cobentre** in King **John's** time. To these did **Ralph de Lande** adde all his Land and Wood called **Habekeleard**, with a Mill situate upon the River of **Blithe** (now called **Henwood-Mill**): And **James de la Lande**, his son; certain lands and Houses lying in that part of **Langdon** called **Suthey**. As also **Roger de**

Camvill an Annuite of *viii s.* issuing out of lands in **Syustoke**, in this Countie, which in his grant are particularly named.

In 33 **E. 1.** the Abbot of **Westminster** bestowed on them *xv.* Acres of Watte, belonging to his Mannour of **Longdome** before specified: and in 4th **E. 3.** **Richard de Feure** of **Brandon** two Me^{ss}. *xxx.* acres and half of land, *xii.* acres of Meadow, and *xxviii s. iv d.* Rent, lying in **Wetford**, **Church-Lawford**, **Stretton**, **Winstethorpe**, **Merton** *juxta* **Lalleford**; and **Wetford** *juxta* **Marwick**.

And besides these inferior persons, I find that King **Ric. 2.** was likewise a Benefactor to them, granting the advowson of the Church of **Choleton de Determore** to this House, in 22. of his reign: So also King **Henry 4th** who gave them the perpetuall patronage of the Church of **Everdon**, in **Northamptonshire**, in the first year of his reign: both which Churches were appropriated by Pope **Innocent** the vii. in anno 1404. (5 **H. 4.**) by whose Bull it appears, that the Church of **Wikenhall** in this Countie, was united to this Monasterie at the very first Foundation thereof; and that at the time of the appropriation made of the Churches before specified, the Nuns of this Covent were *xii.* in number.

But it being one of the small Monasteries (for in 26 **H. 8.** the yearly revenues belonging thereto, were certified at no more than *xxi li. ii s. ob.*) it was dissolved by the Statute of 27 **H. 8.** whereupon **Joane Hugford**, the then Prioresse, had an Annuite of *iii li. vi s. viii d.* granted to her for life: After which, scil. in 31 **H. 8.** the King by his Letters Patent, dated 25, **Febr.** in consideration of *CCvii li. v s.* granted to **John Higford** and his heirs the site thereof, and divers lands thereto belonging, lying within the Parishes of **Solihull** and **Knoll**, in this Countie, to be held in Capite by the twentieth part of a Knight's Fee, paying *xxiii s. i d.* yearly to the King his heirs and successors in the name of a Tenth: which **John**, being descended from the **Hugfords** of **Comescote**, (of whom I have spoke) by **William Hugford** of **Winstethorpe**, a younger son of that Family, having so obtained it, pulled down the Church, transform'd the House, and seated himself thereat: To whom succeeded **John** his son and heir, and to him likewise another **John**, who sold it to **M^r. William Spooner** in our memory.

Patroni.

Priorisse de Henwood.

D. Margareta le Corzon, post cessionem D. Kath. Boydin, An. 1310.	Langt. f. 35. b.
D. Milifanda de Fokerham 3. Cal. Apr. 1339.	Northb. f. 34. b.
D. Johanna Fokerham 11. Cal. Sept. 1349.	1b f. 52. a.
Alianora de Stoke, post mortem D. Johanna de Pichford 20. Apr. 1392.	Sk. f. 7. b.
D. Jocosia Midlemore An. 1400.	Regist. de Knoll f. 42. a.
Joccia Midlemore 8. Jan. 1438.	Heyw. f. 37. a.
D. Alicia Waringe Anno 1460.	Regist. de Knoll f. 42. a.
D. Eliz. Pulney Anno 1498.	1b f. 84. a.

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D. Alicia Hugford 26.
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D. Johanna Hugford 28.
H. 8.

In this Parish of **Solihull**, have lived severall Families of ancient Gentlemen, viz. **Boteler**, **Greswold**, and **Waring**; which last still continues. Of **Boteler**, **Richard**, was the first of whom I find any certainty, viz. in 8. H. 4. who had issue **John**, a Lawyer, afterwards of **Elmedon**, where his posterity continued for some descents; so that I shall reserve what I have further to say of him, and them, till I come to that place.

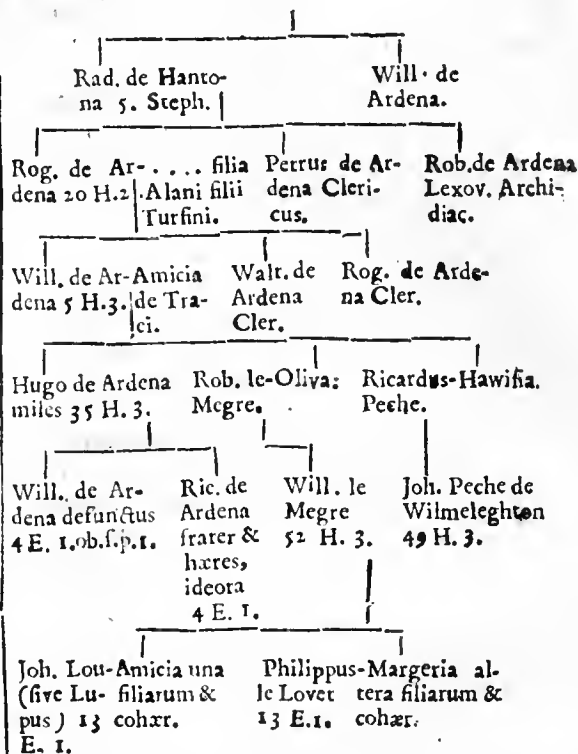
Of **Greswold**, the first that I have seen mentioned, by any authentique authority, was **Richard Greswold**, who died before 13 H. 4. And the next, **Thomas**, recorded in 12 H. 6. amongst those persons of quality in this County, which were sworn to observe the Articles concluded upon in the Parliament then held. Which **Thomas** in 16 H. 6. having the custody of the Mannour of **Solihull**, together with **Sheldon**, committed to him (then seized into the King's hands upon the death of **Edward Duke of York**) augmented the allowance for support of the **Chanrie**-Priest at **Solihull**, and was a Justice of Peace in this Countie, from 21. till 36 H. 6. From whom descended **John Greswold** of **Langdon Hall**, before mentioned.

I am not certain how long the **Warings** have resided in this Parish; for the first mention that I meet with of them here, is in 21 H. 7. their seat being called **Berry-Hall**: but anciently they lived within the precincts of **Tanworth**, for I often find them stiled of that place, and that **Joan Waryn** in 51 E. 3. was in Commission, with other persons of quality in this Countie, for assessing a Subsidie of Pole-money, viz. *in d.* upon every head: So also in 2 R. 2. for collecting a Subsidie then granted; and in 7 R. 2. for assessing and gathering the half of a Tenth and Fifteenth. To whom succeeded **Thomas Waring** of **Toneworth**, one of those in this Countie, sworn to perform the Articles concluded on in the Parliament of 12 H. 6. being then stiled **Armiger**. Of which Family was likewise the **Ladie Alice Waring** Prioresse of **Henwood** in 38 H. 6. But to trace down their descent particularly, I shall not need, in regard they continue posselt of their antient lands to this day, having much adorn'd their House by matching with divers very good Families; viz. **Butler** of **Elmedon**, **Hubard** of **Ipoley**, **Baskerville** of **Cresley** in **Com. Hereford**, **Hugford** of **Henwood**, and **Middlemore** of **Esgebaston**, bearing for their Armes *Azure a Cheveron betwixt 3. Lions passant Or.*

Hampton in Arden.

BEing now past the precincts of **Solihull**, I come next to **Hampton in Arden** (on the Western bank of **Blithe**) in which parish are these severall Villages and Hamlets, *scil.* **Pathurst**, **Knoll**, **Balshall**, **Kinwaldsey**, **Widington**, and **Charlesworth**; but all of them, except **Widington**, situate on the other side the River. This, with divers other fair Lordships, being the inheritance of one **Luevinus**, before the Norman Invasion, was dis-

posed of by the Conqueror, to **Geffrey de Wirce** (of whom in **Spenskirby** I have spoke) and by the generall Survey rated at x. hides, there being then a Church, as also a Mill of *xld.* and Woods extending to three miles in lenth, and as much in breadth, all valued at *Cs.* In that Record it is written **Hantone**, which manifesteth that the name was originally occasioned from the situation, **hean** in the Saxon signifying *high*, though by contraction written **Han**, and through corrupt pronunciation **Ham**. But by what I have said in **Spenskirby**, it will appear, that all **Wirce** his lands were conferred on **Nigell de Albani**; which **Nigell** had issue **Roger** surnamed **Moubray**, by whom the **Ardens**, who were Lords of this Mannour, were afterwards enfeoffed thereof.



Of these the first that had to do here, was called **Radulphus de Hamtona**; but whether he were one of the sons to **Turchill de Warwick** (called also **Turchill de Ardena**) of whom I have spoke both in **Warwick**, and **Curdworth**, I dare not absolutely affirm, though his posterity assumed the surname of **Arden**; but do conjecture that he was. Of **W^{ch} Raphe**, I find mention, first in 5. Steph. and lastly, in 33 H. 2. where, being then a Justice Itinerant, he is termed **Radulphus de Ardena**. But cleer enough it is, that though he took his surname from hence, yet he was not absolute owner hereof, nor, indeed, of any more than certain lands called **Chadlesworth**, then reputed as a Member of this Lordship; which lands he purchased of **Roger de Moubray** before mentioned: for the Mannour-house, with the demesns, and advouson of the Church, were first given, by the said **Roger de Moubray**, to **Raph de Hais**, in exchange for certain lands lying in **Spenskirby**: Of which **Raphe**, did **Rob. de Arden**, one of the sons of the said **Raphe**, acquire them, for *L.* marks of silver. This **Robert**, being a Clergie-man, and Archdeacon of **Leicester** in **Spenskirby**, gave all his estate, here, unto **Peter** and **Roger** his brothers. Which **Peter** (a Clerke also) having **Chadlesworth**, before specified, by his Father's gift, disposed of it, and all his share in the rest, unto the same **Roger**; who for confirmation thereof, not only obtained the Charters of **Roger de Moubray**

x Ex autog. pend's Will. No-cl ar.

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z Pat. 12 H. 6. p. 2. m. 25.

a Rot. F. 16 H. 6. m. 5.

b Pat. 16 H. 6. p. 2. m. 19.

c Pat. de iisd. an. in d.

d Regist. Coll. de Knoll f. 143. b.

e Rot. F. 51 E. 3. m. 14.

f Rot. F. 2. R. 2. m. 9.

g Rot. F. 7. R. 2. m. 21.

h Pat. 12 H. 6. p. 2. m. 25.

i Reg. Coll. de Knoll f. 42. a.

k Visit. Com. Warw. 1619.

o Rot. P. de iisd. p. Lan.

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bray above mentioned, and of *Nigel* his son and heir, but of the Bishop of *Lisieux*, together with the Dean and Chapter of that Church, under their publique Seals.

To whom succeeded *William*, and to *William*, *Hugh de Arden*. Which *Hugh* received that Christen name from *Hugh fil. Willielmi*, his God-father (otherwise called *Hugh de Hatton*, of whom in *Hatton* I have spoke) and a kinde token, withall, of his said God-father's love; scil. the *Mill* at *Amington* in this Countie, as also a yard land, lying in that place: in which grant his God-father calls him *Filiolus*, quem de sacro Fonte suscepit; whence it appears, that in times past the God-fathers received the Child out of the Priests hands, as soon as it had been dipt in the Water: which usage was very ancient and perform'd by more than three persons, as it may seem by that constitution of *Hubert* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, in the year 1151. the words whereof are these.—*Statuimus ne in Baptismo plures quam tres suscipiant puerum de sacro Fonte, masculinam duo mares & una mulier, Feminam dua femina & unus mas.*

Nor is it lesse observable, that alluding to that spirituall illumination, whereof *S. Paul* cap. 6. vers. 4. ad *Hebraeos* & cap. 10. v. 32. maketh mention, conveyed unto those which were partakers of this sacred rite, *White garments* were very anciently used thereat: for within two hundred years after our Saviours Nativité, *Dionysius* the *Arcopagite* hath this expression,

—*Amiciunt initiatum vestimentis lucem imitantibus, seu luminis instar resplendentibus: and a little after, thus, &c.*

Deformitas illius (viz. originaria) refingitur illustrata vitâ universis luminiferâ.

And so also *Lights*: for upon the baptizing of divers Jews at *Arbern* by *S. Avitus* Bishop of that Citie, in the year of Christ 579. I find it thus express'd by an approved Author^b

—*Flagrabant cerei, Lampades resulgebant, albebat tota Civitas de grege candido; nec minus fuit urbi gaudium, quam quando Spiritu Sancto descendente super Apostolos Hierusalem videre promeruit.*

And for further illustration of what I have said, take these ensuing testimonies^c;

—*Sacerdos Templum ingressus, induit se Sacerdotalibus vestibus albis & manipulis, accensisq; omnibus luminibus, & accepto thuribulo in Nativitatem pergit. And in his Prayer useth these words — Tibi quæq; Domine complacuit, ut illuminatio vultus tui perpetuo luceat in corde ipsius &c. Indumentum incorruptionis quo amictus est, im pollutum in eo atq; purum ab omni inquinamento conserva. And moreover — Ut illustremur splendore scientie ac pietatis per adventum Spiritus Sancti, Dominum precemur Kyrie eleison. And again — Pro eo qui modo accedit ad sanctam Illuminationem, ejusq; salute Dominum precemur. Kyrie eleison. As also — Ut Filius Lucis & heres aeternorum bonorum renuntietur, Dominum precemur Kyrie eleison. And lastly, — Benedictus Deus qui illuminat & sanctificat omnem hominem venientem in hunc mundum, nunc & semper, & in secula seculorum, Amen.*

Neither was that solemn Ceremonie of *Lights*, (thus anciently in use at the Sacrament of Baptisme) omitted till of late time: for not much

more than 200. years since, the practise thereof did continue, as by this notable instance appeareth^d; *Probatio atatis Johannis fratris & heredis Ricardi de Holland, filii & heredis Johannis de Holland Comitis Huntendonie;*

—*Thomas Coaling examinatus, dicit, quod bene constat ei de atate &c. quia Abbas de Lavelloke, fuit unus Compater dicti Johannis Holland; & vidit quod dictus Abbas dedit predicto Johanni Holland, statim post Baptismum, unum Ciphum aureum, cum circulo aureo, formatum ad modum Lili, cum x lib. auri in eodem cippo; Et Nutrici xx s. Johannes Shaldon Prior de Plymton, alter Compater, dedit ei xx li. auri. Johanna uxor Johannis Pomeray Chivalier portabat dictum Johannem versus Ecclesiam baptizandum; & Joh. Pomeray Chivalier, maritus dictæ Johannæ, & Joh. Dynham Chivalier, dictam Johannam inter se, in brachiis suis, versus dictam Ecclesiam conducebant; Et xxiv. homines portabant xxiv Torcheas, non illuminatas, ante dictum Johannem; quæ quidem Torchea immediate post nomen dicti Johannis datum, illuminata fuerunt.*

And as this venerable and solemne order was anciently used in the baptizing of Children, so were the *Founts* themselves, of old time (of which sort I have observed many) adorn'd with the Images of Saints, to the end that such as were baptized might afterwards have before their Eyes, those whose deeds they were to imitate, as *M^r Cambden*, from *Pontius Paulinus* his Epistle to *Severus*, well observeth: For in the first plantation of Christianity amongst the Gentiles (saith he) such onely as were of full age, after they were instructed in the principles of Christian Religion, were admitted to Baptisme, and that but twice in the year; scil. at *Easter* and *Whitsontide*, except upon urgent necessity, at which time they were attired in white Garments, as is before express'd: Concerning which and all other Ceremonies heretofore used at that sacred rite, see *Joseph. Vicecom. de antiquis Baptismis ritibus.*

But I return. This *Hugh* underwent divers eminent employments. In 21 H. 3. he was^a one of the Justices of Assize in this Countie; and from 22. to 24. inclusive, in^b Commission for the Gaol delivery at *Warwick*. The Eschatorship of this County, he also held^c for divers years (an Office then of great reputation;) but being grown aged, as also a^d Knight, in 34 H. 3. by the mediation of *Walter de Cantilupe* Bishop of *Worcester*, he procured the King to substitute^e another in his room: And the next year following, obtained a^f Charter of *Free warren* in all his demesne lands here, as also in *Knoll*; together with the grant of a *perpetuall* at this his Mannour of *Hampton*, weekly every Tuesday, with an yearly *Faire* for three days; viz. on the Eve, day, and morrow after the Feast of *S. Luke* the Evangelist. This *Hugh* had issue^g *Sir William de Arden* Knight^h, of whom there is little memorable, other than hisⁱ adhering to the rebellious Barons, whose forces being at length scattered, he fled into the Ile of *Arholme* in 50 H. 3. with young *Simon Mountfort*; and there, discerning his case desperate, employed *James de Audley*, a person of great honour, to undertake for his submission unto the *Dictum de Beaufort*; whereupon he was received^k again into the King's favour, and protection.

After which, viz. in 4 E. 1. he died^l, slain, as 'twas suspected, by one *Richard de Lisle*, though

d Esc. 6. H. 5.

Cambd. in Cumberl.

* Imp. Mediolani an. 1615.

a Pat. 21. H. 3. in d. m.

b Pat. de ijsd. an in d.

c Claus. 34. H. 3. m. 13.

d Ex autog. penes D. & Cap. Lich.

e Claus. ut supra.

f Cart. 35. H. 3. m. 12.

g Rot. F. 45. H. 3. m. 6.

h Esc. 46. E. 3. m. 52.

i Pat. 50. H. 3. m. 33.

k Pat. 51. H. 3. m. 16.

l Claus. 4. E. 1. m. 3.

x Ex autog. in bibl. Hatton.

y R. Ho ved. f. 429. b. r. 50.

z Vide Albin. Flac. de Divin. offic. cap. 19.

a Dionys. de Eccl. hierarchia cap. 2.

b Greg. Turon. hist. Franc. lib. 5. cap. 11.

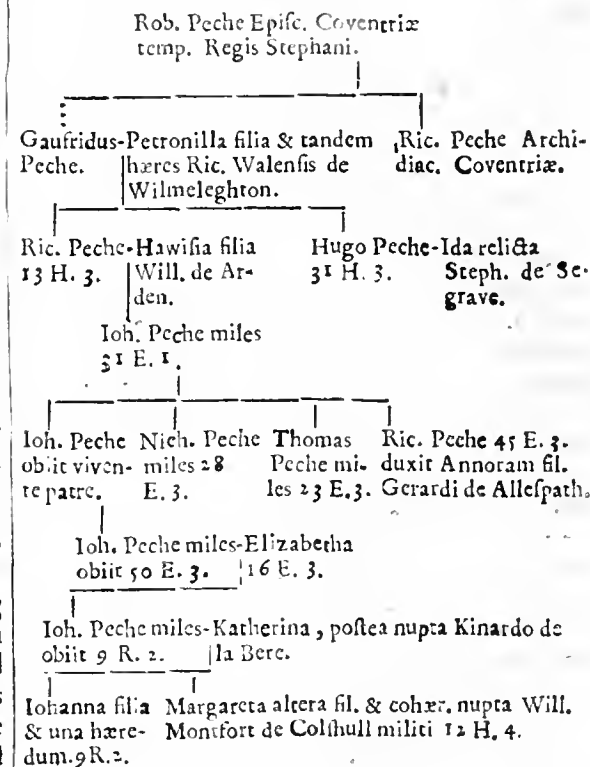
c Ex Euchologio. Patriarcha. li p. 52. & 53.

how, or upon what occasion appears not: which *Richard* being imprisoned at *Shrewsbury* for the fact, found sufficient baile^m, of his neighbours in this Countie, to stand to a lawfull triall at the next Assizes to be held at *Warwick*; viz. *Richard de Whitacre*, *Henry de Sheldon*, *William Fundu*, *Anketill de L'isle*, *Simon de Blagreve*, *Thomas Orbeni*, *William de Sidenhale*, *Raphe de Culi*, *Roger de Buryate*, *Norman le Venour of Episteton*, *Robert de Longasse*, and *Nicholas Nigtingale of Wiltshaw*. By the Inquis. taken after his death it appears, that he had here a Mannour-House, two Gardens, 460. Acres of land, according to the large hundred, a Meadow valued at vii li. xii s. two Parks, one Pool, two Water-Mills, and Fishing in the River of *Blithe*: as also xxxvi. yard land held in Villenage, with vii li. xii s. v d. yearly Rent, due from severall Freeholders in *Wiltwoldesley*, *Didington*, *Elmedon*, *Wikenbull*, *Sheldon*, *Hulverle*, *Donile*, and *Puthurst*: the value of all, excepting the advowson of the Vicaridge, being Lii li. xvi s. v d. Of which two Parks, one lay North-westwards of *Hampton-Church*, wherein, on the outside, very neer to the Church-yard, stood a Mannour-House, as by the moat is still to be seen: but the other, almost a mile and a quarter distant from the same Church, North-west, towards *Elmedon*, (antiently called *Wederichelesley*, in which was a Castle, where the intrenchments do appear, and are still called Castle-hills) lyeth in the Parish of *Wikenbull*, though it be a member of this Lordship.

But upon the death of the said *William de Arden*, without issue (*Richard* his brother being^p heir to the estate, as also within age, and an Ideo: ⁹) the custodie of this Mannour was granted by the King to *Berth. de Sudles* (a person of great quality, as in *Epist.* appeareth) so that the inheritance reverted to the descendants of *Hawisa* and *Oliva*, sisters of *Hugh*, and Aunts to the said *Richard*, as the Descent sheweth; of which, *Amicia*, grandchild to *Oliva*, with Sir *John le Lou* Knight her husband, sold all her right, not onely in this Lordship, but in the rest of the lands hereabouts, as also in *Burton super Swale* in *Yorkshire*, unto King *Edw. 1.* and Queen *Elanore*, in consideration of xxx li. per annum Rent, to be received out of the Mannour of *Newton-Harcourt*, by the said King's assignation, during their naturall lives, and the longer liver of them. Which part so purchased, being the full moytie (for *Margerie* the other sister had the Mannour of *Hund-Burton* in *Yorkshire* allotted to her part) and assigned for the said Queens immediate use, gave opportunity to her Officers to possesse themselves of all the rest; so that Sir *John Peche* Knight, son and heir to *Hawise* before specified, was constrained to sue for his right therein, which at length he recovered, and had livery thereof; and afterwards obtained of the same Queen the other moytie. In whose Family it continued til *Richard 2.* time, and then, by a daughter and heir, came to the *Mountforts* of *Colshill*; by whom it was posselt, till the attainer of Sir *Simon Mountfort* Knight, in 11 H. 7. that it elcheated, with the rest of his lands, to the Crown, as in *Colshill* is shewed.

But before I descend to manifest the same in particulars, I shall here speak historically of *Peches* Family, in regard that this was their principall seat, after the before mentioned Sir *John Peche* became owner of it. This Sir *John Peche* was great

grandchild (out of doubt) to *Rob. Peche* Bishop of *Coventre*, in King *Stephen's* time; for cleer it is, by what I have manifested in *Blackwell*, that *Richard Peche*, son to *Geffrey*, was next heir to *Richard* Archdeacon of *Coventre*, and *Richard* son to that Bishop. But of *Geffrey* I have not much to say, other than that he had *Wilmelegton*, in this Countie, in right of *Petronill* his wife, daughter and at length heir to *Richard Walsh*; nor of *Richard* his son, than that he was a Justice of Assize in this Countie in 13; and 22 H. 3. I shall therefore descend to the before mentioned *John*, who resided at *Wilmelegton* (which came by his grandmother) till this Lordship of *Hampton* devolved to him, as I have exprest.



In October 49 H. 3. (which was soon after that memorable Battail of *Bevesham*) he had the King's speciall Letters^b of protection, to be in force till Whitsontide following; which shews, that he stood loyall at that time: Shortly after which, he wanted not employment in places of publique trust; for from 53 H. 3. till 9 E. 1. inclusive, he was frequently one of the Justices for the Gaol-deliverie at *Warwick*; as also in 16 E. 1. in that Welch expedition, under *Edmund* Earl of *Cornewall*, to whom the King, being then in *France*, had committed the custodie of this Realm during his absence. In 33 E. 1. he was a Knight, In 12 E. 2. in Commission^s for the Gaol-deliverie at *Warwick*; and the next year following, upon complaint to the King, that this Countrey, swarming with Vagabonds and lewd people, divers Murthers, Robberies, and extraordinary mischiefs were daily committed, he was constituted a Commissioner, together with *John de Segrave*, to proceed against those malefactors, according to the Statute of *Winchester*; and appointed one of the conservators of the Peace for this County: so also upon renewing that Commission in 14 E. 2. being then likewise one of the Justices for the Gaole-deliverie at *Warwick*.

In 15 E. 2. upon information given, that one *Thomas Blauncfront*, and others, had posselt themselves of *Warwick-Castle*, then in the King's hand, by

2 Ex autog.
penes pref. S. M.

2 Pat. de
iss. an. in d.

o Ex autog.
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p Esc. 4. E.
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q Rot. F. 6.
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r Rot. F. 7.
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icm. Trin.
46. E. 3. rot.
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t Claus. 12.
E. 1. in d.
m. 3.

u Pat. 13. E.
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w Pat.
10. E.
x L. in d.

y Esc. 46. E.
3. n. 52.

b Pat. 49.
H. 3. in d.

c Pat. de
iss. an. in
d.

d Pat. 15. E.
1. m. 7.

e T. Wall.
p. 15. n. 10.

f Ex autog.
penes D. &
Cap. Lich.

g Pat. 12.
E. 2. p. 2. in
d. m. 24.

h Pat. 13.
E. 2. m. 1.

i Ib. in d. m.
43.

k Claus. 14.
E. 2. in d. m.
13.

l Pat. 14. E.
2. p. 2. m. 24.
in d.

by reason of the Earl's minority, he received a Commission^m to accompany the Shiriff thither, and, requiring the render thereof, to imprison the transgressors; whereupon he became Governour of^{it}: and the next year ensuing, was constituted^o one of the Commissioners for arraying of Souldiers; *scil.* Horse and Foot, to march against the Scotts. In 17 E. 2. in the Certificate^p of all the Knights and Esquires, whose names were returned into the Chancery, he is there ranked with the Knights; and the same year, was made Constable^q of **Doboy-Castle**, as also Warden of the *Cinque Ports*. But in that confession^r made by **Edmund Earl of Kent**, the King's uncle, in 3 E. 3. when he stood charged with Treason, for reporting that King **Edward** the second was alive, and that he should thereupon conspire his enlargement, and restitution of his Kingdom; being accused to be one of the said Earl's abettors therein, Precepts^s were issued out to the Shiriffs of **Warwick**, **Dorset**, and **Hant-shires**, for his speedy apprehension, by command of the Parliament held shortly after at **Winchester** (*scil.* in March) After which, his lands were seized^t by the King, but ere long he was cleared of that charge, and restitution made, as appears by the said King's Mandate^u to the Shiriff of this Countie, bearing date in August following.

This Sir **John Peche** bore^w for his Armes *Gules a fesse between six Croffe crosetts Arg. with a label of 3. points in Chief*: and, being an aged man, departed^x this life about the 11th or 12th year of King **Edw.** 3. reign, leaving **John** his grandson, heir to this and divers other fair Lordships; who being in 16 E. 3. a^y Knight, in 28 E. 3. served in^z the Parliament then held at **Westminster**, as one of the Knights for this Shire: so also in^a the Parliament of 32 E. 3. and in 43 E. 3. was Shiriff^b of this Countie and **Leicestershire**. In 45 E. 3. purposing to take a voyage beyond Sea, he entreated^c Sir **Baldwin Freville** Knight, and others, in certain Mannours and lands, within this County; with trust, that if he should die in those parts, they might bring up his Children in a convenient sort, with the issues and profits arising out of them; this being the time^d that **John Duke of Lancaster** sail'd into **France**, with a very great Army, to relieve **Rochel**; of whose good successe in that expedition, we cannot much boast. In 47 E. 3. he served^e in the Parliament at **Westminster** again, as one of the Knights for this Shire; and in 50 E. 3. departed^f this life, leaving **John** his son and heir xv. years of age; who being also a Knight, in 9 R. 2. attended^g **John Duke of Lancaster** then intitled King of **Castile**, and **Leon**, into **Spaine**: but whether he died there or not, I am not certain; for plain it is, that he deceased^h the same year, leaving **Joane** and **Margaret** his daughters and heirs.

Of which **Joane**, I have not found what became; but plain it is that she had no issue: for Sir **William Mountfort** of **Colbhill** Knight, became posselt of all **Peche's** lands, by the marriage of **Margaret**; *scil.* ^k this Mannour of **Hampton**, with the Mannours of **Honiley**, **Wakwell**, **Wyrmelegyton**, **Fennit-Cumpton**, **Aben-Dasset**, **Dunchurch**, and **Tost**. all in this Countie; and of **Sherington** in **Gloucestershire**: all which continued to his descendants, till that fatall attainder^l of Sir **Simon Mountfort** Knight, in 10 H. 7. whereof I shall say more in **Colbhill**: But after that forfei-

ture, was this Lordship, by Letters^m Patent, bearing date 16 Nov. 12 H. 7. given unto **Richard Pudsey**, one of the Esquires for the Body to that King, and to **Joane** his wife (sometime wife of **Thomas Say**) and to the heirs male of the bodie of the said **Richard**: which **Richard** had no such issue, as it should seem; for it returned back to the Crown; whereupon **Simon Mountfort** Esquire, grandson to the before specified Sir **Simon**, endeavoured to obtain it again; and to that purpose, by the mediation of **Edmund Dudley** (a person then of great power with the King) had, in consideration of **CLxiii li.** sterling, a promise^{*} thereof; for the payment of which summe, accordingly, he procured **William Fylding** Esquire, and **Leonard Verney** Gent. to joyn with him in a Recognizance of **CC li.** But the death of King **H. 7.** hapning before that intended grant was made, it continued in the Crown till 4 H. 8. and then was passedⁿ unto Sir **Henry Guilford** Knight and **Margaret** his wife, and to the heirs male of their bodies: which Sir **Henry**, failing also of such issue, and leaving the same **Margaret** surviving, there was a Lease^o for xxxi. years in reversion, after her death, granted by **Q. Marie** in 1. of her reign, unto **Thomas Lisle** of **Morhull** Esquire, in consideration of his good service, sayes the Patent, *viz.* for the apprehension of **Henry Duke of Suffolk**. But the inheritance thereof, being thus in the Crown, was obtained^p by **Robert Dudley** Earl of **Leicester**, in tail, 8. Julij 15 Eliz. after whose death without (allowed) lawfull issue, it returned again to the said Queen, and remaineth to her successors at this day.

Touching the Church (dedicated to our **Lady** and **S. Bartholmew**) what I have found observable, is, that **Geffrey de Wirce** (who had this Lordship in the Conqueror's time) gave^q a third part of the Tithes Corn; and of the Wooll, Cheese, and Pannage, the whole Tithes, unto the Monasterie of **S. Nicholas** at **Angiers**, whereunto **Wirby-Minchorum**, in this Countie, was a Cell: but after **Roger de Molbray** became posselt of **Wirce** his lands, he bestowed^r both the Church, Tithes and Glebe, totally, and all Chapellries thereto belonging, unto the Canons of **Kenilworth**, shortly after the Foundation of that Religious House; which gift of his, **Roger de Arden** afterwards confirmed^s, as also **Richard Peche** Bishop of **Cobentre**; his successor **G. Muschamp** appropriating to^t the said Canons, the yearly Rent of v. marks v. s. iv d. with one stone of waxe issuing out of the fruits thereof: whereupon the Monks of **Wirby** before specified, making their claim^u to the third part of the Tithes, as aforesaid, by vertue of **G. de Wirce** his grant, which was afterwards confirmed by^w **Nigell de Moubray**, son and heir to the first **Roger**, got a Composition^x from the said Canons of **Kenilworth**; which Composition was^y ratified by **Richard Peche** before mentioned.

Whereupon the said Canons prest hard for a full appropriation of all the fruits belonging thereto, with the Chapells; and at length obtained that their desire, from **William de Cornhill**, then Bishop, as by his Instrument^z bearing date at **Wichfield** 6. Cal. Oct. Anno 1217. (2 H. 3.) appeareth: But no sooner was this effected, than that **William de Arden**, at that time Lord of this Mannour, questioned their title to the advouson it self, so granted and confirm'd, as I have shewed: Howbeit, by mediation of friends, they came to an Agreement with him, that he should relinquish such

m Pat. 12.
H. 7. p. 1. m.
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* Ex autog.
penes Basil.
Com. Denb.

n Pat. 1.
M. p. 5.

o Bill. sign.
I. M.

p Pat. 15.
Eliz. p. 2.

q Ex autog.
in bibl.
Corton.

r Reg. de
Kenilw. p.
43. & 44.

s Ib. p. 42. &
76.

t Ib. p. 73. j

u Ib. p. 70.

w Ex autog.
in bibl.
Deuvel.

x Reg. de
Kenilw.
p. 70.

z Ib. p. 65.

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his claim, & grant unto them free passage through-out his lands, to gather and carry their Corn; in consideration whereof they yielded, that he the said *William* and his heirs, should, upon every Vacancie, make choise of a new Vicar, and the said Canons to present him unto the Bishop to be instituted accordingly: which Bishop to put a full period to all disputes, then also made an assignation of what the perpetuall Incumbent should, for the future, always have; *scil.* the whole Alterage belonging to the Church of *Hampton*, with the small Tithes and obventions; as also the Chapells of *Badley* and *Puthurst*, and all the Glebe belonging to the said Church of *Hampton*, excepting half a yard land in *Walshall*, with the Tithes of Corn and Pease of the whole Parish; saving those which pertain to the Chapell of *Badley* and *Puthurst*, belonging to the Vicar.

And did moreover determine, that whosoever should afterwards be presented to that Vicaridge, ought to do his fealtie to the Monasterie of *Kenilworth*, in the Chapter-house there, and promise the payment of *xx s.* as an early Pension to the Canons of *Kenilworth*, for the maintenance of a Priest, celebrating at *Walshall*; *viz.* at *Easter* *xs.* and *Michaelmas* *xs.* the same Priest for *Walshall* making Oath to be faithfull in all things relating to the said Vicaridge. And likewise that the said Vicar of *Hampton*, for the time being, should pay all dues of right belonging to the Bishop and Archdeacon: And lastly, that the before specified *William de Arden* and his heirs; with their Family, should have liberty to hear divine Service in his Chapell at *Knoll*, saving the indemnity of the mother Church of *Hampton*. In Anno 1291. (19 E. 1.) this Church was valued at *xi.* marks; and in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge, with the Chapell of *Puthurst* thereunto annexed, at *xvii. vi s. viii d.* over and above *xx s.* Pension payable yearly to the Canons of *Kenilworth*, and *xi s.* to the Bishop and Archdeacon, for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

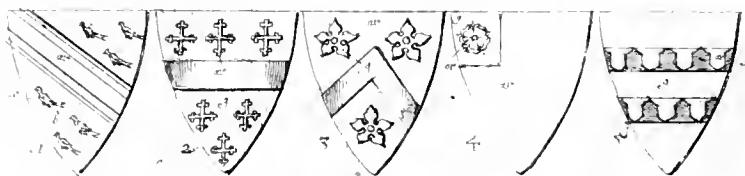
a MS. in Scac.
b MS. penes S. A. 19. Aug. f. 59. a.

Patroni Ecclesiæ. Incumbentes, &c.

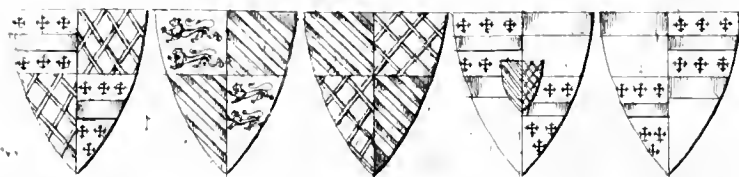
Prior & Conv. de Kenilw. ad nominat. mil.	Thomas de Notehurst Diac. anno 1250.	Ex autog. penes D. & Cap. Lich.
Prior & Conv. de Kenilw. ad nominat. mil.	Joh. de Olnefel 11. Cal. Oct. 1320.	Langt. f. 79. a.
Joh. Peche mil.	Joh. atte Well Cap. 2. Non. Junii 1349.	Northb. f. 48. a.
Prior & Conv. de Kenilw. ad nominat. mil.	Joh. de Brautesford 6. Oct. 1387.	Sk. f. 2. a.
Kinardli De la Bere mil.	Rob. Eyberhale Pbr. 9. Junii 1391.	1b. f. 6. a.
Prior & Conv. de Kenilw.	D. Joh. Gerveys Cap. 20. Oct. 1410.	Burgh. f. 26. b.
Prior & Conv. de Kenilw. ad nom. D. Will. Mountfort mil.	Joh. Gylbard Cap. 6. Sept. 1413.	1b. f. 33. b.
	Joh. Harman Cap. 21. Martii 1431.	Heim. f. 27. 2.
Prior & Conv. de Kenilw.	D. Thom. Borenden 12. Martii 1510.	Bl. f. 5. b.
	D. Rad. Massy Cap. 7. Feb. 1515.	1b. f. 7. a.
	D. Petrus Irlam, 5. Febr. 1537.	Str. & P. f. 15. a.
D. Hem. 8. Rex Angl.	D. Ric. Baynton Cap. 24. Maii 1542.	1b. f. 18. b.
Thomas Lysley ar.	Thomas Robynson 26. Jan. 1565.	Samp. & B. f. 42. a.
Eliz. Anglia Regina.	Leonardus Fetherston Cler. 14. Dec. 1584.	Bund. B.
	Walt. Byckles Cler. 3. Feb. 1594.	Overton bund. c.
	Sim. Grover 30. Oct. 1596.	Overton bund. in cart.

Hampton in Arden

Armes in the Church Windows



Armes upon gravestones in the Church.



Vpon a grave stone in the Chancel

Sire Johan Peche et dame Johan la seme grantier dieu de leur almes est merey

Vpon another stone, whereon are the portraictures in marble of a man and his wife

Here lient Ricardus Broke balingus de Hampton in ardena. et filia oror eius

Quoniam it behoue thee oft to haue in minde that thou dealest in the hand that shall thou finde children bin cloathfull and wives bin unkinde Seruitors bin covetous. and keepe all that they finde.

- 1 De la Bere 4 Bradlon
2 Peche 5 Say of Ricardus castle.
3 Allan

This Church, being situate on so fair an ascent, had a tall Spire, which was a noted mark to a great part of the Wood-land, till by the extraordinary violence of Lightning and Thunder, happening on *S^t Andrew's* day at night, in the year 1643. it was cloven, and fell to the ground: at which time the whole fabrick, with the tower, were torn in divers places.

Nuthurst.

OF this place I have seen no mention before *H. 3.* time, it being a member of *Hampton*, originally, and therewith coming to *Montbray*: From one of which Family it was past to *Montfort*; and from *Peter de Montfort*, or one of his Ancestors

Ancestors, to one of the *Hastangs*, of *Demington-Hastang* in this Countie: For upon the challenge made by *Peter de Montfort* in 46 H. 3. of certain services, which he claimed as due unto him, from *Robert de Hastang*, for the fourth part of a Knights fee here, they came to an agreement, viz. that the same *Robert de Hastang*, and his heirs, upon levying of Scutage after the rate of *xls.* a Knights fee, should pay to him the said *Peter* and his heirs *xls.* and so according to that proportion. When or how it past from *Hastang*, I have not seen; but, about the beginning of E. 3. time, *Will. Trussell* of *Floze* in *Com. Northampt.* became owner of it, and, in 5. of that King's reign, had a Charter of *Free warren* in all his demesne lands here; as also a speciall License to make a Park of his Woods in this place. From which *Will.* it descended to the *Trussells* of *Billesley*, and continued in the possession of that Family (whose Descent in *Billesley* is to be seen) till *Edward Trussell*, son and heir to the last *Thomas*, sold it, within these few years, to *William Jesson* an Alderman of *Cobentre*: The extent of what these *Trussells* had here, being one M^{ss.} CC. acres of land, CCC. acres of pasture, x. acres of meadow, xxx. acres of Wood, and *iv s.* Rent, as appeareth by an Inq. taken after the death of *Thomas Trussell* in 8 H. 8.

Here is an ancient Chapell, which in respect of its great distance from the Parish Church, hath some Parochiall rites belonging thereto. In 2 H. 3. it was with the Church of *Hampton*, appropriated to the Canons of *Kenilworth*, by *William de Cornhill*, then Bishop of this Dioces; whereupon an assignation^h was made of what Tithes the Vicar of *Hampton* should thenceforth have within this Hamlet, as in *Hampton* is shewed. In 18 E. 2. I find that *John (de Obesfel)* Vicar of *Hampton*, made a Leaseⁱ for the terme of eight years unto one *Thomas Ketel* of *Kings-Poxton* Priest, of this Chapell, with all the Glebe, Tithes, and every thing else thereto belonging, reserving to himself all living Mortuaries, of the Inhabitants there deceasing, and the buriall of the bodies of all married persons, and widows; with Funerall oblations: as also pasture, and forage of Hay, and Straw, yearly; sufficient for the maintenance of four young beasts, Steers, or Heysers, to be there kept; and the keeping of three or four Hogs yearly in Harvest-time, and for a month after *Michaelmas*: The conditions to be performed of the part of the said *Thomas*, being these; viz. that he and his Clerke should serve personally every day in the said Chapell, honestly and decently; so that the said Vicar might not have blame therefore: and that he should keep the Housing, and Chapell, with Books, Vestments, and all other ornaments in as good state, or better, than he found them, not cutting down any Trees, and paying to the said Vicar or his Deputie *xxs.* per annum.

Unto which Chapell, *Edmund Fulwood* of *Tanworth* Esquire, bearing a good regard, in respect of his so near residence thereto (*scil.* at *Clepy-Hall*) in 9 Eliz. granted^k a M^{ss.} and certain lands thereto belonging, unto *Thomas Trussell*, *Thomas Greswold*, *John Lidyate* Gentlemen, *John Sidnall* and some others, to the use of such Priest, as should thenceforth serve therein, and be continually resident; but in case of such non-residence, the Church-wardens to take the benefit thereof, to bestow on the poor and needy Inha-

bitants of *Puthurst*, on *Good Friday*; or else to the repair of the said Chapell, as in their discretion should be thought meet.

Knoll.

This was originally a member of *Hampton*, and therefore not particularly mentioned in the Conqueror's Survey: nor till *K. John's* time, have I seen it so much as named; but then did *William de Arden*, of *Hampton*, grant it unto *Amicia de Fracie* his wife, as part of her Dower, to hold during life, in which Deed^l it is written *Enolle*, the C. being mistaken for a G. having had its name originally from the situation; for in our old English, *Enolle* signifieth the knap of an Hill, or an ascending ground. In 35 H. 3. *Hugh de Arden* (son and heir to the said *William*) had *Free warren* granted^m to him in all his Demesne lands in this place, where it is written *Li Enolle*: And in 46 H. 3. *William de Arden* (son of *Hugh*) commenced suitⁿ against *Peter de Montfort*, and others, for certain lands here: upon the death of which *William*, *Agatha* his widow had it assigned^o unto her for part of her dowrie. Which *William* and his brother, dying without issue (as in *Hampton* is shewed) and the whole inheritance appertaining to *Amicia* the wife of *John le Lou*, one of the co-heirs, being past^p away unto *Queen Alianore*, then wife of *Edward 1.* King of *England* (as in *Hampton* hath likewise been intimated) it was totally possess^q by that Queen; and, after her death, in 20 E. 1. given^r, together with the Mannours of *Arden*, *Grafton*, and *Langdon*, and certain lands lying in *Alspath*, *Bulepe*, *Hulberlepe*, *Witlakefeld*, *Witwaldehepe*, *Puthurst*, and *Widington*, (all in this Countie) as also with the Mannours of *Witodebyok* in *Essex*, *Westerham*, and *Connebygge* in *Kent*, and *Turleston* in *Buckinghamshire*, to the Monks of *Westminster*; upon condition that the Abbot, Prior, and Covent of that House; or the Prior and Covent, if the Abbot should be out of the way, upon the Eve of *S. Andrew* the Apostle, on which day the said Queen's Anniversary had used to be kept, being solemnly revested in the Quire of that Monasterie, should sing a *Placebo* and *Dirige*, with nine Lessons, C. wax Candles weighing *xii li.* a piece, being then burning about her Tombe, and every year new ones made for that purpose.

And furthermore, that those Wax-Candles should be lighted at the *Placebo* and *Dirige*, on the Eve of the same Anniversary, and burn on the day thereof, till high Masse were ended; And that all the Bells, both great and small, then ringing, they should sing solemnly for her souls health. And moreover that on the day of her said Anniversary, the Abbot himself, in case he were present, or the Prior in his stead, if he could not procure a more eminent Prelate, should sing Masse at the high Altar, the Candles then burning and Bells ringing; and every single Monk of that Abby a private Masse, the inferior Monks their whole Psalter, and the Friars Converts of that House, the Lords Prayer, Creed, and Aves, as many as the Abbot and Covent should appoint, for her soul and the souls of all the faithfull deceased. And that likewise the said Prior and Covent, and their successors, on the same day, to distribute unto every

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c F. levat.
xv. Mich.
46. H. 3.

d Cart. 5.
E. 3. n.
e 77.
f Pat. 5. E.
3. p. 2. m. 16

g Reg. de
Kenil. p.
5.

h Ib. p. 81.

i Ex autog.
enès S.
Archer eq.
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Ex m-
v. penès
Trussell.

l Ex autog.
in bibl.
Hartton.

m Cart 35.
H. 3. m. 12.

n Pat. 46.
H. 3. in d.

o Rot. F. 4.
E. 1. m. 13.

p Claus.
12. E.
q 1. in d.
m. 3.

r Cart. 20.
E. 1. n. 4.

poor Body repairing to that Monasterie, one penny sterling, or money to that value; staying till three of the clock, expecting their coming, before they should begin the Dole, which was to be unto seven-score poor people.

And that of the Waxen Tapers before specified, xxx. to remain all the year long about the said Queens Tombe, till the renewing of them on the day of her Anniversary; all which to be lighted upon the great Festivall days, and upon the coming of any Noble men thither, and as often else as they should see fit. And moreover, that the said Abbot, Prior, and Covent, and their successors, should find two waxen Lights, each of them weighing two pounds of wax, to burn continually at the Tombe of the said Queen. All which being performed, the surplussage of the revenue issuing out of these lands, to remain for their Pittance, to be provided according as themselves should best like. And for the more strict observance hereof, every Abbot successively, before the restitution of his temporalities, to take a solemn Oath for observance of the premises: And that every year, upon St Andrew's Eve, the said King's Charter to be publicly read in the Chapter-House, in the presence of the whole Covent: which Charter bears date at **Warwick** upon **Twede** 20 Oct. 20 E. 1.

The Monks of **Westminster** being thus possessed thereof, leased it for life in 34 E. 1. to **Raph de Perham**; but after that time retained it in their own hands, for ought I have seen to the contrary, untill the generall dissolution of the Religious Houses by King H. 8. and then **Westminster** being made a Bishoprick (as is very well known) this Mannour, *inter alia*, became annexed unto it: but long it continued not so; for in 4 E. 6. it was converted to a Deanrie, with secular Canons, and the jurisdiction of the Bishop united to **London**, **Nicholas Ridley** being then Bishop, unto whom and his successors, the same King **Edw. 6.** by his Patent dated 12 Apr. that very year, gave and confirmed this Mannour: which grant was afterwards ratified by Queen **Mary**: But in 2 Eliz. there being a Commission for the reassumption of divers lands from the said Bishoprick, at which time this Lordship came to the Queens hands, it was in 15 Eliz. granted to **Robert Earl of Leicester** and his heirs: which Earl in 23 Eliz. past it away again, in exchange for other lands, unto the same Queen: so that being thus in the Crown, Sir **Fulk Grevill** Knight Lord **Brook**, in consideration of his service (as the Patent expresseth) obtained it in Fee ferm of King **James**, in 20. of his reign, to be held of the Mannour of **Cast-Greenwich** for the Rent of **Lxxvii li. xvi s. viii d. per annum.**

The Colledge.

About the later end of Ric. 2. time, **Walter Cook**, a Canon of **Lincolne**, bearing a speciall affection to this place, considering that it stood distant above a mile from the parish-Church; did, for the health of his own and his parents souls, at his proper costs, erect a fair Chapell here, with a Tower-Steeple, and Bells, all in his Fathers own land, to the honour of **S. John Baptist**, **S. Laurence** the Martyr, and **S. Anne**, ad-

ding also a Church-yard thereto, purposing to endow the same Chapell with maintenance sufficient for one secular Priest, to celebrate divine service therein; so as that there should thenceforth be a Font for Baptizing of all Infants, to be born within this Hamlet of **Knolle**; and all persons there deceasing to be buried in that Church-yard: For performance whereof he obtained a speciall Bull from Pope **Boniface** the 10th, wherein was contained an Indulgence, for seven days, of their enjoyned Penance, to all such as, having made a true confession, and were heartily sorry for their sins, and repairing yearly out of devotion thither, on the Festivalls of our Saviour's Nativity, Circumcision, Epiphany, Resurrection, and Ascension, Corpus Christi day, and Pentecost. As also on the Nativity, Annunciation, Purification, and Assumption of the blessed Virgin, Nativity of **S. John Baptist**, **S. Peter** and **Paul**, **S. Anne** and **S. Laurence**; and on the Feast day of the said Chapells Dedication, and All Hallown day, or on the Octaves of those Feasts, and for six days immediately ensuing the said Feast of Pentecost, should confer something towards the repair of the same, upon every of those Holy days, for the space of seven years: which Indulgence bears date at **S. Peters in Rome** xviii. Cal. Dec. in the ninth year of his Papacie (fol. 21 R. 2.)

To second which Bull, was there a speciall License granted to the Inhabitants here residing, by **John Burghill** Bishop of **Coventry** and **Lichfield**, in 1 H. 4. touching the celebration of Divine Service, therein, by any fitting Priests. For confirmation of which Chapell so built, together with the Churchyard before specified, there being a speciall Patent made by King H. 4. dated 18. Nov. in the fourth year of his reign, License was thereby granted unto the said **Walter Cooke**, and **Adam Cooke** his Father, to found and establish a Chantry, of one or two Priests, to celebrate Divine Service perpetually therein. All which being performed, he the same **Walter**, the next year following, granted unto the Monks of **Westminster**, and their successors, the advowson and patronage of this Chantry: but still continuing his wonted affections thereto, obtained a License in 14 H. 4. that himself, together with **William Wynnewyk**, **William Hale**, **William Arlecock**, **William Bowedy**, **Thomas Elford**, and **Hugh Kuggeley**, might found a Fraternitie and Gild in the same Chapell, of themselves, and others that out of devotion should be content to join with them therein.

Neither did he rest here, but within few years after, being advanced to other dignities, (for he was also Canon of **Exeter**, **Salisbury**, and **S. Pauls** in **London**) inciting the Lady **Eliz.** widow of **John Lord Clinton** to assist him farther in these pious intentions, he obtained another License in 4 H. 5. that she the said **Eliz.** and he, or the Executors of both or either of them, might in this Chapell found a Colledge of ten Chantrie-Priests, to pray for the good estate of them both, during this life, and for the health of their souls after their departure hence; as also for the souls of their parents and friends, and all the faithfull deceased, one of which Priests to be Rector thereof; and to have a Common Seal for the transacting of all their publique businesse. But I do not find that it was ever endowed with lands and Rents so amply, as to maintain half that number of Priests: for by the Survey taken in 26 H. 8. it appeareth, that there

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were then but two *Chantrie*-Priests, besides the Rector; nor above that number in 37 H. 8. at which time the cleer yearly value of all the lands and Rents thereto belonging, besides reprises, were certified^k to be *xxiii. li. s. iii. d.*

The lands appertaining to the *Gild* before specified, all lying in severall distant places, were then also rated^l at *xxix. li. xiv. s. vii. d. per annum*, which maintained^m three *Chantrie*-Priests for the said *Gild*, daily singing in the said Chapell.

That a multitude of persons, whereof most of good qualitie; nay, some of the great Nobility in those days, had admittance to be of this *Gild*, is very evidentⁿ; all which, in some measure, were Benefactors thereto; but those I suppose, the Chief, whose Armes or Inscriptions to their memorie, do appear in the windows of the same Cha-

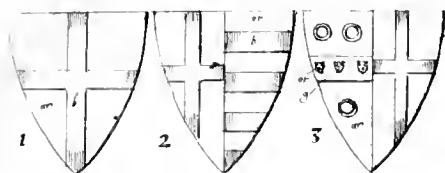
pell; most of whom were neighbours; viz. *Brome* and *Ferrers*, sometime of *Wadley-Clinton* hard by, Sir *William Wigston* of *Wolston*, *Dabridgecourt* of *Langdon-Hall*, the *Ailesburies* of *Coston*, and Doctor *Laurence Eborall* of *Balshall*; which last mentioned Familie, still continuing, hath for many ages had residence there, as the Leiger^o book of *Worshall* manifesteth: For there born^p, and Christened^q at *Worshall*, was D^r *Thomas Eborall* Canon of *Pauls*, but afterwards Master of *Whittington-Colledge* in *London*, of whom *Baleus*^r makes honourable mention, amongst the learned Writers of that time (viz. temp. H. 6.) As also^v his brother *John*, Master of Arts and Parson of *Pasley*, neer *Doncaster* in *Northamptonshire*, men in those dayes of great worship, as are the words of that Register.

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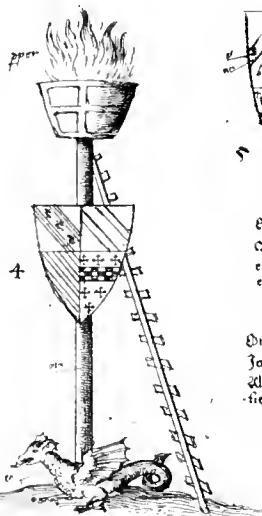
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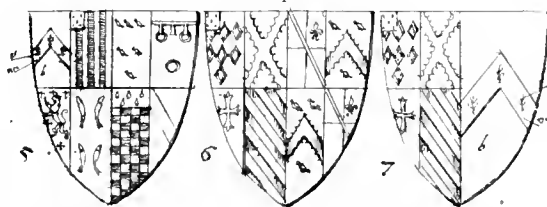
In the east window of the
Chancell.



In a North Window.



In a South Window of
the Chapell.



Orate pro animabus
Nicholas Brome ar.
et Elizabeth uxoris
eius.

Orate pro bono statu
Edmardi ferrers militis
et sancte uxoris eius.

In another window

Orate pro bono statu domine
Johanne Amot uxoris
Wesbury. qui hanc fenestram
fecit fecit.

Orate pro anima doctoris
Laurentii Eborall quondam
Magistri de Gild.

In another window

Orate pro bono statu Willielmi Wigston militis qui
hanc fenestram fecit fecit.



Orate pro animabus
Thome Marrow scroten
no ad legem et Isabelle
uxoris eius.

Orate pro bono statu Thome Dabridgecourt
filii Johis Dabridgecourt, et Elizabeth
uxoris eius que fuit soror Will Wigston
militis qui hanc fenestram fecit fecit.

1. Aylebury.

2. Aylebury empaling
Penibridge.

3. Somerville empaling
Aylebury.

4. Bolknap.

5. Brome wth quarterings.

6. Ferrers wth quarterings.

7. Ferrers empaling Brome.

8. Marrow empaling Brome.

In the midst of the Chancell lyeth a very fair Marble, but the portraiture of brasse sometime thereon, with the circumscription, is torn from it, so that there is no testimony whose Monument it was, farther than tradition; id est of *Walter Cooke* the Founder of this Collegiate Church.

Not far from this, lyeth another Marble, whereupon is the portraiture of a man, his two wives, and xii. Children in plates of brasse, and at their feet thus written.

Of your charity pray for the Soules of Mr. John Dabridgecourt, Esquire, who deceased the xvi. day of July An. 1511. and for the soules of Katherine and Elizabeth his wives, on whose soules Jesus have mercy Amen.

In an Ile on the North part of the Chapell, is a Monument with this Epitaph thereon.

In this Cabinet is layd up the body of Elizabeth late wife of Thomas S^r Nicholas of Ashe, in the County of Kent Gent. daughter of Henry Crooke of Well-place, in the County of Oxon. Esquire, who lived a meet helpe with her husband six years, and had issue by him four sons, deceased March 9, 1631.

Patroni.

Custodes Cantariæ.

Prior Westmonasterii.	D. Ric. Bryan Pbr. 1. Martii 1435.	Joh. Wryght Cler. 27. Aug. 1500.	Heyw. f. 34. a.
			Bowl. f. 204. b.
Abbas & Conv. Westmonasterii.	D. Joh. Townsend 3. Maii 1527.	Gilb. Fowler Cler. 22. Febr. 1537.	Bl. f. 12. b.
			Str. & P. f. 15. a.
Ricard. Barnacull sup-Prior Eccles. Cath. Cov.			

Balshall.

OF this place there is no mention in the Conqueror's Survey, forasmuch as it was then involved with *Hampton* in *Arden*; and so, as a member of it, came to *Nigell de Albani*, as all the rest of *Wirce* his lands, in these parts, did. To which *Nigell* succeeded *Roger* his son and heir, surnamed *Moubray*; who being a very devout man, amongst other his pious works, gave all this Lordship of *Balshall* to the Knights *Templars*; whereupon erecting a Church fit for their service of

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God,

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God, and a Houſe for habitation, they ſent part of their Fraternity hither, and made it a *Preceptorie*, or Cell, ſubordinate to their principall Manſion, viz. the *Temple* in *London*. Unto which *Preceptorie* were alſo divers lands of good value afterwards given, by ſundry perſons of qualitie: but before I deſcend to ſpeak in particular thereof, I ſhall here take notice, when, and upon what occaſion this Order firſt began, as alſo of what I have met with, which is moſt obſervable in relation to it.

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MS. in
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Math. Paris.
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About the year of our Lord *MC. xviii.* certain Gentlemen honoured with Knighthood, having betaken themſelves to a religious courſe of life, under the Patriarch of *Jeruſalem*, after the Rule of *Canons Regular*, began this Order: the firſt of which, were *Hugh de Paganis*, and *Godfrey de S. Audemare*; who in the beginning were ſo poor, though they were valiant men, as that they had but one Horſe to ride on; in memorie of which their primitive povertie, and to the end they might be mindfull of humilitie, they had the figure of two men, riding upon one Horſe, engraven on their Seal. Which two Knights, having no certain habitation, and ſeeking for a place of abode, were ſo much favoured by *Baldwyn* then King of *Jeruſalem*, as that he assigned them a piece of ground, within his own Palace, ſituate on the South part of the *Temple* of our Lord, for that purpoſe; whereunto the *Canons* of the *Temple* added a ſtreet adjoining, for erecting of buildings neceſſary for their uſe; the Patriarch, with the King, Nobles and Prelates allowing them lands, out of their own demetins, for ſupport in food and rayment.

Touching their firſt profeſſion I find, that in order to the remiſſion of their ſins, they were, to their power, to defend Pilgrims from ſpoil and robbery by Theeves, in their paſſage to and from *Jeruſalem*; and that thereupon, at the end of nine years, they had a certain Rule assigned to them in the Councell of *Trecas*, as alſo a White habit by Pope *Honorius*. After which they began to multiply very much, their poſſeſſions being greatly enlarged: But in the time of Pope *Eugenius*, they towed Croſſes made of red cloth upon the left ſhoulder of their Mantles; partly to the end, that having ſuch a triumphall ſigne inſtead of a Buckler, they ſhould not flee back from any Infidell, whiſt they were armed with ſo great a protection, and partly to the intent they might be diſtinguiſhed from other Religious perſons.

There are who affirm^a, that the beginners of this Rule, were ſome of the meanest *Hopitalars*, and that they were at firſt ſuſtained with weapons and food from the reliques of their provisions: whether it was ſo or not, I ſhall not ſtand to argue; but 'tis agreed on all parts, that they were originally called Knights *Templars*, from having their reſidence in certain rooms adjoining to that *Temple* ſometime built by King *Solomon*. As for their Habit, the deſcription which *William Darrell* made thereof to *M. Lambard*, was thus; viz. that on their Heads they wore linnen Coſes (like to the Sergeants at Law) and red Caps cloſe over them; on their Bodies ſhirts of maile, and Swords girded unto them with a broad belt; over all which, they had a White Cloak reaching to the ground, with a red Croſſe on the left ſhoulder, as hath been ſaid, in ſuch ſort as on the next page is repreſented.

And that they uſed to wear their Beards of a

great length (whereas moſt other Religious Orders doe ſhave) I ſhall exhibit the teſtimony of King *Edw. 2.* made in the behalf of an eminent ſervant in his Court. *Rex &c. Cum dilectus valetius noſter Petrus Auger, exhibitor preſentium, nuper voverit quod Barbam ſuam radi non faciat, quousq; peregrinationem fecerit in certo loco in partibus tranſmarinis; & idem Petrus ſibi timeat, quod aliqui ipſum, ratione Barbe ſuae prolixæ fuiſſe Templarium imponere ſibi velint, & ei inferre impedimenta ſeu gravamina ex hac cauſa; Nos veritati volentes teſtimonium perhibere, vobis tenore preſentium intimamus, quod prædictus Petrus eſt valetius Camera noſtra, nec unquam fuiſſe Templarius, ſed Barbam ſuam ſic prolixam eſſe permittit ex cauſa ſuperius annotata, &c. Teſte Rege, &c. 17. Febr. Anno &c. 4.*

And touching their manner of reception into this Order, thus I find certified of one of them, being examined as to that point. — *Requiſitus de modor ceptionis, dicit quod erat Claviger in Templo, dum erat ſecularis, & reſquiſitus Magiſtrum ut eum reciperat in Fratrem; Et expoſitis ſibi hiis quæ rigoris ſunt in Ordine Templi, & ſubſtantialibus Ordinis, quod ad Obedientiam, Caſtitem, & abdicationem proprietatis, fuiſſe ductus in Capellam, Fratribus Orainis, dumtaxat Capellanis, Militibus & ſervientibus præſentibus, ſecularibus omnibus excluſis, præſtito ab eo ad ſanctæ Dei Evangelia juramento, quod prædicta tria ſubſtantialia dicti Ordinis, & conſuetudines bonas & laudabiles Ordinis Templi ſervaret; & negotium terræ Sanctæ ultra-marine, pro poſſe ſuo, juvaret contra inimicos fidei Chriſtiane: Addeit etiam quod juravit, quod neminem injuſte exhereditaret, & tunc ſibi tradebatur Mantellum, cum Cruce, & Pilleum in Capite.*

The firſt ſetting of this Order in *England*, was in that ſtreet called *Holburne* in the ſuburbs of *London*; but there they reſted not long; for in *K. H. 2.* time, that Houſe which ſtill retaineth the name of the *Temple*, in *Fleet-ſtreet*, was erected by them, and the Church (but according to the form of the *Temple* at *Jeruſalem*) dedicated to God and our bleſſed Ladie, by *Heraclius* Patriarch of *Jeruſalem*, in the year 1185. Of the vaſt poſſeſſions they ſoon obtained in *England*, as well as other parts of Chriſtendome, which at length occaſioned their ruine, I am not here to ſpeak; neither of their Priviledges, which were very ample, as by thoſe ^a Bulls of Pope *Hadræn* the 4th and *Alexander* the third, exempting them from payment of Tithes, for their demetn lands; and the Charter^a of King *H. 3.* affording them divers Liberties, and granting unto them extraordinarie immunities, unto which I refer my Reader.

Returning therefore to *Walſhall*, I find that beſides this Lordſhip, beſtowed on them by *Roger de Moubray* before ſpecified, they had divers other lands, lying in this Countie, antiently given by others; the revenues of all which, were for the moſt part, employed for the maintenance of the Knights *Templars* reſiding here; viz. the Mannours of *Barſton*, *Shirburne*, and *Flechamſted*, (whereof I have elſewhere ſpoke) and ſmaller parcells in a multitude of places; moſt of which I will here enumerate, with the names of the Donors; viz. in *Witſho*, by *Robert de Stafford*; in *Chelverſton*, *Derceſ*, and *Herdwike*, by *Barth. de Sudley*; in *Moxtou* and *Warwick*, by the Earls of *Warwick*; In *Herberburſe*, by *Henry de Clinton*;

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In **Chesterton**, by *William de Croc*, and *Henry de Broc*; In **Aven-Werfet**, by *William Giffard*; In **Stedley**, by *Peter Corbicon*; In **Spapton**, by *Adam de Napton*; In **Hunthigham**, by *Margaret de Campania*; In **Weston**, and **Shottswell**, by *William Fitz Alan*; In **Linesbury**, by *Herbert de Kinesbury*; In **Spidleton**, by *Giffrey Marmion*; In **Radoz**, by *William Pludi*; In **Spewbold-Paci**, by *Ric. Fil. Presbyteri*, and others^a; In **Polef-worthe**, by *Robert de Harecourt*; In **Edston**, by *Henry de Montfort*; In **Tacheb-zok**, by *Henry de Clinton*; In **Bereford**, by *Will. Fitz Thomas*; In **Whitacre-superior**, by *John de Weihele-berg*; In **Cubington**, by *Henry de St. Maur*; And in **Stonle**, by the Abbot of **Stonle**: But by whom those lands, which they had^k in **Witlaw**, **Wol-vey**, **Mollington**, **Compton-Wingate**, **Fulstble**, **Coton**, **Boxton**, *L. mji*, and **Lindon**, were given, I have not teen.

I come now to the speciall Priviledges, which they had here in **Walsall**. In 32 H. 3. they obtained a Charter^l of **Free warren** in all their demefn lands here: In^m 52 H. 3. a weekly **Mer-cate** upon the Thursday, with two **Fatres** every year; the one on the Eve, day, and morrow after the Feast of **S. Gregory** the Martyr; and the other on the Eve, day, and morrow after the Feast of **S. Mathias** the Apostle. And for the surer enjoyment of their interest here, in 13 E. 1. they procured a full confirmationⁿ from *Roger de Moubray*, heir to *Roger* the first donour before specified, with warrantie of that his Ancestor's Charter; for which they made him Partaker of all their Prayers, and other spirituall benefits.

But whether it were really their guilt of such high enormities, which through Christendome were layd to their charge, or rather their potencie, so generally feared, which occasioned their ruine, I will not here stand to argue; certain^o it is, that on Wednesday next after the Feast of the **Epiphanie** Anno 1307. (*scil. 1 E. 2.*) by the King's speciall command, and a Bull from the Pope, were they generally through **England** layd hold on, and cast into Prison; nay, through all Christendome, as my Author saith; and afterwards proceeded against in a generall Councell held at **London**; where being convicted of divers great impieties, all their possessions were seized into the King's hands. In an ancient^p *MS. Chron.* which I have seen, the cause of their ruine is thus set forth, Anno *MCCCX. c. n. ca. festum S. Hillarii, omnes Templarii in Anglia & in Scotia; & alii omnes, ut dicebantur, per totam Christianitatem, una hora diei, capti sunt propter Heresie pravitatem, necnon propter fraudem quam fecerunt in quodam bello inter Regem Tharsis & Paganos, in quo tergiverserunt ad Paganos, & occiderunt predictum Regem & exercitum ejus. & filium eius unicum ceperunt, unde tota Christianitas turbata est valde.*

But *Thom. de Wall.*^q setteth forth other reasons for this severe proceeding against them, namely severall grosse and Heathenish, yea rather devilish practises (unto whom I refer my Reader) All which and more, were layd to their charge, in particular Articles; whereupon witnesses being examined, they were proceeded against, as hath been said; the whole series thereof being at large yet to be seen in an ancient *MS.* of that time; wherein I have observed, that the said Articles do charge them with no lesse than Heresie, Idolatrie, and most execrable Blasphemie; but very little, or no-

thing at all, appeareth to have been proved: And so much doth an honest Historian^r in his Acts of the Archbishops of **Dozke** declare; where speaking of the proceedings against them, he saith—*Quamvis in multis essent accusati, nichil tamen inventum est quod de jure videretur statum illorum annullare*: And that this was truth, speaking then of *Will. de Grenefeld* Archbishop of **Dozke** at that time, he further saith—*Archiepiscopus Willielmus, pietate motus super statu Templariorum sue Diocesis, omni auxilio destitutorum, eos in diversa sue Diocesis instituit Monasteria, eisq; suo perpetuo vitæ necessaria ministrari precepit.*

Yet such was their hard fate, that, having been thus dealt withall, their whole Order became shortly after condemned^u in a generall Councell at **Alenna**, under Pope *Clement* the v. Anno 1311. (4 E. 2.) So that their possessions being thereupon seized into the King's hands, what they had in this Countie, and **Leicester-shire**, was committed to^w the custodie of *Alexander de Compton*, who in 6 E. 2. answered^x *Lx li.* to the King, for the issues thereof: But 'tis plain^y that the heirs of the Donours, for a while, came to enjoy them again; and that thereupon *John de Moubray* had this Mannour of **Walsall**, which he held till his death, and attainder, for adhering to *Thomas* Earl of **Lancaster** in 15 E. 2, as also that it was thereupon committed^z to the custodie of *John Peche* (of whom in **Hampton** I have spoke) to hold during the King's pleasure: Houbet, in this condition they scarce continued one year longer; For by a generall Decree^a of Pope *Clement* before specified, dated at **Alenna** vi. Non. Maii, in the seventh year of his Papacie, they were annexed and incorporated to the Knights **Hospitalars**, of which Order, before I proceed farther, I will here (as I have done of the **Templars**) give a brief account.

At^b such time as the **Holy Land** began to grow famous by the expeditions of Christian Princes thither; this Order of the **Hospitalars** had its beginning, or rather restauration by one *Girardus*; for the originall is attributed to *Johannes Hircannus Machabeus*, or *John* Patriarch of **Alexandria**, who who for his liberalitie to the poor, was surnamed *Eleemosynarius*. These Knights having their chief seat at first in the **Hospital** of **S. John Baptist** at **Jerusalem**, which was reedified by the same *Girard*, took that Saint for their Patron; but their Rule from Pope *Gelasius* the second; and by *Honorius* the second had a black Mante with a white Crosse thereupon, assigned to them: The larger Statutes of their Order did *Raimundus de Podio*, the first Master after the forming thereof, devise for them, who there intitles himself *Servus pauperum Christi, & Hospitalis Hierosolomitani Custodem*. The profession of which Knights was, by a religious vow to entertain Pilgrims coming to the **Holy Land**, and to defend them in their journey from incursion of Robbers; in which service they had such great assistance from divers Christian Princes, that they often warred with much successe against the Infidells: and after the losse of all in **Palestine**, obtained the Ile of **Rhodes** for their seat: but that also, after fundry assaults, being won by the Tuks, they had an assignation of the Ile of **Malta** by the Emperour *Charles* the fift, and Pope *Clement* the seventh, where they continue till this day. As for the formalitie; and Ceremonies of their reception into this Order, though they be

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Angl. p. 73.r In bibl.
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Lq. Balp' d'ira

very observable, yet for brevities sake I passe them over, referring my Reader to those Writers which speak at large of them.

The first institution of this Order was ^d about the year *MXCII.* after which, ere long, they settled in *England*; for in the year *MC.* and beginning of King *Henry* the first his reign, *Jordan Briſet* a wealthy and devout man, built ^e then an House in the suburbs of *London*, near *Smithſfield*, which was afterwards called *S. Johns of Jeruſalem*: But these also from a low beginning, through the great austeritie of their lives at first, obtained vast possessions, before what belong'd to the *Templars* was settled upon them. In this Countie, they had antiently (I mean before the accession of the *Templars* lands to them) lands in *Grafton* given to them by *Henry* the son to *Bernardus de Grafton*, and ⁵ others; In *Cheſterton* by ^h *William de Croc*; In ⁱ *Preston-Bagot*, *Whitnash* ^k, *Pewbold-Pacie*, *Wilsney* ^m, *Ricton* ⁿ *super Dunsmore*, *Walſford* ^o, *Anſle* ^p, and other places, by the gift of sundry persons. And of what great esteem this their Order was within *England*, the Charter ^q of privileges and Liberties granted to them by King *Ric. 1.* in ⁵ of his reign doth sufficiently manifest, where the generall words run thus — *Conceſſimus omne jus, omne Dominium, quod ad nos pertinet & pertinet; omnem potestatem, omnes libertates, & liberas consuetudines quas Regia potestas conferre potest in omnibus &c.*

But I return to *Balſhall*. The next thing most observable in reference to these *Knights Hospitalars*; wherewith I have met, is a passage which manifesteth ^r that all their Tenants, for the better fruition of the many privileges belonging to those lands, did use to erect Crosses upon their Houses; which Custome appears by the seizure of a House and certain grounds thereto belonging, that lay in *Wilsbaw*, into the King's hands, in respect that one *Cheſterſhire*, the owner thereof, had set a Crosse upon it, to the end that he might partake of the *Templars* privileges; whereas, in truth, the premisses had not any relation to that Order.

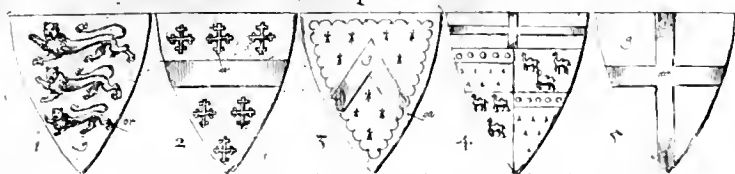
I do not find that the *Hospitalars* held this place as a Preceptorie, by the residence of any of their Fraternity here, as the *Templars* did, but rather the contrary; for it appears ^s that in *E. 4.* time, *John Beaufitz* Esquire, was their Fermour of the House called the *Preceptorie*, and resided there; which *John* in *22 H. 6.* underwent the Office of Eschaetor ^t for this Countie and *Leicesterſhire*; as also from ^u, *11 E. 4.* till *4 H. 7.* inclusive, was a Justice ^v of Peace in this Shire; And moreover, that having been in *16 E. 4.* Sheriff ^w for both these Counties, and in *1. and 2 H. 7.* again Eschaetor ^x, he dyed in *22 H. 7.* as the date and probate of his Testament ^y do manifest, by which he bequeathed his body to be buried in the Monasterie of *Bentworth*, before the Image of the blessed Virgin, at the door of the Quire, or where else *John Yardley*

the then Abbot should think more expedient: And to the Abbot and Covent of that House, gave a Basin and Ewre of silver to serve at the high Altar; the same Abbot, during his whole life, being to pray for him daily in his Masse, especially by name; and he that should daily say the Chapter Masse, to pray for the Soul of Sir *Raufe Boteler* Lord *Sudley*, and his Lady, and him the said *John Beaufitz* especially by name, as the said Abbot and Covent pleased; and likewise he that was to sing our Lady Masse. To the same Abbot he also gave a gilt piece to the value of ten marks, to pray daily for him by name in his Masse, and he and his Covent to assail him in the Chapterhouse. This *John* had ^z also in *Fletchamsted* an estate by Lease from the *Knights Hospitalars*; and besides this, ^{aa} posselt ^{ab} a Mannour in *Lodbroke*, called *Wynntenners*, as also the Mannour of *Wodcote* in this Countie; and left issue ^{ac} *Margerie* his daughter and heir, afterwards married ^{ad} to Sir *Robert Be-lyngham* Knight.

Little have I seen else, ^{ae} worthy the notice, touching this place, other than the Customes, which antiently, as is evident by that ^{af} Account in *31 H. 2.* were as followeth; *viz.* that their Tenants were yearly to mow three days in Harvest, one at the charge of the House; and to plow three days, whereof one at the like charge; As also to reap one day, at which time they should have a Ram from the House or *viii d. xxiv.* loaves and a Cheefe of the best in the House, together with a pail full of drink: And moreover that they might not sell their Horse-Colts, if they were foaled upon the land belonging to the Temple, without the consent of the Fraternity, nor marry their daughters without their License.

After the dissolution of the Monasteries, this Mannour, being (*inter alia*) assigned for the dowrie of Queen *Catherine*, the last wife of King *H. 8.* was in *1 E. 6.* granted ^{ag} (I mean the reversion) to *Edward* Duke of *Somerset* and his heirs, to hold by the *xlth* part of a Knights fee: But he being attainted in *5 E. 6.* (as our Historians do shew) the inheritance of it was shortly after past ^{ah} out of the Crown, unto *John* Dudley Earl of *Warwick*; upon whose attainder by Queen *Mary* (whereof I have spoke in *Warwick*) it became disposed ^{ai} of by that Queen, to *Edward* Lord *Dudley*, and to the heirs male of his body; who rendred it back again to the Crown, as it seems: for I find that the same Queen soon after, intending to ^{aj} restore that Religious House of the *Knights Hospitalars*, situate near *Smithſfield*, to some part of the lustre it antiently had, having to that purpose made Sir *Thomas Tresham* Knight Lord Prior thereof, did (*inter alia*) give ^{ak} this Mannour of *Balſhall* therunto: But all that fair design of hers being blasted very soon after Queen *Elizabeth* began to reign, this Mannour of *Balſhall* was by Letters ^{al} Patent from that Queen, dated *29. Junii 8. Eliz.* given to *Robert* Dudley Earl of *Leicester* and his heirs.

Armes in the Temple Church.



Armes painted on the ceiling in a Chamber of the House.



1. England.
2. Peche
3. Revell
4. Western Lord Prior of St. John.

Kinwaldsey.

THis petty Hamlet, having been so called from some possessor thereof in the Saxons time, lyes at a great distance from the Parish Church; and hath been anciently reputed, and still is esteemed as a member of Hampton: but whether it were given to the Nuns of **Bergate** in **Bedfordshire** by **Rog. de Moubray** (of whom in **Hampton** I have spoke) or by one of the **Ardens**, who had that Lordship of **Hampton** from his grant, I cannot say; yet cleer it is, that 'twas one of them who so gave it; for it appears that **Cristina** Priorese of **Bergate**, and the rest of her fellow Nuns, did demise it, together with **Didington**, unto the first **William de Arden** about King **Ric. 1.** time; for both which, they reserved the yearly Rent of **xv s.** and that **Hugh de Arden**, son and heir to the same **William**, purchased the inheritance of the n both, from **Isabel** the succeeding Priorese and the Covent of that House, for the summe of **xv s. marks**: And that these, together with **Knolle**, came to the Monks of **Westminster**; but how afterwards they were disposed of, I cannot well discover.

Didington.

OF this I can say no more than what I have exprest in **Kinwaldsey**.

Chadleswic.

THis place, being originally a member of **Hampton**, was by **Roger de Moubray** granted unto **Peter de Arden**, to hold by the tenth part of a Knights Fee: in which grant, or rather confirmation, it is said to have been at first given to the said **Peter**, by his father, called **Radulphus de Hampton** (as I have elsewhere shewed.) From this **Peter** it came to **Roger** his brother, whom he made his heir; and so descended to **William de Arden**, who granted it in dower, *inter alia*, unto **Anicia de Tracy** his wife, by the name of *totum villam de Chadleswic*. But after this, viz. in 20. and 36 **E. 3.** **Peter de Montfort** was certified to hold it by the eight part of a Knights Fee, though how this comes to passe I cannot give a reason; for cleer it is, that in 29 **E. 1.** **John Peche** (descended from an heir female of **Arden**) enjoyed it. And farther I have not seen any considerable mention of it; wherefore I conclude that it was swallowed up in **Hampton**.

Badsley-Clinton.

THis, forasmuch as it was heretofore a member of **Hampton**, comes most properly to be next spoke of. In the Conqueror's Survey it is not particularly mentioned, as being involved with **Hampton**, wherewith it came to **Nigel de Albani**; which **Nigell**, or **Roger de Moubray** his son, enfeofft **Walter de Biseg**, or the father of the same **Walter**, thereof, in **H. 1.** time, as may be inferred from that Certificate in 12 **H. 2.** To which **Walter**, succeeded **Raphe**, and to him **James de Biseg**, who bore for his Armes **Frette**, as by his Seal appeareth, and left issue **Mizera** his daughter and heir, wedded to Sir **Thomas de Clinton** of **Colshill** Knight, by whom she had divers sons, as the Descent in **Colshill** will manifest; whereof **James** (the fourth) had the inheritance of this Lordship assigned unto him for part of his patrimony, paying 1^l per an. to his Fathers heirs; whence it came to be named **Badsley-Clinton**, for distinction from another **Badsley** in this Hundred. To which **James** succeeded **Thomas**, who left issue two daughters and heirs; scil. **Joane**, first married to **John Coningsby**, but afterwards to **John Fowkes** of **Drypersston** in **Gloucestershire**, and **Petronill** to **John Wodard** of **Solihull**: which **John Coningsby**, for 6 marks of silver, in 29 **E. 3.** bought out the interest that the same **John Wodard** and **Petronill** had here.

But whether **Coningsby** had any issue by the same **Joane**, or not, I am uncertain; for evident it is, that **Fowkes** her second husband, lived here, and in 13 **R. 2.** joynded with her in the passing of it unto one **Nicholas Dudley** a trade man of **Cobventre** (and Major of that City in 1 **H. 4.**) But perhaps this was only an estate in trust; for it appears, that in 2 **H. 4.** **Robert Burdet** of **Byngthull** and **Joane** his wife, purchased it of **Richard Bushell** of **Drypersston** in **Gloucestershire** and **Margaret** his wife; which **Margaret** was daughter and heir to **John Fowke** and **Joan** his wife, as the Pedegree of **Clinton**, in **Colshill**, doth manifest. From which **R. Burdet** it came to one **Nic. Metley** (a Lawyer) by purchase; who bequeathing his Body to sepulture in the Temple Church at **London**, appointed that this Mannour, should be sold by his Executors (*inter alia*) and with the moneys thence arising, four Priests provided to celebrate divine Service for his Soule, and the souls of his Ancestors, for one whole year after his decease; or else two Priests for two years: and besides this one other Priest to do as much here at **Badsley**, for the like terme, constituting **Margaret** his mother, **Joane** his wife, and

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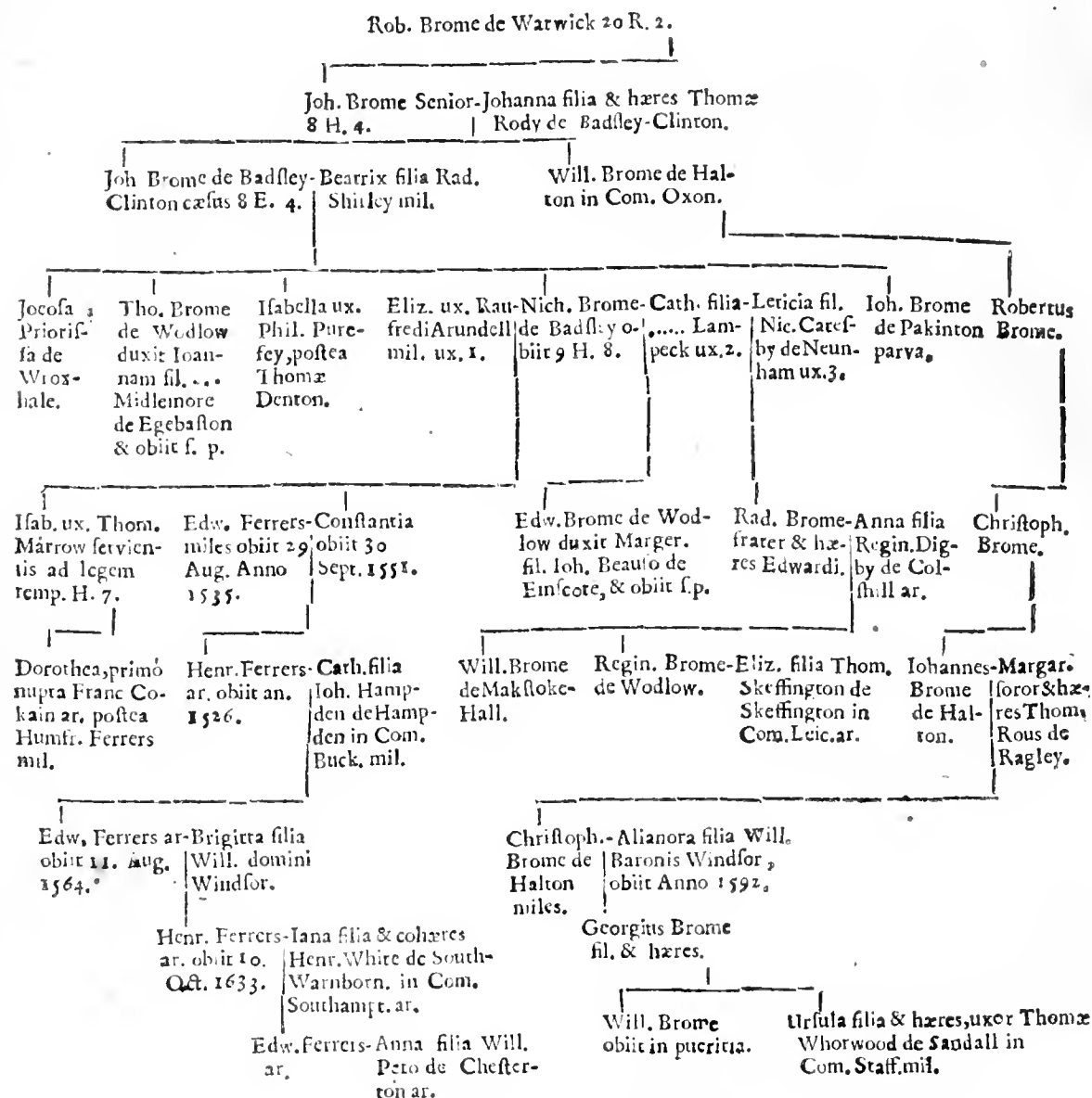
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Rob. Catesby his Executors: which Margaret and Joane sold^h it unto the said Robert Catesby their fellow Executor, who enjoyed^h it accordingly till after the battail of **Boshampton** (which was about a.v. years) but then did John Hugford of **Emfcote**, in right of Margaret his wife, daughter and heir to the before specified Nicholas Metley, ^k enter upon it, and by the countenance of Richard Nevill Earl of **Warwick**, whose Steward he was, kept possession thereof during the whole life of the said Robert: Howbeit, before the death of the same

John Hugford, Nich. Catesby, son and heir of Robert, made his entrie^h upon it again, and from that time enjoyed it during the whole life of Hugford, and eleven years after, that the daughters and heirs of the said John (whose Descent in **Emfcote** is to be seen) disseised^m him: whereupon the before mentioned Nich. Catesby, discerning the title to be so disputable, passⁿ it away unto John Brome, a Lawyer; by which means it came to the Family of Ferrers, as the Pedegree^o here inserted doth manifest.

o Ex. Coll.
pref. H.
Ferrers.



p Ex Coll.
H. Ferrers.

Of this John Brome the Lawyer, who had first to do here, I findⁿ, that he did descend from a Familie of that name, which for severall Descents were Tanners, and resided in that suburbe of **Warwick**, South of the Bridge; the House still retaining the name of **Brome's place**: and that Robert, his grandfather, was a Lawyer, as alsoⁿ Steward of the Courts to Thomas de Beauchamp Earl of **Warwick**, for his lands in this Countie: And that John, his Father, servedⁿ in the Parliament of 8 H. 4. as one of the Burgessees for the town of **Warwick**; and likewise that they were owners of **Wyss Hall**, or **Brome's place** in **Lapworth**, whence 'tis believed they originally came. Which John, before he so acquired *Catesby's* title to this Lordship, hadⁿ certain lands within the precincts thereof, in right of his mother (*scil. Joane* daughter and heir unto Thomas Rodie) and for a great

part of King Henry the six's reign, bore much sway in these parts, beingⁿ under Treasurer in the Exchequer: But in our publique Records his name is mistaken, and written *Brown*, as appeareth in the Commissionⁿ for assesseing of a Subsidie in 14 H. 6. and for treatingⁿ with the people about a Loan, of money to the King.

From 30 H. 6. till the end of that King's reign I findⁿ him in Commission for conservation of the Peace in this Countie; and inⁿ 38 H. 6. one of the Commissioners of Array: Howbeit, after the beginning of E. 4. reign, he was set aside as to any publique employment, and at length had the hard fate to be slain by John Hertbill Steward to Rich. Nevill, the great Earl of **Warwick**; who sending forⁿ him out of the White Friars Church in **London**, where he was then at Mass, upon some words which hapned betwixt themⁿ, kil'd him in the

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y Pat. 38.
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the Porch, the occasion of their quarrell, being (in short) this^o. *Hertbill*, having mortgaged the Mannour of *Woodlow* to this *John*, would have redeem'd it again for the money borrowed; but *Brome*, lying upon advantage, resolv'd to keep the land: whereupon, growing into height of words in disputing the businels, *Hertbill* mortally wounded him. Before he departed the world, having time to make his Will, he us'd therein this expre-
ssion, *scilicet*, that he forgave his son *Thomas*, who *smote* when he saw him run through by *Hertbill*, in the White Friars Church-Porch: In which Church (for there he was buried) he had this Epitaph^u upon his Tombe-stone.

*Nobilis & doctus sic Regni jure periti,
 Subivit ut Pulvis Brome corpus carne Johannis:
 Ingenti natu testis Warwic Comitatus,
 Hic us in Ecclesia facta qui corruit ense;
 Pravorum manibus sub Misse tempore casus,
 Sarcophago Nonis sepelitur mense Novembris,
 Sexaginta Centum quater octo jungito Mille,
 Alme pater requiem sibi presat habere perennem.*

By *Beatrice* his wife, daughter to Sir *Raph Shirley* Knight, he left issue divers Children; of which, *Nicholas* succeeded him, as Lord of this Mannour; who from^o 3 H. 7. till 9 H. 8. was a Justice of Peace in this Shire; as also for divers years a Commissioner^r for the Gaol-deliverie at *Warwick*, and of^r *Array*: and in 20 H. 8. Sheriff of this Countie and *Leicester-shire*. This *Nich.* resenting the death of his Father very much, about three years after, wav-lay'd the before mentioned *John Hertbill* in *Longbrydg-field*, in his passage towards *Barfild* to keep the Earl of *Warwick's* Court; and there, after a short encounter, slew^d him. Whereupon *Elizabeth*, *Hertbill's* widow, began to stir against him, by way of Appeal, for killing her husband: but by mediation of friends, Arbitrators were chosen to accord the businels, who awarded^d that she should release unto the same *Nicholas* all Actions personall, and Appeals, and that he the said *Nich.* should pay *Cl.* Sterling in *S. Maries* Church at *Warwick*, for the maintenance of a Priest, for one whole year, to sing Masse and pray for the souls, of *John Brome* and *John Hertbill*, so slau as hath been expressed, she the said *Eliz.* finding to the Priest, Bread, Wine, and Wax, as oft as he should say Mass: And moreover that the same *Nich.* should at his own proper costs, by the space of two years, find a Priest to sing Masse in the Church of *Wad-
 slep-Clinton*, for the souls above-said: which Award bears date at *Coventre* 18^o Martii 12 E. 4.

Of this *Nich.* I have further seen^d, that coming on a time into his Parlour here at *Wad-
 slep*, he found the Parish-Priest chocking his wife under the chin, whereat he was so enraged that he presently kill'd him; For which offence, obtaining the King's Pardon, and the Popes, he was enjoyn'd to do something towards the expiation thereof; whereupon he new built the Towre-steeple here at *Wad-
 slep*, from the ground, and bought three Bells for it; and raised the body of the Church ten foot higher: all which was exprest in his Epitaph, now torn away: And likewise built^d the Steeple of *Packwood*; in which Church windows was this Inscription, *Orate pro anima Nicholai Brome qui Campanile de Packwood fieri fecit.*

But farther of him I have not found any thing memorable, other than that he inclosed^d this Lordship, and that he departed^d this world 29. Aug. Anno 1517. (9 H. 8.) leaving issue^r by *Eliz.* his first wife, daughter to Sir *Raufre Arundell* Knight, *Isabell* wife to *Thomas Marrow* Sergeant at Law, and *Constance* married to Sir *Edward Ferrers* Knight. By^r *Katherine* his second wife, daughter of *Limpeck*, *Edward Brome*, who died childless; And by^r *Letice* his third wife, daughter of *Nicholas Cateby*, *Raph Brome*, from whom they of *Woodlow* are descended.

Which Sir *Edward Ferrers*, being son and heir to Sir *Henry Ferrers* of *Hambleton* in *Com. Rutl.* Knight (second son of *Thomas Ferrers* of *Tamworth* afile in this Countie, by *Elz.* sister and coheir to Sir *Baldwin Frevile* Knight, as the Descent in *Tamworth* sheweth) had^d, in right of the said *Constance*, this Lordship of *Wad-
 slep* for her share; whose posterity have continued owners of it ever since: amongst which, the memory of *Henry Ferrers* great grandchild to the same Sir *Edward* (who for his eminent knowledge in Antiquities, gave a fair lustre to that ancient and noble Family, whereof he was no small ornament) is yet of high esteem in these parts.

That which is now the Church here (dedicated to *S. James*) having been anciently a Chapell of *Hampton* in *Arden*, and therewith coming to the Canons of *Kenilworth* (as in *Hampton* is shewed) was appropriated^d to that Monasterie in Anno 1217. (2 H. 3.) But notwithstanding this Appropriation, it continued as a Rectorie, and in an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) was valued^d at two marks, in 14 E. 3. at *Lxxvi s. viii d.* and in^o 26 H. 8. at *iv li. vi s. viii d.*

Patroni Ecclesie. Incumbentes, &c.

<i>Jacobus de Clinton.</i>	<i>Magr. Will. le Archer</i> 5. <i>Langt. f. 7. a.</i>
	<i>Id. Maii</i> 1305.
<i>D. Episc. per lapsum.</i>	<i>Joh. de Ashby Cler. 5. Cal.</i> 1b. f. 78. a.
	<i>Junii</i> 1318.
<i>Thomas fil. Jac. de Clinton.</i>	<i>Galfr. de Stoneley Cap. 9. Northb. f. 21. b.</i>
	<i>Cal. Maii</i> 1328.
<i>D. Joh. de Monbray patronus hac vice.</i>	<i>Rob. de Enderby Cler. 7d.</i> 1b. f. 33. b.
	<i>Apr.</i> 1339.
<i>D. Joh. de Clinton miles.</i>	<i>Will. Serle de Sutham Cler.</i> 1b. f. 49. a.
	<i>6. Id. Febr.</i> 1346.
<i>Joh. de Coningesby.</i>	<i>Joh. le Kinge Cap. 5. Cal.</i> 1b. f. 51. b.
	<i>Nov.</i> 1349.
	<i>Rog. de Nottingham Pbr. 8.</i> 1b. f. 56. b.
	<i>Cal. Maii</i> 1353.
<i>Joh. Fouke.</i>	<i>Will. Clecher Cap. 8. Id. Julii</i> 1364.
	<i>Ric. Hanne 3. Cal. Martii</i> 1b. f. 15. a.
	<i>1365.</i>
	<i>Rad. Pontrell Pbr. 5. Id.</i> 1b. f. 28. b.
	<i>Junii</i> 1381.
<i>Nich. Dudley.</i>	<i>Will. Osmunde Pbr. 1. Sept.</i> Sk. f. 11. b.
	<i>1396.</i>
<i>Rob. Bardet D. de Badfley.</i>	<i>Thomas Hogges Cap. 3. Burgh. f. 11. a.</i>
	<i>Nov.</i> 1402.
	<i>Rob. Harliffon Cap. 27. Oct.</i> 1b. f. 25. a.
	<i>1409.</i>
	<i>Joh. Osgodby Cap. 22. Sept.</i> Arund. f. 141. a.
	<i>1414.</i>

Bull.f.7.a. Johanna Burdet Do- D. Joh. West Cap. 4. Nov.
mina de Badfley. 1418.
Eowl.f. D. Episc. per lapsum. Alex. Awen Pbr. 23. Maii
140.a. 1493.

ib.f.203.a. Will. Snelston Cap. 14. Nov.
1499.
ib.f.206.b. Nich. Brome ar. Rob. Banke Pbr. 8. Oct.
1501.

Overton bund.F. Jacobus Rex, per la- Mauritiu Jones Cler. 5. Ju-
Morton bund. plum. nii 1606.
incert. Franc. Edwards Cler. 11.
Junii 1619.

In the upper part of the East window of the Chancell here at **Badfley**, are curiously represented in Glasse, the portraitures of Sir Edward Ferrers Knight, and the Lady *Constance* his wife, with three sons and six daughters, all kneeling before S. George, with this expression in a scroul coming from his mouth *Sante Georgi ora pro nobis*: as also his Armes empaling hers, both with quartrings, and supported with two Unicorns, *Ermine*. And in the lower part of the same window, is the picture of the same Sir Edward, and the Lady *Constance* his wife, with Nicholas Brome Esquire her Father, all kneeling in their surcoats of Armes, before a Crucifix; the scroul from the lips of the said Sir Edward, having this written therein, *scil. Amor meus Crucifixus est*. And of a later time set up, towards the bottom of the same window, these four Coats.

1. Ferrers empaling Hampden. 2. Ferrers empaling Windsor. 3. Ferrers empaling White. 4. Ferrers impaling Peto; with these Inscriptions, as I have here divided them.

1. Nicholas Brome Esquire, Lord and owner of **Badfley**, married Elizabeth daughter of Sir Rawfre Arundell of **Eggleshole** in the Countie of **Cornewall** Knight, Anno Dom. 1473. and died the xth of October 1517. leaving issue Isabell and Constance, his two daughters, and lieth buried at this Church-dore.

2. Sir Edward Ferrers Knight, son and heire of Sir Henry Ferrers of **Cast-Peckham** in the Countie of **Kent** Knight, married Constance, daughter and coheir of the same Nicholas, of this Mannour of **Badfley-Clinton** Anno Dom. 1497. He died 29. Aug. 1535. and lieth buried in the Tombe of this Chancell.

3. Dame Constance Ferrers daughter and coheir to Nicholas Brome, and Elizabeth Arundel his first wife, who married to Sir Edward Ferrers An. D. 1497. and died 30. Sept. 1551. leaving issue by him Henry, Edward, George, and Nicholas, and six daughters Jane, Ursula, Anne, Margaret, Elizabeth, and Alice, figured as above said.

4. Henry Ferrers Esquire, son and heir of the same Sir Edward and Dame Constance, married Catherine daughter and coheir of Sir John Hampden of **Hampden** in the Countie of **Buck**. Knight, Anno 1524, and died 1526. leaving issue only Edward Ferrers his heir, and lieth buried in this Tombe.

5. Edward Ferrers Esquire, son of the same Henry, married Bridget daughter of William Lord Windsor Anno Dom. 1548. and died 11. Aug. 1564. leaving issue Henry Ferrers his heir, and lieth buried in **Warbick-Church** in the Countie of **Warcester**.

6. Henry Ferrers Esquire, son of the same Edward and Bridget his wife, married Jane the youngest daughter and coheir of Henry White of **South-warnboyn** in the Countie of **Hampsh**. Esquire, Anno Dom. 1582. and died the xth of October 1633. leaving issue onely Edward Ferrers his heir, and lieth buried in this Chancell.

7. Edward Ferrers Esquire, son of the same Henry and Jane his wife, married Anne the eldest daughter of William Peto of **Chester** Esquire, Anno Dom. 1611. She died the xiith day of September Anno Dom. 1618. leaving issue onely Henry Ferrers, born the 18th day of December Anno Dom. 1616.

All which portraitures and Armes, together with the Monument of the same Sir Edward Ferrers, and the Lady *Constance* his wife, situate in an Arch on the South side of this Chancell, were drawn by my self, and designed ready for the Graver, with great curiosity, to the intent that the beauty of them, which is so subject to perish, by time and unhappy accidents, might have been represented to the world, in such sort as others are in this present work, for their lasting memorie: But so frugall a person is the present heir of the Family, now residing here, as that, he refusing to contribute any thing towards the charge thereof, and it not being proper for me to undergo it totally, they are omitted.

The Epitaph upon that Monument of the before specified Sir Edward Ferrers Knight.

Here lyeth Sir Edward Ferrers Knight, son and heir of Sir Henry Ferrers, and Margaret Hekstall his wife, of **Cast-Peckham** in the Countie of **Kent** Knight. He died the xxixth day of August 1535. leaving issue Henry, Edward, George, and Nicholas. Here also lieth Dame Constance his wife, daughter & heir to Nicholas Brome Esquire of this Mannour of **Badfley-Clinton**, who died the xxxth day of September 1551.

Here also lieth Henry Ferrers their eldest son and heir, who married Catherine, one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir John Hampden of **Hampden** in the Countie of **Buck**. Knight. He died Anno D. 1526. leaving issue Edward Ferrers married to Briger daughter to William Lord Windsor of **Windsor** 1548 and died Anno Dom. 1564.

Ecce hic in pulvere dormimus. Hic nostra residet gloria carnis. Disce mori mundo, Vivere disce Deo.
Hodia nobis.

Other Monumentall Inscriptions.

Upon a stone in the midt of the Chancell.

Here lieth Henry Ferrers Esquire, son and heir of Edward Ferrers and Briger Windsor his wife; who was sometime Lord of this Mannour, and married Jane, one of the daughters and coheirs of Henry White, son and heir of Sir Thomas White of **South-Warnboyn**. He died the xth day of October Anno Dom. 1633. of his age the 84th leaving issue Edward Ferrers.

Upon

Upon another, near the former.

Here lieth the body of Edward Ferrers Esquire, son and heir of Henry Ferrers and Jane White his wife, sometimes Lord of this Mannour; who married Anne the eldest daughter of William Peto of Chesherton Esquire and Elianor Aston his wife; who died March the xxth aged 65. Anno à partente Virgine 1650. leaving issue onely Henry Ferrers. *Hec mihi lapidea marmorea posita est; immo tibi, qui hoc legis. quisquis es vigila dum vigilas, & in rem tuam mature prospera; horam scit nemo. Vale.*

In the body of the Church.

Here lieth Anne, the eldest daughter of William Peto of Chesherton Esquire, and Elianor Aston his wife, who was married to Edward Ferrers Esquire, Lord of this Mannour of Baddeley the xiith day of February Anno Dom. 1611. and died in childbirth the xiith day of September Anno 1618. ætatis sue 33. leaving issue onely Henry Ferrers.

Inscribed on the South side of the Chancell, in stone.

Edward Ferrers Esquire son and heir of Henry Ferrers and Jane White his wife, did new build and reedifie this Chancell, at his own proper costs and charges Anno Dom. 1634.

Monuments, and Monumentall Inscriptions, now defaced, which were taken notice of by Mr. Henry Ferrers in Queen Elizabeth's time.

In the Chancell upon a raised Monument.

Hic jacet Beatrice Brome vidua, filia Radulphi Shirley militis, quondam uxoris Johannis Brome de Baddeley-Clinton armigeri: que obiit x^o die mensis Julii anno Domini MCCCLXXXIII, ejus anime propitiatur Deus Amen.

Upon a Marble there, whereon was a Large Portraiture in Brasse, of a man in armour.

Hic jacet Philippus Puresey armiger, filius & heres Willielmi Puresey de Shirford in Com. War. armigeri; qui obiit xvi^o die mensis Septembris anno Domini MCCCLXXXI, ejus anime propitiatur Deus.

In this Chancell there is a large grave-stone, whereon is a plaine Cross, but no Inscription: under it lyeth buried Dorothy, sole daughter and heir of Thomas Marrow Sergeant at Law, who was first married to Francis Cokeyne of Pooley in this County Esquire, and afterwards to Sir Humfrey Ferrers of Lamboyrth-Castle.

Under a large marble lying within the Church dore, at the very entrance, whereupon hath been a faire portraiture in brasse, of a man in armour, lyeth buried Nicholas Brome sometime Lord of this Mannour.

And under the next stone, lyeth Elizabeth, one of his daughters, wife to Thomas Howe of Solthull.

Under another, neare thereto, lyeth Edward Brome son of the said Nicholas, by Katherine Lampeck his second wife, which Edward married Margery the daughter to John Bauso of Emicote in this County Esquire, and dyed Anno 1531. 23 H. 8.

Church-Bikenhill.

Returning now to the stream of Blithe, I come next to Church-Bikenhill. This containeth four other petty Hamlets; viz. Hill-Bikenhill, Spole-Bikenhill, Kingsford, Wavers-Perston, Perston-Culy, and Lindon; of all which, Turchill de Warwick was posselt^y in the Conqueror's time; but then they were reputed for no more than two Villages, the one certified to contain two hides, with Woods of four furlongs in length and as much in breadth, having been the freehold of Alnuardus before the Norman invasion; And the other likewise two hides, the Woods belonging thereto being xii. furlongs in length and six in breadth; all which one Aluric enjoyed in Edw. the Confessor's days. In Domesday-book they are both written Wichehelle, but afterwards Wychenhulle, and Bikenhill: wherefore, considering therewith the present manner of pronouncing the word, I do conclude that the name originally grew from the old English word Biggen, which signifieth a Hall, or Mannour-House, the later syllable shewing that it stood upon an ascent, as we see this town doth.

It should seem that a younger branch of Arden's Familie (whereof the said Turchill was the root) had that which is now called Church-Bikenhill assigned for his patrimony; for in the Deed made by Henry de Arderne (Turchill's grandson and heir) of certain lands for the dowrie of Leticia his wife, he likewise grants unto her *servitium Eustachii de Arderne de Wychenhulle*, which, it appears that he held of him. But I am of opinion that the descendants of this Eustace forsook the name of Arderne, and, in respect of their residence here, assumed the name of Bikenhill: for in 33 H. 2. and afterwards, I find mention^a of Thomas de Bikenhulle, with relation to this place; and, about the beginning of H. 3. time, Alexander de Bykenhill; which Alexander bound^b himself in the summe of xv. marks of silver unto Sir Hugh de Arden (of Hampton) Knight, that he would neither sell or pawn any part of his lands, without the consent of the said Sir Hugh; and in 19 H. 3. was one^c of the Justices of Assize in this Countie. After which, scil. in 23 E. 1. Alice de Langley (of whom in Wolfhamcote I have spoke) wrote^d her self Domina de Wygenhull; perhaps she was widow unto the said Alexander; and yet the same year did Thomas (whom I conceive to be his son) stile^e himself so, likewise.

^y Domesd. lib.

^z Regist. de Stonle f. 6. ^a

^a Rot. P. 33. H. 2. F. levat. 3. loh

^b Ex autog. in bibl. Harton.

^c Pat. 19. H. 3. in. d.

^d Ex autog. penès E. Peto eq. aur.

^e Ex autog. penès W. Noel ar.

But the next possessor of it (though how I find not) was^c *Walter Parles*, about the later end of E. 2. time: To whom succeeded^e *William Parles*, who in 1 E. 3. past^b away his title therein unto Sir *John Peche* of *Hampton* in *Arden* Knight, whose grandchild, Sir *John Peche*, in 28 E. 3. obtained a Charterⁱ of *Free Warren* in all his demefn lands here: From which time, for want of light, I have not discovered any more thereof.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Peter*) though at the first Foundation of the Monasterie of *Henwood*, it was united^k thereto, continued not long to those Nunns, but was transmitted to them of *Perigate* in *Com. Bedf.* and appropriated^l to that Religious House. In anno 1291. (19 E. 1.) it was valued^m at ix. marks, and the Vicaridge at two marks: but in 26 H. 8. the said Vicaridgeⁿ was estimated at vii li. xvii s. ii d. over and above ix s. vii d. yearly allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

Bickenhill.

In a South Window of the Church.



In a North Window.



1. Peche 3
2. Waver. 4
3. Waver. 5
4. Peche. 6
5. Waver. 7
6. Erington. 8

Clem. Fisher de *Pa-* *Joh. Keeling* Cler. 31. Oct. *Overton*
kinton miles. 1605. bund. F.
Maria Fisher vi- *Will. Hyssonne* Cler. 20. *Mo-ton*
dua. Nov. 1620. bund. in-
cert.

Middle-Bickenhill, and Hill Bickenhill.

These were antiently reputed but for one Hamlet, and called^o *Little-Bikenhill*, being in King *John's* time posselt by *Richard de Kaines*: which *Richard* gave^p it unto his three sisters; scil. *Rahace*, *Ala*, and *Margaret*; *Will. de Kaines*, their other brother, confirming^q the grant; and *Henry de Bickenhill* releasing^r to them all his right therein. By these sisters it was divided^s; but a good part thereof came afterwards to the Nunns of *Henwood*, and after the generall dissolution, was^t past out of the Crown (inter alia) to *Edward Aglionby* of *Balsball* Esquire, and *Henry Hugford* of *Solihull* Gentleman, and their heirs, by the name of a Mannour, with certain lands and Rents in *Hill Bickenhill*: all which were purchased, as it seems, shortly after by *John Fisher* of *Pakington* Esquire; for by the Inquisition taken^u after his death, it appears, that he died seized of them; from whom they are descended to Sir *Clement Fysher* Baronet, his great grandchild, who now enjoys them.

Kington alias Kingsford, part in Bickenhill and part in Solihull-Parish.

This is a very ancient place, though now there be little signe thereof; for I find that there stood a Church here, in the beginning of H. 3. time, the advowson whereof was granted^w, in 5th of that King's reign; to the Nunns of *Perigate* in *Bedfordshire*, by one *Henry le Notte*: But afterwards, viz. in 16 E. 2. it had the reputation^x for no more than a Chapell belonging to *Bikenhill*.

In 37 H. 6. it appears, that the *Mouniforts* of *Colshill* were Lords thereof; and therefore I am of opinion, that it came to them by the daughter and heir, of *Peche*, as *Hampton* in *Arden* did: For in that year, Sir *Baldwin* son and heir to Sir *William Mounifort*, passed^y his estate therein, unto Sir *Humphrey Stafford* Knight, son and heir to the Duke of *Buck*, and others: which grant was but in trust, as it seems; for in 7 H. 7. did Sir *Simon Mounifort* Knight (son and heir to the said Sir *Baldwin*) demise^z it by the name of the Mannour of *Kingsford*, unto *Henry* and *Thomas* his two younger sons; and in 10 H. 7. died^a seized of it (but attainted, as in *Colshill* is shewed) whereupon it eschaeting to the Crown, was soon granted^b, inter alia, to *Girald* Earl of *Wiltshire* and *Eliz. St John* his wife, and to the heirs male of their two bodies lawfully begotten; by which it came to Sir *James Fitz Girald* Knight son to the said Earl by that Ladie; who being attainted in 28 H. 8. (as in *Dunchurch* appeareth) it resorted again to the Crown; and in 7 E. 6. was, with other lands, granted^c unto *Thomas Lucy*, of *Cherle-cote* Esquire, and his heirs: which *Thomas* (afterwards

Ex autogr.
penes D.
& Cap.
Lich.

Langt. f.
79. a.

Northb. f.
20. a.

1b. f. 24. a.

1b. f. 51. a.

Stret. f. 11. b.

1b. f. 11. b.

Sk. f. 10. a.

Burgh. f.
22. a.

Bull. f. 4. a.

Bo. f. 6. b.

Bl. f. 9. a.

Str. & P.
f. 14. b.

Sampl. &
B. f. 42. a.

Bund. B.

Patroni Vicariz.

Incumbentes, &c.

Galfr. de Newnham Cap.
D. Alanus de Waverton 7.
Cal. Nov. 1320.
Joh. de Wylmuncote 4. Id.
Jan. 1325.
Joh. Martin Cap. 15. Cal.
Nov. 1330.
Henr. de Umbresley Cap. 4.
Non. Oct. 1349.
D. Will. le Warde, prid. Id.
Jan. 1358.
Will. atte Gange Cap. 2. Id.
Martin 1362.
Joh. Sponne Pbr. 19. Maii
1395.
Nich. Burton 28. Jan.
1408.
Will. Bickenhill Cap. 3. Ju-
nii 1416.
Will. Erle Pbr. 6. Aug.
1447.
D. Thomas Orme 15. Sept.
1522.
D. Humfr. Robyns 22. Junii
1537.
Thomas Vagham Cler. 3.
Dec. 1565.
Andr. Dent Cler. 10. Sept.
1582.

Eliz. Angl. Regi-
na.

Plac.
temp.
R. Joh.
rot. 3.
& 4.

Pat. 7. E.
6. p. 11.

u Esc. 13.
Eliz.

w F. levat.
Oct. Mich.
5. H. 3.

x Northb.
f. 25. a.

y Claus.
37. H. 6. in
d. m. 22.

z Ex au-
togr. penes
S. Mount-
fort ar.

a Esc. 1c
H. 7.

b Pat. 1.
H. 7. p. 1.
m. 2.

Pat. 2. F.
8. p. 1.

c Pat. 7.
6. p. 6.

d Hill, Rec. 12. Eliz. 101.96. wards a Knight) sold ^d it unto *Thomas Dabridge-*
ment Esquire, of whom in *Langeon* I have made
mention.

Waver's Merston.

OF this place there is no mention at all in the Conqueror's Survey, so that I presume it was then involved with *Bikenhill*, because it afterwards appeareth ^c to be of *Arden's* Fee; From one of which Familie, I am of opinion that *Anketill de Crafie* was first enfeoffed thereof, about King *Stephen* or *H. 2.* time; for cleer it is, that the same *Anketil* posselt ^f it, and had his residence ^e here; From whom it descended ^h to *Roger de Crafie*, his nephew (scil. son of *Roger* his brother) which *Roger*, about the beginning of King *Ric. 1.* time, sold it unto *William de Waver*, son of *Robert de Waver* his kinsman, for XL. li. of silver, to be held of him the said *Roger* and his heirs by the sixth part of a Knights Fee; whereupon for distinction from the many other *Merstons* in this Countie, it came to be called *Waver's Merston*: whose grandchild, *William*, in 41 *H. 3.* obtained a Charter ^k of *Free warren* in all his demesne lands here: But taking part with the rebellious Barons in 49 *H. 3.* for which his lands were seized ^l, and this Mannour given ^m to *Roger de Somers* (Lord of *Dudley*) upon his Composition (according to the *Dictum de Benilwozth*) he was necessitated to sell ⁿ it, out-right, to the said *Roger* for CC. marks of silver: Howbeit, afterwards, either he or his son *Robert* redeem'd it again; for in 35 *E. 1.* the same *Robert* entailed ^o it, at his son's marriage, together with *Th' ester-waver* and other lands, as in my discourse of that place hath been already said.

In whose line it continued till 6 *H. 6.* that *John Waver* of *Th' ester-waver* Esquire, past ^p it unto *John Catesby* of *Lapwozth*: from whom it came to *John Catesby* of *Stowell*, grandchild to the said *John*, who in 16 *E. 4.* obtained a Release ^q from *Henry Waver* of *Th' ester waver* Esquire, of all his right and title thereto: and afterwards (though by what direct steps I have not seen) unto the descendants of *Thomas Catesby*, a younger son of Sir *Will. Catesby* Knight, whose Pedegree is in *Lapwozth* to be seen: one of which, viz. *John*, about the beginning of King *James* his time, sold it unto *Henry Mayne*, of *Bobington* in *Hartfordshire*, in reversion after his own decease: by which means it is come to *John Mayne*, now of *Elmedon* Gentleman, grandchild to the said *Henry*.

Merston-Culy.

IN King *Edward* the Confessor's time, this place was posselt ^r by one *Aluric*, who, after the Norman Conquest, sold ^s it, with the License of King *William*, unto *Robert de Oilgi*: Of which *Robert*, *Robert Vcnator* held ^t it at the time of the generall Survey, it being then accounted for two hides, having Woods which extended to four furlongs in length and one in breadth, all valued at xx s. But from this time till King *H. 2.* reign, that *Hugh de Culi* was owner ^u thereof, I have seen no more of it: nor after that till 21 *E. 3.* that *Sr Fouk de Bermingham* posselt ^w it, as appears by a

speciall License, ^x by him then granted unto one *Ranulph Lejecroft*, to amortize two Mess. two yard land, and xii s. Rent, lying therein, for the maintenance of a Priest to celebrate divine Service, here, every day in the Chapell of *S. Leonard*, for the health of the soul of him the said *Ranulph*, and of his Ancestors, and all the faithfull deceased.

From which *Ranulph* (who had ^y a good proportion of lands here, besides what he had so disposed of) descended *Robert Leecroft*, by whom, in 22 *R. 2.* the whole Mannour was purchased ^z from *Thomas Roche* and *Eliz.* his wife, it being of her inheritance, as daughter ^a and heir unto *Thomas de Bermingham*. To the descendants of which *Robert*, it continued till *H. 8.* time, that *Anne* the daughter and heir ^b to *William Leecroft* of *Colmhill*, was wedded ^c unto *John Lisle* of *Morhull* Esquire, whose son and heir, scil. *Nicholas Lisle*, sold ^d it, in 25 *H. 8.* to *Reginald Digby* of *Colmhill* Esquire, in which line it still continues.

Lindon.

THAT this Hamlet was originally so called from the situation thereof, the name doth plainly manifest, *Ublin*. in the Brittain, signifying a Lake or Pool, and *don*, in the Saxon, a Hill; for at the foot of an indifferent rising ground it standeth: but the first mention I have found of it in any Record, is ^e in 34 *H. 3.* where it appears that *unilda de Lynden* brought an Assize of *Novel disseisin* against *Walter de Bishopsdon* and others, for lands here; yet is it no Mannour of itself, but the lands of other Lordships reach into it, whereof I shall not need to give instance.

Little Pakinton.

OF this place I find no mention in the Conqueror's Survey, though it seems to have been part of the Earl of *Mellent's* possessions at that time; for it appears ^f that the antient Earls of *Leicester* were chief Lords of the Fee: But certain it is, that in King *H. 1.* time, *Robert de Cerafo* ^g posselt it, and after him ^h *Gilbert* the son of *Picot*; which *Gilbert* had issue ⁱ *William Picot*, unto whom *Nicholas* the son of *Richard de Torpe* released ^j all his right therein, that descended to him by inheritance from the same *Robert de Cerafo* his grandfather. This *Gilbert Picot*, being a ^k Knight, had four possessions in *Leicestershire*; viz. *Barow*, *Segrabe*, *Olen*, &c. And in 4 *H. 3.* was *William Picot* (his son) one ^l of the Justices for the Gaol-delivery at *Warwick*, and *Leicester*, both. In which line of *Picot* it continued till about the middle of King *H. 3.* reign; but then, by daughters and heirs, two parts divided ^m to *Murdac* and *Ireys*, and the third to ⁿ *Nicholas Pikot* (which came shortly after to one *Gilb. Petemon*) betwixt whom there grew suits ^o for their interest here, in 27 *H. 3.*

But of these coparceners *Sir Henry Murdac* was the chief ^p, being Shirriff of this County and *Leicestershire* in 46 *H. 3.* and one ^q of the Justices for the Gaol-delivery at *Warwick* in 56 *H. 3.* Which *Sir Henry* doing homage ^r to *Roger de Quency* Earl of *Winchester* (as Lord of the Honour of *Leicester*) for the fourth part of a Knight's Fee,

x Penès
Rob. D.
Digby.

y Ec. 21.
E. 3. n. 5.

z F. Levat.
Ost. Mich.
22. R. 2.

* Vide in
Brom-
wich.

a Ec. 12
b H. 8.

c Ex autog.
penès pref.
D. Digby.

d Pat. 34.
H. 3. in d.

e Testa de
N.

f Ex Re-
gift. D.
g Ex cap
Wi-
h gorn.
f. 41. b.

i Ex autog.

penès
Anch.
Brabazon
eq. aut.

k Ex pref.
Regist. f.
43. a.

l Ex autog.
penès pref.
A. B.

m claus.
4. H. 3. m.

14.

n Ex au-
tog. pe-
nès
o Ex pref.
A. B.

p Pat. 27.
H. 3. in d.

q Ex au-
tog. penès
exnd. A. B.

r Pat. 46.
H. 3. m. 15

s Pat. 56.
H. 3. in d.

t Ex
autog.
penès
u Exnd.
w A. B.

e Ec. 50.
H. 3.

f Ex vet.
ex empl
penès
loh.
g Maine
gen.

k Cart. 41.
H. 3. m. 3.

l Ec. 50.
H. 3.

m Claus.
n 51. H.
3. m.
3. 2.

o F. Levat.
raft. Purif
15. E. 1.

p Ex au-
tog. pe-
nès
q Ex autog.
penès pref.
A. B.

r Do-
mest.
lib.

s Pat. 32.
1. 3. in d.
t Ec. 21.
1. 3. n. 5.

Fee, that he and the other coheirs held of him here at **Pakinton**, had authoritie given " him by the said Earl, to receive the homage of *Thomas le Ireys*, and *Agnes* his wife; as also of *Nich. Pikot*, his fellow partners before spoken of: at which time he gave " to the same Earl xl s. of silver in the behalf of himself and them, and his and their heirs, to be released from attendance at the three weeks Court at **Leicester**, making their appearances at his **Leet** only.

To this Sir *Henry* succeeded Sir *William Murdac* Knight, who bore " for his Armes *Bend of ten pieces Arg. and Gules*, and had issue " *Alice* his daughter and heir wedded " to Sir *Thomas Poyvile* Knight, unto whom she brought a fair inheritance of lands in **Leicestershire**; Which *Boyviles* had their residence " at **Stokelston** in that Countie: But within the compasse of that time, as they had to do here, they obtained one of the two other parts of this Lordship, before spoken of, as it seems; So that upon the Partition betwixt the three daughters and heirs of the last *John*; viz. " *Eliz.* the wife of *John Cokain*, *Margaret* of *Thomas Restwold*, and *Anne* of *Henry Sorbill*, made 17. *Ann. S. E. 4.* it was allotted (inter alia) to *Elizabeth*, by the name of the Mannour of **Pakinton-Picot**; whose son and heir, *Edmund Cokain* of **Bury Bailly in Com. Herif.** about the later end of *H. 7. c. m.*, sold " it unto Sir *Robert Brudnell* of **Dene in Com. Northampt.** Knight. From whom descend d *Thomas Brudnell* Esquire (afterwards, *scil. 3. Car.* created Lord *Brudnell*, a person much to be honoured for his great learning, prudence, and eminent knowledge in Antiquities) who by his Deed " of bargain and sale, dated 19 *May 4. Jac.* past it unto Sir *Edward Brabazon*, then of **Pether-Whitacre** in this Countie Knight, which Sir *Edward* disposed thereof to Sir *Anthony Brabazon* Knight his younger son, the late owner thereof.

Touching that part which *Ireys* had, I find, that in 13 *E. 3.* *Thomas le Ireys* passed " it away, by the name likewise of the Mannour of **Pakinton-Picot**, to *Philip de Ayleston*, and *Katherine* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies, but for lack of such issue to return unto the right heirs of the said *Thomas*; which makes me conjecture that the said *Katherine* was his daughter: After this, viz. in 50 *E. 3.* Sir *William de Clinton* Knight (of whom in **Marstoke** I shall speak) purchased " one third part of this Mannour from *John Wiltches* and *Joane* his wife: but whether this were that which *Philip de Ayleston*, above specified, had; or the other formerly belonging to *G. Bert Peccomen*, I cannot well discover. Which third part continued " to his posterity till the beginning of *H. 7.* time, though how much longer I know not: for in 20 *H. 7.* *John Grey* Vicount *Listle* was found " to dye seized the " of, by the name likewise of the Mannour of **Pakinton-Picot**; which from him devolved " to *Thomas Marquis Dorset*, his Uncle's son, and so consequently to *Henry Duke of Suff.* After whose attainder in 1 *Marie* (whereof in **Atley** I have spoke) it eschaeted to the Crown, and continued therein till Queen *Elizabeth*, in the second year of her reign, granted " it to *Edward Earl of Lincoln* (heir to the *Clintons* before specified) which Earl sold " it to one *Sampson Baker* Gentleman 30 *Oct. 15 Eliz.* who died " seized thereof in 26 *Eliz.* leaving *John Baker* his brother and heir *L.* years of age. Which *John*, together

with *Humphrey Baker*, then residing at the **Charter-House** near **Cobentre**, by their Deed " bearing date 29 *Jan. 33 Eliz.* aliened it unto *Robert Brudnell* of **Duddington in Com. Hunt.** Esquire, whose son and heir *Thomas* (now Lord *Brudnell*) past it away, together with that other Mannour, formerly *Boyvile's* (and by the same Deed) unto Sir *Edward Brabazon*: by which means it came to Sir *Anthony*, his younger son, before specified.

There was anciently an **Hermitage** within the precincts of this Lordship (situate neer to the borders of **Marstoke**, the place bearing that name to this day) built " by one *Hemerie*, Parson of this Parish in the time of *Robert de Cera's* Lord of the Mannour, before spoken of: and, together with the Church of **Pakinton**, given " by *Gislebert Picot* to the Monks of **Worcester**, for the health of his soul, as also of his Ancestors and successors in pure Almes; which gift *William Picot*, his son, confirmed " with addition of a large proportion of land lying neer thereto, express by metes and bounds, over and above what his Father, before him, had granted withit: In consideration whereof he received from the said Monks four marks of silver, and two bifants (of Go'd) which grants were confirm'd " by Pope *Innocent* the third 4. *Id. Febr.* in the 4th year of King *John's* reign. Some other " concessions there were to this **Hermitage**, by ordinarie persons; but for brevity I omit them. All which lands, upon the dissolution of the Monasteries by King *H. 8.* were, in 33. of his reign, granted " (inter alia) to the Dean and Chapter of **Worcester**, unto whom they still continue, *Anno scil. 1640.*

But after the Church was so given to the Monks of **Worcester**, by the said Sir *Gilbert Picot*, and confirm'd " by *Walter Durdent* Bishop of **Cobentre**, there grew a difference " betwixt those Monks and the said *Gilbert*, concerning the rights due thereto, in so much as they went to suit with him about it; howbeit at length they came to a friendly agreement " whereupon the same *Gilbert* was, for himself and all his Tenants to pay Tithes Hay; and to allow them *xii.* loads of Wood yearly, by the oversight of his Woodward; as also an habitation for the Priest there officiating; and timber, with six forks, for the building of it; and likewise for sustaining it always in repair, together with half an acre of Land; and trouse out of his Woods for the continuall fencing thereof.

In *Anno 1291.* (19 *E. 1.*) the value " of this Church was certified at one Mark, but in 26 *H. 8.* at " *iii li.* over and above *iii s. x d.* allowed for payment of *Procurations* and *Synodals*, having at that time an annuall *Pension* " of *x s.* payable by the Prior of **Marstoke**.

Patroni Ecclesie. Incumbentes, &c.

Joh. de Albodesle 15. *Cal. Northb. f. 35. b.*
Dec. 1339.
Thomas Wray Cler. 3. *Id. 16. f. 51. b.*
Nov. 1349.
Prior & Capitulum
Eccle. Cath. Wigorn. *Joh. de Pakinton* Cap. 13. *16. f. 55. b.*
Cal. Martin 1351.
Joh. Clerk in prima tonsura *Sk. f. 14. a.*
constitutus, 25. *Febr. 1397.*
D. Episc. per lapsum. Rad. *Worston* Pbr. 22. *Oct. Heyw. f. 32. a.*
1433.
Prior & Cap. Wi- *Joh. Rogers* Pbr. 6. *Decemb. 16. f. 41. a.*
gorn. 1442.
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h Efc. 20.
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i Thower
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k Pat. 2.
Eliz. p. 3.

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m Eliz.

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 Eowl. f. 140. a. Joh. Wykkyngs Pbr. 4. Apr. 1493.
 Str. & P. f. 14. b. Prior & Cap. Wigorn. D. Ric. Jorden Cap. 24. Martii 1537.
 Ib. f. 16. b. D. Leonardus West Cap. . . . 1538.
 Samp. & B. f. 42. b. Decan. & Cap. Wigorn. Will. Clarke Cler. 22. Junii 1566.
 Ib. f. 45. a. Georgius Field Cler. 28. Martii 1573.
 Overton bund. C. Eliz. Regina, per lapsum. Joh. White Cler. 22. Martii 1596.
 Morton bund. incert. Ib. Decan. & Cap. Wigorn. Rob. Greencough in Art. Magr. 16. Martii 1618.
 Henr. Banks Leg. Bac. 5. Martii 1628.

Berkswell.

THIS, lying on the other side of **Blithe**, containeth **Barston** and **Moxecote-hall** within its parish. Before the Norman invasion one **Levenet** was owner^b thereof; but upon the Conquest by Duke **William**, it, with other vast possessions, were conferred^c upon **Robert** Earl of **Meillant**, in whose hands they continued till after the generall Survey, in which this was rated^d but for one hide, and valued at no more than *v. s.* the reason whereof I conceive to be, because the substance of it was then involved with **Barston**. In *Domesday* book it is written **Berchewelle**, having first had that denomination (as I guess) from the large Spring which boileth up on the South side of the Churchyard. Of those lands belonging to the Earl of **Meillant**, which **Henry de Newburgh**, his brother, (who obtained the Earldome of **Warwick**) had, this of **Berkswell** being part, was by him given to **Ranulf de Mundeville** in King **H. 1.** time, as may easily be gathered from what I have observed in **Lightbourne**.

To which **Ranulf** succeeded **Nigel de Amunde-ville**, who in 12 **H. 2.** was certified^e to hold one Knight's fee of the Earl of **Warwick de veteri feof-famento**, which Knight's fee is after manifested to lye here, and in **Lightbourne**. This **Nigel** had his seat here, as I guess; for it appears that he had then a Park at this place; and that **Oliva** his wife had the whole Lordship in dower: but all that I have observed of him, worthy the recitall, is, that he gave^f to the Canons of **Kenilworth**, for their fewell, as much dead wood in his Woods here at **Berkswell**, excepting onely his Park and that called **Bernef**, as two Carts throughout the year, Winter and Summer could carry: and that, because it was his wives dowrie (as I have said) she had a Palfrey, and *x. l. s.* in money for her content.

To this **Nigell** succeeded **Richard de Munde-vill**, who in 13 **H. 3.** was suretie^g for the payment of *xx. li.* for **Thomas** Earl of **Warwick**, being part of *C. li.* due to the King for his Relief: After which he had many publique and eminent employments in this Countie; for in 21 **H. 3.** I find^h him one of the Commissioners for assessing a *xxx. th* part of all mens goods for the King's behoof. In 20, 21, and 22 **H. 3.** a Justiceⁱ of Assize. In 26 **H. 3.** in Commission^k with the Shiriff and **John Durvas-**

fall for assessing of Armes, and conservation of the Peace. From 27. till 34 **H. 3.** a Commissioner^l for the Gaol-deliverie at **Warwick**, and in 34 **H. 3.** a^m Knight. After which, viz. in 37 **H. 3.** he had a Charterⁿ of **Free warren** extending to all his demesne lands, both here and in **Lightbourne**, and the same year received an exemption^o for serving on Juries; whence I conclude that he was then grown old. And therefore because his son and heir was also called **Richard**, I will now begin to speak of him, whose publique Actions were no lesse eminent than his Fathers had been.

In 41 **H. 3.** he attended^p **Richard** Earl of **Cornwall** (then elect King of **Romans**) into **Germany**; and in 47 **H. 3.** was^q in the Welch Expedition with Prince **Edward** the King's eldest son. Whether he did cordially adhere to the rebellious Barons shortly after, I will not take upon me to say, though plain it is that he was^r in **Kenilworth** Castle when the Royall Army besieged it, and being reputed one of the Barons partie, had safe conduct with **Henry de Hastings**, and others, to march out upon the render thereof: yet so far he had favour by the Jurie^t, upon the seizure of his lands, as that they said upon their Oaths, that he was there with young **Simon de Mountfort**, per distinctionem, & contra voluntatem suam; so that I do not find that he compounded for his estate: But I suppose that this **Richard** had no issue; for in 6 **E. 1.** he past^u unto **Will. de Beauchamp** Earl of **Warwick** the inheritance of this Lordship, and **Lightbourne**, reserving only an estate for life to himself and **Maud** his wife: in consideration whereof, the said Earl granted^w to him the Mannour of **Bzaeles**, excepting *xvi. li.* Rent issuing out of the same, to hold during his life, and the life of the said **Maud**.

In 10 **E. 1.** this **Richard de Mundeville** was solely joyned in^x Commission with the Shiriff, for conservation of the Peace in this Countie, which is much ancients than some^y do allow Justices of Peace to have been: And in 13 **E. 1.** claimed^z a Court-leet here at **Berkswell**, with Assize of Bread and Beer, as also **Free warren**, but it was found by the Jurie, that he had no right to either Court-leet, or Assize of Bread and Beer, though he had injuriously held such a Court of his own Tenants when the King's Bayliff used to keep his **Turne**: wherefore he was warned to forbear the doing so any more, and amerced for what was past: howbeit, for the **Free warren** he produced King **Henrie's** Charter, which was allowed, and got off his Amerciament by favour of the Justices Itinerant. But it seems that he was not contented with the former agreement made with the Earl of **Warwick**, for quitting his title to this Mannour; for I find that in 25 **E. 1.** the Earl came to a new conclusion with him, granting him^a during life, *C. li. per annum* out of **Belepe**, and **Wardley** in *Com. Wigorn.* and **Claberdon** in this Countie.

To his first wife he wedded^b **Isabell**, sister unto **John Fitz Alan**; and to his second **Maud**, but of what parentage I have not seen. And by his Testament^c bearing date on the Friday before the Feast of the Annunciation of our Lady 27 **E. 1.** bequeathed his body to sepulture in the Priorie of **Chaucumbe** in *Com. Northamp.* neer to his Farther's grave, but his Heart to be buried in the Oratorie of the **Friers Minors** at **Cobentre**; and to the Countess of **Lincolne** a great silver Goblet, as also a Cross, with a bugle Horne: To the Ladie **Alice de Whitacre** a plain silver Goblet, and the like to

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k Claus.
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o Pat. 37.
H. 3. m. 5.

p Pat. 41.
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q Pat. 47.
H. 3. in d.

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f. 18. a.

s Pat. 51.
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y Spelm.
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b Claus. 33.
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c Giff. f.
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the Lady *Alice de Verdon*; constituting Sir *Richard de Whitacre*, Sir *Robert de Verdon* Knights, *Edm. de Whitacre*, and *Jordan de Whitacre* his Executors.

After his death, that this Mannour came to the Earls of *Warwick*, it was assigned^d (*inter alia*) for the dowrie of *Alice* the widow of *Guy de Beauchamp* in 9 E. 2. And upon the attainder of *Thomas* Earl of *Warwick* in 22 R. 2. it was^e given to *Thomas Holland* Duke of *Surrey*; but after the depofall of King *Richard 2.* the said Earl repossest it, with the rest of his lands, again: amongst which it was, in 2 H. 4. allotted^f unto *Margaret* his widow for part of her dowrie. But coming with the rest of *Warwick's* lands to *Richard Nevill* (the stout Earl) it was by him entailed^g in 28 H. 6. and so, in 3 H. 7. came to the Crown, with *Warwick-Castle*, and the other lands belonging to

that Earldom, as in *Warwick* I have manifested.

It seems that some Tenants, here, held their land in Villenage; for in 25 H. 8. the King (being then posselt of this Mannour) did grant unto one *Thomas Miles* his Letters Patent^h of Manumission. In the Crown it continued till 7 E. 6. and then was by that King, together with divers other Lordships in this Countie, pastⁱ unto *John* Duke of *Northumb.* But upon his attainder in 1 *Marie*, returning again to the Crown, it was in 3. & 4. Ph. & M. granted^k to *Thomas Marow* Esquire, and *Alice* his wife, for terme of their lives, the remainder to *Samuell Marow*, one of the sons of the same *Thomas* and *Alice*, and the heirs of him the said *Samuell*, to be held in *Capite*, by the 2th part of a Knight's Fee, in whose line, which I have here drawn^{*}, it continueth to this day.

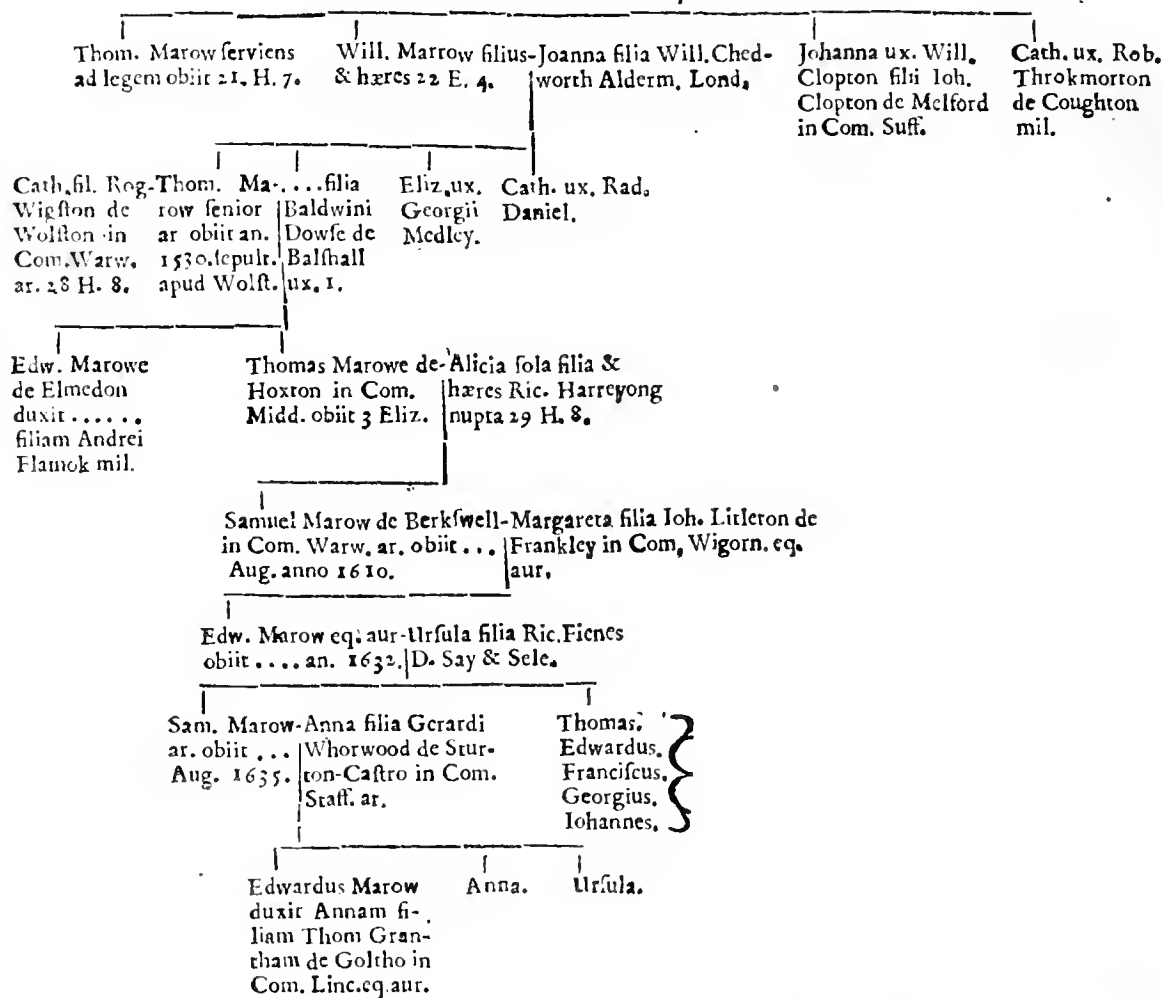
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Will. Marow Grocerus (filius Steph. Cath. filia & cohær.
Marowe de Stebenhithe in Com. Midd.) Joh. Rich Civis &
Major Civ. Lond. an. 35 H. 6. Merceri Lond.



The Church (dedicated to S. *John Baptist*) was in anno 1291. (19 E. 1.) valued^l at xx. marks per annum, over and above the yearly Pension of one mark, which the Collegiate-Church of *Tamworth* received out of it; and in^m 26 H. 8. at xiv li. xii s. iv d. besides xi s. paid out of it for Procurations and Synodalis

Patroni Ecclesiæ. Incumbentes, &c.

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Cap. 2.
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Ric. de Munde-
vile miles. } Benedictus de Mundevile.
Will. de Warcy.
Eulco Lovel an. 1249.
Sim. de Cadinton.

Joh. de Dunclent Cler. 16. Cal. Lang. f.
Jan. 1307. 28. a.
Guido de Bellocam- } Joh. Dod Pbr. 6. Non. Maii. 1b. f. 35. a.
po Comes Warw. 1309.
Will. de Wellesburne 8. Cal. 1b. f. 39. a.
Febr. 1314.
Edw. Rex Angliæ, Ric. de Somerdbry 3. Cal. Dec. 1b. f. 78. a.
hac vice patronus. 1317.
Reg. de Leabury Cap. 3. Non. Northb. f.
Apr. 1345. 42. a.
Tho. de Bellocam- } Joh. de Harewode Pbr. 3. Sret. f. 11.
po Comes Warw. Non. Apr. 1362. a.
Joh. Middleton 1. Septemb. 1b. f. 18. a.
1369.

Thomas

- 1b.f.29.b. Thomas de B. Comes Warm. Will. de Brugg primam habens tonsuram Cleric. 5. Maii 1382.
- Bugb.f.9. Henr. Rex ratione custodia fil. & her. T. Comit. Warm. Will. Belle 17. Apr. 1402.
- Hgw.f.5. Ric. Comes Warm. Thom. Candray Cler. 9. Maii 1421.
- 1b.f.26.b. Joh. Verney, & alii Attornati Ric. Comit. Warm. in partibus transmar. exist. Will. Garwardby Pbr. 10. Nov. 1431.
- Bowl.f.25. Ric. Comes Warm. Ric. Fisher Cap. 17. Julii 1457.
- Sampf. & E.f.10.b. Thomas Marow. Ric. Walker. Cler. 11. Oct. 1557.
- 1b.f.44.a. Will. Bolton 3. Febr. 1570.
- 1b.f.40.a. Sam. Marow ar. Will. Stopton Cler. 16. Maii 1573.

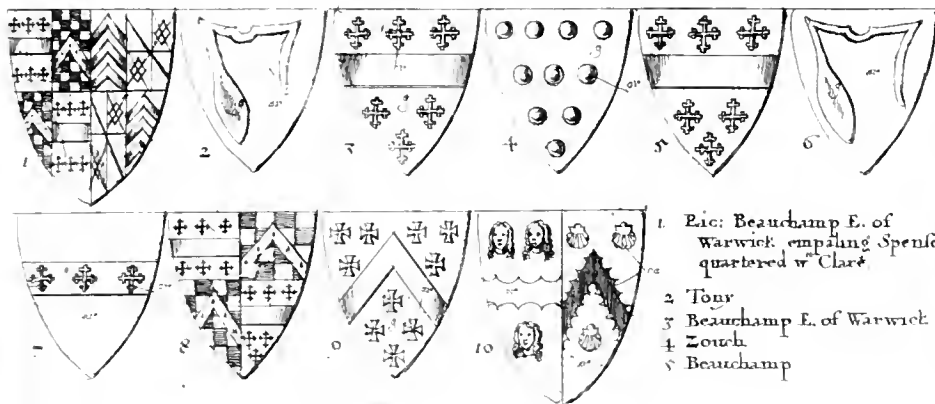
- Humfr. Perrot. gen. Will. Wincote Cler. 15. Aug. 1623.
- per assign. Edw. Marow eq. aur. Ric. Gardiner S. Theol. Dac. 16. Febr. 1624.
- Jacobus Rex. Franc. Fohet in Art. Mag. 5. Martii 1626.
- Rob. Lee de Bilsey mites.

Morton
bund.
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Upon a Marble whereon are the portraitures in brass of two persons in their Winding sheets (under the man 5. Children, and under the woman two) is this Epitaph.

Of your charity pray for the soules of George Mathew, and of Alice his wife, son and heir of John Mathew, sometime Skinner, and Shirts of Coventre; of them Jesu have mercy, Amen. This was made by me George Mathew Anno Domini 1538.

Berkswell.
Armes in the Church Windows.



1. Ric. Beauchamp E. of Warwick, ensigned Spenser quartered w' Clare

2. Tonr

3. Beauchamp E. of Warwick

4. Zouch

5. Beauchamp

6. Tonr

7. Rich. Beauchamp E. of War

8. Berkley

9. Marrow, ensigned Littleton.

Barston.

THIS, though it lye on the other side the River, is in the Parish of Berkswell, and was anciently a place of far greater note; for by the Conqueror's Survey it is rated at x. hides, mention being there made of it in two places; scil. under the title of the lands belonging unto Turchil de Warwick, and those appertaining to Robert Despenfer; the reason thereof, (as it appeareth by the Record) being, because Robert Despenfer, who in one place is called R. de Olgi, had it in mortgage of the before specified Turchil; unto which Turchil it came by descent from Alvine, his Father, who purchased it of one Ailmarus by the consent of King William the Conqueror. At the time of the said Survey, the Woods here, were reputed to be half a mile in length and three furlongs in breadth; and the whole (together with a Mill, of iv s.) rated at C s. Besides these x. hides doth the same Record manifest, that one Robert then held here of the King, half a hide, with a Mill esteemed at x. d. and both together valued at x. s. All which were of the said Turchil's inheritance: But the name hereof is variously written, viz. Bertanestone and Bercestone, and doubtless originally grew from some ancient owner of it in the Saxons time.

I am of opinion that it then extended into Berk-

swell, and that almost all Berkswell was at that time included under the name of this place; forasmuch as that which is certified by the said generall Survey to be in Bercheswell, is so little, and this so much: but the extent of this Hamlet, I mean so much thereof as bore the name of Bertanestone (now Barston) was anciently given, partly to the Knights Templars, and partly to the Hospitalars; for in that Accompt^o of 31 H. 2. (whereof I have spoke in Balisall) the yearly value of what the Templars had here, amounted unto iv li. vii d. and is said to be de feods Roberti Marmienis, the Donors name being not exprest. But that which the Hospitalars had, is recorded to be the one half of the village, and was bestowed on them by Alan de Faleis, as appears by King John's Charter^r, who, in 1. of his reign, confirm'd it to them, together with the Park and Wood thereto appertaining. A which, together with what belong'd to the Templars (and came to the said Hospitalars, with Balisall, as I have there declared) at the generall dissolution, temp. H. 8. being given to the King, was granted^o out of the Crown in 4 Eliz. to John Fisher and others.

The Custome^r, for what belong'd to the Templars here, was that their Tenants should mow three days in the year, one at the cost of the House, (scil. as to Diet) and plow one day at the like charge, reap two days, one at their own finding, but

o In Scac.
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on the other, to have half a Ramme or *iv* d. half a Cheefe, *xii* loaves, and half a pail of Drink: As also that they might not marry their daughters without the Licenſe of the Lord, nor ſell their Horſe-Colts, ſoaled upon the land, without the like Licenſe.

Reg. f. 9. b. The Chapell here (dedicated to *S. Smythin*) having been long ſince annexed to the Church of *Berkſwell*, is provided of a Curate by the Parſon of that Pariſh.

Monumentall Inſcriptions in this Chapell.

Here lieth Raſe Alesbury Gentleman, and Alis his wife, which Raſe died Anno 1523.

Here lieth Baldwin Porter, ſon and heir of Thomas Porter Eſquire, and Anne his wife, eldeſt ſiſter of Thomas Liſleton of Frankley Knigl, and Juſtice of the Common-Pleas, temp. Edw. quarta: in which Baldwin died Anno 1499. and Anne Anno 1506.

Morcote-Hall.

Reg. ſt. de Kenilw. f. 52. This place had its name originally from the ſituation thereof, which is in a black mooriſh ſoil, and for antiquitie may be rankt with many that are of greater note; for it had a being in King Henry the ſecond's time (and perhaps before) as appears by *Nigel de Amundevill's* grant to the Canons of *Kenilworth*, whereof I have ſpoke in *Berkſwell*, whereunto was witneſs *Hamon de Morcote*. To which *Hamon* ſucceeded *Alan de Morcote*, of whom I find mention ^u in 4 *H. 3.* whose ſon and heir, *John*, is ſometimes ſiled ^w *Johannes de Warwick*, and at other ^x *Johannes de Morcote*, being owner ^y alſo of a third part of *Radway* in this Countie. After which *John*, there was one *Walter de Morcote*, one ^z of the four Coroners in this Shire, in 1 *Edw. 3.* I am of opinion, that *Margaret* the wife to *William Warde* of *Charwelton* in *Com. Northampt.* was daughter and heir to the ſame *Walter*; for it appears, that upon the ſale ^a of this place, called the Manour of *Morcote*, with the appurtenances, in *Berkſwell*, by the ſaid *William* and *Margaret*, in 7 *R. 2.* unto one *Thomas del Borne*, there is ſpeciall warrantie againſt her heirs, which ſhews that it was of her inheritance.

i ^c *Chauſ. 8. R. 2. m. 32.* This *Thomas*, being alſo one ^b of the Coroners at that time, died ^e the year following; in whose line it continued till about the later end of *K. Edw. 4.* reign: but then did *John Mathew*, a Skinner of *Cobentre*, marry ^d the daughter and heir of that Family, and dying ^e in 13 *H. 7.* left iſſue *George Mathew* his ſon and heir, 12. years of age, whose great grandchild, *Henry*, now enjoys it (*ann. ſcil. 1640.*) and beareth for his Armes *Sable a Lion rampant Argent*, deriving his Deſcent ^f from *George Mathew*, a Welchman, father of the before ſpecified *John*.

Viſit. Com. Warw. 1619.

Mireden.

This place ſituate upon *London-road*, having from ſome Inns and Alehouſes, built for the receipt of Paſſengers, grown of late times to the credit of a Village, doth now utterly eclipse the name of *Alſpath*, by which, and none other, the Town it ſelf (*ſc.* where the Church ſtandeth) was known, even from the Saxons times, till about the beginning of King *Henry* the ſixt's reign; for of *Appredene* till ^g then, I have never ſeen mention in any authentique writing: ſo that, I conceive it to have been about that time, that the buildings in this thorough-fare increaſt to ſuch a conſiderable number, that the name of the place, where they ſtand, came to be more frequently uſed, than that of the Town it ſelf. Yet am I of opinion, that the place where the greateſt part of *Appredene* now ſtands, was very antiently ſo called; for the later ſyllable *dene* importeth no leſſe, being the old Engliſh word, that ſignifieth a Valley, as this is; which (I ſuppoſe) for the foulneſſe thereof, was at firſt called *Appredene*.

g. Reg. de Coventre f. 48. b.

By the Conqueror's Survey ^h, where it is written *h. Domeſd. lib.* *Atteſpede*, and certified to contain four hides, having Woods of a mile and half in length, and a mile in breadth, it appears, that the Counteſs *Godeva* poſſeſt it in *Edward* the Confeſſor's days: whence I conclude, that the famous Earl *Leofrike*, her husband (of whom I have ſpoke at large in *Cobentre*) was formerly owner thereof: but at the time of the ſaid Survey, it with the reſt of the lands in this Shire, which the ſaid Counteſs before the Norman invaſion held, were in the King's hands, and ſermd out by him to one *Nicholis*. This at that time being valued at xxx s. with *Cobentre* and the reſt, was granted afterwards to the Earl of *Cheſter*, as it ſeems: but, as yet, I have not ſeen when the firſt of that Familie, who aſſumed their ſurname from hence, was enfeoffed of thoſe lands here, which they enjoyed: Perhaps it was *Ivo de Alſpath*, who lived ⁱ in *H. 2.* time; for before him I have not obſerved this ſurname attributed to any other.

i. Reg. de Cumba. f. 34. a.

To which *Ivo* ſucceeded *Gerard*, and *Walter*; but whether they were brothers or not, I am not certain. It ſeems that both theſe had a good ſhare in this place; for *Gerard de Alſpath*, ſon of that *Ger.* in 41 *H. 3.* obtained a Charter ^k of *Free warren* in all his demeſn lands, here: and *Walter* was ^l ſiled *Dominus de Alſpath*. This *Gerard* holding certain lands of *Richard de Amundevill*, Lord of *Berkſwell*, for which he did ^m Homage in 33 *H. 3.* by his Deed ⁿ obligatory, bound himſelf to pay unto the ſaid *Richard* and his heirs, a pair of gilt Spurs, yearly, at *Eaſter*, in *Berkſwell-Hall*, or *xii* d. in money, whether they ſhould pleaſe to chooſe. But that which *Walter de Alſpath* had, deſcended to *William de Alſpath*; who, in 32 *E. 1.* had alſo *Free warren* granted ^o to him in all his demeſn lands thereof. This *William* had a daughter ^p called *Annabel*, ſecond ^q wife to *Gerard de Alſpath* (ſon and heir to the laſt mentioned *Gerard*) but whether ſhe was an inheritrix, or not, I make a queſtion. Which *Gerard* and *Annabel* had ^r iſſue *Sir Gerard de Alſpath* Knight, a Servant, or at leaſt a very great Well-wiſher to *Roger Mortimer* Earl of *March*; who helping ^s to contrive the eſcape of the ſaid *Roger*, out of the Tower of *London* (where he was a Priſoner, by reaſon of the difference

k. Cart. 4 H. 3. m. 5. l. Penes Henr. Doughtie Vicar. de Mireden.

m. Cartul. Warwici Com. f. 80. a.

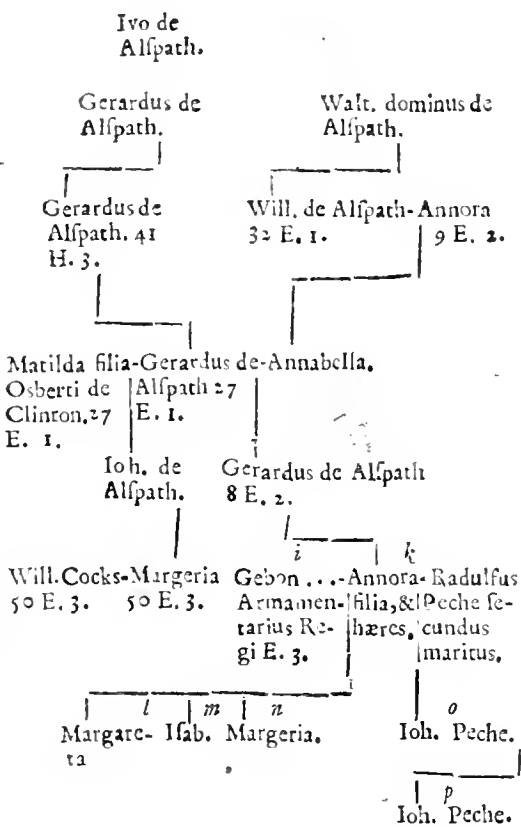
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p. Ex vet. membr. penes T. Holbeck gen.

q. Pat. 4. E. 3. m. 39.

rence betwixt him and *Thomas Earl of Lancaster*) fled with him out of *England*; for which he got a special Pardon in 4 E. 3.

Betwixt the descendants of this *Sir Gerard*, and *Margerie* his niece, grew afterwards suits for a great part of these lands, the issue whereof was this, in brief; that the said *Margerie*, whom one *William Cocks* had taken to wife, past away all her right unto *John de Cherwyn*; in whose line it continued, till 2 E. 6. that *Thomas Cherwyn* of *Angestre* in *Com. Staff.* Esquire, sold it, by the name of the Mannour of *Alspath*, alias *Opydene* with th'appurtenances unto *John Hales* of *Cobentre* Gentleman. Which *John*, by his 2 Deed bearing date 4 Jan. 4 E. 6. past it unto his brother *Christopher* and his heirs; who in 1. & 2. Ph. & M. sold it unto *Edward Aglionby* Esquire, and *John Holbech* Gentleman, and *Elizabeth* his wife, to the uses following; viz. the one moiety thereof to the said *Edward Aglionby* his heirs and assigns for ever; and the other to the said *Elizabeth* and the heirs of her body, begotten by *John Dabridgecourt* Gentleman, her late husband, and for lack of such issue, to the right heirs of the said *Elizabeth*. But afterwards, viz. in 6 Eliz. did *Thomas Dabridgecourt* Esquire (son and heir to the said *John* and *Elizabeth*) pass back their right and title therein, to the before specified *Edward Aglionby* and his heirs: which *Edward* within 4. years after, sold it unto his son in Law *William Foster* Gentleman.



And of this *William Foster* did *Richard Corbet* of *Clatercote* in *Com. Oxon.* Esquire, purchase it in 25 Eliz. viz. to himself and *Mary* his wife, for their lives; with remainder to *Robert Corbet* of *Moston*-*Corbet* in *Com. Salop.* his brother, and his heirs: From which *Robert Corbet* it descended to *Elizabeth* his daughter and heir, wife to *Sir Henry Wallop* of *Staitley* in *Com. Suth.* Knight, who in 7 Jac. aliened it to *William Andrews*, and *John*

Halfall Gentlemen, and their heirs. From which *William*, and *John*, did *Thomas Holbech* Gentleman, purchase the Capitall messuage, or Mannour place, with certain lands thereto belonging, in June 10 Jac. (the residue being, for the most part parcel'd out in petty sales to other persons) From whom it is come to *Mathew Holbech* his son and heir, that now enjoys it.

Within the precincts of this Parish, had the *Se-graves*, anciently, certain lands, and Rents, which were held of them immediately of *John de Langley*, and by him of the Earl of *Chester's* heir; viz. *Hugh de Albini*, by the fourth part of a Knight's Fee; and in process of time, came to have the reputation of a Mannour; All which were extended in 50 H. 3. for the rebellion of *Nicholas de Segrave*: but repossessing them again, by virtue of the *Ditum de Benikworth*, they descended to *John de Segrave* his son and heir; who, having made a good addition to his inheritance, here, by purchase of more from *Richard de Kynston*; as also of a Mill with two Pooles, called *Horn-Poole*, and *Nes-poole*, from *Gerard de Alspath*, and *Maud* his wife, in 12 E. 2. obtained a special Charter from the King, for a weekly Mercate upon the Tuesday, at this his Mannour of *Alspath* and a *Faire* yearly to last for eight days, beginning on the Eve of *S. Laurence* the Martyr. From which Family, with their other lands, it came to the *Monbrays*, Dukes of *Bedford*, by a daughter and heir, as in *Caladon* appeareth; in whose line it continued till Edward the fourth's time. But the next possessor of it, of whom I have found mention, was *Thomas Earl of Derby*, in 11 H. 8. to whose posterity it continues till this present, anno scil. 1640.

A fourth part of a Mannour, here, had one *Thomas de Pauntou*, who levied a Fine thereof, to *Sir Henry de Arden* Knight, and others, in 38 E. 3. though not recorded till 1 R. 2, which was sold afterwards to *Wyard*, if my Author mistake not; and from him came to *Robert Castell*, as I guess: for in 11 H. 4. had the said *Robert* a Charter of free warren in all his demesne lands here: This being that (as I conceive) which *John Waldeff*, Esquire, and *Margaret* his wife, were possessor of, in 15 H. 6.

Within the precincts of this Parish also, had the Family of *Waldeff*, anciently, a Seat, which continued in that line for divers descents; but at length, by a daughter and coheir, came to *Walke*; whereupon it had the name of *Wilke-Hall*, as we find at this day: the first of them, for whom I have seen any good authority, being *Gerard Waldeff*, who bestowed on the Monks of *Cobentre* certain lands here. To which *Gerard* succeeded *William*; who, about the beginning of *K. Edward* the first's time, gave the yearly Rent of xx d. for the maintenance of two Lamps, to burn before the Altar of *S. Lawrence* and *S. Nicholas*, in the Church of *Alspath*: as also two Waxen Tapers, to be lighted at the Elevation of the Host, in the said Church: And after him another *William*; but whether he were his son or grandson, I know not: which *William* was in Commission for levying and collecting a tax and xvth in 23. E. 3. And having been one of the Coroners in this Countie, for some time, was in 34 E. 3. by reason of his debilitie, discharged of that Office.

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This last mentioned *William* had issue ³ *Alan Waldeffe*, who, by the marriage^h of *Joane*, daughter and heir to *Richard de Whitacre*, became possessor of *Chmedon*; and there residedⁱ in 17 R. 2. The next year ensuing, he was Eschaetor^k for this County and *Leicestershire*. In 21 R. 2. in Commission^l for levying and collecting a xvth and 2th. In^m 2 H. 4. Eschaetor again. In 3 H. 4. inⁿ Commission for levying and collecting the Aid, for marriage of *Blanch* the King's eldest daughter; and left issue^o two daughters and heirs, viz. *Margaret* the wife to *Thomas Hore* of *Chmedon*, and *Elene* married to *Richard Walsh*; by which means these lands in *Alspath* came to *Walsh*, the said *Richard* being certified^p in 1 E. 4. to hold the fourth part of a Knight's Fee, here, of the Duke of *Norfolk*, as of his Mannour which was *Se-grave's*.

It seems that the heires male of this *Richard Walke* continued the possession hereof for divers descents: for I find^q that Sir *Richard Walke* of *Sheldesley* in *Com. Wigorn.* Knight, was possessor of it about the beginning of King *James* his reign, and that he left two daughters and heirs, scil. *Joyce* married to Sir *Roland Cotton* of *Alkington* in *Com. Salop.* Knight, and *Anne*, to Sir *Thomas Bromley* Knight: Of which Sir *Roland* and Dame *Joyce*, it was purchased^r by *William Andrews* of *Portfield* in *Com. Wigorn.* Gentleman, and *William Replingham* of *Harbottle* in this County Gentleman. 1. Sept. 16 Jac. who, within four years after, sold it^s unto Sir *Robert Fisher* of *Packington* Knight and Bar. the now owner thereof Anno scil. 1640.

In 24 H. 8. *Roger Wigston* Esquire, purchased certain^t lands lying here in *Alspath* of one *Robert Croye*, and others, by the name of the fourth part of the Mannour of *Alspath*; and in^u 25 H. 8. of *Pichard Hoo* and others, by the name of the Mannour of *Alspath*; which *Richard Hoo*, as it seems, had a grant^w of them from *John Walsingham*: all which were given^x by the same *Roger* to the Hospitall of *Wablake* in *Coventre*.

The Church (dedicated to *S. Laurence*) being very antiently given^y to the Monks of *Coventre*, and appropriated^z in 44 H. 3. was in anno 1291. (19 E. 1.) valued^a at six marks, over and above any yearly Pension of three marks issuing out of it to the Dean and Chapter of *Lichfield*: And^b in 26 H. 8. at Cxii s. besides ix s. vi d. allowed for Precurations and Synodals.

In the South Ile of this Church, there was a Chantry founded by *John Wyard*, in 5 H. 4. (whose Monument is also there) and^c endowed with lands to the value of C s. per annum: Which

John, being an Esquire to *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick*; and in 2 R. 2. one^d of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held at *Westminster*, had his residence^e in this place. But that which belong'd to this Chantry, was in Rents issuing out of lands lying remote from hence, and amounting to iv li. per annum, as was certified in 26 H. 8. upon the Survey^f then made.

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aur. f. 56. b.

Patroni Vicariæ. Incumbentes, &c.

Will. fil. Gerardi de Ale. Lang. f. 6. b.
spath 4. Cal. Dec.
1301.
Joh. de Kirkeby Cap. Non. Ib. f. 33. a. d.
Sept. 1312.
Thomas Legat Pbr. 19. Ib. f. 79. b.
Cal. Julii 1321.
Joh. Moyse Pbr. 6. Cal. Str. f. 9. a.
Sept. 1361.
Thomas Lucas Cap. 25. Burgh. f.
Maii 1411. 28 b.
Joh. Heyfield Pbr. 20. Heyw. f. 9.
Junii 1422. b.
Joh. Brokesby Pbr. 2. Dec. Ib. f. 12. a.
1423.
D. Will. Hancock 20. Apr. Ib. f. 15. a.
1425.
Rob. Tronmonger 15. Oct. Ib. f. 18. b.
1426.
Thomas Waghon Pbr. 13. Ib. f. 42. b.
Apr. 1445.
Joh. Caryngbam Pbr. 25. Bo. f. 8. a.
Febr. 1448.
Joh. Summerland Pbr. 17. Bowl. f.
Jan. 1492. 138. b.
Rob. Sherwood S. Theol. Bl. f. 14. b.
Professor 24. Martii
1528.
D. Will. Wyrlyche 21. Nov. Ib. f. 15. b.
1529.
Ric. Mason Cap. 18. Julii Str. & P. f.
1533. 2. b.
D. Ric. Wentlok Cap. 20. Samp. f.
Maii 1544. 40. b.

Henr. Williams Cler. 6. Bund. B.
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Martii 1617. bund. A.
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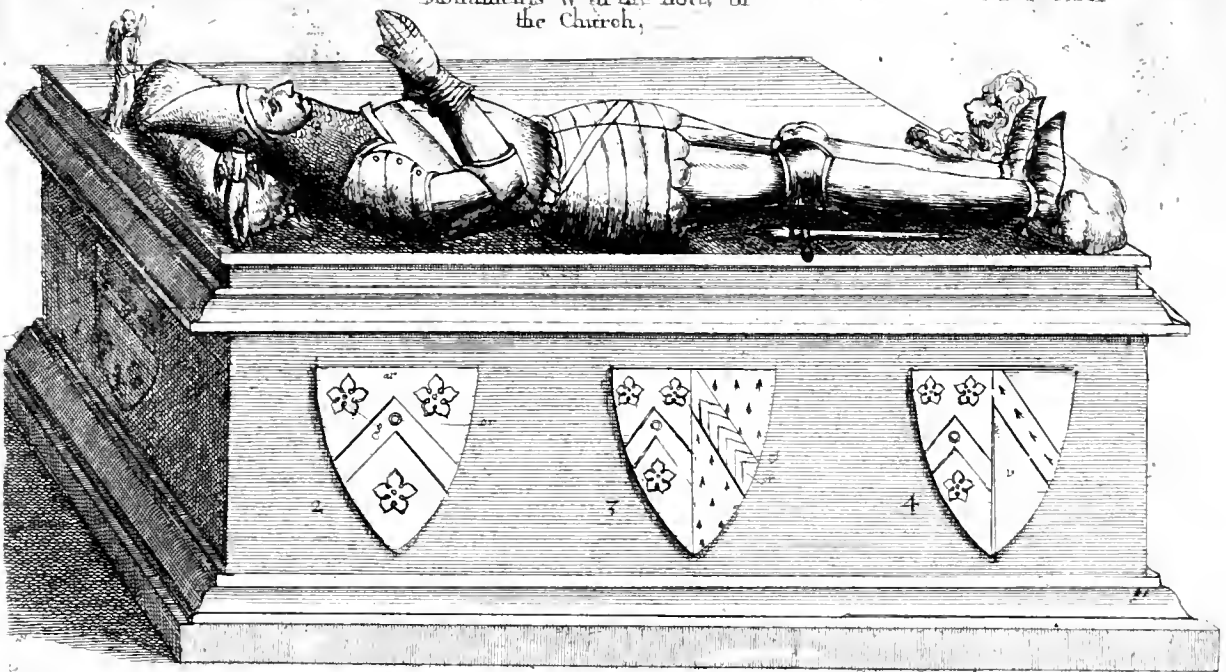
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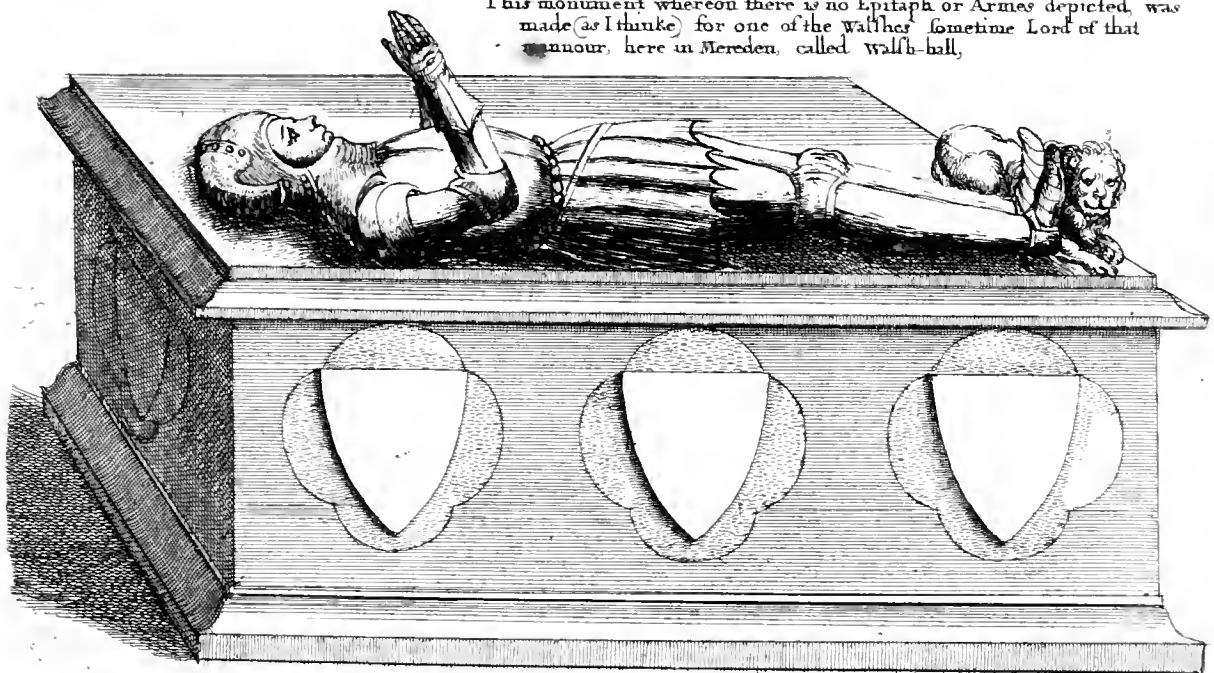
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| 3 Wyard empaling Bruly | 7 Walsh empaling |
| 4 Wyard empaling Wetenhall | Strange, |

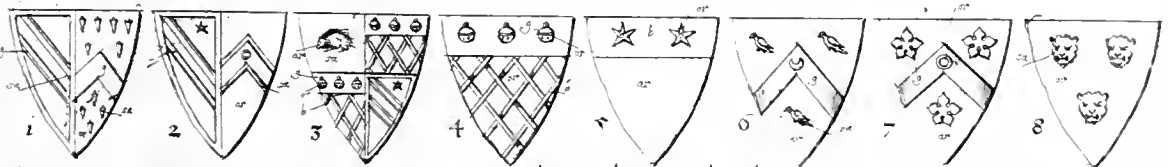
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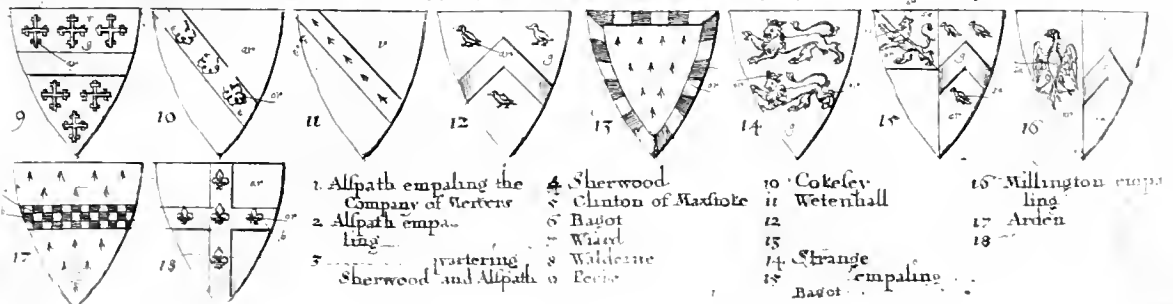
This monument whereon there is no Epitaph or Armes depicted, was
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manour, here in Mereden, called wallth-hall,



Armes in the Windows of the Chancell,



Armes in the Windows of the Church



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h 1b.

i Reg. de
Kenilw.
p. 9.

k 1b. p. 29.

l 1b. p. 9.

m 1b. p. 145

r 1b. p. 29.
c 30.o Cart. 19.
E. 1. m. 51.p MS. in
Scac.
penes Rem.
R.q Pat. 36.
H. 8. p. 6.r Regist. de
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Com.
Warw.
1619.u Inscript.
Tum.

Before the Norman Conquest, this was possessed by one *Alunardus* a Saxon; but afterwards *Turchil de VVarwick* had it; and of him did *Godmund* his brother hold it at the time of the generall Survey, by which it was estimated for four hides, valued at xxx s. having two Mills rated at ii s. and Woods extending to a mile in length, and as much in breadth: but in that Record it is written *Patitone*, the c being mistaken for a t. Which *Turchil*, or *Siward de Arden* his son and heir, granted it unto *Geffrey de Clinton*, Founder of the Castle and Priorie of *Kenilworth* temp. H. 1. Whereby it descended to *Geffrey* his son, who gave it to that Monastery for the reception of *Robert de Clinton* his brother, to be a Canon there; reserving the like service for it, as he himself was to perform for the same, viz. ^k half a Knight's Fee: whereupon the Canons of that House acquitted him of L s. per annum lands, which he owed to them for the soul of his brother *William*; and besides that, gave ^l him x. marks of silver, and that Horse for the great Saddle, formerly belonging to *Maurice de Clinton* his Nephew. Which grant was confirmed ^m by King *Stephen*, and likewise by ⁿ *Hugh de Arden*, and *Henry*, sons of *Siward*, with the consent of their other Brethren; who, in consideration thereof, received from *Bernard*, the first Prior of that House, ten marks of silver, and for *Cecilie* their mother one mark.

After which the said Canons in 19 E. 1. obtained a Charter ^o of *Free warren* in all their demesne lands here; the whole extent of their possessions within this Lordship, being about that time certified ^p at one Carucate and virgate of land, rated at xxx s. the profits of the store xx s. In Rent of Assize vi li. xix s. Three Mills at xl s. per annum. In Pleas and perquisites, yearly, iv s. and the Paunage iii s. The totall xlii. xvi s. But at the generall dissolution in 30 H. 8. all coming to the Crown, it was, in 26. of the said King's reign, aliened to *John Fisher* Esquire, for the sum of 626 li. i d. by Patent ^q dated 20. Sept. to be held in *Capite* by the xxth part of a Knight's Fee, the yearly Rent reserved thereupon to the Crown, being Lii s. ix d. per annum. Which price was the more easy (as tis like) in regard of a long Lease thereof then in being: for in 27 H. 8. the Canons of *Kenilworth*, well discerning by the dissolution of the lesser Monasteries, a greater storme approaching, demised ^r it for Lx. years, thence next ensuing, unto one *William Wheeler*, the elder, of *Kenilworth*. From which *William* it came to *Simon Wheeler* his son; whose widow; scil. *Katherine*, daughter to Sir *Thomas Digby* of *Olney* in *Buckinghamshire*, marrying to the said *John Fisher*, gave him the first advantage of fixing here.

This *John* was ^t of the Family of those *Fishers* of *Dottel* in *Shropshire*, and one of the Pensioners ^u to King *Henry* the 8. K. *Edw.* the sixt, *Q.*

Mary, and *Q. Eliz.* and in 4 *Eliz.* ^v constituted *Steward* unto *Ambrose Dudley* Earl of *Warwick*, for the Castle and Borough of *Warwick*, with all the rest of his Mannours in this County and *Leicestershire*: for the execution of which Office, by himself or his Deputie, he had the yearly Fee of five marks. He it was that built the whole body of the present Fabrick here at *Packinton*, as may be seen by the Armes carved on the timber-work, and set up in Glasse through sundry parts thereof: And had the Shiriffalty ^x of these Counties in 5 *Eliz.* being a Justice of Peace in this Shire, from the beginning of Queen *Maryes* reign till his death, which hapned ^y 8 Martii 13 *Eliz.* To whom succeeded *Clement* his son and heir, a person so much esteemed for his integrity and prudence, by *Robert* Earl of *Leicester*, that he constituted him his Treasurer for that warlike expedition into the *Peisterlands*, when he went Generall of the English Auxiliaries in Anno 1585. 27 *Eliz.* After which, being Knighted by King *James*, he made a Park of the Out-wood, and some other grounds, here: And having been employed in all the affaires of greatest moment relating to this Countie in his time, left issue *Robert* his son and heir, Knighted in his Father's life time; but afterwards advanced to the dignitie of a Baronet. Which Sir *Robert* raised that large Pool Eastwards from the House, built the Lodge in the Park; and much adorn'd this Seat with other places of delight, and had issue severall sons and daughters, as the Descent ^{*} here inserted sheweth.

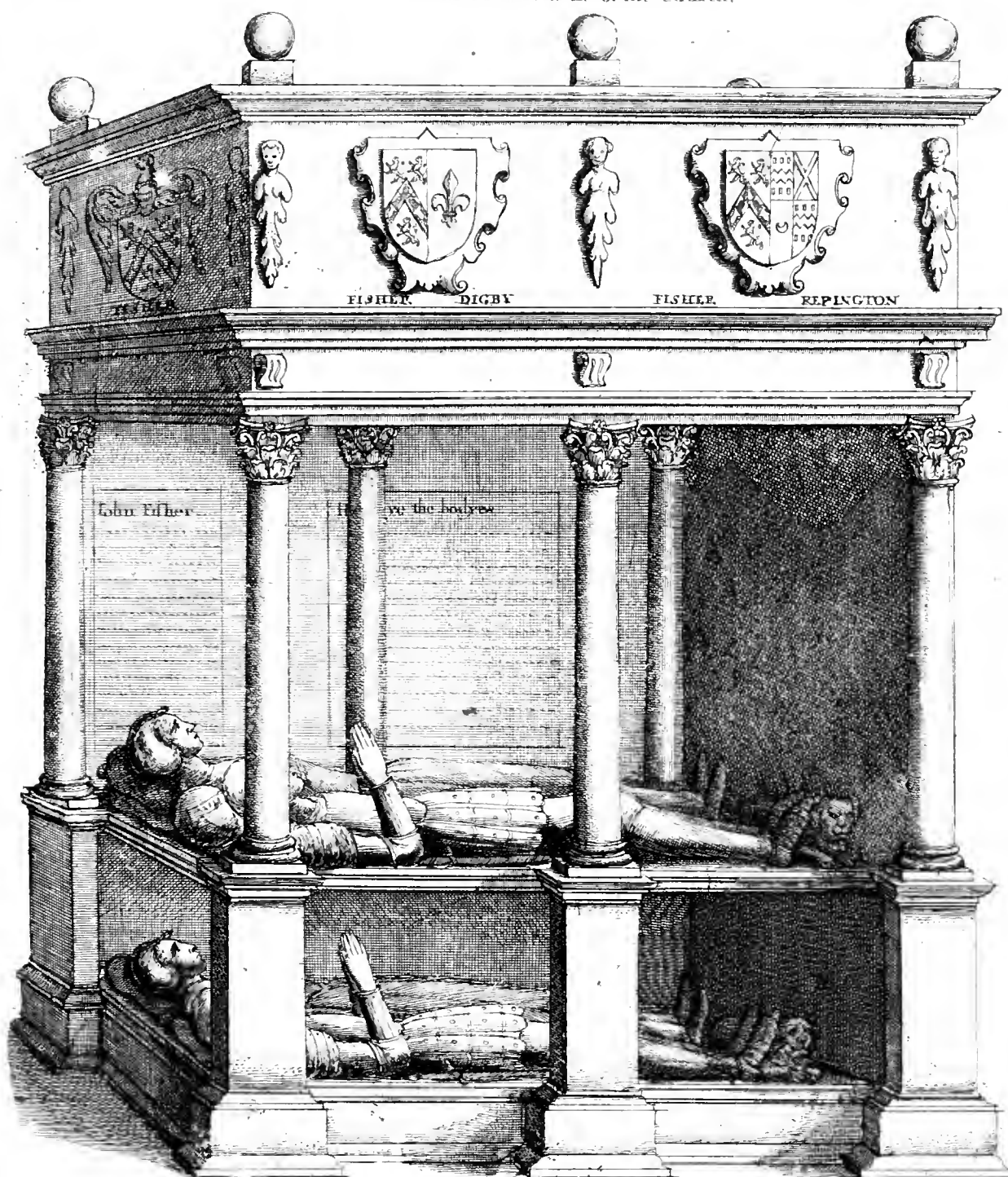
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ar. Digby eq. aur.Clemens Fisher-Maria filia Franc. Repington
eq. aur. obiit de Amington ar.
1619.

Rob. Fisher-Eliz. filia eq. aur. & Bar.	Anth. Tiringham eq aur.	Anna primò nupta Tho. Dilke eq. aur. postea Herv. Bagot Bar.	Leticia ux. Clem. Throckmorton eq. aur.	Maria ux. Edwardi Littleton eq. aur.
Clemens Fisher natus an. 1613.	Thomas Fisher.	Franciscus Fisher	Leticia ux. Ric. Shilton eq. aur.	Katherina ux. Thomæ Wigh- twick fil. & ha- red. Ioh. Wigh- twick serv. ad legem.

The Church (dedicated to *S. James*) belonging, with the Mannour, to the Priory of *Kenilworth*, had first an yearly Pension ^z of xxviii s. granted out of it to the Canons of that House, by *Geffrey Muschamp* Bishop of this Dioces in King *John's* time: But afterwards, viz. in 6 E. 1. was totally appropriated to them by *Roger Molend*, then Bishop, as appeareth by his publike Instrument ^a dated at *Tachebroke* 6 Cal. Aug. the same year. In anno 1291. 19 E. 1. it was valued ^b at v. marks and the Vicaridge at one mark: but in 26 H. 8. the same Vicaridge was rated ^c at vii li. x s. i d. over and above ix s. vi d. allowed for Procurations and Synodalls.

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de Kenilw.
p. 65.a Pat. 8. E.
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3. per. Inss.
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Scac.c MS. penes
S. A. eq. an.
f. 56. b.

In the North Ile of the Church.



The Inscriptions upon the preceding Monument.

John Fisher Esquire, and Katherine his wife, the daughter of Sir Thomas Digby Knight, dyed in March, A^o Domini 1570. and left issue Clement and Thomas; which Thomas dyed in Ireland without issue, whose souls rest in heaven. The other lives confessing Christ & trusting to be saved by his death.

The said John served K. Henry the eight, K. Edward the sixt, Queen Mary, and Queen Elizabeth, in Court, as Gentleman Pensioner to them all.

Here lye the Bodies of Sir Clement Fisher Knight, Lord of this Mannour, and Dame Mary his wife, the Daughter of Francis Reppington of Amington Esquire; who had issue Robert, and three other sons, who dyed Infants. They had also issue three daughters; viz. Anne the eldest married to Sir Thomas Dilke of Maxstoke; Lettice the second married to Sir Clement Throgmorton of Haseley; and Mary the thirde married to Sir Edward Littleton of Pillington-Hall.

*This tombe my death shall cause me to remember,
And make me live to live hereafter ever;
And gladly to Gods hands my soul surrender,
Prepar'd by Faith which, faith shall faile me never.
He gave this life, and seek that life which lasteth;
Since that which now I have at length death bla-
steth.*

*I owe a debt, which debt I cannot pay;
Nor can from thraldome worke my own redemption:
'Tis only Christ who willing is and may,
To worke from sinne and payne my free exemption.
God grant I live as worthy of his favour
And that my death of heavenly life may savour.*

*The said Sir Clement dyed October 23. A^o D.
1619. Dame Mary his wife dyed*

Patroni Vicariæ.

Incumbentes, &c.

Langt f. 33.

a.

Northb. f.

31. b.

Streit. f. 32. a

Brugh f.

16. a.

Ib. f. 31. b.

Ib. f. 34. b.

Eull. f. 2. a.

Heyw. f. 33. Prior & Conv. de
Kenilworth.

Ib. f. 38. b.

Bo. f. 11. a.

Bowl. f. 10.

b.

Bl. f. 3. a.

Ib. f. 13. b.

Ib. f. 15. b.

Str. & P. f. Job. Fisher gen. ra-
17. a. tione dimiss. &c.
H. 8. Regis Angl.

Samp. &
B. f. 45. a.

Oveston

bund. F.

Moston;
bund. incert

Clemens Fysher ar.

Rob. Fysher miles &
Bar.

Galfr. Marmion prid. Non.

Martii 1312.

Thomas de Shepey Cap. 6.

Cal. Dec. 1337.

Ric. de Westford Pbr. 23.

Apr. 1384.

Ric. Hilde 28. Aug. 1405.

Job. Cokkys 5. Sept. 1412.

Job. Rocheford Cap. 27. Mar-

tii 1414.

Will. H. roy Cap. ult. Mar-

tii 1416.

Job. Toures Pbr. 5. Oct.

1434.

Ric. Lache ult. Apr.

1440.

Will. Haddon Cap. 5. Febr.

1450.

Thom. Ludlowe 25. Jan.

1454.

Job. Wright Cap. 25. Jan.

1503.

Job. Clerke art. Magr. 12.

Martii 1527.

Nich. Lyn 10. Martii

1529.

D. Will. Ravys Cap. 10.

Nov. 1539.

Will. Shuttleworth 16. Jan.

1572.

Rob. Osburne Cler. 14. Oct.

1596.

Georgius Gearye in art. Pac.

5. Nov. 1623.

Armes in the East Window of
the Chancel.

Chequie Or and Azure. Warren Earl of Surrey.

Varrè. Arg. and sable } Bracebrigge.
a Fesse gules.

In the body of the Church is a grave-stone, and
thereon a portraiture in brass, with this Epi-
taph.

*Hic jacet dominus Johannes Wright quondam
vicarius istius Ecclesie; qui obiit vixt die mensis
Martij Anno Domini 1527. Cujus anime propi-
tietur Deus.*

Maxstoke.

Descending somewhat lower by the guidance
of this River, I come to **Maxstoke**, in the
Conqueror's Survey^d written **Maxstone**, and cer-
tified to contain five hides, except one virgate, the
Woods being one mile in length, and half a mile
in breadth, and the whole valued at **xls.** which
then belonged unto **Turchil de Warwick** (**Alnod**
holding it as his Tenant) but in **Edward the Con-
fessor's** time, to one **Ailmundus**. I have not seen
when it was first granted from the Descendants of
that **Turchil**, unto the **Limesies**, Lords, of
Long-Ichinton and **Solihull**, in this Countie (of
which later, viz. **Solihull**, it was reputed^e a
member in 15 E. 2.) but that they had it, and
very antiently, appears by the Shiriff's Accompt
in^f 6 Job. where **John de Braiose**, and **Amabil** his
wife, gave a Fine of **XL. marks** and a **Palfrey**, to
have possession of it and **Wulet**; unto both which,
Alice the widow of **John de Limesie**, brother to the
said **Annab:l**, being at that time Countess of
Warwick, claimed an interest; having had the
King's Precept for receiving seisin thereof, for
which she had likewise given a Fine: but in that
Record it is written **Maxtoc**.

From this **Amabil**; for she died without issue
(as by the Descent in **Ichington** appeareth) it came
to **William de Odingells**; son of **Hugh de Odingells**,
by **Basilia** her sister: Which **William** in 34 H. 3.
had a Charter^g of **Free warren** in all his demefn
lands here; and left issue **William**, who, in 13 E.
1. claimed, here likewise, a **Court-Leet**, with
Gallows, Tumbrell, and Assize of Bread and
Beer, by Prescription, which were allowed^h; the
Hamlets of **Periton** and **Cotes** (now **Coton**)
being membersⁱ thereof, the same **William de**
Odingells having **xiv.** Freeholders there, from
whom he received **xxxvi s. viii d. per annum** Rent.
Unto which **William** succeeded **Edmund**^k his son
and heir, who dying without issue, the inheritance
came to be divided betwixt^l his four Sisters and
heirs, whose names with their matches I have in
Solihull exprest. Of these **Ida**^m, the eldest had
this Lordship for her share; and by marriage with
John de Clinton, one of the sons unto **Thomas de**
Clinton of **Amington** (eldest son of **Sir Thomas de**
Clinton of **Colshill**) brought it unto that Family;
wherein it continued till 16 H. 6. that **Sir William**
de Clinton passed it away, in exchange, unto
Humphrey Earl Stafford, for two Lordships in
Northamptonshire, as I shall shew by and by.
But forasmuch as the said **John de Clinton** and his
descendants, being persons of much eminency,
had here their seat; I shall, before I proceed
farther, say something, historically, of
them.

This **John**, before his marriage with the said **Ida**,
residedⁿ at **Aminton**, as his Father did; and was
called^o **John de Clinton junior**, whilst his Uncle
John (whose seat was at **Colshill**) lived. In 29
Edw. 1. he served^p in the Parliament at **Win-
colne** as one of the Knights for this Shire; and the
same year had speciall Summons^q, amongst divers
other eminent perions, to attend the King at **War-
wick** upon **Twede**, on the Feast day of the **Nati-
vité** of **S. John Baptist**, to march against the
Scots: At which time the King invading^r **Scot-
land** with his Army Royall, as a badge of his
favour.

d Domest.
lib.

e Ex au-
tog. penes
T. Lucie
mil.

f Rot. P. de
eodem an.

g Cart. 34
H. 3.

h Rot. de
Quow.

i Esc. 23. E.
1. 2. 130.

k 5 lb.
12

m Pat. 8. E.
2 p. 1. m. 2.

n Cart. 23.
E. 1. m. 14.

o Ex au-
tog. penes
R. Leveson
mil. de Bal-
ne.

p Claus. 29.
E. 1. m. d. m.
17.

q lb. m. 13.

r Hist. T.
wall. in an.
1302.

favour to this *John*, for his special service in that expedition (whom he calls *noſtre chier vadlet* (his beloved *Esquier*) by his Letters Patent dated at **Glascolw** 2. Aug. ensuing, granted unto him lands, in that Kingdom, to the value of *XL li. per annum* according to an indifferent extent, being part of the estate belonging to *Malcolme Drumond*, then in Arms against the said *K. Edward*. After which; viz. in June 34 E. 1. he attended *Edw. P.* of *Wales*, by the King's special command into *Ponthieu*: and in 1 E. 2. was made *Governour* of the Castle and Honour of *Wallingford*: But in 8th of the said King's reign, he departed ^{his} this life, leaving *John* his son and heir within age, and *William* a younger son, who became a person of great eminency, as I shall shew anon.

Joh. de Clinton-Ida primogenita filiarum de Maxstoke & cohær. Will. de Odingfells. obiit 8 E. 2.

Joh. de Clin- Margeria Will. de Clinton Co. Huntend. ton miles filia Will duxit Julianam filiam Thomæ de 3 E. 3. Corbet de Leyburn mil. relictam Joh. de Hastings, & obiit sine prole 28. E. 3. mil.

Idonea altera- Joh. de Clinton-Eliz. filia, & tandem fororum & de- miles, obiit hæres, Will. de la mûm hæred. 20 R. 2. Plaunch, consangu. & Will. de Say, una hæred. Rog. Hillary mil.

Edwardus Will. de Clin-Eliz. filia Thom. Clinton de Clinton ton miles obiit Will. de Amington miles, ob. 1 H. 4. vivo patre. incourt duxit ^{fil.} Johannam fil. & cohær. . . . Digby. militis. Meignill.

Will. de Clinton miles-Anna filia . . . Ric. Clinton ar. dominus de Clinton & domini Botreaux de Say. rel. & Fulconis FitzWarin militis.

Johannes dominus Clinton & de Say, 10 H. 6.

Which *John* in 17 Edw. 2. was a Knight and in 3 E. 3. constituted one of the Conservators of the Peace in this Countie: howbeit, shortly after, he arrived to far greater advancement (by his Brother's means, as I guess) for in 6, 7. & 8 E. 3. he was summoned to Parliament amongst the Barons of this Realm: but little have I farther seen in relation to him, though he lived till the twentieth year of this King's reign at least, other than that he bore ^{for} his Armes *Argent upon a cheif Azure, two Mullets of 6. points Or, pierced gules*; and that he wedded ^{his} Margerie the daughter to Sir *William Corbet* of *Chadley* in *Worcestershire*, in 18 Edw. 2. by whom he had issue Sir *John de Clinton* Knight his son and heir: but his story I shall respice for a while, till I have spoke of *William* his noble Uncle, whose great actions and eminent employments made no small splendor amongst our English Worthies of that age.

This *William* being a Knight, in 17 Edw. 2. wedded ^{his} Julian the daughter and heir unto Sir *Thomas de Leybourn*, widow of *John Lord Hastings* of *Bergabenny*, in 3 Edw. 3. Which match was (as I guess) a great step to his farther

advancement: For the next year following, he was constituted Justice of *Chester*, *scil.* 23. Oct. and within lesse than two months after, Constable ^{of} *Doboy* Castle, as also Warden of the *Cinq-Ports*: in which high places his prudence grew so conspicious, that he was thought worthy to be rankt amongst the superiour Nobility, and thereupon had summons to the Parliament held at *Westminster*, in 5 Edw. 3. which advancement to Honour, did rather increase his prictie than clate his minde: For having that very year obtained License to amortize *xxli. per annum* Lands and Rents lying here, in *Marstoke*, together with the advowson of the Church, for the maintenance of certain *Chantry-Priests* to celebrate divine Service daily there, for the soul of King *Edward* the third, after his departure out of this life, and for the souls of his Ancestors; as also for his own soul, and the soul of *Julian* his wife; about five months following, he seiled the number of five Priests, for the purposes aforesaid. In 7 E. 3. he was constituted Admirall of the Seas on the Western coast of *England*. In 10 Edw. 3. he began the Foundation of a goodly Monastery for *Canons Regular* of *S. Augustin*, on the South part of this Lordship, which he amply endowed (as I shall shew by and by) And standing high in the King's favour, became forthwith advanc't to the Earldome of *Huntendon*, as by his Charter of Creation dated 16. Martii, 11 Edw. 3. appeareth; having not onely *xx li.* given him out of the issues of that Countie, to be payd by the Shiriff at the Feasts of *Easter* and *Michaelmasse*, yearly; but for his better support of that Honour, in consideration of his former acceptable services, a grant of a thousand marks *per an.* lands, to himself and the heirs male of his bodie for ever: And moreover a speciall Precept directed to *Rich. de Feriby*, late Master of the Wardrobe, to account and make satisfaction unto him for his Fee and Robes due from the time that he had been retained to serve the said King as a Banerret.

In 12 Edw. 3. he had another Patent, constituting him Constable of *Doboy* Castle again: So likewise in 15 E. 3. for being Admirall of the Western Seas; and in 17 E. 3. for the custodie of all the King's Forests from *Trent* Southwards. Being therefore thus honoured and intricht, and also advanc't to such places of power and trust, in 19 E. 3. he began the Foundation of a fair and strong Castle, here, in a quadrangular forme, for the behoof of his nephew, *John de Clinton*, and his heirs (having no issue of his own body) the Prospect whereof is represented on the next page; making a Park of the Out-wood: And the next year following, he received the summe of 823 li. 12 s. 04 d. of the King's gift, as a remuneration of his services in the Warrs beyond Seas. This noble Earl bore ^{for} his Armes *Argent Crusule fichè sable, upon a Cheif Azure two Mullets Or, pierced Gules*; which Coat differs from that of his elder brothers onely in the *Crosslets*, having not been born by any other of this Family till of late time. By his Testament bearing date 23. Aug. 1354. (28 Edw. 1.) he bequeathed his body to sepulture in the Priorie Church, here, at *Marstoke*, and departed this life 25. Aug. the same year, leaving Sir *John de Clinton* Knight (his brother's son) his next heir, then 28. years of age. Which Sir *John* from 31 Edw. 3. during all the same King's reign, as

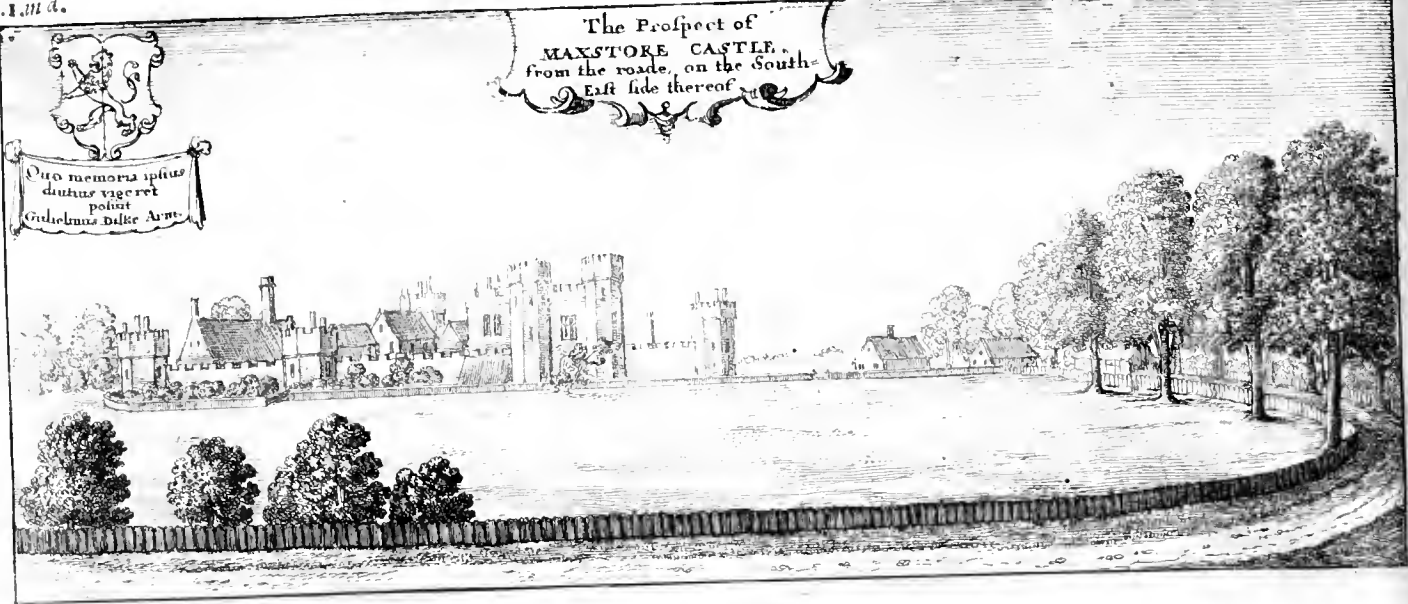
Pppp also

e *Claus. de*
ijfd. an. in
d.
 f *Pat. 41.*
E. 3. p. 1. in
d. m. 32.
 * *Pat. 15.*
R. 2. p. 2. in
d. m. 6.
 g *Pat. 3. R.*
2. p. 1. in d.
m.

also of K. Ric. 2. till his death, having^e summons to every Parliament with the rest of the English Barons, was likewise employed in sundry affairs of trust in this County; viz. in 41 E. 3. and * 15 R. 2. for arraying of men; in 3, 5, h and 6 Ric. 2. for

pur suing of the Rebels; and in 20 R. 2. upon the attainder and banishment of *Tho. de Beauchamp E. Marwick*, had the Castle of *Marwick*, with all the lands and Mannours thereto belonging, committed to^k his custody.

h *Pat. 5. R.*
2. p. 1. in d.
m. 4.
 i *Pat. 6. R.*
2. p. 2. in d.
m. 28.
 k *Pat. 20.*
R. 2. p. 3. m.
29.



l *Rot. F. 6.*
H. 6. m. 7.
 m *Esc. 20.*
R. 2. n. 15.
 n *Ex cod.*
vet. MS.
penes pres.
Rob. D.
Digby.
 o *Esc. 1. H.*
4.
 p *Claus. 35.*
E. 3. m. 4.
 q *Pat. 12. R.*
2. p. 1.
 r *Claus. 35.*
E. 3. m. 4.
 s *Esc. 2. H.*
6.
 t *Claus. 22.*
R. 2. p. 1. m.
d. m. 5.
 u *Esc. 20.*
R. 2. n. 15.
 v *Claus.*
22 R. 2. p.
1. m. 12.
 x *Ab. ex-*
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 y *Chich-*
ley f. 366.
 z *Esc. 2. H.*
6.
 a *Rot. F. 2.*
H. 6. m. 8.
 b *Pat. 10.*
H. 4. p. 1.
m. 6.

By *Idonea*¹, his first wife, one of the sisters and at length coheirs unto *William Lord Say*, he left issue Sir *William*^m and Sir *Thomas*ⁿ de *Clinton*, both K^s and *Edward*^o a younger son: Of which Sir *Thomas* I shall take farther notice when I come to *Amin-ton*, but Sir *William* (the eldest) died before him in 7 R. 2. His second wife was *Elizabeth*^p, one of the daughters & heirs to *Will. de la Plaunch* of *Haberham* in *Com. Buck.* having been first^q married to *Robert Lord Grey* of *Rotherfield*, secondly^r to Sir *John de Bermingham*, of *Bermingham* in this Countie, thirdly^s to him, and lastly^t to Sir *John Russell* Knight. But by her, having no issue, he departed^u this life in 20 R. 2. leaving *William* his grandson his next heir, and of full age: which Lady *Elizabeth* held^v this Castle, with other lands settled upon her at marriage, during her life; and having been a great Benefactress to the foundation of the Collegiate-Church at *Knoll*, in 4 H. 5. at length became one of the coheirs to Sir *Roger Hillary* Knight, as appeareth by her Deed^x, whereunto her Seal of Armes is affixt; in which she bears her paternall coat in the mid't, and the two Noble-men, her husbands, on the dexter side, with the two Knights (*Bermingham* and *Russell*) on the other: In whose Testament^y I finde little memorable, farther than that she disposed her body to be buried in the Chancell at *Haberham*, above specified, before the Image of our Lady, and gave to the Canons, here, at *Marstoke*, to pray for her soul, and the soul of the Lord *Clinton*, her husband, xl s. But in 2 H. 6. she died^z, being more than Lxxx. years of age; so that then the possession^a of this Castle and Mannour returned to her grandson-in Law, scil. Sir *William de Clinton* Knight, Lord^b *Clinton* and *Say*.

Which Sir *William* sat in Parliament, with the rest of the Barons, from 23 R. 2. till his death, as appears by his severall summons^c. In 1 H. 4. he was in Commission^d for arraying of men in this Countie, and in 9 H. 5. retained by^e Indenture to serve the King in his warrs of *France*, with xl. men at Armes; viz. himself, one Knight, and the rest Esquires, as also CCC. Archers well and sufficiently mounted, armed, and arrayed; taking for himself iv s. per diem, for the Knight ii s. and for each other man at Armes i s. with the reward accustomed. Neither was he forgetfull of the before mentioned Canons here at *Marstoke*; for I finde that^f in 10 H. 4. he bestowed on them x li. yearly Rent issuing out of certain lands lying in *Dun-ton-Basset* in *Com. Leic.* And having^g married *Anne*, daughter^h to the Lord *Botreaux*, but widowⁱ of Sir *Fouk Fitzwarin* Knight, departed this life in 10 H. 6. leaving *John* his son and heir xxii. years of age: Of whom I have little to say, considering that within six years after he came to his estate, he passed away the inheritance of this Castle and Lordship, unto *Humphrey Earl Stafford*, and *Anne* his wife, in exchange for the Mannours of *Whiston*, and *Medeford*, in *port-hamptonshire*, as by the Deed^k, whereunto his Seal of Armes is affixt (viz. quarterly *Clinton* and *Say*, with two Greyhounds supporting the Timbre) appeareth; which bears date 17. Maii 16 H. 6. After which though he retained some other Lordships in this County, yet did he not reside therein; so that here I am to leave this branch of that ancient and noble Family (from whence the now Earl of *Lincolne* is lineally descended) and trace down the succession of this Castle through such other hands as it hath since fallen into.

c *Claus. de*
ijfd. an. in d.
 d *Pat. 1. H.*
4. p. 5. m.
 35.
 e *Ex autog.*
penes Cler.
Pell.
 f *Pat. 10.*
H. 4. p. 1.
m. 6.
 g *Ex cod.*
MS. penes
pres. Rob.
D. Digby.
 h *Pat. 10.*
H. 4. p. 2. m.
 5.
 i *Esc. 10. H.*
6. n. 36.
 k *Ex autog.*
penes
T. Dilke
eq. aur. an.
 1609.

It seems that the before specified Earl, had a very great liking to this Castle; for no sooner did he to obtain it, but that he plated the Gates all over with Iron, and adorn'd them with his own Coat, impaled with *Nevill* (his wife being the daughter to *Raphe Nevill* Earl of *Westmerland*) and supported by two *Antelopes*, in respect that *Anne*, his mother, was one of the daughters and coheirs unto *Thomas* of *Woodstock* Duke of *Gloucester*: And in further memorie that these Gates were then so strengthened and beautified, he caused the *burning Nave*, and *Knee* (the ancient Badges of his Ancestors) to be imbossed in the Iron-work thwarting the midst thereof, as are yet to be seen. This great Earl, being created Duke of *Buckingham* in 23 H. 6, constituted ¹ *William Dracote* his Constable of this Castle; for executing which Office, he had the Fee of five marks *per annum*. Within the body thereof is a little Chapell, in which, by speciall dispensation from *Reginald Bouslers* then Bishop of this Diocess, was solemnized ^m the marriages of *John Talbot* son and heir to *John Talbot* Earl of *Shrewsbury*, and *Katherine Stafford*, one of the daughters of this Duke, in 36 H. 6. As also of *John Stafford* one of his younger sons (afterwards created ⁿ Earl of *Wiltshire*) and *Constance* the daughter of *Henry Greene* Esquire. To which Duke succeeded *Henry* his grandson; upon whose attainder in 1 Ric. 3. the custodie of it was committed ^o to *Walter Grant*, one of the Gentlemen-Hushers to the Queen.

The next thing observable thereof, is, that King ^p Ric. 3. upon his march towards *Stafford*, in the last year of his reign, came from *Benilwoth* hither, and commanded, that part of the inner buildings should be taken down and carried to that Castle, with all speed: but what was done therein I know not, for he was soon after slain at *Wosworth-field*; whereupon, King *Henry*, his successor, constituted ^q *William Trussell* Esquire, his Constable here. Howbeit, within a short space, *Edward* Duke of *Buckingham*, son and heir to the said *Henry*, repossessing what his Father had, in 18 H. 7. made ^r *John Harewell* of *Warren's-Wotton* Esquire, Constable thereof: But that Duke forfeited all by his attainder in 13 H. 8. Whereupon Commissioners were appointed to enquire, what Castles, Mannours, Lands, &c. he was at that time seized of, with the names of all his Officers and their severall Fees: At which time it was certified ^s (*inter alia*) that *Hugh Mervyn* Esquire, had the Keepership of the Park, here, having been admitted thereto by the said Duke, at *ii d.* by the day; as also Bayliffe there, at *ii d.* by the day, the old Fee having been but a penny; *William Phipps* Porter, at *x s.* *per annum*, by an old grant from the said Duke for life, he being then above *Lxxx.* years of age; and *John Archer* Constable, his Fee *Lxvi s.* *viii d.* *per annum*.

Which Duke suffered death 17 *May* in the year abovesaid: whereupon 20. *Octob.* following, the King granted ^t unto Sir *William Compton* Knight, and to the heirs male of his body, this Castle, Park, and Mannour, to be held of the Crown in *Capite* by Knights service: but because there had been a Recovery ^u of them suffered by the said Duke in 5 H. 8. whereby the Recoverers stood seized to the use of himself and his heirs, so that it did not eschaer to the King, by his said forfeiture;

therefore, to make all sure, it was in the Parliament of 15 H. 8. enacted ^w, that the before specified Duke, should stand and be convicted and attainted of High Treason, and forfeit to the King and his heirs, all Honours, Castles, Mannours, &c. whereof he, or any person to his use, were seized in Fee-simple, Fee-tail, &c. the 24th of April 4. H. 8. or any time since; with a speciall *Proviso*, that the same Act should not prejudice the King's grant abovesaid mentioned, made to Sir *William Compton* Knight, in 13. of his reign. Which Sir *Will. Compton* had issue ^x *Peter*, upon whose death in 36 H. 8. the King supposing he had left no issue male, so that the inheritance of this Castle had again returned to the Crown, made a grant ^y unto *Edward* Lord *Clinton* of, the Custodie of it and the Park, with the Herbage, and pannage thereof; as also of the Barwick of the Lordship, for life: but when he understood, that the said *Peter* had a son (born after his Father's death, as my authoritie saith) he then made a new ^z grant of the premisses to the same Lord *Clinton*, during the minority of the heir, then his Ward: whereupon the said Lord *Clinton*, in consideration of *Lxx li.* sterling, made an assignation ^a of the said Custodie, &c. unto *John Hales* Gentleman, at that time Clerk of the Hamper, and a very active man in the world (as in *Cobentre* I have shewed.) To the posterity of which Sir *Will. Compton* it continued, till that *Will. Lord Compton*, his great grandchild, by his Deed ^b bearing date 3. Febr. 39 Eliz. sold it unto Sir *Thomas Egerton* Kt. then Lord Keeper of the great Seal; from whom *Thomas Dilke* Esquire (afterwards Knight) purchased ^c it, scil. 21. Junii 41 Eliz. whose grandson, *William*, now enjoys it.

The Church (dedicated to *S. Michael*) was in anno 1291. (19 E. 1.) valued ^d at *viii.* marks. In 5 E. 3. Sir *William de Clinton* Knight, purposing to found a *Chantrie* therein, obtained License ^e to bestow the advouson thereof (*inter alia*) upon the same; with Lands and Rents to the value of *xx li.* *per annum*. In pursuance whereof, he gave to *John Lynie* Priest, Warden of the said *Chantrie* and his successors, a certain piece of land lying, then, betwixt the road-way leading from *Stillogley* towards *Colshill*, on the one side, and the Church-yard of *Marstoke* on the other; and extending in length from the Lord of *Marstoke's* Quarrie, to the Pale of his Park; together with the advouson of the Church, as by his Charter ^f bearing date at *Marstoke*, on the Feast day of the *Annunciation* of our Lady 6 E. 3. appeareth. And moreover, by the same Charter, granted unto the said Warden and his successors 8. Messuages & six yard land, lying in *Long-Ichinton*; as also the Bodies of *viii.* Natives dwelling there, with all their Chattells and Offspring: And besides this, *xx s.* yearly Rent, payable by one *William Snede*, and *John* his son, out of a Messuage lying in *Long-Ichinton* abovesaid, with the reversion of the same Messuage, and one yard land, after their deceases: and lastly 4. Acres of land lying in the said town of *Ichinton*, together with the advouson of the Church.

Which endowment being so made, he forthwith by the consent of *Roger de Northburgh*, at that time Bishop of this Diocess, *John Lynie* the then Parson (whom he constituted Warden, as abovesaid) Sir *John de Clinton*, Lord of *Marstoke*, his brother and Parishioner there; as also all the other Parishioners of *Marstoke*; ordained ^g that the said five Priests should thenceforth celebrate di-

w R. 15. H. 8.

Ex autog. penes Will. Hales ar.

Ex autog. penes Will. Dilke ar.

d MS. in Scac.

Pat. 5. E. 3. p. 2. m. 12. Pat. 6. E. 3. p. 1. m. 12.

f Rot. Rom. 6. E. 3. m. 7.

g Northb. f. 64. a.

1 Ex Comp. Balliv. H. Duc. Buck. penes Will. Vicecom. Staff. m Bowl. f. 93. b.

n Esc. 13. E. 4. m. 13.

o Pat. 1. R. 3. p. 3. m. 11

p Annal. Majorum Coventr. penes Ric. Butlerger.

q Pat. 1. H. 7. p. 3. m. 21.

r Ex autog. penes Car. D. Carington

s Ex vet. membr. penes Camer. Scac.

t Pat. 13. H. 8. p. 3.

u T. Pasch. 5. H. 8. rot. 416.

vine Service daily in the same Church, where the Bodies of his Ancestors lay interred, for the good estate of him the said Sir William de Clinton, Julian his wife, Sir John de Clinton, his brother, Alice his wife; and for the souls of Sir John de Clinton his Father, the Lady Ida his Mother; as also for the good estate of Edward the third then King of England, Laurence de Hastings, and for all the Lords Hastings, in time to come: And moreover of the said Roger then Bishop of Coventre and Litchfield, Henry Prior of Coventre, and their successors; and for the souls of all the Kings of England, Lords Hastings, Bishops of Coventre and Litchfield, Priors of Coventre, Brethren and sisters, Parents and benefactors, and all the faithfull deceased.

Appointing, that the said Warden and his successors; as also the Subwarden and his, should be always Priests in Orders, admitted and instituted by the Bishop of Coventre and Litchfield, for the time being; and after the decease of him the said Sir William, always presented by the said Sir John de Clinton, his brother, and his heirs, having a House convenient for themselves, and the other three, adjoining to the Churchyard of *Marstoke* aforesaid, there to inhabit and lodge together. And that the said Warden and his successors should provide from time to time, Books, Veltments, Lights; as also two Clerks for the use of himself, his Sub-warden and the other Priests, aswell in the Church as in the House, viz. their Hall and Chamber, night and day. And moreover, that he and his said Sub-warden, and the other Priests, should wear white Surplices, with black Copes and Stoles, after the manner of the Vicars-Chorall in the Cathedrall of *Litchfield*, whilst they were about divine Service both in the Church and Quire. And that the charge of the Books and Ornaments should belong to the Sub-warden, whose Office was to direct concerning the celebration of Masses; viz. of whom, what howers; and in what order, by himself and the other Priests they were to be performed; And that Bread, Wine, Water, and Lights should be ready for the said Masses and divine exercises, but at the charge of the Warden to be provided.

And further, that aswell the Warden, when he could sily be at leisure, and Sub-warden, as all the Priests, except some great occasion did hinder, every day after dinner and before *Vespers*, should, together in the said Church, sing the full Office of the Dead, viz. *Placebo* and *Dirige*, except on double Festivalls and the time of *Easter*, in which they ought to observe the custome of the Church of *Salisbury*, in saying the said Office: As also *Mattens*, *Vespers*, and *Canonicall howers*, with *Note*, in the Quire of the Church aforesaid, admitting the Chaplains and Clerks of the same Church to sing with them, if they pleased. And likewise, that after the *Compline*, they should say the *Commendation of the Dead*, in the said Quire, according to the course above described: And every Holy day, in the Quire together, the seven *Penitentiall Psalmes*, and the *xv. Gradualls*, with the *Letanie* and accustomed Prayers, unless, there were cause expressed by the Warden, that they should say them out of the Quire. And that both the Warden and Subwarden, & all the other Priests, should every day celebrate their particular Masses in the said Church, or Quire, according to appointment, except there were a lawfull impediment, so that upon every Sunday,

the Masse of the *B. Virgin* should be celebrated with *Note*, and the Mass of the day in such sort as was fit.

And upon every Munday, one of them, whom the Sub-warden should appoint, to celebrate the said Mass of our Lady by *Note*, with the Office for the Dead, for the souls of the persons before recited, and all the faithfull deceased: And after the death of the said Sir William de Clinton, and Sir John his brother, for their souls also: And that another of the said Priests should celebrate, the same day, the high Mass of *S. Michael* th' arch Angell, Patron of that Church, and of all the holy Angels, with *Note*; and the rest throughout the week, thus: Upon every Tuesday the Mass of *S. Thomas*, sometime Archbishop of *Canterbury*, by *Note*, besides the high Mass of the day by *Note* also; On Wednesday the first Mass of our blessed *Ladie*, by *Note*, and the high Mass of the said day with *Note*, as also a memorall of *S. Katherine* the Virgin: On Thursday the first Mass of the *Holy Ghost* by *Note*, as also the high Mass of the day: On Friday the first Mass of the *B. Virgin* by *Note*, and the high Mass of the *holy Cross* the same day by *Note* also: On Saturday the first Mass of *S. John* the Evangelist, by *Note*, and the high Mass of the glorious *Virgin Mary*. And that every Priest in his severall Mass, should specially pray for him the said Sir William, and all the persons before recited, both living and dead: as also, that in his *Memento* for the living, speciall mention being made of them, as aforesaid, they should pray for the good estate of the Church and Kingdom, and all the Benefactors to the said *Chantrie*. And lastly, that after his decease, they should in the first place remember him; next his Father and Mother, Brother, and their wives aforesaid; and afterwards the rest before expressed, with the Benefactors to the said *Chantrie*, and after them whom they should think fit; and then all the faithfull deceased. Which Ordination so made, bears date at *Fulbroke* in this Countie 21 Junii anno 1332. (6 E. 3.) and was ratified by the before specified Bishop the sixt of July following.

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The Priorie.

But as this worthy person became advanced to further honour and riches, so was his heart much enlarged for works of pietie; for within the space of four years next following, having obtained License from the King, for the Foundation of a Monastery of *Canons-Regular* of *S. Augustin's* Order, and for amortizing of the Churches of *Marstoke* and *Long-Ichinton* thereto; with xx li. lands per an. of his own proper estate, he began the fabrick thereof, whereby the *Chantrie*, before mentioned, became dissolved, and was incorporated to that Religious House: And being then newly created Earl of *Huntendon*, procured from the said King a most ample Charter of Liberties and privileges thereto; constituting by his own Charter most solemn and exact Rules for the government of those his Canons: In which Charter, having declared his Dedication thereof to the honour of the holy and individuall Trinity, the blessed *Virgin*, *S. Michael* th' arch Angell and all Saints, he expresseth his said Foundation and endowment to be, for the good estate of himself and Julian his wife; as also of *Edw. 3.* then K. of England, *Laurence de Hastings*, *Roger* Bishop of *Cob.* and *Litch.* *Henry* Prior of *Coventre*, *Richard* Dean of *Litchfield*; as also of the

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the Monks of **Cobentre**, and Canons of **Lichfield**, during this life : and for the health of his soul , together with the souls of the said **Julian**, **K. Edward** & the rest, as aforesaid, after their departures out of this world ; the souls of **John de Clinton** his father, **Ida** his mother, **John** his brother, and their children living & dead : and moreover, for the souls of all the Kings of **England** Lords **Hastings**, Bishops of **Cob.** and **Lich.** Priors, Deans, Monks, and Canons of the places before recited, his Parents, Benefactors, and of all the faithfull deceased.

Appointing, that there should be therein, an elective Prior, with a Covent of *xiii.* Canons, besides, there living religiously , and regularly , according to the Rule of **S^t Augustin** ; wearing both in Summer and Winter for their upper garment a black Cope and Hood, with a Surplis under the said Cope. and such other garments as all other *Regular Canons* then used. And that upon the death of the Prior, the Covent should within five or six days proceed to the election of another, without seeking for any License of him, his heirs or successors. Likewise that none should be admitted as a Canon in this Monastery, but a Free-born man, and so reputed, as also of good conversation, competently learned for the state of such a Canon, having a fit voice to sing, being *xviii.* years old at least, and fit to receive the Order of Priesthood, when he should come of meet age ; and at the end of the first year after such his entrance, that should read, or cause to be read openly in his pretence , all and singular the things contained in the said Charter of Foundation, promising his faithfull observance of them.

And further declared , that whereas he had endowed the said Monastery, with Lands and Rents to the value of *CC li. per an.* lying within the precincts of **Spasstoke**, and **Long-Actinton** before specified, when there should happen to be *x.* marks yearly increase of that revenue, either by himself or any other Benefactor, or through the industry of the said Prior and Covent, within one month after, another Canon might be added to their number ; and so still more Canons, as their revenues should proportionably augment. And likewise, that no yearly *Pension* should be granted to any one by the Prior, except for the certain advantage of the House , whereof the Bishop of the Dioces to be Judge : As also that the Accounts of all the Officers belonging to the Monasterie, should be yearly exhibited to the Prior and Covent , or three persons by them nominated, and openly read before the whole Covent ; to the end that every one might thereby know the true state of the House, and by Indenture to be then deposited in their Treasury.

And hereunto did he adde, that after his departure out of this life , his *Anniversarie* should be yearly celebrated by the said Prior and Covent , with *Placebo* and *Dirige* ; as also solemn Mass in the Quire, and the whole Office of the Dead, for the health of his soul, with the souls above specified, and all the faithfull deceased. And that upon the same day there should be a Dole to an *C.* poor people, *viz.* of **Spasstoke** and other places, to each a Loaf weighing *Ls.* and every day at dinner time , over and above the accustomed Bread allowed to the poor, one white Conventuall Loaf, and a mess of meat out of the Kitchen , together with a flagon of Beer, assigned to one of the poorest people in **Spasstoke**, or from some other place , according to the discretion of the Prior or his Almoner, for the

health of the said Founder's soul , and the souls of the persons above named, and all the faithfull deceased. And that the Mass of the *blest Virgin*, the Chapter-Mass, and the Mass of the day, should be daily celebrated at the heures, and in the places accustomed in other Monasteries ; so that in all those Masses , except on the greatest Festivalls , mention should be made of him, and of **Julian** his wife ; as also of the said King **Edward**, and the persons before recited, during their lives in this world ; and afterwards in such sort as is usually done for the dead. And moreover, that every Prior before his installation should cause all the particulars contained in the said Charter of Foundation to be openly read, promising his faithfull observance of them to his utmost power.

And after *Mutens* of the blessed Virgin finished in the Quire , and the Mass of the same , and at the end of every houre, the Priest celebrating the Mass, and the performer of the Office , with the same voice that he concludeth it ; to use the Angelique salutation of our Lady, and recommendation of her Mother, in this manner ; *Ave Maria gratia plena , Dominus tecum ; benedicta tu inter mulieres , & benedicta fructus ventris tui , Jesus , Amen. Et benedicta sit venerabilis mater tua Anna , ex qua tua caro Virginea & immaculata processit ;* whereunto the Quire shall answer, *Amen.*

And lastly , obliging his heirs and successors, under the penaltie of God's curse , with the curses of the *blest Virgin* , *S. Michael* th' arch Angel, and *All Saints* , that they should not make any advantages to themselves out of the possessions belonging to this Monasterie, appointed, that if the Prior did transgress in any thing pertaining to his dutie, every Canon of the House should be obliged to make complaint to the Bishop thereof , and the Bishop to see satisfaction made : and if any Canon should faile in his particular dutie , and thereof be convicted before the Prior, or other competent Judge , that for the space of five years he might not be capable to bear any Office in the Monasterie , except the Prior, by the advice of the better part of the Covent, should think fit to abate three years thereof, or any part of that time.

And for the firmer observance of all these his Ordinances , and the more lasting memory of this his establishment, he caused this his Charter to be indented and exemplified in three parts ; the one to remain with the said Prior and Covent for ever ; the other with the Dean and Chapter of **Lichfield** ; and the third with himself, his heirs and successors ; unto every of which he affixed his Seal ; procuring likewise a ratification thereof from **Roger de Northburgh** then Bishop of **Cobentre** and **Lichfield** as also by the Dean & Chapter of **Lichfield** ; His bearing date here at **Spasstoke** *x^o.* . . . *An. MCCxxxvi.* and theirs in *April*, and *May* following. Unto all which, the *K.* added his Confirmation dated *4^o Martii* in the *xviiith* year of his reign.

Neither was it long after this , but that the said Earl made a farther augmentation to what he had so given , as hath been said : For within one year next following, he bestowed ^m on them the advowson of the moiety of the Church of **Walughton** in **Leicestershire**. In *14 E. 3.* the advowson of the Church of **Sanctiworth**, which was immediately thereupon appropriated ^o to them by **Wulfstan B.** of **Worcester** , with reservation of a Vicaridge to the value

m. 15. 29. n. Ex parte 2. comes Will. Paullet de Colles in Com. Will. 1. ar. o. Wolf. vol. 2. f. 39. b.

value of .xx. marks yearly, & to the Prior of **Worcester** .xx s. which Vicaridge was accordingly ordained⁹ within two years aftes. In⁹ 17.E.3. the Mannour of **Shustoke**, with the advouſon of the Church and Chapell or *Chantry* at **Bentley**; then newly by them purchafed⁹ of *John Lord Moubray*. Which grant was of ſo great conſequence to theſe Canons, as that by the advantage thereof, they ſoon obtained⁶ in exchange for the ſame, from *John* the ſon and heir of Sir *John de Clinton* before ſpecified, the ancient Mannour-houſe of **Marſtoke**, moated about, and ſituate neer to this Monafterie, together with the Park, and all that part, which hath ſince that time been known by the name of the Priory-Lordſhip: Whereupon they converted the old Houſe (the ancient ſeat of the ſaid Founder's Anceſtors) into Barnes, keeping up the Moat for the turning of a Water-mill, which ſo continued till within the memory of ſome aged perſons lately deceaſed. By which exchange it likewiſe appears, that the ſaid Founder had alſo given to this Monafterie, the moiety of the Mannour, of **Petherwhitacre**, and that his nephew had it, with **Shuſtoke** aforeſaid, upon that agreement.

In 19 E.3. he gave⁹ the advouſons of the Churches of **Aſton-Cantlow** and **Fillingley** thereunto, then newly obtained⁹ by him from *Laurence de Haſtings* E. of **Penbroke** (his ſon in Law) which were immediately appropriated unto it: viz. that of **Aſton-Cantlow** by⁹ *Wolſtan* B⁹ of **Worceſter**, and that of **Fillingley** by⁹ Pope *Clement* the vith which grant *Rog. de Northburgh* B⁹ of **Cobentre** & **Leich**, confirmed. To theſe Conceſſions did *Tho. de Beauchamp* then E. of **Warw.** adde⁹ the advouſon of the Church of **Wardley** in **Worceſterſhire**, w^{ch} was forthwith appropriated⁹ to them by *Wolſtan* B⁹ of **Worceſter**; whereupon they had a⁹ Releaſe from the Monks of **Likford** of all their right thereunto. And now that they were ſo plentifully provided for, by their Founders bounty, and favour of other Benefactors, they ſoon after began to make ſeverall purchaſes in ſundry places (though but petty parcells) viz. in⁹ **Marſtoke**, **Cobentre** and **Long-ſchinton**; as alſo of a Water-mill⁹ in **Shuſtoke**: and in 10 H.4. obtained⁹ from *Will. Lord Clinton* & *Say* x li. yearly Rent iſſuing out of certain lands lying in **Duntun-Baſſet**, in *Com. Leic.* and in 38 H.6. a Legacie⁹ of an *Ch.* from *Humfrey Duke of Buckingham*, to purchaſe lands of *Cs. per ann.* value; to the end that the Covent here might be augmented by one Canon more in number (*ſc. xiii.* in all) and that the ſame Canon or ſome other ſhould daily ſing and pray for the ſoul of the ſaid *Humfrey*, and for the ſouls of his Anceſtors, wife, and children, at the Altar in the North Ile of this Conventuall Church.

All which lands and poſſeſſions, with ſome other, whereof for brevity I omit the mention, were, in 26 H.8. upon the Survey⁹ then taken, eſtimated at the worth of *Cxxx li. xi s. viii d. ob. per ann.* Out of which ſum, conſidering theſe ſeverall deductions; viz. for the Conventuall loaf, Flagon of beer, and Meſs of meat, given every day to the poor according to the Founder's direction (as hath been already obſerved) and valued at *iv d. per diem*, which amounts to *vi li. x s. d. per ann.* In money, bread, and beer, diſtributed to poor people upon *Monday Thursday*, at the Gates of the Priory, *iv li. per annum*. To two Priests weekly celebrating divine ſervice in the Chapell dedicated to the *Annunciation* of the bleſſed Virgin, within the

ſaid Monaftery, by the appointment of *Adam de Overton*, *Lxxvi s. viii d. per an.* Twelve pence per diem to a Canon, ſpecially celebrating for the Founders ſoul *Lii s. per an.* For the Fee of Sir *Edw. Ferrers* Knight, high Steward of the ſaid Monafterie, *Lx s. per an.* And in Annuities to other Officers, Penſions, and Rents, the clear yearly value amounted to no more than *Lxxxvi li. xiii s. vii d. ob.* So that by Act⁹ of Parliament the year following, being involved with thoſe which then went to wrack, it was in 30 H.8. (with a multitude more) granted⁹ out of the Crown unto *Charles Brandon* D. of **Suff.** and his heirs: Which Duke, for the ſum of 2103 li. ſterling, ſold the ſame, with all the Lands, Rectories, &c. thereunto belonging, unto *Robert Trapps* of **London** Goldſmith, as by his Deed⁹ dated 17. Julij 32 H.8. appeareth.

Unto whom ſucceeded⁹ *Nich. Trapps*, his ſon and heir; who leaving iſſue only two daughters, viz. *Mary* married to *Giles Paulet*, a younger ſon to *William* Marqueſſe of **Wincheſter**, and *Alice* unto *Henry Brown* Eſquire, the ſite of this Monaftery, with the lands in **Marſtoke** thereto belonging, by partition⁹ afterwards made, was allotted unto the ſaid *Giles* and *Mary*; whoſe grandchild *Will.* (now of **Cotles** in *Com. Wilts.*) enjoys it.

Patroni.

Priores.

<i>Will. de Clinton</i> miles.	<i>Frater Joh. Deyvill</i> Canon. Regal. S. Aug. 2. Id. Julij 1336.	Northbb. f. 29. b.
<i>Electi per Conventum.</i>	<i>Joh. Naſſyngton</i> 10. Marti 1424.	Heyw. f. 12. b.
	<i>Frater Ric. Evesham</i> (poſt reſign. <i>Joh. Grene</i>) 8. Maii 1451.	Bo. f. 12. b.
	<i>Frater Will. Symſon</i> , alias <i>Dickons</i> 21. Aug. 1505.	Bl. f. 10. b.

On the next page are repreſented the Arms in the Prior's lodgings.

I come laſtly to ſpeak of the Vicaridge; for the Rectorie was appropriated to the Priorie, as hath been maniſeſt. This in 26 H.8. was valued⁹ at *Cvi s. viii d. per an.* but the manner of the Vicar's ſupport was thus, as by a Certificate⁹ from the Pariſhioners to the Viſitors, about the beginning of Q. Eliz. time, appeareth; viz. that he had meat and drink for himſelf and a child to wait upon him, every year a Gown, every week three caſts of Bread & two Gallons of Ale, his Barbour, Launder, Candle, and Fire-wood as much as he would ſpend, with xl s. wages, and all at the coſts of the Houſe.

Patroni Eccleſiæ.

Incumbentes, &c.

<i>Domina Ela</i> de Oding. ſells.	<i>Petrus de Ilmenden</i> , 13. Cal. Martii 1296.	Langt. f. 5. c.
<i>Domina Ida</i> de Clinton.	<i>Adam de Kingsford</i> Pbr. 2. Non. Jan. 1320.	1b. f. 79. b.
<i>D. Will. de Clinton</i> miles.	<i>Joh. Lynne</i> de Coleſhull Cap. 7. Id. Febr. 1330.	Northbb. f. 24. a.
Patroni Vicariæ.	<i>Adam de Wythibrok</i> Pbr. 10. Cal. Aug. 1336.	1b. f. 29. b.
	<i>Petrus de Fillingley</i> Pbr. 7. Cal. Junii 1337.	1b. f. 31. b.
	<i>Will. de Lalleford</i> Pbr. 5. Cal. Nov. 1338.	1b. f. 32. b.
Prior & Conv. de <i>Maxſtoke</i> .	<i>Joh. Wyllie</i> Cap. 2. Id. Julij 1349.	1b. f. 48. b.
	<i>Ric. Dolfin</i> de Toneworth Pbr. 4. Id. Julij 1376.	Stre. f. 23. a.

Thomas

lb.f.26.b.
Burgh.f.
20.d.
Heyw.f.10.
b.
lb.f.19.b. Prior & Conv. de
lb.f.20.b. Maxstoke.
lb.f.22.d.
Bo.f.7.b.
lb.f.9.b. D.Episc. per lapsum.
lb.f.12.b. Prior & Conv. de
Bowl.f. D.Episc. per lapsum.
140.d.
Bl.f.6.a. Prior & Conv. de
Maxstoke.
Str. & P.f. Tho. Burdet ar. & alii
14.2. ex concess. Pr. & C.
de Maxstoke.
lb.f.16.b. Henr. 8. Rex Angl.
Bentham Rob. Trapps de Civit.
bind. H. Lond. Goldsmith.

Thomas Lucas Pbr. 1. Cal.
 Sept. 1379.
 Joh. Wilmeton Cap. 25.
 Nov. 1407.
 Joh. Rotur Pbr. 23. Nov.
 1422.
 Ric. Benet Pbr. 14. Junii
 1427.
 Rog. Wyllkins Cap. 4. Mar-
 tin 1427.
 Thomas Naffington Cap.
 27. Sept. 1428.
 Joh. Belebouch Pbr. 3. Ju-
 nii 1448.
 Rog. Wall Pbr. 11. Dec. 1449.
 Joh. Kusner Cap. 19. Mar-
 tii 1450.
 Thom. Heywarde Pbr. 13.
 Martii 1493.
 D. Christoph. Dugdale per
 resign. Rad. Hodde, 7.
 Martii 1511.
 D. Joh. Bower Cler. 21.
 Julii 1536.
 D. Thom. Wattys Cap. 28.
 Apr. 1539.
 Rad. Pyckering Cler. 1.
 Apr. 1559.

Armes in the East Window of the Chancell.
 Gules a Fesse betwixt } Beauchamp Earl of
 six Cross crosetts Or } Warwick.
 Argent six Cross-crosetts fitch } Clinton Earl of
 sable, and upon a Chief azure } Huntingdon.
 two Mulletts Or, pierced gules.
 Argent upon a Chief Azure two } Clinton of
 Mulletts Or, pierced gules. } Barstoke.

Monumentall Inscriptions in plates of brass upon Marble grave-stones lying in the Chancell.

Die iacet Ricardus Slade armiger, & Margareta uxoris eius, qui Ricardus obiit anno Domini MCCCCLXX.

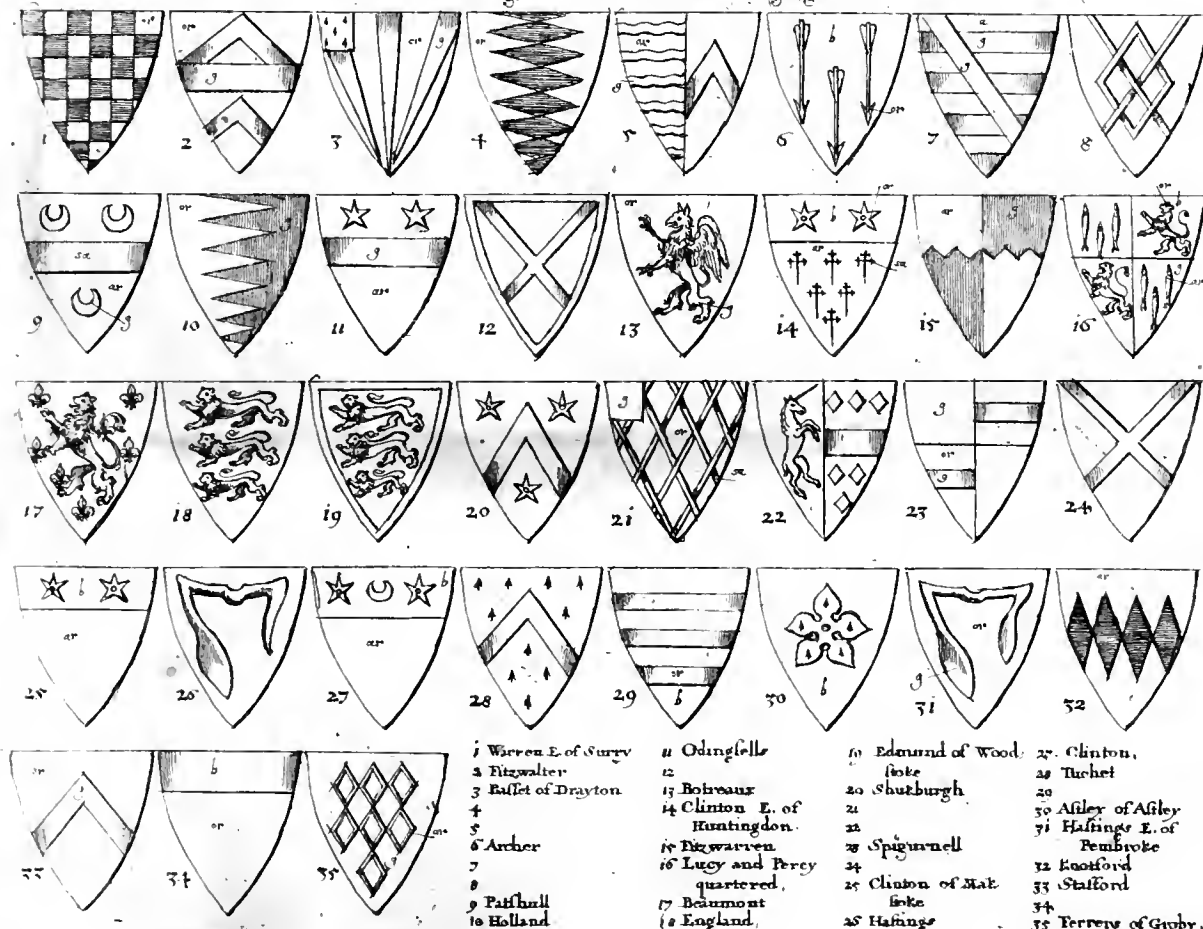
Die iacet Thomas Slade armiger quondam unus Iusticiarius Partis & de Quorundam domini regis huius Comitatus Warwici, ac generalis receptor & supervisor terrarum illustrissimi regis Henrici octavi, vocat. Warwic Sarum & Spencers landes: Et Elizabetha Slade conjux sua filia & heres Johannis Wilkes armigeri. Qui quidem Thomas obiit die Januarii anno domini MDCV. Et dicta Elizabetha obiit re die Decembris eodem anno: quorum animabus propitietur deus.

Of your charity pray for the soules of Edward Dye esquire, and Margery his Wife which Margery deceased the xth day of September Anno Domini MDCXII. and the said Edward deceased the day of anno Domini MCCCC.

On whose soules Jesus have mercy.

Here lieth the body of Thomas Dilke Esquire Lord of Maxstoke Castle, and Justice of Peace for this County, he departed this life the xxxth of January A Dom. 1632. Ad vocem tuba resurget ad gloriam

Maxstoke
Armes depicted on the ancient Waincote ceiling, in the roof of the building, which was the Priory Lodgings



Elmedon.

Following the stream of **Blithe**, a little farther, I come to its confluence with **Cole**; which water being of a dark colour, and therefore so called at first (as I guess) riseth in the Northern skirts of **Wol- cester**, but soon after its entrance into this Coun-

ty, is augmented by a petty torrent, which cometh from **Elmedon**; so that I shall next, in pursuance of my wonted methode, take notice of that place.

This, having its name originally from that hilly part of the town where the Mannour-house now stands, was before the Norman invasion possessed by one **Tochi**, but after the Conquest, **Turchill de War-**

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wick had a grant thereof, as may seem by the generall Survey⁹ shortly after taken, where it is rated at half abide, the Woods thereunto belonging containing one furlong in length and as much in breadth; and all valued at *v. s.* the same Roger, who then also held *Merstone*, being his undertenant.

By some of the said *Turchil's* descendants, it was granted to the Ancestor of *Simon de Berchestone*, whom I take to be he, that had also *Whitacre Superior*, and whose descendants were surnamed of that place: For by a Fine¹ in 8 H. 3. betwixt *Simon de Bercheston* Plaintiff, and *Simon* the son of *Jordan de Whitacre* defendant, levied for warranty of a former Charter, it appears, that the said *Simon de Whitacre* and his heirs were to hold this place of the before specified *Sim. de Bercheston*, and his heirs, by the service of half a K^s Fee. But it continued not long so; for in 20 H. 3. the said half Knight's Fee here, was certified² to be held immediatly of the E. of *Warwick*, and in 36 H. 3. of *Thomas de Arden* (heir to *Turchil* before specified) and by him of those Earls. which *Sim. de Whitacre* in 41 H. 3. obtained a Charter³ of *Free warren* in all his demesne lands here; but his Seat being at *Whitacre Superior*, I have there placed the Descent of that Family; as also of the heirs female, viz. *Waldeiff. Hore*, & *Boteler*, which successively posselt this Mannour: Of which family of *Waldeiff* having spoken in *Aspath* (alias *Merceden*) I shall here take notice of what is observable, of those of *Hore* and *Boteler*, who had their residence in this place.

Of the *Hores*, the first was *Thomas* that became Lord of this Mannour, by the marriage of *Margaret*

daughter & heir unto *Alan Waldeyff*; the Ancestors of which *Thomas* had long before their habitation here; for in 9 E. 2. I find⁴ one *Ric. le Hore* of *Clunedon*, and towards the later end of E. 3. *Th. Hore*, Eschactor⁵ for this County & *Leicestershire* in 3. & 4 R. 2. and grandfather to the before specified *Thomas* (as I guess) which *Thomas*, (husband of *Margaret*) underwent the same Office⁶ in 8 H. 6. To whom succeeded *Alan Hore*, as the Descent in *Stonythorpe* sheweth, who left issue *Katherine* his daughter and heir, wedded⁷ to *John Boteler*, son and heir to *Richard Boteler* of *Solithull*: Of which *John* (who was a Lawyer, I find, that in 16 H. 6. he was under-Shirif⁸ unto *Rob. Arden* Esq. but after his marriage with the heir of *Hore*, became employed in a higher degree of service: for in 3 H. 7. he was in Commission⁹ for the asselling of a Subsidie then granted to the K. in Parl. and in 4. & 6. H. 7. for the Gaol-delivery at *Warw.* so also in 21 H. 7. In 22 H. 7. he was constituted¹⁰ Clerke of the Peace in this Countie, and in 1 H. 8. again one of the Justices for the Gaol-deliverie at *Warwick*, by the name of *John Boteler* Gent. And that departing this life in 4 H. 8. he was buried¹¹ in the Chapell of *S. Katherine* on the North part of *Solithull* Church, near his Ancestors, where his Monumentall inscription doth yet appear. To whom succeeded *John* his son and heir: which *John* in 34 H. 8. sold¹² this Mannour unto *Tho. Marrow* Gentleman, who had issue *Samuel*, of whom *Henry Mayne* of *Bedinton* in *Com. Hertf.* Gent. purchased it, whose grandchild, viz. *John* the son of *John*, now enjoys it.

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z Ro. F. 8.
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tog. penes
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e Pat. 6. H.
7. in d. m.
16.

f Pat. 2. H.
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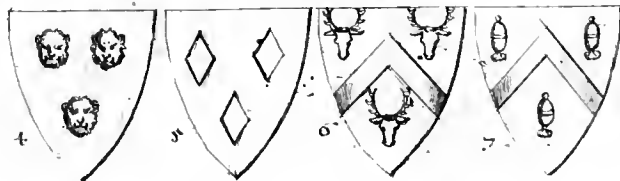
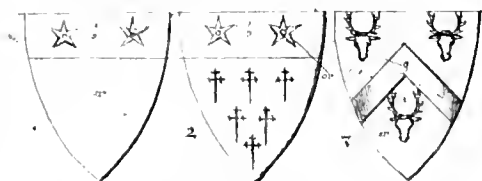
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H. 8.

Elmdon

Armes in the Church windows

Armes cut on a great beam of Elmdon hall
was built by John Butler temp. H. 8.



1. Chabon of Maxstoke

2. Hore

3. Whitacre

4. Butler

2. Clinton E. of Huntingdon

4. Waldeyff

6. Hore

Patroni Ecclesiar.

Incumbentes &c.

Northb. f.
22. b.

D. Ric. de Whitacre
miles.

Ib. f. 28. b.

Ib. f. 45. b.

Ib. f. 54. b.

Ib. f. 57. b.

Strat. f. 10.
a.

Ib. f. 11. b.

Ib. f. 15. b.

Ib. f. 19. a.

Ib. b.

Ib. f. 22. a.

Ric. de Whitacre.

Job de la Coppe Pbr. 7. Id. Mai 1329. (post mortem *Edm. de Whitacre* ult. *Recloris*.)
Job. de Wotton Cap. 4. Cal. Junii 1335.
Job. de Whytakre Cler. 4. Cal. Junii 1347.
Will. Alleyn Cap. 5. Id. Aug. 1351.
Rob. de Finchebale Pbr. 19. Cal. Febr. 1353.
Will. de Grange Cap. 5. Id. Nov. 1351.
Ric. Felchyn Pbr. 2. Id. Martii 1362.
Rog. Baxter Pbr. 9. Cal. Nov. 1366.
Ric. de Waltham Pbr. 4. Non. Apr. 1370.
Adam Stephene Pbr. 5. Cal. Oct. 1370.
Will. de Crudeworth Pbr. 2. Id. Maii 1374.

Johanna de Whytakre relicta *Alani Waldeyff*, domina de *Elmdon*.

Margareta Hore.

Alanus Hore ar.

Job. Botelere ar.

Edw. Grevill miles & alii, ratione minoris atat. *Job. Boteler*.

Laur. Grey de *Kenilworth*, ratione concess. *Job. Boteler* gen.

Henr. Mayne de *Bedinton* in *com. Hertf.*
Andr. Marrow de *Solithull* gen.

Steph. de Overton 11. Julii 1375.

D. Vill. de Bykenhull Cap. 17. Dec. 1407.

Vill. Twyford 24. Mai 1413.

Job. Asche 22. Dec. 1413.

Rog. Lonevey Cler. 2. Dec. 1414.

Job. Tudde 15. Sept. 1416.

Vill. Codyngton Cap. 27. Jan. 1456.

Thomas Conway Pbr. 25. Jan. 1492.

Rog. Dixon Pbr. 4. Junii 1499.

D. Thom. Palknare Cap. 7. Nov. 1527.

D. Edw. James Cler. 16. Febr. 1540.

Job. Lewes Cler. 27. Junii 1573.

Edw. Wayte Cler. penult. Julii 1573.

Henr.

Heir. Mayne.

Hugo Symons in Ar. M.
20. Julii 1574.
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Febr. 1575.

Sheldon.

OF this place there is no mention in the Conq. Survey, so that I suppose it was then involved

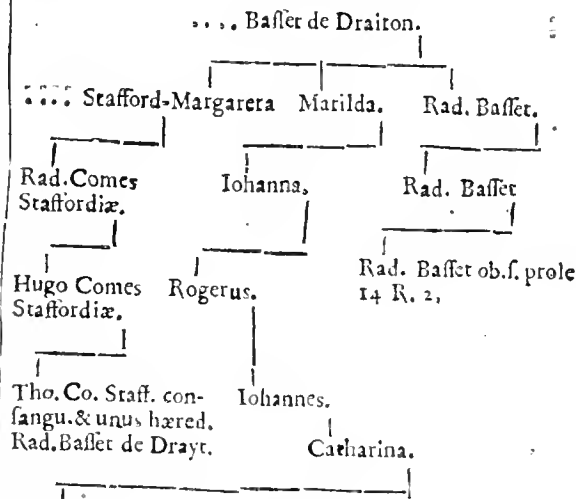
with **Colthill**; & being therewith in the hands of **Geffrey de Clinton**, temp. H. 1. came to **Verdon** in marriage with **Lescelina**, daughter of the same **Geffrey**, as **Bandon** did; and that **Anselm de Sheldon**, or one of his Ancestors was first enfeoffed thereof by some of the **Verdons**: for by a multitude of testimonies I find^m, that the said **Anselm** and his posterity were certified to hold it of that Family, by the service of half a K^s Fee, and they of the Earls of **Warwick**, as **Clinton** did all that he had. Of which **Anselm** the first mention that I have seen, isⁿ in 5 H. 3. To whom succeeded **Henry de Sheldon** his son^o & heir, who in 7 E. 1. was employed as a Commissioner with **Sir Henry de Nottingham K^s**, & **John de Arundel Clerk**, to enquire & certify touching the Lords of every Mannour, with the liberties, privileges and extent of the same; as also concerning the patronage of the Church, and how it was endowed, and likewise of the King's Demesns, Fees, Eschaets, &c. Which singular work was performed throughout two Hundreds of this Countie; viz. **Knightslow**, and **Linneton**, as appeareth yet upon^p Record; but whether they proceeded any farther or not, I am not certain, there being no memoriall left thereof: The forme of which Commission and Oath (the said **Henry** being then^a a Knight) is to be seen on the backside of the Patent-Roll of 7 E. 1. and very worthy observation.

In the same year he was also in^r Commission with the before specified persons, to enquire by the Oaths of substantiall and honest men, concerning all those that had xx li. lands per annum, or one whole Knights Fee of that value, and who being not Knights, ought to be: And from that time, till 20^o. of the said King's reign, was^r every year a Commissioner for the Gaol deliverie at **Warwick**. The next was^r **Sir Nicholas de Sheldon** Knight, of whom I have not found any thing memorable, other than that he bore^a for his Armes a Fesse with two Buckles in Chief (in reference, perhaps, to the Familie of **Odingfells** of **Solthull**, viz. Arg. a Fesse with 2. Mallets in Chief gules; but the colours of this, I cannot as yet discover) and that he left issue^m **Henry** his son & heir, who died without any Children, as I guesse; in regard that afterwards none of his name had more to do with this Ld.^s.

The first that next posselt it, was **John Hothum** Bishop of **Ely**, who had a grant^x thereof for life, or to the end of ten years, in case he died before, from **Joane** the widow of **Sir Nicholas de Sheldon** above mentioned, she having an estate for life therein; in consideration whereof she was to have an Annuitie of x li. per annum payd to her by the said Bishop, which grant of hers the before specified **Henry de Sheldon** confirmed^y; after whose death it reverted^z to him the said **Henry**, who immediatly thereupon entailed it^a, for want of issue betwixt himself and **Beatrice** his wife, on **Sir John Murdack Knight**, and his heirs; which **Sir John** in 20 Edw. 3. past^b away all his title therein, unto **John de Peto junior**, and **Beatrice** his wife, to hold during their lives, and

the life of the Survivor of them, reserving x li. per annum, to be payd to himself and his heirs, after the decease of the said **Henry** and **Beatrice** without issue: which **Henry** and **Beatrice** confirmed that^c estate to them the said **John** and **Beatrice** the next year ensuing.

This **Beatrice** the wife of **John de Peto**, was daughter^d and heir to **John de Sheldon**, of whose alliance to the said **Henry**, I am not certain. But unto **Sir John Murdack** (of whom in **Compton-Murdack** I have spoke) succeeded **Sir Thomas Murdack K^t**, Lord of this Mannour, as heir to his Father; which **Sir Thomas** in 48^e E. 3. past away all his title therein unto **Sir Roger Meres of Byrketon Knight**, for CC li. sterling; whose son **seil. John Meres**, obtained a confirmation^e thereof from the before mentioned **Beatrice**, the widow of the said **John de Peto**, to take place after her decease (which makes me think that she was next heir in blood to the same **Henry de Sheldon**) and in 9 R. 2. sold^f the same reversion unto **Sir Ralph Basset of Drayton Knight**, who died^h seized thereof in 14 R. 2. leaving **Thomas Earl Stafford**, and **Alice** the wife to **William Chaworth** his cosins and next heirs, as the Descentⁱ here inserted sheweth.



Alicia uxor. Will. Chaworth altera cohær. Rad. Basset de Drayton.

To which **Thomas** succeeded^k **William Earl Stafford**, his Brother and heir; and to **William Edmund^l**, who in 4 H. 4. granted^m (inter alia) to **Sir Hugh Shirley Knight**, this Mannour of **Sheldon**, by the name of **Colthill** and **Westhall**, upon condition that if he the said **Hugh** should decease without issue male of his body, then to revert to the before specified Earl and his heirs; in confirmation whereof, **John Browne Parson of Wychole**, in 2 H. 6. releasedⁿ to **Sir Ralph Shirley Knight** (whom he calls cosin to **Sir Ralph Basset of Drayton Knight**) and to the heirs male of his body, all his right therein, and in other lands, which he the said **John** had, together with **Walter Skyrlaw Bishop of Duresme** and other Feoffees, by the grant of the before specified **Ralph Basset** in Fee-simple, without any condition whatsoever.

Whereupon the said **Sir Ralph Shirley**, by the name of **Sir Ralph Shirley of Radsitt** (super **Soze**, in **Corz.** **Notr.** Knight, in 10 H. 6. was certified^o to be Lord of this Mannour, and to hold it by the service of the fourth part of a K^s. Fee; but long it was not ere that the said Earl **Stafford** had it again, though by what agreement I have not seen; for by a Bayliff's Account^p of **Humfrey Earl Stafford's** lands in 23 Hen. 6. it appears, that the said Earl then posselt it.

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Which Earl, being created D. of **Buck.** soon after died seized thereof, viz. in 39 H. 6. leaving Henry his son and heir 4 years of age: unto whom succeeded **Edm. D. of Buck.** attained in 13 H. 8. by means whereof it came to the Crown, and by Letters Pat. dated 29 Martii, the same year, was first granted out unto **Thomas Grey Marq. Dorset**, for life, and about two years after in Fee tail, to him and the heirs male of his bodie, viz. 27 Junii 15 H. 8. whole son and heir **Henry D. of Suff.** being attained in 1 M. (as in **Astley I** have shewed) it reformed again to the Crown, and was by **Q. Eliz.** first granted to **Clerard** and others in 2 of her reign; but by other Letters Pat. in 17 H. 8. to **Hen. Grey E. q.** in Fee tail; which **Henry** sold his estate therein, to **Sir George Digby** of **Colthill Kt.** who died seized thereof in 29 Eliz. leaving **Robert** his son and heir xii. years of age and upwards: which **Robert**, for farther corroboration of his title, in 3 Jac. obtained a Pat. thereof from the Crown, bearing date 15 Nov. ro himself and his heirs, being then a Kt. Since which time his posteritie have enjoyed it.

Besides this Mannour of **St Hall** and **West Hall**, there was another also here in **Sheldon**, which originally being nothing else but a member of **Solihull**, came in time to have the reputation of a Mannour: but the first ment on I have seen of it, is in 3 R. 2. where it is by Inquit. found, that **Alice** the widow of **Sir Hugh le Despenser** (sister alia u **Solihull**) died seized of C. s. Rent, here in **Sheldon**, payable partly by Free-holders, and partly by those that held in Villenage: which **Alice** had issue **Sir Hugh le Despenser Kt.** who in 3 H. 4. died seized of viii l. Rent, here, leaving **Anne** the wife of **Sir Edw. Boteler Kt.** his Sister and heir: Howbeit, within two years after, this which was no more than a certain Rent issuing out of sundry lands here, was called a Mannour, as appears by a Fine then levied thereof, together with the Mannour of **Solihull**, betwixt **Sibill** the widow of the said **Sir Hugh le Despenser**, and the before specified **Sir Edward Boteler Kt.** and **Anne** his wife: Of which, forasmuch as it afterwards accompanied **Solihull** for a long time, I shall not need to say more, it being a member thereof, as is farther manifested by the Inquit. taken after the death of **George D. of Clarence** upon whose attainment it came to the Crown; where it rested till 12 H. 8. that the King by his Letters Pat. dated 12 Febr. granted it together with the advouson of the Church, to **Thomas D. of Poiff.** and the heirs male of his body: which Duke in 20 H. 8. past it away, with **Solihull**, unto **Edmund Knightley Esq.** and **Eustace Kuteley Gent.** to the use of **Sir George Throkemorton Knight** and his heirs; whose grandchild **Thomas**, being seized of it in 23 Eliz. sold it unto the before specified **Sir George Digby**, as I have heard.

The Church (dedicated to **St. Giles**) was in An. 1291. (19 E. 1.) valued at viii. marks, and in 26 H. 8. at viii l. x s. x. d. over and above ix s. vi d. allowed for Procurations and Synodalls.

Patroni Ecclesiæ. Incumbentes, &c.

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Julu 1349.
Ric. de Kinton Cap. 18 1b. f. 54. a.
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Nich. Nichols Pbr. ult. Sk. f. 2. a.
Sept. 1387.
Thom. Galpyn Cap. 7 Mar- Burgh. f.
iii 1407. 19. b.
Rob. Greene Cap. 12 Maii 1b. f. 20. b.
1408.
Joh. Parker Cap. 20 Oct. Heyw. f. 20.
1427. a.
Thom. Gamul Pbr. 29 1b. b.
Jan. 1427.
Thomas Somnour ult. Nov. 1b. f. 29. b.
1432.
D. Nich. Clerke Pbr. 3 1b. f. 44. b.
Sept. 1446.
Will. Aleyn Pbr. 22 Maii Bowl. f.
1494. 140. b.
Thom. Blundell art. Mag. 1b. f. 203. a.
.... Nov. 1499.
D. Henr. Rode Pbr. 18 Bl. f. 13. b.
Maii 1527.
Henr. Blakemore Cler. 18 Bentham
Sept. 1560. bund. H.
Will. Blakemore Cler. 28 Sampl. &
Apr. 1582. B. f. 48. b.
Will. Orton Cler. 20 Jan. Morton
1625. bund. incert.
Guill. Bull. Cler. 28 Junii
1628.

Of the **Chantry** founded here, the occasion was this. The before specified **John de Peto** having been so great a Benefactor to the Canons of **Benilworth**, by giving to them the Church of **Locksley**, and a large portion of that Village, as that by way of remuneration, they charged themselves and their successors, with the payment of xii. marks and v s. of silver yearly, viz. viii. marks for the maintenance of a **Chantry Priest** for ever, and four marks and five shillings for other pious uses; in 25 E. 3. built a Chapell adjoyning to this Church, dedicated to our **Ladie**, and procured **Roger de Northburgh** then Bishop of this Diocess, to ordain a **Chantry** therein; who, accordingly, did appoint and establish, that it should be called the **Chantry** of **John de Peto junior**, and that the **Chantry-Priest** serving therein, should be thenceforth presented by the Prior of **Cobentre** for the time being, at the nomination of the said **John** and the Lady **Beatrice** his wife, having an habitation adjoyning to the Church-yard, then also newly built by the said **John de Peto**: as also that the same Priest should especially pray for the good estate of him the said **John**, and likewise of **Thomas de Beauchamp Earl of Warwick**, the **Ladie Catherine** his Countess, **Sir Will. de Clinton Earl of Huntendon**, **Beatrice** wife to the said **John**, his Father; and moreover of **Roger de Northburgh** then Bishop of **Cob.** and **Wich.** during this life, and for their souls after their departures hence; and for the souls of all the Earls of **Warwick**, as also the souls of the Fathers and Mothers of the said **John** and **Beatrice**, their kindred and friends; all the

Langt. f. Rad. de Perham. Thom. de Stodham 3 Id.
78. a. Maii 1318.
Northb. f. Will. de Clinton Co. Nich. de Sheldon Pbr. 16
40. a. Huntendon. a. Cal. Dec. 1342.

the Priors of **Cobentre** and **Henilwoyth**, the Benefactors to the said **Chantrie**, and all the faithfull deceased.

That likewise in this Chapell the *Anniversarie* of the said **John** should be kept in a solemn manner, by the Parson of this Parish for the time being, or at least by his Curate and the *Chantrie-Priest*; and that for the space of xv. dayes following, the said *Chantrie-Priest* should say the Office for the dead, *viz.* *Placebo* and *Dirige*, for the soul of the said **John** and all the faithfull deceased. And moreover that upon the Feast day of the *Annunciation* of our Lady, one of the Canons of **Henilwoyth** might every year be sent hither, and celebrate the Mass of that day; and having so done, and made silence, read unto the people then present, the Ordination of this *Chantrie*, and suddainly after, make distribution of *Ls.* sterling to the poor, for the soul of the same **John**, and all the rest before mentioned; *viz.* to every poor body a penny, unless the number of the poor, then hapning to be there, should be so great, that it would not hold out; and if so, then two or three to have a penny amongst them: Which Ordination bears date at **Herevode** 5 Dec. 1351. (25 E. 3.)

And because the House for habitation of the *Chantrie-Priest* before specified, had no Garden belonging to it, there was a piece of ground, containing 7 Perches square, adjoining thereunto, on the North part, given by *Jeffrey Scrope*, then Parson of **Wolthall**, *Will. Scrope*, Parson of **Medburne**, and *W. Avington* Clerke, for the soul of Sir **John Hothum** Kt. Which piece of ground was granted to them by the said Sir **John Hothum**, to the intent that the *Chantrie-Priest* dwelling there, should have a Quarter of Oats yearly growing thereon, as also Pot-herbes to be spent in his House.

Colshill.

SOON after the said torrent is passed **Sheldon**, it enters **Cole**, which river halting towards **Wylthe**, gives name to **Colshill** situate upon an ascent on the South side thereof. This was one of those towns, which we call *Antient Demesne*, inasmuch as **K. Edward** the Confessor, and **K. Will.** the Conqueror possessed it, as appears by the generall Survey^k then taken, where it is rated for three hides; at which time there was a Church, and likewise a Mill valued at xl d. as also ten Burgeses in **Henilwoyth** belonging thereto, with VVoods of three miles in length, and two in breadth: but unto whom the Conqueror or his son first disposed of it, I never could find; yet that one of them so did, I incline to beleive, in regard that in the Charterⁱ of confirmation made by **K. H. 2.** unto **Osbert** of **Clinton**, ratifying the grant, which *Geffrey de Clinton* his Kinsman had made thereof to him the said **Osbert**, there is express mention, that *Geffrey de Clinton*, Father to the said *Geffrey*, did purchase it. Of which two *Geffreys*, I have spoke in my storie of **Henilwoyth**, and shall therefore say no more of either, than that it was *Geffrey* the second, who so granted^m it unto the before mentioned **Osbert** and his heirs, for his homage, and the service of one Knight's Fee: in

whose line it continued for divers Descents, *scil.* till that in **Edw. 3.** time, by an heir female, it was transferred to the Familie of **Mountfort**.

Of this **Osbert** I find, thatⁿ in 8 H. 2. he is called *Osbertus de Colshill*; so also in 10, and 11 H. 2. upon levying of the Scutage in those years: and that he wedded^p *Margaret* the daughter to *Will. de Hutton* (son of *Hugh* that founded the Priorie of **Worshall**) by whom he had issue^q **Osbert** his son and heir: which *Margaret* in 2 Job. came to an accord with her said son, touching her dowrie, releasing her right to the third part of the VVoods, in generall, belonging to this Lordship, in lieu of an assignation by him then made unto her of certain VVoods by particular names; amongst which, in describing them by boundaries there is this^r expression, — *Et ultra aquam boscum a quercu qui vocatur Quercus Castelli, usque ad Littlewale*; From whence I observe that in ancient time there had been a Castle thereabouts, though where it stood I cannot well guess, except in that field on the North side of the town, called **Crimeshill**-field; for there, on the right hand the road leading towards **Lichfield**, have of late times been digged up certain foundations of building, accidentally discovered; amongst which a piece of Roman copper-coin was found, on the one side whereof is the head of **Trajan** the Emperor with a Laurell about it, and this circumscription on I M P. C A S. N E R V A T R A I A N. A V G. G E R M. P. M. and on the other Piety (as I take it) with her head veiled, her right hand extended, *quasi vota suscipiens*, and an Altar before her; the circumscription being I R. P O T. C O S. I T. So that 'tis not unlike that there hath been very antiently some notable Fort or Castle there, the place being so proper for such a thing, in regard of it's height, though tract of time hath thus overwhelmed its very ruins with the Common arable land.

This last mentioned **Osbert de Clinton** obtained a Charter^s from the King, for a weekly *Mercate* here upon the Sunday, and a *Faire* yearly to hold for two dayes; *viz.* the Eve and Feast-day of the Apostles *Peter* and *Paul*; which grant bears date at **Hereberge** 26 Aug. 9 Job. But there is little more that I have seen memorable of him, other than that he was in^t Armes with the Barons against King **John**, towards the end of his reign, and that he returned to his loyalty in 1 H. 3. whereupon his lands, seized upon for that offence, were again restored^u to him. After which it was not long ere he died, and that the custodie of his son and heir, and the lands of his inheritance, notwithstanding he was then a Kt. were committed^w to *Will. de Briver*; for I find, that the said *William* obtained a speciall Mandate^x from the King, to the Shiriff of this Countie, for protecting him in the possession thereof, and that he sold^y the same Wardship unto *Will. de Cantilupe* for C. marks. The name of which heir, was *Thomas de Clinton*, of whom the next mention that I have found, is that in 17 H. 3. he came to an agreement with *Elysaut* the widow to the before specified **Osbert**, touching her dowrie; whereupon it was concluded^z that she should hold the third part of a third part of the Kt's Fee here in **Colshill** and **Walghton**, which was given to her by the said **Osbert**.

i Ex autog. penes S. Mountfort ar.

k Domest. lib.

l Ex autog. penes pref. S. M.

m Ex autog. penes Rob. D. Digby.

n Rot. P. 8 H. 2.

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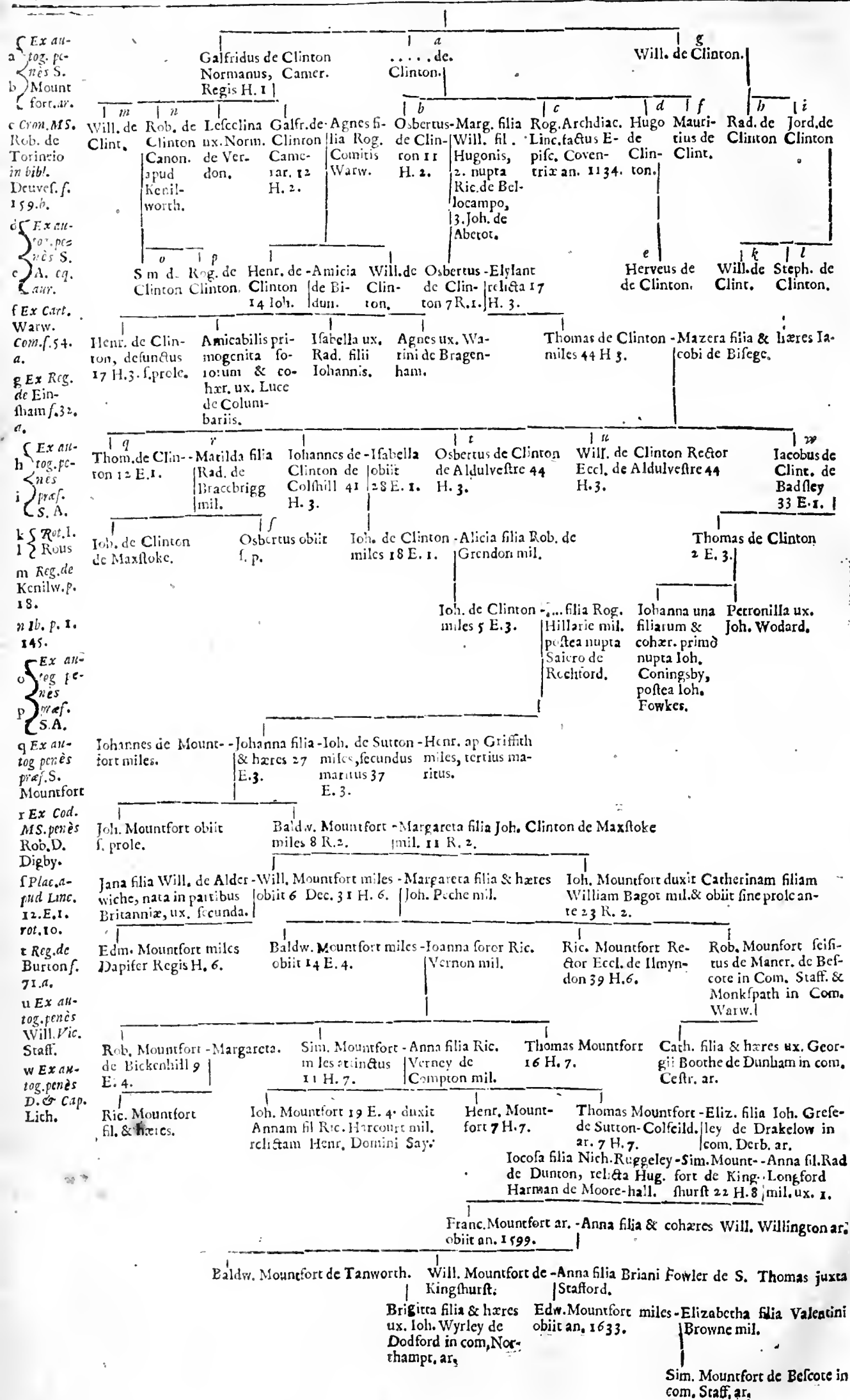
r F. levat. 2. Job.

s Cart 9. Job. m. 7.

t claus. u 1. H. 3. m. 16.

w claus. x 7. H. 3. y m. 26.

z F. levat. 5. septim. Pasch. 17. H. 3.



In 19 H. 3. this *Thomas* was one of the Justices of Assize in this Countie, so also in 25 H. 3. But the reason of that grant so made by the King of his Wardship as abovesaid, was (as I conceive) in respect of the minoritie of thole coheirs, viz. the daughters and heirs to *Henry de Clinton* (which the Pedegree sheweth) for after they came to age and had husbands, it is evident that they questioned him for the performance of thole services, by which he held this Lordship of them; whereupon they came to an agreement by a Fine levied in 25 H. 3. viz. that he should do Homage to *Wine de Bragenham* and *Agnes* his wife (one of thole coheirs) and perform all other services incident to the said tenure: which being so settled, the said *Wine* and *Agnes*, within two years after, in consideration of xl. marks paid away their interest in this Knight's fee in *Colthill* and *Halethton* unto the before specified *Will. de Cantilupe*, levying a Fine for the surer selling thereof: but this *William* soon after released to the said *Thomas* and his heirs the one half thereof, reserving onely to himself and his heirs the service of half a Kts. fee for the lands in *Colthill* and *Halethton*, as abovesaid; which service upon partition made in 2 E. 1. betwixt the daughters and heirs of *Cantilupe*, came to *Endola Zouche* with *Milisent* his wife.

This *Thomas de Clinton* was a man of fair possessions; for it appears that he held five Kts. fees of the Earl of *Warwick*. In 32 H. 3. I find that he had a great suit with *Hugh de Culi*, touching Common of pasture here in *Colthill*, which the said *Hugh* claimed as belonging to his lands in *Merton-Culi* adjacent: and that in the same year he was one of the Justices for the Gaol-deliverie at *Warwick*; as also in 35 H. 3. constituted the King's Escheator in this Countie (in those days an Office of great note) for performance whereof he made Oath in the presence of *Henry de Wengham* (afterwards Chancellour of England) and the Shiriff of the Shire, and had a speciall precept to the same Shiriff, to exempt him from serving on Juries by reason of that imployment, which held till 37 H. 3. In 38 H. 3. he obtained a Charter of *Free-warren* in all his demesn-lands here. In 45. and 49 H. 3. he was again in Commission for the Gaol-deliverie at *Warwick*; and bore for his Armes onely a Chief, which I conceive was *Azure*, the feild being *Argent* (in regard that his posteritie retained the same ordinarie with thole colours) and wedded *Mazera* the daughter and heir of *James de Bisegg* (Lord of *Badley* in this Countie) by whom he had issue divers children as the Descent sheweth: whereof, unto *John*, (whom I take to be his second son) he gave the inheritance of this Mannour, with all his right in the advouson of the Church, reserving to himself an C l. sterling during his own life, in consideration thereof; and the performance of such service to his heirs, as to the Chief Lord of the Fee was due and accustomed; as also after his own decease 1 d. yearly to be payd at *Christmasts* to his heirs, for all services except forrain; entailing it upon his other son *Osbert* and his heirs, in case the same *John* should die without issue: which grant was made in 44 H. 3. as appears by the Fine then levied for confirmation thereof.

This *John* adhering to the Barons against *K. Henr. 3.* was one of those that held out *Kenil-*

worth-Castle (touching the siege whereof I have elsewhere spoke) for which offence this Mannour being (*inter alia*) seized on, was bestowed upon *Roger de Clifford*; but thereof was he not long out of possession, through that favourable Decree called *Ditum de Kenilworth*: after which he grew in such esteem for his fidelitie, that from 6 E. 1. till 20 of the same King's reign, he was sundry times in Commission for the Gaol-deliverie at *Warwick*; and in 25 E. 1. intrusted, together with *Andrew de Astley* (a great person in these parts) to choose and retain all such Knights and Esquires, within this Countie, as they should think fit for the service, to attend Prince *Edward*, then the King's Lieutenant in England, with Horse and Armes at *London* on the *Observes* of *S. Mich.* to be imployed as he the said Prince and the King's Councell should direct. In 13 E. 1. he claimed by Prescription within this his Lordship of *Colthill* Assize of Bread and Beer, Gallows, Pillorie, Tumbrell, a Court-leet, *Infangthef*, and *Uttingthef*, *Percate*, *Faire* and *Free-warren*: but it being demanded of him how he could justifie the said claim, he replied that thereto he was not bound to make answer, without the King's speciall Writ to enquire of his Ancestors being seized thereof, whereupon there was no more at that time said: and bore for his Armes *Argent upon a chief Azure two flower de Lices Or*, as by his Seal and Monument, in an arch of the Wall of *Colthill-Church*, where he lieth in male crois-leg'd, is yet to be seen; which kind of Buriall was onely used by those that had taken upon them the *Crois*, to serve in the *Holy-land*, as *Mr. Cambden* observeth.

To him succeeded *John de Clinton* his son and heir, who being afterwards a Kt. and in 28 E. 1. constituted one of the Conservators of the Peace in this Countie, the next year following had summons amongst divers great men to be at *Warwick* upon *Tweede* on the Feast of the *Nativitie* of *St. John Bapt.* well furnished with Horse and Armes to attend the King in his Scotch expedition: So also in 34 E. 1. to be at *Carlisle* in the *quintize* of the *Nativitie* of *St. John Bapt.* with the King's Army, to march against *Robert Bruce*, then in Armes in *Scotland*; and in 16 E. 2. had the custodie of the passage from *England* towards *Scotland*, from *Whitoff haven* unto *Creshopeved*. This Sir *John* bore for his Armes, *Or three piles Azure, and a Canton Ermine*, as by his Seal and other authorities appeareth; and wedded *Alice* the daughter of Sir *Rob. de Grenlon* Kt. by whom he had issue *John* his son and heir, who in 5 E. 3. was a Kt. and bore for his Armes *Argent upon a Chief Azure two flowre de Lices Or*, as his grandfather did; and departing this life in 27 E. 3. left issue by . . . daughter of Sir *Roger Hilurie* Kt. *Joane* his daughter and heir within age, who first became the wife of Sir *John Montfort* Kt. by which means this Lordship of *Colthill* devolved to that Family: secondly of Sir *John Sutton* Kt. (Lord of *Dudley*) and thirdly of Sir *Henry Griffith* of *Witchmoure* Kt.

Which Sir *John de Montfort* was the illegitimate son of *Peter de Montfort* of *Beldesert* in this Countie; but by reason of his said marriage made his residence here, and in 35 E. 3. served in the Parliament at *Westminster* as one of the Kts. for this Shire. In 38 E. 3. he was one of the principall

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c Pat. 28. E.
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d Claus. 29.
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e Claus. 34.
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q Vide in
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r Claus. 35.
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D. Digby.

g Claus. 4.
E. 1. m. 9.

h E. 3. 25.
H. 3.

i Pat. 32
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k d.

l Claus. 35.
H. 3. m. 8.

m Claus.
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n Claus. 37.
H. 3. m. 7.

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principall Commanders of those few English forces, which having besieged the Castle of **Doberey** in **France**, encountred *Charles de Blois* with neer thrice that number, which he routed, slew the said *Charles* with neer a thousand others, took Prisoners, two Earls, 27 Lords, besides xv. men at Armes; and left issue Sir *Baldwin de Montfort* Kt. But *Joane* his widow, held this Lordship during her life, and in 45 E. 3. being then Sir *Henry Griffith's* wife, entailed it upon his issue by her; and for lack of such issue, upon *John* the son of Sir *John de Sutton*, and the heirs of his bodie; and for lack of such issue, upon *Baldwin* the son of Sir *John de Montfort*, her first husband, with divers other remainders. Whence I observe, that her husband *Griffith*, though he was the last, became the first in her respects, and *Montfort*, the first, set in the last place.

But all that I have seen, worth observance, of this Sir *Baldwin* is, that he was one of the Commissioners of Array in this Countie in 8 R. 2. as also that he attended the Duke of **Lancaster** into **Spain** in 9 R. 2. and there died, leaving issue by *Margaret* the daughter to Sir *John de Clinton* of **Marstoke** Kt. *John*, *William*, *Baldwin*, *Thomas*, and *Margaret*; which *John* was under age at his father's death, whereupon Sir *Will. Bagot* Kt. had his Wardship, and married *Catherine* his daughter to him; but he died without issue, before 23 R. 2. unto whom succeeded *William* his brother in the inheritance; Of which *William* I find, that having been, in H. 4 time, one of the chief Esquires retained with the Earl of **Warwick** for the siege of **Calais**; and in 5 H. 5. Steward of the Household to the same Earl, being retained with him at xl. marks per an. fee: As also from 9 H. 5. (at which time he was a Kt.) till his death, in Commission for conservation of the Peace in this Countie, he was one; and indeed chief of the Councell unto the same Earl, and Executor to the Ladie *Isabell* his Countess: and that almost in all employments for the publick service of the Countie, he had a principall place: for in 4. 8. 14. 19. and 24 H. 6. he was in Commission for treating with the people, concerning Loans of money to the King. In 14. and 28 H. 6. for assessing and levying of Subsidies. In 15 and 23 H. 6. one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament then held. In 12 H. 6. one of those, who swore to the observance of those Articles agreed on in the Parliament of that year. and three times Sheriff of this Countie and **Leicestershire**, viz. in 10. 20. and 29 H. 6. As also that he bore for his Armes *A gent upon a chief Azure two flowre de l'ces Or*, being the Coat of *Clinton*, his grand-mothers Father. In whose time that fair Spire-Steeple, here, being newly built from the ground, and the Chancell, as appeareth by the structure and Armes in sundry of the Windows, he was (without doubt) a speciall Benefactor thereto.

His Testament bears date the Wednesday next after the Feast of St. *Mathew* the Apostle 30 H. 6. but there is very little worth notice therein, other than the disposall of all his lands in **Mollington**, for the Foundation of a *Chantrie* here at **Colthill**, which was never accomplished. By his first wife; sc. *Margaret* daughter and heir to Sir *John Peche* of **Hampton** in **Arden**, he had issue Sir *Baldwin Mountfort* Kt. *John* that died without issue, *Robert*, *Richard* Parson of **Almin-**

don, and *Raph*. Which *Robert* being possessor of the Mannour of **Pontspath** in this Countie, and of **Wescote** in **Staffordshire**, left issue one onely daughter and heir, named *Catherine*, married to *George Booth*, son and heir to Sir *Will. Booth* of **Dunham** in **Cheshire** (of the antient Familie of the *Booths* of **Barton** in **Lancashire**) From which *George* is lineally descended Sir *George Booth* now of **Dunham** Baronet. But by *Joane* a second wife (born in **Little-Brittany**) had the said Sir *Will. Mountfort* a son called *Edmund*, first one of the Esquires to King H. 6. and afterwards a Kt. and Sheriff of this Countie and **Leicestershire** in 38 H. 6. As also one of the Carvers to the same King, and a Commissioner for arraying of men the same year: A man, indeed, much in favour with that unfortunate Prince, as appears by an acknowledgement of his services exprest in the preamble of a certain Patent, whereby he had the Lordships of **Shustoke** and **Wolc-Hall** in this Countie, then given to him, which were seized on for the activens of *John* Lord *Clinton* and *Say*, on the behalf of the House of **York**.

Which Sir *Edmund*, by his Testament, bearing date 12 Martii 10 H. 7. bequeathed his body to sepulture in our Lady Chapell, within the Parish Church of **Henley** upon **Thames** (in com. **Oxon**.) at the window side before the Image of our Lady in the same Chapell; appointing thereby that a metely Tomb should be made according to his degree, and his Armes set upon it, with this inscription; *Here lyeth Sir Edmund Mountford Knyht, sometime Counceller and Kerver with the most blessed King Henry the sixth, and after Chamberleyne to the high and mighty Prince Jasper D. of Bedford, brother to the said Prince the said King.*

But I return to Sir *Baldwin*, who at his Father's death in 31 H. 6. was xl. years of age, and in 34 H. 6. a Kt. being then in Commission for conservation of the Peace in this Countie. Betwixt this Sir *Baldwin* and Sir *Edm. Mountfort*, his half brother, there was a great contestation for this Mannour of **Colthill** and the Mannour of **Almin-don**: for it seems that Sir *Will. Mountfort* their Father, being wrought upon by the importunitie of *Joane* his second wife, did endeavour the disherison of his Children by the first; for the better hearing out whereof, he enfeoffed *Humphrey D. of Buckingham* (a potent man in that age) to the use of the same *Joane* and of *Edmund* his son by her: which *Edmund* to make the said Duke the more firm to his interest, settled the reversion, in case he should have no issue, upon him and *Humphry* Earl *Stafford* his son; so that when Sir *Baldwin* made his claim thereunto, the Duke through his greatness so terrified him with threats, that he forced him solemnly to disclaim the former intail; and not onely so, but to procure *Richard* and *John*, his brothers of the whole blood, under their hands and Seals to do the like. Notwithstanding all which, Sir *Baldwin*, afterwards taking heart, did set a-foot his title again, so that at length the matter was referred to *Thomas Bouchier* Archb. of **Canterb.** *Richard D. of York*, Ric. Earl of **Salisbury**, *John* Earl of **Gloucester**, and *Henry* Vicount *Bouchier*, who awarded the said Duke to have **Colthill** to himself, and to his heirs, and that **Almin-don** should be to the same Sir *Baldwin* and his heirs; whereupon they released each to other; and the said Sir *Edmund* released to *Humphrey* Earl *Stafford* before specified, all his right

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k Lufnam
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l Pat. de
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m Rot. F.
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o Pat. 12.
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a Rot. F. 31.
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b Pat. 22.
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c Rot. F. 38.
H. 6. m. 16.

d Pat. 38.
H. 6. p. 2. m.
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e Ib. in d.
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f Ib. m. 10.
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h Etc. 31.
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i Pat. 34.
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right to this Mannour; and *Sim. Montfort* son and heir to *Sir Baldwin*, gave bond of a thousand pounds to the said Duke, not to molest the said *Joane* and *Edmund* for the same.

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By which means she the said *Joane* and her son, went away with the present possession thereof, the reversion remayning in the before specified Duke and his heirs: Howbeit the said *Sir Baldwin* and his son, upon the attainder of that Duke (who was slain in the battail of *Boshampton* an. 38 H. 6.) procured a speciall clause to be inserted in the Act, for the regaining of their right hereunto, which forasmuch as it is memorable, I have here inserted.

—Foreseen alwey that this Act of atteynder in no wise hurt nor preiudice the right, title, nor possession of *Symond Mountfort* Esquire of in nor for the Mannours of *Colshull* and *Almynndon* in the Shire of *Warwick*, and the Manor of *Rampnam* in *Berkshire*; and the advowson of the Churches of the same Mannours, with their appurtenances, parcells & members; nor any of them, nor any part of them: nor the right, title, or possession of any persone or persones having joynt estate in the said Mannours or any of them with the seide *Simond*; nor the right, title, nor possession of any persone or persones having estate in the seide Mannours or any of them, to the use of *Baldewyn Mountfort* Knight fader of the seide *Simond*, nor any of them, nor their heirs nor assignes, nor any of the heires of the seide *Baldewyn* or *Simond*; which Mannours bin entailed on the heirs of the body of the seide *Baldewyn* begotten, as openly appeareth by evidens thereof redy to be shewed; for the disheriting of which *Baldewyn* and *Symond* of the seide Mannours, *Edmond Montfort* Kt. Karver to *Henry the viii. late K. of England* in dede and not of right, by the favour and might of the seide late soo King, *Humfrey late D. of Buck.* and *James late Earle of Wiltshire*, be full unconsciensly moynes long time laboured, as openly is known to many of the estates and worshipfull peopul of this Royallme, to the utterst impoverishing of the same *Baldewyn* and *Simond*.

Which said *Sir Baldewyn*, the better to manifest what unjust and ill dealing had been excercised by the before specified D. of *Buck.* for the utter disheriting of him and his son, made publication thereof to posteritie, by a particular Instrument, whereunto he set his hand and Seal; which, for that it discovers so much of the high oppression therein excercised, I have here thought fit to transcribe.

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To all true Cristen pepull to whom this present writinge shall come, *Baldewyn Mountfort* Kt. and Prest, sendeth greting, &c. Know ye me the foresyd *Baldewyn* being in my good heele and good mynd, the day of the making hereof, at *Hampton* in *Arderne*, to say, testifye, and report for trouthe, there being present the Priour of *Marstoke*, with many other, that all such Obligations, Recoveres, Relees, or other writings which y made to *Humfrey late D. of Buck.* *Humfrey late Lord of Stafford*, and *James late Erle of Wilts.* or to *Sir Edm. Mountfort* my brother or any of them, for or of the Mannours of *Colshull* *Almynndon*, *Rampnam*, or any other parcell of my lvelode, which was late *Sir Will. Mountforts* my faders, hit was done by compulsion of the seide Duke, and for fere of my deth, and of my son *Sir Simond's*: For in trouthe the seide Duke kept me in *Codentre* xiiii. dayes, and after had me to the Castell of *Marstoke*, and

there kept me: And my son *Sir Symond* was put in the Castell of *Gloucester*, and we coude never be delivered out, till we agreed to certain Articles written in a bill anexid to this my writinge; which Articles were send bi the seide Duke and *Edmond*, under the Seale of the said *Edmond*, to my seide son, when he was in prison in the seide Castell of *Gloucester*, reherfing that we should suffer Recoveres to be had ayeine us, such as the late Duke, *Earl of Stafford*, and *Earl of Wiltshire*, or *Edm. Mountfort*, by the advice of their Councell coude or would devise for ther profet; and also to relece all our right, which we had in the seide Mannours, to the same Duke, and other above reherfed, and to do o'her things, as hit appereth more plainly in the seide Bill; or els my seide son should never have comen out of Prison, nor y should not have abidden in my Cuntry, but to have had and to have stonden in the indignacion of the Lordship of the seide Duke, and other Lords above reherfed, which in thoo dayes had bin too heavy and too importable for me or my seide son to have boren.

By the which Recoveres, Relece, and Obligations, so had and made by compulsion, the said *Edmund* my brother would disherit me and mine yssue for ever, contrarie to right and consciens, God knoweth: For in trouthe, where the seide Duke seide, that and if any man would sey and prove, that any of the seide Mannours were entailed to me the seide *Sir Baldewyn*, eyther by Dede or by Fyne, he wold not be about to disherit me, nor myne heires for M. l. and my Lady of *Buckingham* affirmed, and seys the same since the deth of my seide Lord, late her husband: all that notwithstanding, the seide *Edmond* my brother, at the time of the seide Releces or Obligations made, or any Recoveres had ayeine me of the seide Mannours, had in his keepinge all the evidences concerning the seide Mannours, and he sware himself, and caused me to swere, and my brother the Parson, and *Robert*, before the seide Duke, that we saw never Dede of yntaile of the said Mannours nor Fyne, wherby they shold be entayled; where, that, indeed, the seide *Sir Edmund* was forsworn, and caused me and my Brether to be forsworn; for he had at that time divers Dedes, and Fynes in his keeping, wherby the seide Mannours were and are yntailed, which bin now redy to shew.

Wherefore I the seide *Sir Baudwyn*, in my last dayes, requier and charge yow that be presente at the making hereof, that ye informe, in that ye may, my seide Lady of *Buckingham*, and my yonge Lord of *Buck.* and all other Gentilmen and good men of this Countrey, that the seide Mannours bin entayled to me both by Dede and by Fyne; which Dedes and Fynes I shew you here at this time, to the intent that my Children may have their lvelode according to the talle, and as right and good consciens will, so that they be not disherit by the hiding of the seide Dedes and Fynes, and the colour and craft of my seide Brother *Sir Edmund*, being about to hurt, not onely his own soul, but the soules of the seide good Lord, late D. of *Buck.* and H. late Lord of *Stafford* his son, and *James late Earle of Wilts.* with many other good and well disposid persons, labourers in the same mater, not understanding what they did, God knoweth. In witnes, &c. I have set my Seale and signe manuall at *Hampton* above-seid, the Thursday next before *S. Hillarie's* dey xlixth. H. 6. and of the taking ayene of his royall power the first yeere.

This *Sir Baldwyn*, being at length a widower, betook

betook himself to a religious course of life; and entering into holy Orders, in 39 H. 6. demised unto *Simon* his son and heir, the Mannour of *Hampton in Arden*, reserving onely for himself another Priest, and six Children celebrating divine Service there, with a competencie of meat and drink and other necessities during his life, according to their severall degrees, styling himself *Knight and Priest*, and died in 14 E. 4. leaving the before specified *Simon* his son and heir; who in K. H. 5. time, being a servant in Court to *Q. Catherine*, and in 35 H. 6. retained of Councell to *Ric. Nevill* Earl of *Warwick*, was in 1 E. 4. a Kt. and in 4. had a Release from that King, of all his right to this Mannour, in regard that Sir *Baldwyn* his Father, finding that Sir *Edm. Mountfort* (his half brother before spoken of) had backt himself with the countenance of the D. of *Buck.* (a mighty man for the *Lancastrian* interest) made a Feoffment thereof unto this King, when he was but Earl of *March*, the better to maintain his title thereto.

After which, viz. in 11 E. 4. he underwent the Sheriffaltie of this Countie and *Leicestershire*; and was retained by the said King, to serve him in the wars of *France*, for one whole year, with five Spears, himself accounted, and *Lx.* Archers well and sufficiently armed and arrayed, taking for himself *ii s. per diem*, for the rest of the said Spears *xviii d.* and for the Archers *vi d.* a peice; the King to have the third part of all prizes in war, taken by him or any of his retinue. In 9 E. 4. he had the Lieutenantie of the Isle of *Wight* and Castle of *Carewbrooke*, under Sir *Anth. Widvile* Kt. Lord *Scales* of *Purcells*, and of the said Isle: And being made a Kt. Banneret 24 Maii 11 E. 4. served in the wars of *Boymonde* in 15 E. 4. And was in all Commissions of the Peace, during the whole reign of that King, as also of *Array*, Gaol-deliverie, and levying of Subsidies, for the most part employed: So also in H. 7. time, till the x^h. of his reign; being likewise in 4. a Commissioner in this Countie, for assigning and choosing of Archers for releif of the Dutchie of *Brittanie*: which employments do argue, that he was a person of great wisdom and courage: But such an unhappy fate attended him, that by attainder in 10 H. 7. he lost his life, whereby his possessions, which were very large, became confiscate, to the utter ruin of his Familie.

The crime of Treason layd to his charge, was this; viz. that he sent xxx l. in money, by *Henry* his younger son, unto *Perkin Warbeck*; who counterfeiting himself to be one of the murdered sons of *K. Edw. 4.* did make severall attempts for the obtaining of the Crown: In the behalf of which *Perkin*, much hath been said by some, arguing that he was really the second son to *K. Edward*. Whether he was so or not, I will not stand to dispute, but (doubtless) many did really beleive him so to be; of which number this Sir *Simon* was one, having been a stedfast friend to the House of *York*, for it appears, that upon his triall in *Castle-Hall London*, the Friday next before *Candlemas-day* 10 H. 7. in the presence of *Edw. D. of Buck.* *Thom. Marq. Dorset*, *Thom. Earl of Arundell* and others, Commissioners for that purpose, he denied not the charge; having thereupon Judgement to be drawn through the midst of the Citie, as also hang'd and quartered at *Tilburne*; and being executed accordingly, was attainted in the Parl.

begun at *Westm.* 14 Oct. the year following: which sad *Catastrophe* did put a period to the greatness of this antient Familie (the line whereof the Pedegree before inserted doth shew till these present times: but what I have farther to say thereof is in *Kinghurst*) Upon the confiscation of whose lands, this Mannour was soon disposed of by the K, unto *Simon Digby*, Deputie to *John* Earl of *Orford* then Constable of the Tower, (which *Simon Digby* brought this unhappy Gentleman to the Bar at his said Triall) the Patent extending to the heirs male of his body, and bearing date at *Westminster* 23 Dec. 11 H. 7. to whom it still continues.

Everardus Digby miles cœsus in prælio apud Tontou 1 E. 4.

Everardus Digby mil. Sim Digby de - Alicia filia & hæres
à quo Digby de Stoke- Colthill ar. ob. 10h. Walcys.
dye in com. Rutl. 12 H. 8.

Regin. Digby ar. - Anna filia & co- Thomas Digby de
ob. 25 Apr. 3 E. 6. hæres. loh. Dan- Mansfield-Wood-
vers ar. house in com. Nor.

loh. Digby ar. - Anna filia Georgii Throck-
obit 15 Nov. morton de Coughton mil.
ult. Mar. x.

Georgius Digby, factus eques - Abigal filia Arthuri Heve-
aur. in obsid. de Zurfphen in ningham mil. secundò nup-
Flandria per Rob. Comitem ta Edw. Cordell ar.
Leic. 28 Eliz. obiit 4 Febr.
seq.

Rob. Digby factus - Leticia filia & hæ- loh. Digby ere-
eq. aur. apud Dub- res Geraldii Fitz- ctus in Baronem
lin in Hibern. per Gerald fil. & Digby de Shur-
Rob. Com. Effexia hæres. Geraldii Co- burne & Com.
an. 38 Eliz. obiit mitis de Kildare, Bristol per Re-
... Maii 16 Jac. gem lac.

Robertus Digby erectus in Ba- - Sara filia Ric.
ronem Digby de Geashill in Hi- Boyl Comi-
bern. per Regem lac. tis de Corke
in Hibernia,

Catherina. Leticia, Kildare Baro Digby infra
et. an. 1640.

Touching the Ancestors of which *Simon*, I find, that they having antiently their residence at *Wilton* in *Leicestershire*, thereupon assumed their surname from thence, in H. 2. time; but afterwards fixing at *Digby* in *Lincolnshire*, were called of that place, which ever since hath been the known name of this Familie. Of which line was *John de Digby*, one of the Commissioners for the Gaol-deliverie at *Warwick* in 11. 12. 14. 15. 32. and 33 E. 1. But I return; This *Simon* was second son to Sir *Everard Digby* of *Wilton* Kt. which Sir *Everard*, and three of his Brethren, lost their lives at *Tontou*-field (in *Yorkshire*) on K. H. 6. part. But our *Simon*, after he saw that the House of *York* prevailed, carried himself so obsequiously to *Edw. 4th*. that in 18 of that King's reign, he had a grant of an annuitie of x l. per an. issuing out of *Ketford*-Mills in *Nottinghamshire*, in consideration of his faithfull service done and to be done, as the Patent doth import: And within two years after, *pro bono & commodifero servitio, quod idem Simon multimodis laboribus & expensis nobis per-antea & multipliciter impendit* (as the King expresth) had the Forestership of *Thornwodes*, in the Southern part of *Shirewood*, bestowed

* Ex autog.
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penes
præf.
S.M.

Ex autog.
penes præf.
D. Digby.

Ex autog.
penes Rob.
D. Digby.

Lib. vub.
f. 99. b.

q Rot. F.
40. H. 3. m.
7.

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Ex vct.
membr.
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D. Dig-
by.

Ex autog.
penes eund.
D. Digby.

w Pat. 20.
E. 4. p. 1. m.
19.

flowed w on him for life also, with the Fee of
iiii d. per diem, for the performance of that Office.

Yet no sooner d d the Earl of **Richmund** appear
in **England**, though but with slender forces, than
that he, with his six valiant Brothers, viz. Sir **E-**
verard Digby, of **Wilton** before specified, **John**
Digby of **Ketelby**, **Rosland Digby** of **Welby** (both
in **Leicestershire**) **Lybeus Digby** of **Luffham** in
Rutland, **Thomas** and **Benjamin**, not forgetting
the **Leicestershire** interest, came x in to him, and
fought stoutly on his part at **Bosworth-field**, a-
gainst **K. Richard**.

Ex vet.
membr.
y pces
z pref. D
Digby.

After which the said Earl, having obtained a
glorious victorie, and being there crowned King
by the name of **Henry** the viiith, advanced y **John**
and **Thomas** to the dignitie of Knighthood, mak-
ing z the former also **Knight-Marshal** of his
household, and the other one of the Gentlemen-

a Pat. 8. H.
7. p. 2. m. 4.

Huishers of his Chamber, conferring a on him the
Bailiwick of **Winey** in **Warringtonshire**, and
Keepership of the Park there, where he thence-
forth made his residence. But none of them had
better advantages for his faithfull services than the
before mentioned **Simon**; for in the first year of
that King's reign, he obtained the Stewardship

b Pat. 1. H.
7. p. 3. m.
12.

b of severall Lordships in com. Rut. viz. **Upping-**
ham, **Wreston** **Warwighdon**, **Essexen**, and **Gre-**
teham; and all the lands in that Countie, which
had belonged to **George D.** of **Clarence**, to hold

c Pat. 1. H.
7. p. 4.

during life: and e the like Office, together with
the Receiver-ship for the Mannour of **Wedale** in
Dorsetshire: And having, in the second, been a

d Polyd.
Virg. p.
573.

Commander d in the King's Army at the battail of
Stoke, had in consideration of his acceptable ser-
vices, a grant e of the Mannour of **Rabysbury** in
the Parish of **Pitcham** in **Surrey**, and to the heirs

e Pat. 3. H.
7. p. 2. m.
18.

male of his body; in which the said King calls
him *dilectus serviens noster*: and the next year en-
suing, bestowed f on him the Office of Comptrol-
ler of his petty Customs in the Port of **Lon-**
don; as also the g Forestership of **Thorne-**
wodes in **Shirewood**, formerly conferred upon
him by **K. Edw.** 4th. And in 11 H. 7. this Lord-
ship of **Colthill**, as I have already observed.

f Pat. 4. H.
7. m. 8.

g lb. m. 26.

After which, viz. in 12 H. 7. I find, that he
had a Commission h to exercise Marshall-Law
in the Counties of **Devon**: and **Cornwall** a-
gainst divers malefactors; and that in 22 H. 7.
he was first i in Commission for the Peace in this
Countie; in 23 for the Gaol-deliverie at **War-**
wick, and in 1 and 9 H. 8. underwent the Shi-
riffaltie k of this Countie and **Leicestershire**: as
also that by his Testament l, bearing date 22 Aug.
9 H. 8. he bequeathed his body to sepulture in
the Chancel here at **Colthill**, under the Tombe
made by himself in his life-time, which still re-
maineth; and departed m this life 24 Feb. 12 H.
8. leaving issue by **Alice** his wife, daughter n and
heir to **John Waleys** of **St. Radon** in com. **De-**
von. Elq. **Reginald Digby** his son and heir.

h Pat. 12.
H. 7. p. 2.

i Pat. 23. H.
7. p. 1. in d.
m. 20.

k Rot. P. de
ijs. d. an.

l Aylof. q.
29.

m E. 6. 12.
H. 8.

Ex au-
n tog. pe-
nes
o pref. D.
Digby.

Which **Alice** by her last Will and Testament o,
bearing date ult. Nov. 12 H. 8. gave a messuage
here in **Colthill**, of the yearly value of xxxviii s.
viii d. and the Rent of vi s. viii d. issuing out of
other lands; as also one acre of land lying in **Cole-**
meadow (within the said Mannour of **Colthill**) to
the intent that the issues and profits of the same
should be distributed after this manner; viz. every
day in the year, immediately after the sacring of the
high **Mass** in the Church of **Colthill**, and at the
end of the same Altar, where the said **Mass**

should so happen to be sung, to a Child, viz.
male or female, whose parents are Household-
ers dwelling within the Parish, and under the age of
ix. years, that can and will, before the said sa-
cring, kneel down at the said Altars end, and say
five *Pater noster*; five *Aves*, and a *Credo*, for the
soul of **Simon Digby** her late husband, hers, her
Childrens, and all Christen-souls, a peny of silver
sterling; beginning first at the House next to the
Church, and so in order passing on from House to
House till all be gone through: And to the Dean
of the said Church, for the time being, yearly for
his labour and diligence, in seeing the said Pray-
ers so performed; and himself also saying at the
said time a *Pater noster*, an *Ave*, and a *Credo*,
for the souls abovesaid, the yearly summe of vi s.
viii d. And that the remainder shall be to maintain
a solemn *Obit* in the said Church, for the souls a-
bovesaid, with the number of three Priests, where-
of the Vicar of **Colthill** to be one, and the Dea-
con, and the Clerke besides; the said Vicar in
case he be present to have viii d. And to xii poor
people, the same time kneeling about the Hefse
and saying our *Ladies Psalter* xii d. To the Bell-
ringers v. d. For Waxe and Torchcs, burnt then
likewise, xii d. To the reparation of the House,
out of which the greatest part of the Rent issu-
eth, iii s. iii d. To the chief Lord of the Fee ii s.
And the remainder being viii d. to run on and be
kept in store for renewing of this Feoffment, as
occasion shall be.

But this bequest being in after times deemed su-
perstitious, and the land so given, divolving therefore
to the Crown, the Inhabitants of this Parish ob-
tained it by purchase (as I have heard) and setled
part of the yearly profits thereof, for the main-
tenance of a School there, and part for to distri-
bute to such Children, (viz. pence a piece as a-
bovesaid) which repairing to the Church at ten of
the clock every morning; shall say the *Lords*
Prayer before the Clerke, who for tolling a Bell
at that time, and hearing the Children to perform
that dutie, hath also a certain yearly allowance
payd unto him.

Of the before specified **Reginald** and his descen-
dants, I have little more to say, till within the
compass of this last age, considering that their
severall matches are expressed in the Pedegree be-
fore inserted; and that being Gentlemen of the
superior rank, they underwent the most publick
employments of note, scil. Justices of Peace, Shi-
riffs, and Commissioners upon all great occasi-
ons: But in **Sir George Digby's** issue (a grand-
child to the said **Reginald**) was there an accession
of very much honour to this ancient Familie;
First by the marriage of **Sir Rob. Digby** Kt. (his
son and heir) with **Lettice**, grandchild and heir fe-
male to **Gerald** Earl of **Wiltshire** in **Ireland**; whose
son and heir; viz. **Robert**, having a fair estate in
that Kingdom of his mothers inheritance, was by
K. James created p Lord **Digby** of **Seathill** (his
Castle there) which Dignitie descends to the heirs
male of his body. And secondly by **John**, fourth
son to the said **Sir George**; who, being a person of
extraordinary parts, and employed by the same
King, in that notable Embassie of **Spain**, for a
marriage betwixt a daughter of that King, and the
then Prince of **England**, was created Lord **Dig-**
by of **Shirburne** in **Dorsetshire** 25 Nov. 16 Jac.
and q about four years after, Earl of **Wiltoll**.
Which **Robert** Lord **Digby** in 20 Jac. obtained a

p Pat. 16.
Jac.

q Pat. 20.
Jac.

r Pat. 10. Juc. a new Charter for a weekly *mercate* here, upon the Wednesday, and two *fastes* yearly, the one upon St. *Mark's* day, and the other on St. *Matthew's*, in regard the *mercate* and *faire* granted by K. *John* (as hath been said) were discontinued.

f Ex vet. cod. MS. Jones pref. D. Digby.

r Craft. Mart. S. E. 1.

u Northb. f. 25. a. w MS. in Scac. x MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. f. 58. a.

y Spelm. Gloss. voc. cab. D. cani Rurales. z M. Parif. p. 460. l. 6.

a Ex vet. cod. MS. penes Gardianos Eccl. de Col-shill.

The Church (dedicated to St. *Peter*) was very antiently given to the Nuns of *Merkyate*, in *Bedfordshire* for in *H. 3.* time it had a Vicar endowed: Nevertheless, about the beginning of *Edm. 1* reign, there grew suits betwixt these Nuns and *John de Clinton sen.* touching the Advowson thereof; but at length they came to an accord, and gave him C. marks of silver, to quit his title thereto; which he did by a Fine then levied, whereby it appears, that the now Churches of *Lea*, *Ober-Whitacre* and *Pether-Whitacre*, were Chapelleries antiently belonging thereto. In *an. 1291.* (*19 E. 1.*) the Rectorie, then appropriated to those Nuns, was valued at xviii marks; and the Vicaridge at vi marks, but in *x 26 H. 8.* at x l. xviii s. vi d. over and above ix s. vi d. per an. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

Of the Vicars here, I find, that they have antiently been the *Rurall-Deanes* for this part of the Countrie (I mean the Deanrie of *Arden*, containing the Hundred of *Hemlingford*, wherein my present discourse lies:) Which order of *Rurall-Deans* was constituted by the Bishop or Arch-Bishop, as the learned *Spelman* observes, for the better regulating of Ecclesiasticall affairs; concerning whom, in a Councell held at *London an. 1237.* (*21 H. 3.*) by *Otho* the Pope's Legate, there is this Canon; *Quod in quodam Concilio statutum invenimus approbantes, statuimus, ut per quoslibet Decanatus prudentes viri & fideles constituentur per Episcopum Confessores; quibus Personæ, & minores Clerici confiteri valeant, qui Decanis erubescunt confiteri forsitan & verentur: In Ecclesiis vero Cathedralibus Confessores institui precipimus generales.*

All that I have farther to observe of this place, is, that in *a 4 E. 6.* the tall and beautifull Steeple here, suffered much hurt by Lightning and Thunder, which crackt the West side of the Tower, and

shattered the upper-part of the Spire; for repairing whereof, though the Inhabitants sold one of their Bells, yet did they shorten it, xv. foot at the least.

Patroni Vicaria. Incumbentes, &c.

Priorissa & Conv. S. Trin. de Bosco juxta Merkyate.

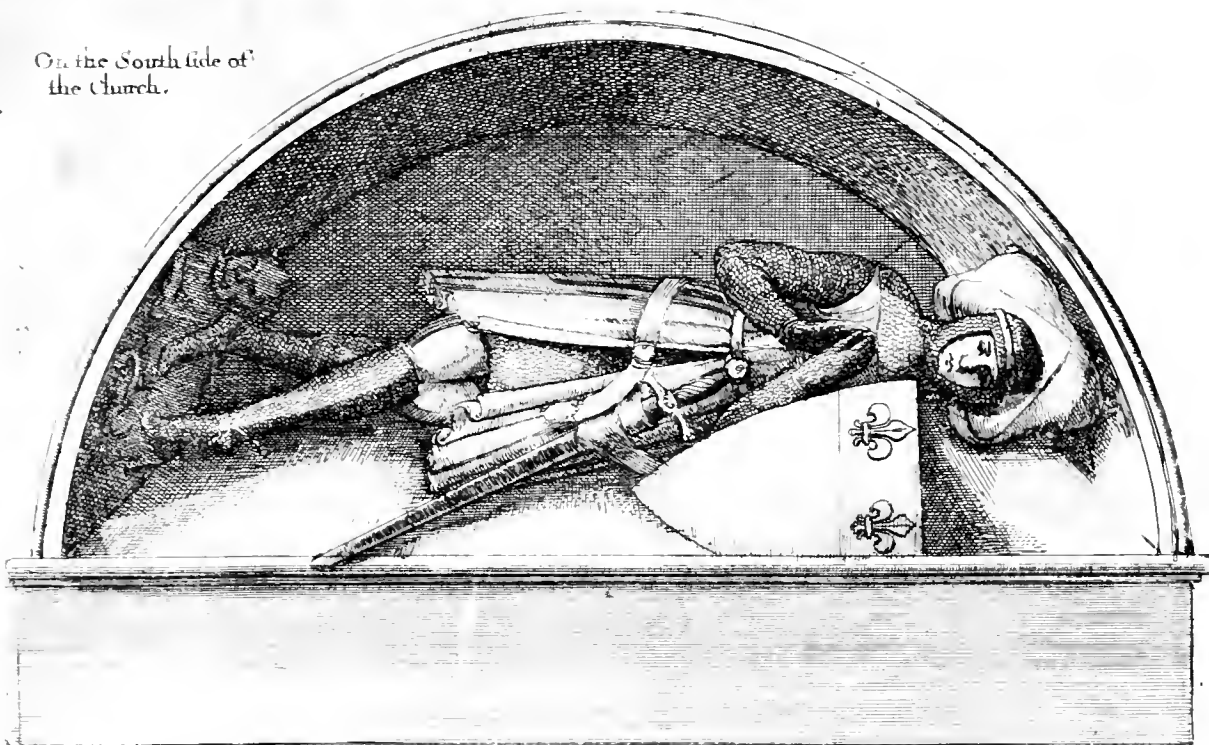
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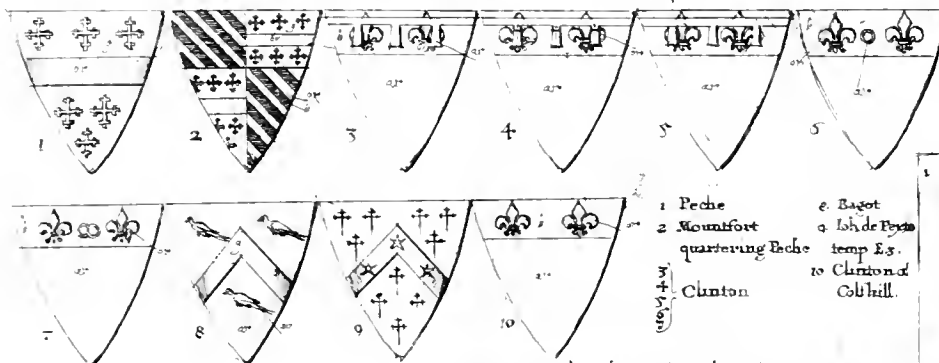
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D. Galfr. de Neunham Pb. 1b. f. 79. a. 7 Cal. Nov. 1320.
Adam de Whittington Pb. Northb. f. 53. b. 3 Non. Aug. 1350.
Will. de Attleberwe Non. 1b. f. 57. b. Dec. 1353.
Hugo de Lyndon Pbr. 4. Stret. f. 23. b. Cal. Aug. 1377.
D. Rob. Cheyne Pbr. 19. Sk. f. 12. a. Dec. 1396.
Joh. Wellysed Pbr. 6. Sept. Heyw. f. 40. b. 1441.
Will. Wodehouse Pbr. 4. Bo. f. 6. b. Aug. 1447.
Will. Abell Cap. 18. Oct. Bowl. f. 21. b. 1455.
Ric. Eliot 15 Julii 1500. 1b. f. 204. a.
Mr. Tho. Barker in Decr. El. f. 3. b. bac. 6. Apr. 1504.
D. Thomas Mathew Cap. 1b. f. 7. a. 18 Dec. 1515.
D. Joh. Fenton Cap. 6. Str. & P. f. 16. b. Nov. 1538.
Simon Digby (postea deprivatus.) 4. Sept. 1566. Samp. & B. f. 42. b.
Rad. Foxe Cler. 23. Junii 1b. f. 45. b. 1574.
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On the South side of
the Church.

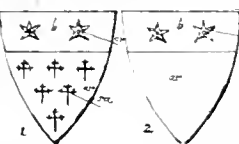


In the Church windows.



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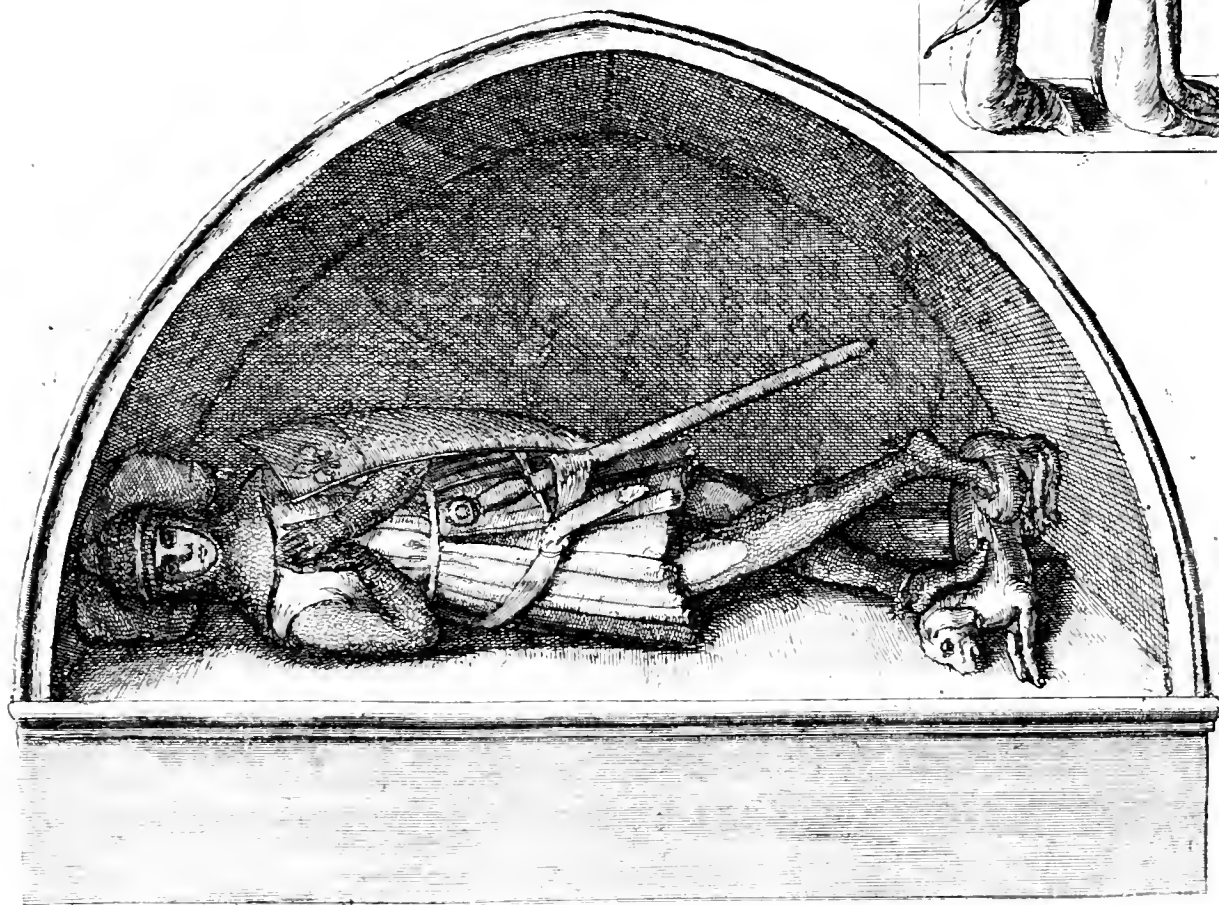
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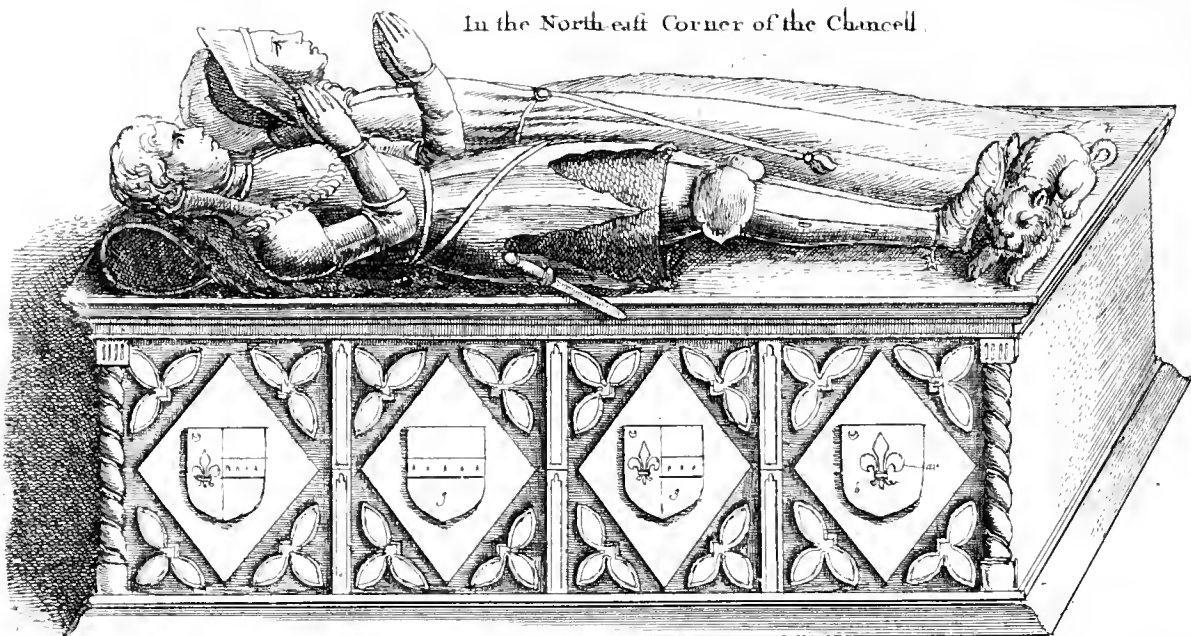
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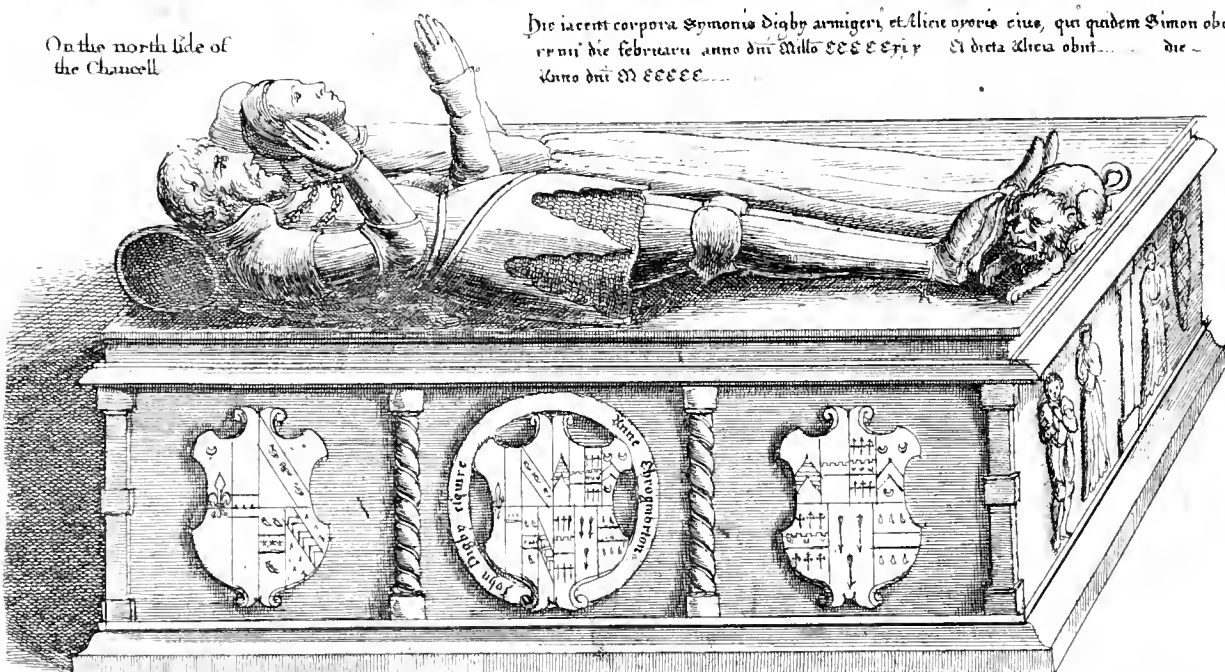


In the North-east Corner of the Chancell



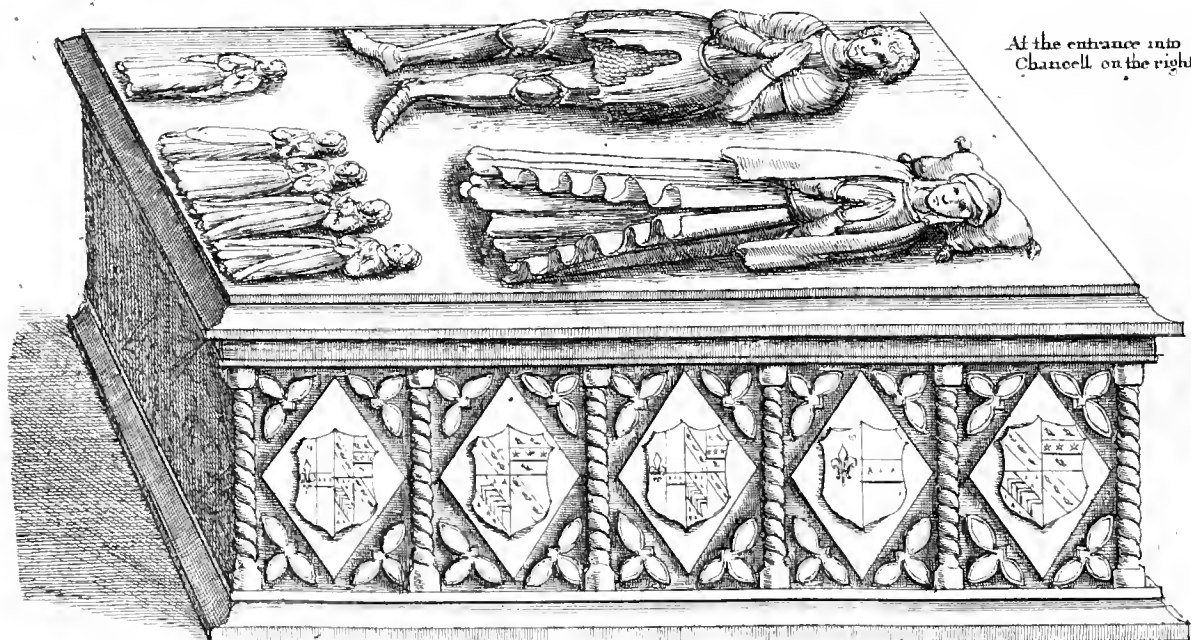
On the north side of the Chancell

hic iacent corpora Symonis Digby armigeri et Eliæ uxoris eius, qui quidem Simon obiit
xxiii die februarii anno dni Millo CCC LXXI et dicta Eliæ obiit... die
anno dni M CCC LXXI



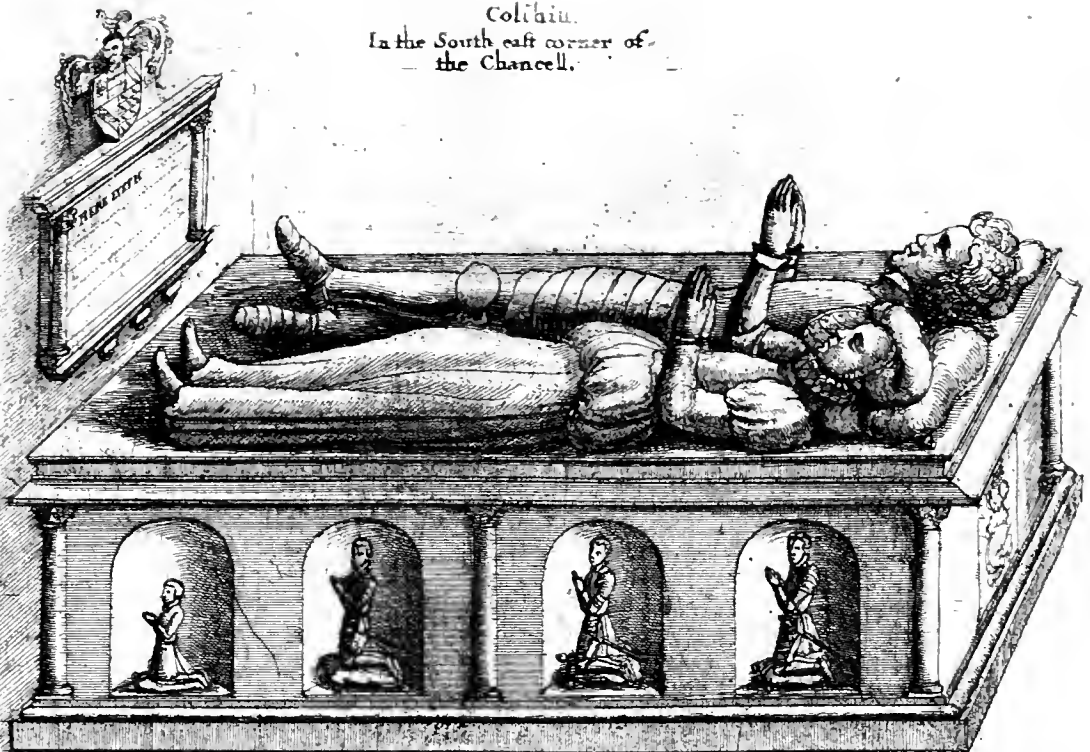
Here lieth the bodies of John Diggeby of Coleshull Esquier and Anne his Wife, one of the daughters of George Throgmorton Knight, Which John
deceased the 20th of November, and the said Anne the 21st of December, in the yeare of our lord God M D lvi upon whose Soules Thue have
mercy Amen,

At the entrance into the Chancell on the right hand



Under here lieth the bodies of Reginald Digby Esquier and Anne his wife, the whiche Reginald dyed
the 22nd day of April in the yeare of our lord M D lxi, and the said Anne dyed the
of
Whose soules Thue pardon Amen,

Collium.
In the South east corner of
the Chancell.

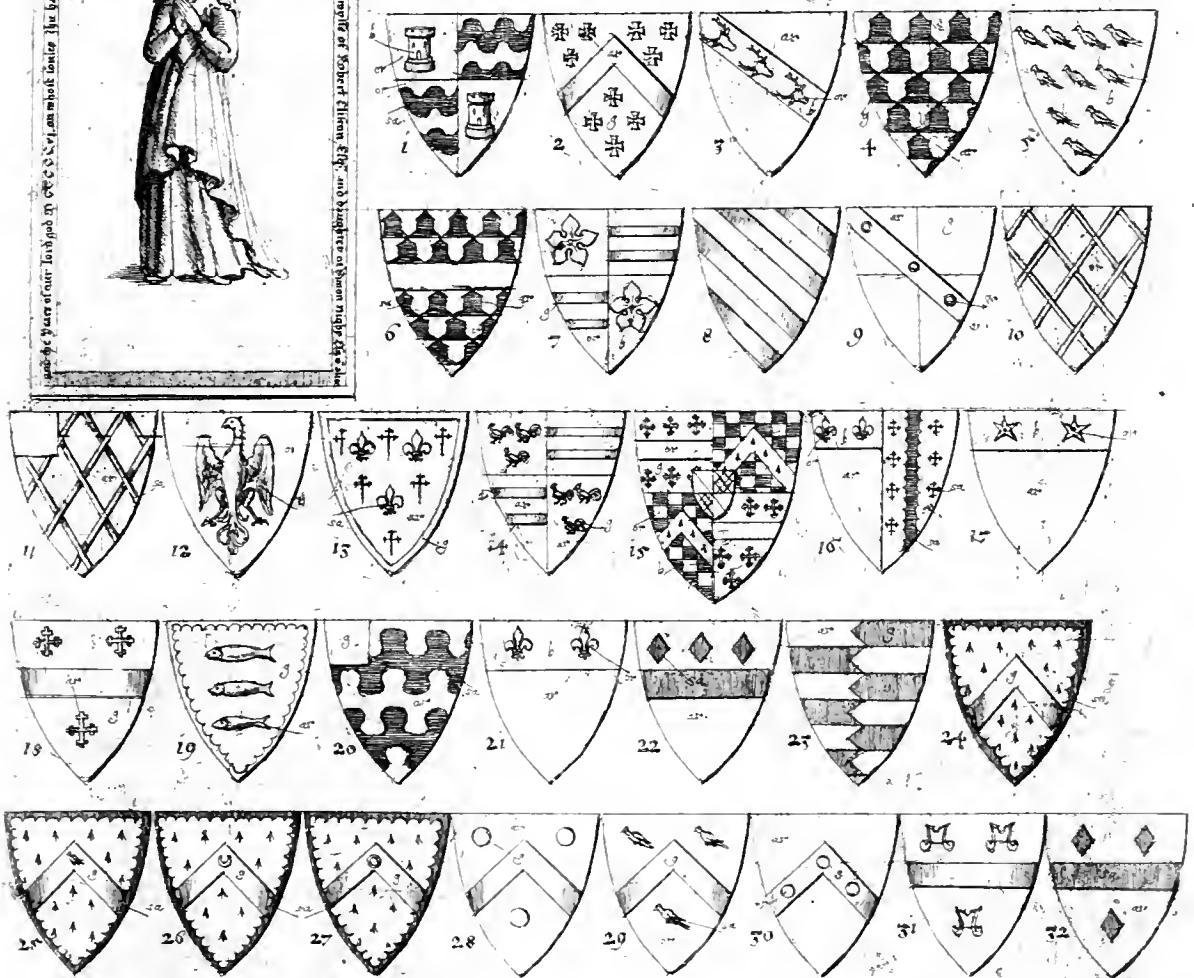


In the midst of the Chancell
lyeth this Marble.



★ HERE LYETH INTERRED S^r GEORGE DIGBY WHO DIED THE 4 OF FEBRUARY 1586
HE MARRIED ABIGAIL DAUGHTER TO S^r ARTHUR HENNINGHAM KNIGHT BANNERET
BY WHOME HE HAD ISSUE GEORGE WHO DIED YOUNGE, S^r FORSET DIGBY WHO SUC-
CEDED HIS FATHER, PHILIP HIS S^r SONNE, JOHN HIS S^r SONNE, CELAULD EARLE OF BERT-
BY K. JAMES. ELIZABETH MARRIED TO S^r BALDWIN WAKE KNIGHT BARONET.

Armes in the Chancell Windows



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| 1 Blount quar- | 6 Bracebridge | 11 Vernon | 16 Clinton em. | 20 Stanton | 25 Stafford of Pipe |
| 2 Beckley | 7 Alsley quartering | 12 Montgomery | 17 Clinton of Max- | 21 Clinton of Collium | 26 Stafford of Bunsell |
| 3 Stoley | 8 Harcourt | 13 Hillary | 18 Clinton of Max- | 22 Aston | 30 |
| 4 Grelley | 9 Mountfort | 14 Collyer quartering | 19 Stoke | 23 Peto | 31 |
| 5 Appleby | 10 Mally | 15 Herthall | 20 Lilling | 24 27 28 29 Bevell | 32 |
| | 11 Murdock | 16 Pict: Beauchamp | 21 Pot Worwik | 22 Sherard | |

Monumentall Inscriptions in the Chancell.

Hic jacet Dominus Willielmus Abel quondam vicarius (scilicet Ecclesie; qui quidem Dominus Willielmus obiit xviii. die mensis Martii anno Domini MD. Cuius anime propitiatur Deus Amen.

Here lyeth the body of Sir John Fenton Priest Bachelor of Law, sometime Vicar of this Church and Official of Coventre, who deceased the xviii. day of May 1566. Whose soule Ihesus pardon. Amen.

Monumentall Inscriptions in the Church.

Of your charite pray for the soulls of Grace Strelly and John hyr sonne. Whych John deceased the xx. day of June in the year of our Lord MDCI. on whose soulls Iesu have mercy.

Prey for the sol + of
Simond Digbe.

Of your charite pray for the soules of Humphrey Grevill Gentilman and Katherine his wiffe, the whiche deceased the day ... of January the yeare of our Lord MCCCCCxxviii.

Here lyeth Isabell Ryddel late the Wiffe of Humphrey Ryddel Bayle of Colshill, the only daughter of Edmund Parker of Warrthill. Whiche Isabell dyed the xxviii. day of October the yere of our Lord God MCCCCCxxvi. whose soule Iesu pardon, Amen.

Here lyeth the bodyes of William Riddel of Blyth hall and Jane his Wiffe, the which William departed this life the last day of August in the yeare of our Lord God MDlviii. And the said Jane dyed the xix. of August in the yeare of our Lord God MDlvi. whose soules Iesu pardon.

14. Novembris A. D. 1629 ætatis sue 42.

Here resteth the body of Jane late wife of Simon Blyth Cent. who had issue one sonne and 4. daughters, whose soule rejoyceth with the Lord.

Quam conjux suus amantissimus sic p'è deservit!
Te faustum, non me miserum fleo, probè! mihi nat'is
Abis, Chara conjux, religiosa parens.

Kingshurst.

This place did antiently belong to the Mountforts, before they were Lords of Colshill; for it appears that Peter de Mountfort of Wellesford, had it in Edw. 3. time; and in 41 of that K's. reign, by his Testament^b bequeathed unto Richard

his younger son, all his goods both moveable and unmoveable, there: which Richard dwelt here; and after his death Rose his widow enfeof^c John de Catesby therein; who wedded her grandchild (as in Lapworth is manifested.) But Sir Baldwin Mountfort, grandchild to the said Peter (by John his eldest son) getting into possession, resided^d long upon it; and so did Sir Will. son and heir to Sir Baldwin, as may seem by the License^e he obtained 14 R. 2. from Ric. Scroope Bishop of Cob. and Lich. to have divine Service celebrated in his Chapel here: yet at length, John de Catesby before-specified, brought^f an Assize of Novel disseisin against the said Sir William, but upon the triall lost^g it: So that the said Sir William, having thus established his title, inclosed^h it; laying much of his demesne lands, parcell of the Mannour of Colshill, thereunto, and afterwards gaveⁱ it unto Sir Edm. Mountfort Kt. his son by a second wife: which Sir Edm. made^j the Parke in 26 H. 6. and resided much here: But after him Sir Sim. Mountfort, his nephew, died^k seized thereof; whose grandchild, Simon, also dwelt^l upon it, and so did Francis his son; betwixt whom and George Digby of Colshill Esq. (afterwards Kt.) there were great suits for it: Which George, layd claim thereto as a member of Colshill, and so consequently his right by virtue of K. H. 7. grant, made to his Ancestor of that Mannour (as hath been already said) So that after much expence of money therein, the said Francis was glad to come to an Agreement^m with him, in respect that part of the lands belonging thereto, and lying without the Park, did not so clearly appear to be parcell of Kingshurst, as the other did; and gave him a thousand pounds to quit his title: and afterwards Sir Edm. Mountfort Kt. grandchild to the said Francis, for further confirmation thereof to the posteritie of the said Sir George, passedⁿ away all his right therein to Sir Rob. Digby Kt. and his heirs; by whom it is enjoyed (together with Colshill) at this day.

Hawkswell.

This is no Mannour of itself, but as a member of Colshill, and involved therewith, hath been, and is still enjoyed by the owners of that Lordship.

Gilsdon.

This was heretofore written Gulesdone; for it seems that the Hill, which lyes North-Eastwards from the Village, being antiently so called, gave denomination therunto. But the first mention I find of it in Record^r, is in 10 E. 3. where it appears that one Will. le Wrounge of Colshill, whose inheritance it was, passed away his right therein unto Sir Ric. de Peshale Kt. for an C. marks of silver: the occasion whereof was this; Sir Richard, having an estate for life in the Mannours of Winton in Cambridgeshire, and Shustoke in this Countie, was requested by Will. de Clinton then Earl of Huntingdon (of whom in Marstoke I have spoke) to quit his right therein, unto him; inasmuch as he the said Earl had obtained the estate in reversion of those Lordships, from the Lord Mountbray,

bray, in exchange for other lands : whereunto the said Sir Richard assented, upon condition that he might have this Mannour cleerly, and libertie to take down and remove, whether he pleased, a certain new House then built by him at **Shustoke**, and likewise to carry away such timber as he had cut down in the Park at **Shustoke**; as also to sell and take away six Oaks more, for timber, and six for fuell, out of the said Park : All which being assented unto, there were Indentures⁶ made betwixt the said Sir Richard and *John de Peto junior* then of **Sheldon**, in the behalf of the said Earl (unto whom he was of Council) for consummating the bargain: So that it hereby appears, that the C. marks given to the before-specified *Will. le Wrounge*, came out of the Earl of **Huntingdon's** purse. Unto which Sir Richard's part of the Indentures, is his Seal of Armes affixed; viz. *Argent, upon a Crosse fleurie sable, an Escutcheon of Augmentation, bearing a Lion rampant.*

But it was not long, ere that the said Sir Richard again quitted his right to this Mannour, unto the before specified Earl, whereupon the said *Will. le Wrounge* and *Isabell* his wife, for the better confirmation thereof, levied⁷ a Fine to the same *John de Peto* unto the said Earl's use: for in 20 E. 3. did the said Earl pass⁸ it unto *John de Collesley* and his heirs, in exchange for certain lands lying in **Colshill**, near **Dwyke-bruge**, which lands do bear the name of **Collesleys** to this day. From this *John de Collesley*, it descended⁹ to his two daughters and heirs, sc. *Margaret* the wife of *Thomas Holt*, and *Alice*; betwixt whom, partition¹⁰ being made in 23 E. 3. it was allotted to the said *Margaret*, who surviving her first husband, afterwards married¹¹ to *Philip de Budeford*; which *Philip* joyned with her in the sale¹² thereof, unto *Will. le Massey* of **Stonley** in **Cheshire**; whose grandchild *William* (of **Stretscote** in **Staffordshire**) had issue¹³ *Catherine* his daughter and heir, married¹⁴ to *Will. de Chisenhale* of **Chisenhale** in **Lancashire**, Lord of this Mannour, and of **Stretscote** in her right, who in 12 R. 2. sold¹⁵ it to one *John de Parve*, a Smith of **Coventre**: Which *John* in 13 R. 2. past¹⁶ it to one *Raph Richards*; who in 3 H. 4. aliened¹⁷ it to *John Tate* of **Coventre**; in whose line it continued till 27 H. 8. that *John Tate* (a descendant from the said *John*.) conveyed¹⁸ it to *George Kebill*. To whom succeeded in the possession thereof, *Thomas Kebill*; and to him *John Wise* Gent. by purchase¹⁹ in 14 Eliz. (a branch of the *Wises* of **Devonshire**, as by some ancient writings shewd unto me, may seem:) whose nephew *Richard Wise* (scil. son of his Brother *William*) now enjoys it.

At the skirts of this Parish, (sc. **Colshill**, wherewith I have now done) **Cole** meets with **Blithe**, which carrieth away the name scarce half a mile further: for having there met with **Taine**, that River hath the priority; a little below which confluence, **Bourne** likewise enters; unto the head whereof, next having recourse, I come to **Cooley**.

Corley.

I Am of opinion that this place had its name originally from the situation, which is very high, **Coynn** in the Brittiish-tongue, signifying the

Head or top of any thing: for in the Conquerour's Survey²⁰ it is written **Coynelle**. In that Record it is rated at one hide, the Woods belonging thereto, being a quarter of a mile in length and half as much in breadth; all which were then in the hands of the same *Godwine*, who was owner thereof before the Norman invasion, and valued at xxx s. The next that posselt it, of whom I have seen any mention, were the *Hastings*'s (Lords likewise of **Fillongley** hard by) yet how soon I cannot declare; but by some one of them, was *Hugh de Ringedon*, or his ancestor enfeoffed thereof; which *Hugh* had²¹ it in 4 H. 3. from whom descended *Raph de Ryngesdon*, who in 53 H. 3. was certified²² to hold it of *Henry de Hastings*, by the service of half a Kt's. fee. It should seem that the heir generall of the said *Raph de Ryngesdon*, married to one of the *Mancesters* (Lords of **Pancester** in this Countie) for by severall²³ authorities it appears, that the family of *Mancester* held this Mannour, of the heirs of *Hastings*.

But for want of light from private evidence, I cannot discern how it went from the *Mancesters*; nor of a long time after, who posselt it; I must therefore pass from the later end of *Edw. 3.* time (for then did the male line of *Mancester* determine) untill the reign of *E. 4.* wherein I find²⁴ that *John de Champernoun* died seized of it in 15 E. 4. leaving two daughters and heirs, viz. *Blanche* the wife of Sir *Robert Willoughby* Kt. and *Joane*: Which Sir *Robert* was summoned²⁵ to Parliament amongst the Barons in 7 H. 7. and afterwards, by the name of *Rob. Willoughby de Brooke* *Chivalier*, by reason of his residence at **Brooke** in **Wiltshire**; and had issue²⁶ *Robert Willoughby* Lord *Brooke*, whose heir was married to Sir *Fonke Greவில்*, as in **Alcester** I have manifested; by which means this Lordship of **Cooley** is come, with the rest of *Greவில்*'s lands to the Lord *Brooke*, who now enjoys it.

The Church was antiently given to the Monks of **Coventre**, yet neither by whom, nor the direct time when, have I seen; but in 44 H. 3. they had²⁷ it. In an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) it was valued²⁸ at four marks, and in²⁹ 26 H. 8. at iii l. over and above ix s. vi d. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

In a North window of the Church

Gules a Saltire varrè; betwixt } **Champernoun.**
xii. billets Or

Patroni Ecclesiæ Incumbentes.

Prior & Conv. de **Coventre**.

Egidius de Trebys an. 1250.

Patroni Vicariæ.

Henr. Over Gen.

D. Will. Forster Cap. 5. Maii 1543.

Mich. Camelswell ar.

D. Ric. Branker 9 Sept. 1554.

Nich. Harding Gen.

D. Nich. Caponburste 16 Sept. 1557.

Margar. Fox & Sam. Sanders Exec. Testam.

Nic. Francys, alias Deakyn Cler. 21 Junii 1571.
Galsr. Jones 19 Apr. 1572.

Tho. Sanders defuncti.
Joh. Gregorie.

Basilius Smyth 2 Oct. 1621.

hDomefd. lib.

i Rot. F. 4. H. 3. m. 6.
k Claus. 53. H. 3. m. 8.

l Esc. 14 H. 6. n. 35.
Claus. 16. H. 6. m. 18.

m Esc. 15. E. 4. n. 30.

n Claus. 7. H. 7. in d.

o Pat. 18. H. 7. p. 2.

p Rot. R. Molend m. 4.

q MS. in Scac.

r MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. f. 58. a.

Ex autog. penes D. & Cap. Lich.

Samp. f. 40. b.

Samp. & B. f. 2. a.

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Samp. & B. f. 44. b.

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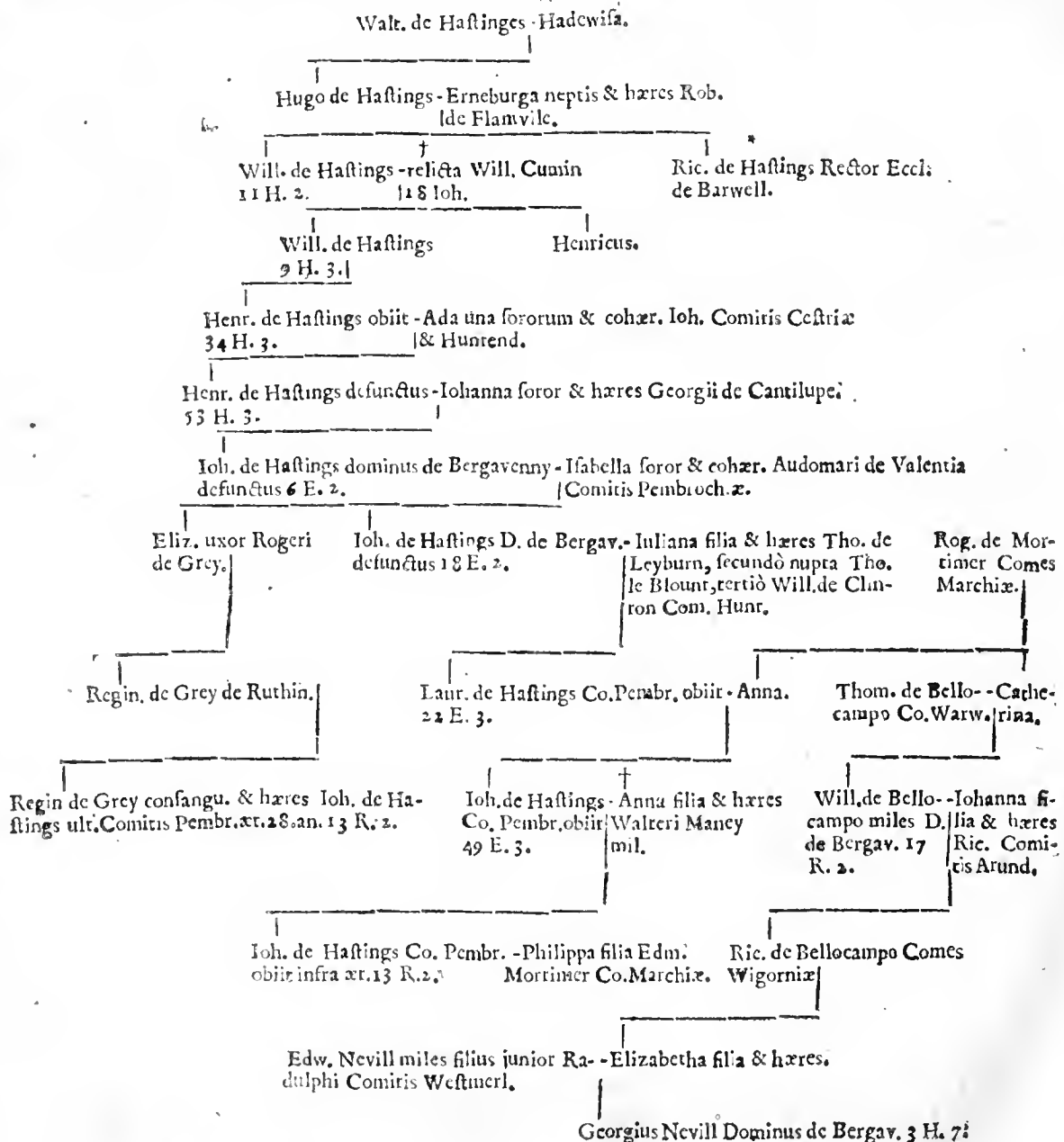
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IN the Conqueror's time, this place was rated at two hides, and posselt by severall persons: Half a hide thereof the Bishop of **Constance** had, then held by **Leuninus**, and valued at xxx. s., whereof the Woods extended to two furlongs in length, and one in breadth; another half the Monks of **Cobentre** posselt, valued at xxx. s. more, the Woods belonging whereunto, were a quarter of a mile in extent: A third half hide one **Alsi** then enjoyed, rated likewise at xxx. s. whose inheritance it had been before the Norman invasion, the Woods amounting to x. s. thereof: and the fourth half hide did **Rob. Dispensator** hold which, though it was then valued but at xx. s. had the Church therein, and Woods containing two miles in length and one in breadth. But the name of it is variously written in **Domesday Book**, viz. **Filungelei**, **Filungelei**, **Felungelei**, and **Filunger**.

c Testa
u de N.

Of these parcells, that one half hide, appertaining to the Monks of **Cobentre**, came afterwards to **Gerard de Alspeth**, who held it of them in **H. 3.** time, it being then called **Old-Fillongley**, by the fourth part of a Kts. fee; but whether

he were the first that was enfeoffed thereof, I cannot affirm. That which **Rob. Dispensator** held, soon after divolved to **Marmion**, Lord of **Lamwoth** Castle; and the residue to one of the old Earls of **Leicester**, as it should seem, from whom **Hugh de Hastings**, or rather **Walter** (whom I take to have been father of **Hugh**) was enfeoffed in **H. 1.** time, as by circumstance may be inferred; for certain it is, that **Hugh de Hastings** (who lived about the later end of **H. 1.** time) posselt it: which **Hugh** had issue **William**, and he another **William**, and that these and their posteritie held it of **Marmion** and the Earl of **Leicester**, I have proof enough. Nor do I doubt that this Familie of **Hastings** had in those elder times their seat here, I mean before their marriage with the heir of **Cantilupe**, that they settled at **Bergavenny**; for here are the ruines of two Castles, the one North-East of the Church, about a quarter of a mile, to this day called by the name of the **Castle-hills**, and the other Southwards from the Church scarce half that distance, bearing still the name of **Castle-yard**, (and which was standing in **18 E. 2.**) unto which adjoynd a Park of a very large extent; and theretore, forasmuch as they had other fair possessions in this Countie, I think it not amiss to say something, here, of them historically, beginning with **Walter**.

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Testa. de N.y Efc 18.
E. 2. n. 83.† Claus. 13.
Ioh. m. 2.
* Pat. 21.
R. 2 p. 3. m.
22. per.
Esp.† Efc. 46.
E. 3.
n. 38.

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a Ex Coll.
W. Burton
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b Pat. 20.
R. 2. p. 3. m.
22. per. In sp

c Pat. 18.
Job. m. 6.

d Pat. 5. H.
3. m. d.

e Rot. F.
10. H. 3. m.
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f M. Pa-
rif. p.
g 590. l.
51.

h Ib. p. 77.
l. 56.

i Ib.

k p. 798. l.
49.

l Pat. 33.
H. 3. m. 9.

m Cart. 36.
H. 3. m. 12.

n Ex vet.
membr. pe-
nes Ham.
le Strange
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o Claus. 44.
H. 3. m. d.
m. 9.

p Claus. 45.
H. 3. m. d.
m. 3.

q Pat. 47.
H. 3. m. d.
m. 7.

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This *Walter* was an especial benefactor to the Nuns of *Polestworth*, for it appears² that he gave them *Odbury*, with a large portion of land adjoining, which was thenceforth made a Cell to that Monasterie. To him succeeded *Hugh de Hastings*, who wedded^a *Erneburga*, neece and heir to *Rob. de Flamvile*; which *Erneburga* gave^b the Church of *Bartwell* to the said Nuns of *Polestworth*. The next was *William de Hastings*, whose lands in this Countie and *Leicestershire* were disposed^c of, about the later end of *K. John's* reign to *Will. de Rooley* and *El. as*, his Uncle, for their support in the said King's service: but whether he were then dead or in Armes against that King, is not directly manifest from the Record. Which *William* had issue *William*, of whom I have seen little memorable, other than his being^d at the siege of *Witham*-*Castle* with *K. H. 3.* and that he was dead in 10 *H. 3.* for in that year did *Henry* his son and heir, give^e *L. marks* Fine, to have Livery of the lands descended to him by his Father's death, then doing his homage.

This *Henry* wedded *Ada*, fourth daughter to *David* Earl of *Huntingdon*, and of *Maud* one of the sisters unto *Ranulph* the last of that name, Earl of *Chester*, by which means he came to have a share in that great inheritance, I mean the Earl of *Chester's* lands, after the death of *John* surnamed *Scot* his wives brother, and last Earl of that Familie: and in 26 *H. 3.* attending the King into *France*, was taken^f Prisoner at that great defeat, when the English Army had neer *Fante*, but soon released^g by exchange. In 34 *H. 3.* he went^h beyond Sea again, in the company of *Richard* Earle of *Cornwall*, and divers of the prime Nobilitie, who passedⁱ through *France* in very great state, and with a pompous retinue, though to what purpose is not manifested. Whether he died in that journey, I know not, but certain it is, that it was the same year, *M. Paris.* having thereupon this expression^k; *Eisdemque diebus obiit Henricus de Hastings miles egregius & Baro opulentus*: To whom succeeded *Henry* his son and heir, at that time in^l minoritie, of whose Wardship *Guy de Luzingian* (half brother to the King) had, it seems, a grant; for in 36 *H. 3.* the said *Guy* pest it over unto *Will. de Cantilupe*, the King confirming^m the same; which *William* gave his daughter *Joane* inⁿ marriage to him, as I shall farther observe anon.

This *Henry* in 44 *H. 3.* had Summons^o, amongst others of the great Nobilitie, to be at *Shrewsbury* on the Feast day of the *Nativity* of the blessed Virgin, well furnished with Horse and Armes, to march against *Lewelin* Prince of *Wales* and his complices, then in rebellion: and the next year following, had^p the like Summons to be at *London*, the morrow after the Feast day of the Apostles *Simon* and *Jude*; So also in^q 47 *H. 3.* to be at *Worcester*, on the Feast day of *S. Peter ad Vincula* (called *Lammastide*) in like sort accoutred: but with what affection he came thither, is easie to guess; for it appears, that being seduced by the turbulent spirited Barons, he joynted with them in committing many great outrages^r upon the Church and Clergie, that very year; for which he, together with *Henry* and *Simon*, sons to *Sim. Mountfort* Earl of *Leicester*, and many more of the rebellious Nobilitie, were excommunicated by the Archb. of *Canterbury*. After which, no man was more active against the

King than he, being one^t of those that on^u the Barons part, submitted to such a determination^a as the K. of *France* should make (unto whom the differences touching those Ordinances, called *Provisions of Oxford*, so prejudiciall to the King, was referred,) and who did put himself in Armes, with the rest, under^v pretence of asserting the Laws of the land, and the peoples just liberties, holding^w out *Portsmouth* hostily against the King, and likewise *Kenilworth* Castle, during that famous six-months siege (as in my discourse of that place is shewed) So that by the Decree^x called *Dictum de Kenilworth* (which after his victorie a *Cedham* was made in favour of those Rebels, having been so prime an Actor in those disturbances, he was specially excepted, and referred to a seven years imprisonment, or submission to the King's mercy,

But with his Lady, the King dealt very graciously, even in the height of her husband's violence; for in *September* 49 *H. 3.* he assigned^y unto her, this Lordship of *Fillongley*, with *Allestey*, and *Berdingbury* in this Countie; as also *Barwell* and *Burbach* in *Leicestershire*, for her maintenance; which were then valued at *£1. per an.* and in *January* the year following, added^z the Lordships of *Ardele*, *Blimham*, and *Payleston*, confirming² his assignation of this, and the rest above mentioned. The direct time of this *Henry's* death I find not, but I suppose it to have been in 53 *H. 3.* for in that year had the said *Joan* his widdow, an allotment^a of divers Kts. Fees, and parts of Fees, lying in sundry places, for her dower, which in the whole, came to no less than *xxxiii.* Which great Lady sealed^b with her husband's Armes, *scil. a Manche*, the outside of the Seal being decked with her paternall coat, *viz. Flower de lues.*

To the last *Henry de Hastings* succeeded^c *John* his son and heir; which *John* became a coheir^d to *George de Cantilupe*, his Uncle by the mothers side; unto whom for his part (*inter alia*) was allotted^e the Castle and Honour of *Bergavenny* the Castle of *Bilgaran*, as also the Mannour of *Aston*. *Cantilupe* in this Countie; of all which being in the King's hands in regard of his minoritie, he had livery^f in 11 *E. 1.* then doing his homage: and the next year following, had command^g to attend the King in his Scotch expedition. In 15 *E. 1.* he was^h in that Welch voyage with *Edm.* Earl of *Cornwall*, unto whom the K. being then in *Gascon*, had committedⁱ the custodie of this Realm: After which I find, that in 21 *E. 1.* he accompanied^j *Gilbert de Clare*, Earl of *Glouc.* and *Heresford* into *Ireland*; and that in 25 *E. 1.* he had Summons^k, amongst many other great persons, to be at *London* on the Sunday next after the *Octaves* of *St. John Bapt.* sufficiently furnished with Horse and Armes, thence to attend the King in his expedition beyond Sea: As also the next ensuing year, the like Summons^l to be at *Harleol* on *Whitson Eve*, to march against the Scots.

In 28 *E. 1.* he attended^m the King with his Army into *Scotland*, and there performed militarie service, for five Knight's fees; in which year he obtained a Charterⁿ for a *mercate* at this his Mannour of *Fillongley*, week'y every Munday, and an annuall *Faire*, beginning on the *Eve* of *St. John Bapt. Nativitie*, to last for five days. In 31 *E. 1.* he attended the King again

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x Claus.
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y Pat.
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3. m. 32

a Claus. 53.
H. 3. m. 8.

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d Es. 1. E.
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e Rot. F. 2.
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f Claus. 2. E.
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g Claus. 11.
E. 1. m. 6.

h Pat. 15.
E. 1. m. 7.

i Hist. T.
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k Pat. 21.
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l Claus. 25.
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b Claus. 7.
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c Pat. 13.
E. 3. m. 12.

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again into **Scotland**, and was at that memorable siege of **Bacrlabrook**: The same year likewise was he in the wars of **Gascoigne**; and in 34 E. 1. had speciall summons¹, amongst the rest of the great Nobilitie to be at **Westminster**, the morrow after **Trinitie-Sunday**, there to consider and take order concerning an Aid for the making of Prince **Edward Knight**: and from the 23 of E. 1. till his death, which hapned¹ in 6 E. 2. had summons¹ with the rest of the Barons, to the severall Parliaments then held: but departing this world not long after, left issue by **Isabell** his wife, daughter² to **Will. de Valence** Earl of **Pembroke**, **John de Hastings** his son and heir, who being of age at that time, did³ his Homage, and had lverie of his lands.

Which **John** in 16 E. 2. was made Governour of **Kenilworth** Castle: but of him I have seen little else memorable, other than his marriage⁴ with **Julian** the daughter and heir of **Sir Thomas Leyburne**, and that he departed⁵ this life in 18 R. 2. leaving **Laurence** his son and heir about five⁶ years of age; which **Laurence** in 11 E. 3. was committed⁷ to the tuition of **Will. de Clinton** Earl of **Huntingdon**, who had married **Julian** his mother, to be educated with him, till he should become of full age, having an allowance of CC. marks out of the Exchequer yearly, for his support and maintenance during that time: Of whom I find⁸ that the King had so much care, when he was at **New-Castle** upon **Tyne** about four years before, that, having sent for the Queen to come thither to him, and considering that so long a journey might be dangerous to the Child (for he was then bled up in her Court) directed his speciall Letters to the said **Julian**, desiring her, as a person most proper to undergo that trust, to take him into her charge, promising satisfaction for all costs and expences, which she should be at therein.

This **Laurence** was in 13 E. 3. (by the K's. Letters Pat. bearing date Oct. 12.) declared⁹ Earl of **Pembroke**, in regard of his descent from **Isabell** the eldest sister and coheir unto **Aymere de Valence** Earl of **Pembroke**; and by **Agnes**¹⁰ one of the daughters to **Rog. de Mortimer** first Earl of **March** had issue¹¹ **John** Earl of **Pembroke**, little more than a twelve month old at his father's death, which hapned in 22 E. 3. Which **John** was in 46 E. 3. sent¹² over into **Gascoigne**, to raise the siege of **Rochel**, beleagured by the French, being then¹³ about xxv. years of age, but was attended with very ill success in that expedition: for no sooner did he arrive with his Army at the Port of **Rochel**, but that the Spanish Navie fell suddainly upon them, before they could put themselves in order to fight, so that few of them escaped death, wounds, or imprisonment; and yet without any considerable loss to the Enemy, who forthwith set fire on all the English Ships, carrying away the Earle and many gallant Gentlemen, as also no less than twenty thousand marks in money; sent over by the K. of **England**, to continue the war: which unhappy accident fell¹⁴ out on the Eve of St. **John Baptist's** Nativitie, being the Festivall of St. **Aetheldred** the Virgin; and therefore was it censured by many (as my Author¹⁵ observeth) that God's judgement so followed him, as a punishment for the injurie he had done to the Church of that holy Virgin (sc. **Ely**) in a cause betwixt the Church of St. **Edmundsbury** and it, before his departure out of **England** and that the money so lost had

no better luck, forasmuch as it had been got from the Religious Houses and Clergy: But others attributed it to his living an adulterous life, being a married man; that he also had attempted in Parliament an infringement of the Church its Liberties, and that he perswaded the King to lay greater Taxes upon the Clergie than **Laitie**, for support of his wars: which practises of pilling and polling the Church, however the temporall Lords (saith the same Author) were pleased; yet what success they had, not onely **England**, but the whole world hath sufficiently found.

I now come to speak of his death, the circumstances whereof, were as followeth; viz. that having undergone four years imprisonment in **Spain**, with most inhumane usage, he sent to **Bertrand Clerk** Constable of **France**, desiring that he would use some means for his enlargement; who thereupon interceded for him to the Battard of **Spain**, that called himself King, and obtained his libertie, in consideration of part of that money due to himself: whereupon he was brought to **Paris**, and a sum of money assigned, which he must pay for his redemption: but after his coming thither, it was not long, ere that he fell mortally sick of **Poison** as twas thought, given to him by the Spaniards, who were reputed to have such a speciall facultie in that Art, as that the potion should kill at what distance of time they pleased: The French therefore seeing death approaching him, being eager to get his ransome money before he died, made haste to remove him unto **Calais**; but on his journey thither he departed¹⁶ this world, upon the very day of St. **Aetheldred** the Virgin (which Saint he had so much offended before his coming out of **England**, as hath been said) though the Inquisit.¹⁷ after his death expresth it to have been the xvth. of **Aprill**; his son and heir, **John** being¹⁸ at that time but two years old and a half; and was buried in the Quire of the **Friers Preachers** at **Hereford**, as by his Testament¹⁹, and what I shall hereafter say, may seem.

But here, before I proceed farther, I must observe, that this **John**, in 43 E. 3. (obtaining Licence for that purpose from the King) made a Feoffment²⁰ unto **Walter Amyas**, and others of all his Castles, Lordships, Mannours, &c. in **England** and **Wales**, to certain uses: which Feoffment, being left sealed up in the hands of the Feoffees, to be kept till his return from beyond Seas, was upon his death delivered to the King's Councell at **Westminster**; who opening it, found, that in case he died without issue of his body, the town and Castle of **Pembroke** should come to the King, his heirs and successors, and the Castle and Lordship of **Bergavenny**, and all other his lands in **England** and **Wales**, in Fee, to his Cousin **Will. de Beauchamp** (viz. his Mother's sisters son) provided that he should bear his Armes, and endeavour to obtain his title of Earl; and in case he neglected so to do, that then his Kinsman **Will. de Clinton**, to have them upon the same conditions.

But I return to his said son and heir, of whom I find²¹, that at the Coronation of K. **Ric. 2.** he claimed to carry the great gold Spurs, and that though he shewed sufficient evidence for his right so to do, yet, being underage, it was adjudged, that the King might appoint another for that time: whereupon **Edmund Mortimer** Earl of **March** was assigned thereto: And moreover, that he took

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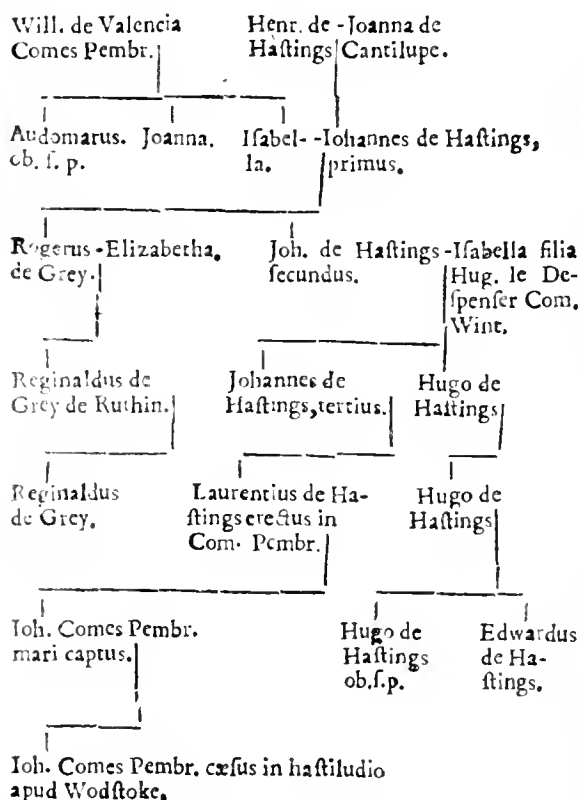
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to wife ^c, whilst he was very young, *Philippa* daughter to the said *Edmund* Earl of *March*, but had no issue by her: for being at *Wodstoke*, where the King kept his *Christmases* in 13 of his reign, he tilted ^e with Sir *John St. John*, and by an unfortunate slip, was run into the botto^me of his Belly, so that his bowells breaking out, he suddenly died, to the great lamentation of many, in regard he was a perion of so noble a disposition, that in bountie and curtesie he exceeded most of his degree: So that it is observed^u, that from *Aymerie de Valence* Earl of *Pembroke* (his lineall ancestor) who was one that gave Judgement of death upon *Thomas* Earl of *Lancaster* in E. 2. time, even unto this *John*, the last Earl of the line, none of them ever saw his Father, nor any Father of them took delight in the seeing his Child, so young were they at their Fathers deaths. His body was interred in the Church of the *Gray Friers*, near *New-gate* in *London* (now called *Christ's-Church*) where he had a fair Monument^w, since (with all the rest) defaced.

Dying thus without issue, *Reginald* Lord *Grey* of *Ruthin*, was by some Inquil.^x found his next heir of the whole blood, as descended from *Elizabeth*, sister to *John*, great-grandfather to the said Earl, so slain in tilting, as hath been said: and by other^y Inquil. *Hugh de Hastings*, son of *Hugh*, son of *Hugh*, son of a second *John*, by *Isabell* the daughter of *Hugh le Despenser*, as the Pedegree here placed sheweth. But so little did *John* Earl of



Pembroke (Father to the last *John*) regard his next heir male, as it seems; and so much hate ^z *Reginald Grey*, father to the last *Reginald*, that he entailed the greatest part of his lands, as hath been said, on *Will. de Beauchamp* before mentioned. Notwithstanding which settlement, 'tis observable, that the right of bearing Armes, was in those days of such esteem, as that the contest^a for thoe of the Earls of *Pembroke* (sc. Or a *Manche gules*) betwixt *Reginald* Lord *Grey*, son to the before mentioned *Reginald*, and *Edm. Hastings*,

brother and heir to the last mentioned *Hugh*, lasted little less than twenty years in the Court Militarie, before the Constable and Marshall of *England*: wherein, after much money spent, the said *Edm. Hastings*, who chalenged them as heir male of the Familie, was not onely condemned^b in 970 l. 17 s. 10 ob. q. costs (*rey* swearing that he had spent a thousand Marks more) and the Armes adjudged^c to *Grey*, but imprisoned^d xvi. years for disobeying that Sentence. The particular proceedings in which business, with the hard measure, which the said *Edward* had, for brevities sake I pass by, referring my Reader to that learned Comment upon Sir *Henry Spelman's* discourse of Armes, lately published by my worthy friend *Edm. Bysshe* Esq, where they are compendiously set forth; and return to the before specified *Wil. Beauchamp*.

Which *William* possessing this Lordship of *Fillongley*, and the greatest part of the said Earl of *Pembroke's* lands, by virtue of that entail, was impleaded^e for the same by the above mentioned *Edm. Hastings*, and having invited^f his learned Counsell to his House in *Pater Noster Row*, within the Citie of *London*, amongst whom, were *Rob. Charlton* (then a Judge) *Will. Pinchbeck*, *Will. Brenchesley*, and *John Catesby*, all learned Lawyers, after Dinner went into his Chapell, and at his coming out, in an angry fashion, threw to each of them a piece of Gold, saying^g, *Sirs! I desire you forthwith to tell me, whether I have any right and title to Hastings's Lordships and Lands*: whereupon, *Pinchbeck* stood up, the rest being silent, fearing that he suspected them, and said^h, *No man here, nor in England, dare say that you have any right in them, except Hastings do quit his claim therein; and should he do it, being now under age, it would be of no validitie*. Perhaps there had been some former entail to settle them upon the heir male of the Familie, which preceded that before spoken of; but what ever it was, sure we are, that *Hastings* apprehended the injury done to himself, so great, as that with extream anguish of mind, at his later end, he leftⁱ God's curse and his own, upon his Descendants, if they should not attempt the vindication thereof.

Of this *Will. de Beauchamp* (who was a younger^k son unto *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick*, by *Catherine Mortimer*, sister^l of *Agnes*, mother unto *John de Hastings* Earl of *Pembroke* before specified) I find, that he was in 4 R. 2. retained by Indenture^m to serve the King in his wars, with CCL. men at Armes, and CCL. Archers, for a quarter of a year, under the command of *Edmund de Langley* Earl of *Cambzrge*, (the King's Uncle) in the parts of *Portugal* and *Spain*; in which expedition the said Earl was Generall. So also in 6 R. 2. with that warlike Bishop of *Exeter*, sc. *Henr. Spenser*, who was so victorious in the parts of *Flanders* about that time; and should have had 500. marks for the service of himself in particular, of which he received part; but because he had it not all beforehand, he refused to stir from home. After which, viz. in 7 R. 2. he was constitutedⁿ Governour of *Calais*, and retained by Indenture^p for the safe custodie thereof, with CXL. men at Armes on Horseback, whereof himself with nine other Kts. to be part, CL. Archers on Horseback, C. men at Armes, and CLxxxiii. Archers on foot, and four Esquires on Horseback, with condition that xx.

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men at Armes and ten Archers on Horseback, as also ten Archers on foot, belonging to the Treasurer of **Calais**, should be under his command, in relation to that service; and in consideration thereof to receive four shillings *per diem*, for his own wages, for the rest of the Knights ii s. and men at Armes serving on Horseback xii d. Which retainer was for two years: but the next year ensuing, the like Covenants were renewed ⁹ for the terme of three years more, and in 11 and 12 R. 2. for each ¹ of those years, singly.

In 10 R. 2. he was made Governour ^c of the Castles of **Pembroke** and **Wiltgarran**. In 16 R. 2. first summoned ¹ to Parliament, with the Barons, by the name of *Will. Beauchamp de Bergabenny* *chevalier*, and made Knight ⁴ of the Garter, being then possessor of the Castle of **Bergabenny**, with the other lands, which the best specified *John de Hastings*, Earl of **Pembroke**, had so entailed upon him, as hath been said. In 1 H. 4. made ¹⁰ Justice of **South-Wales**; and from ² 2 H. 4. till 8. inclusive, was in Commission for conservation of the Peace in this Countie. But farther of his Militarie, or Civill employments, I have not seen; nor can I say more of him, than that he gave ² to the Collegiate Church of **Warwick**, for the good estate of K. Ric. 2. and Q. Anne his Consort, as also of himself and *Joan* his wife, during their lives in this world, and for the health of all their souls afterwards, the advowson of the Churches of **Speltesbury**, and ² **Chadsey-Corbet** in **Worcestershire**: and that he was in some sort a Benefactor to the Gild of the Holy Trinitie, our Ladie, and St. *John Baptist* in **Covenetre**, as may seem by his portraiture set up in glass on the East side of St. *Mary Hall*, together with his Ladie, in robes of great state, which in my discourse of that place are most exactly represented.

And lastly that by his Testament ^a, bearing date at **Bergabenny** 25 Apr. an. 1408. (9 H. 4.) he bequeathed his body to be buried in the Church of the *Friers Preachers* at **Hereford**, next and beneath the Tombe of the before specified *John de Hastings* Earl of **Pembroke**; appointing that five Tapers should be hung about his Bodie as soon as might be after his death; as also that xxxiii men should be clothed in black, each of them holding a Torch in his hand, and to have ii d. a piece for the same. To which place of his bur all he bequeathed xx. marks or more, as his Executors should think fit; and over and above what hath been already exprest Cl. for the charges of his Funerall, directing that ten thousand Masses should be sung for his soul, in all the hast that might be after his death, by the most honest Priests that could be got: as also that four good Priests be found, by the space of ten years, singing for his soul, and for the soul of his Lord, Sir *John Hastings* Earl of **Pembroke**, and for all the souls unto whom he had obligation. And moreover to his poor Tenants within his Lordships Cl. To *Joane* his wife a pair of Basyns, covered, and overgylt, having the Armes of **Warwick** and **Arundell** empaied upon them. To *Richard* his son his best Sword and Harneis, to be armed withall, as well for War as Peace; as also all his other Harneis for the Justs of Peace which belong'd to War. To *Joane* and *Elizabeth* his daughters a thousand marks a piece to their marriage: And constituting *Thomas Arundell*, Archb. of **Canterbury**, *Thomas* Earl of **Arundell**, *Joane* his wife, &c. his Exe-

cutors, departed ^b this life in 12 H. 4. leaving issue by the same *Joane* (who was ^{*} one of the daughters and coheirs to Ric. Earl of **Arundell**) *Richard Beauchamp* his son and heir.

Of this deceased Lord, I have the rather taken occasion to speak, in regard that he made his residence at some times in this Countie, as I presume his Lady also did, in her widdowhood: for I find that she was at severall ^c times in Commission for treating with the people about Loanes to the King, within this Shire; surviving him many years, her death ^d hapning not till 14 H. 6. Of whose Testament ^e, forasmuch as by it, that greatness and state, wherein the English Nobilitie in those days lived, may in some sort be seen; as also the pomp of their Funeralls, I have here transcribed the greatest part.

In the name of the blessed Trynyte, Fader, sonn and Holy Ghoast, the xth. day of January in the year of our Lord MCCC Cxxxiii. I *Johanne Beauchamp Lady of Bergabenny*, as a meke daughter of holi Chirche, full in the Christen sayth and believe, hool in minde and body (blessed be God) considering that the freel condicion of this wrechid and unstable lief, ys ful of perels; and the yend and conclusion thereof is not elles but Deith, fro the which no persone of none astate schall escape: and therefore purposyng, with the leve of God, to dyspose such goods as of his grace he hath lent me, in such use as myght be most to hys plesauus, and profit to my soule, and all theirs that I am bounden to; I have ordeyned and make my Testament and last Will, in this forme.

First I bequethe my soule to the mercy of my blessed Saviour and maker *Jhesu Chryst*, through the beseechyng of his blessed Moder *Mary*, and alle holi companye in Hevene, and my symple and wretched body to be buried in the Queer of the Frere-Prechours of **Hereford**, in a new Tumbe by my worthe Lord and sometime husband Sir *Will. Beauchamp* on whoos soule God have merci. But I wol that my Bodie be kept unburied, in the place where hit hapneth me to die, unto the time my maigne be clothed in black, my Hers, my Chare, and other covenable purviance made, and then to be carried unto the place of my buryng before reherseed, with alle the worship that ought to be done unto a woman of myne astate; which God knoweth welle procedeth not of no pompe or vayne glorie that I am set in for my Bodie, but for a memorial and a remembrance of my soule, to my kyn, friends, servants, and alle other. And I wol that every Parish Church that my seid Bodie resteth ynne a night after hit passeth fro the place of my dying, be offred two Clothes of Gold: and if hit rest ynne any College or Conventuall Chirche, three Clothes of gold. Also I devyse that in every Cathedrall Chirche or Conventuall, where my Bodie restes a night, toward the place where my Bodie shall be buried, that the *Dean*, *Abbot*, or *Prior*, have vi s. viii d. and everi *Channon*, *Monk*, *Picar*, *Preste*, or *Cierke*, that ys at the Dirige at the Mass in the morning, shall have xii d.

Also I ordeyn, that anon astur my buryng, there be done for my soule five thousand Masses in alle the hast that they may goodly. And I bequethe unto the House of the seid Freres at **Hereford** in generall CCC. marks, for to synd two *Profes* perpetuall for to syng for my Lord my Husband, my Lord my Fader, my Lady my Moder and me, and Sir *Hugh Burnell* Kt. and alle my good doers, and alle *Crysten* soules: the one *Preste* to syng the fyrst Mass in the mornyng in the same House, and the other

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a Arundell
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b Esc. 12.
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the last Mass that ys done in the day yn the same House; so that it be sene, that there be sure ordinauns made therefore, to be kept perpetually, as Law wolle. And I bequethe ech Frere of the same House, in speciall, the day of my burying, to pray for my soule iii s. iiiii d. And I wol that the forseyd Freres have a hool sute of black; that ys to sey a Cheseyt, two Tunyces, three Coopes, with my best pair of Candelsticks of sylver, wrethen; and my best sute of vestments of Clothe of gold, with Pecoeks, with Auctere-clothes and Aubes, and alle that longeth thereto, for a memoriall perpetuall to use hem euery yere at the Anniversarie of my Lord my Husbond and of me. And for the costes of myne enterement, upon my deith and burying, I ordain and devyse a thousand Marks.

And I devyse C. marks to be dalt peny mele, or more after the discrecion of myne Executors among poer men and women, that come to myne enterement the day of my burying. And I ordain and devyse to have five Prestes for to syng for me xx. wynters, for my Lord my Fader, my Lady my Moder, my Lord my Husband, my son Richard Earl of **Warwickshire**, Sir Hugh Burnell Kt. and alle my good doers, and alle Crysten soules; and that of the most honest persons and good conversacions that now be founden: of which five Prestes, I ordeyn and devyse two to syng in the parish of **Rekeford**, and other three in **Witkeby**-Belers in the Counte of **Lecestre**, during the terme aforsayd. Moreover I devyse CC. marks to be departed among my poer Tenants in **England**, in such place as moost nede ys, after the discrecion of myne Executors. Also I devyse C. l. to be dysposed in clothyng, Bedding, Hors, Oxen, and other bestial and necessities, within hatve a yere after my deith, & to be yeven & dalt among Bed-red men and other poer people, dwelling in the Lordships that I have. And also I devyse that Bartholmew Brokesby, and Wauter Kebyll be everi yere at **Wrexford**, the day of my Anniversarie, seing that my Obite, with the remnant of my obsequies be done in due wise, to the most profit of my soule, spendyng about the execution thereof, at every tyme x. l. after here discrecion.

Moreover I devyse to the marriage of poer Maydens dwelling withyn my Lordships, C. l. And to the making and emendyng of febull Brugges and foul weyes C. l. And to the fynding and deliverans of poer Prisoners, that have ben well condicioned x. l. Also I bequethe to Sir James son and eyre of the Erle of Ormond Five hundred pounds to be dispen: by myne Executors about the defence of the lands that I give and assigne him, by the Will of my Landes, in caas they be chalenged or ympugned wrongfully within his age; or elles to have the same money, or elles so much thereof as ys unspend at hysful age, to the same intent: and a payr of Bayns of sylver gyll and covered with my Armes. And I devyse and bequethe to the same Sir James a Bed of gold of Swans, with tapetter of grene Tapesery, with branches and floures of divers colours, and two pair shetes of Raynes, a paire of Fustiaunce, sixe pair of other shetes, six pair of Blankets, six Materas, six Pelowes, and with Quyssons and bancours that longen to the Bedde aforsayd, with alle my stufte at **Bergebenny**; a pane of Menyvere, with alle my Armure in **England** and **Wales**: which goods I wyll that yt shalle abyde in the keepyng of Robert Darcy, Barth. Brokusby and Wauter Kebell, till the seyde Sir James be xx. yere of age, and then to be delivered to him and ellis not. And in caas that the said Sir James dye withyn the seyde age, withouten yssue of his body law-

fully begoten, than I wol and devyse all the forseyd goods, to be delivered to John of Ormund his broder in the same wise that the seyde Sir James shulde have hit. And if John dye er he come at the same age, I wol that Thomas Ormund, his brother, have hit in the same wise that John shulde have hit. And if Thomas dye or be come at that age, than I wol that alle these goods be solde and done for my soule and heres, and alle my good doers.

And I bequethe unto the same John of Ormund a Bed of cloth of gold, with Libardes; with those Quyssons and Tapettes of my best rede wofsted that longen to the same Bed, and bancours and Formes to longe to the same Bede: also four pair of Sheres, four pair of Blankets, three Pelowes, and three Materas. And I bequethe unto Thomas of Ormund his broder, a Bede of Velvet, white and black paled, with Quyssons, Tapettes and Formes, that long to the same Bede; three pair of Shetes, three pair of Blankets, three Pelowes, and three Materas. And I bequethe unto Elizabeth hys sister a Bede of blew Band kyn with Quyssons, Tapetes of blew wofsted, and Formes that long to the same Bede; Four pair of Sheres, four pair of Blankets, four Pelowes, and four Materas. And I bequethe to my son Sir James of Ormund three of the best Hors in my char; and John his broder my next best; and Thomas hys broder my next best after hym: and John Gray the sixth. And I bequethe to John of Ormund and Thomas hys broder, in defence of her livelyhood that I have bequest hym, eyther of them DCC. marks. Also I bequethe to Bartholmew Brokusby my Hallyng of black, rede, and grene, with morys Letters, with Quyssons, with bancours and costers.

And I bequethe unto the same Bartholmew, my Bede of Sylke, black and red, embroydered with wofbynd floures of sylver, and alle the costers and apparyll that longeth thereto. And I wol that the seyde Barth. have xii. pair of Shetes, of the best cloth that I have, save Raynes; six pair of Blankets, and a pane of Menyver; and a bolle of sylver callyd Playcebolle, and my best Cup of gold, covered; and my round basyn of sylver pounced with morys letters, with the Ewer that longeth to the same Basyn. And I bequethe unto the same Bartholmew a dozen vessell of sylver, garnyted; and two Basyns and two Ewers of sylver; and my best Gown furred with Marters.

And I devyse to Rob. Darcy CCCC. marks, and my ymage of our Lady that the Erle of March gaf me; and a Cup of gold covered. Also I devyse to Wauter Kebell C. mark, and three of my best lowe Hors. And I wol that the seyde Wauter have my best blak Bede of sylke, with alle the apparell of a Chambre of the best blak Tapeter that I have; and six pair of Shetes, and six pair of Blankets, three Materas; and my round Basyn of sylver with Bolles, and an Ewer that longeth thereto; and my litle Saler, and six Spones of sylver that byn in my Maynour at the **Smytrefelo**; and my best stayned Halle, with a Potel Pot, and three pece of sylver, and a grete Maser covered, that was Sir Adam Persale's; and my second Gown of Marters. And I bequethe the remnant of my Gownes furred with Marters, to my son Sir James of Ormund, and to his two brethren, after the discrecion of myne Executors. And I bequeth to Isabell Muton C. marks for her marriage. And I bequethe to Florys Lee C. marks, and two Hors to his marriage. And I bequeth to Richard Burley C. marks, so both they be ruled by me and mine Executors, and dwell with me whilst I live.

And I bequerthe to Raynald Moton C. marks. And I bequerthe to Thomas Besford C. marks. And I bequerthe to John Daunsey xx l. And I bequerthe to Henry Leicester xx l. And I bequerthe to Henry Filongley C. marks. And I bequerthe to Alyson Darcy C. marks. And I bequerthe to Henry Brokusby C. marks, under the condition that he be governed by me, and by the worthiest of his kynne. And I bequerthe to John Massy C. marks. And I bequerthe to Philip Cuberley xx l. and to VVill. Loudham C. marks. And I bequerthe to Eliz. daughter of the Earl of Ormund C. marks: and to Thomas Blankany xx l. And to John Yerdley x. marks. And to John Bultus x l. And to lutele Lewes x. marks. And to John Hulle C s. And to Thomas Burton x l. And to Thomas VVelby C s. And to John Foteman xl s. And to John Gardener of Bergevenny four marks.

And also I wol that alle the remnant of my servants be rewarded after the discrecion of mine Executors. Also I devise to my Prestes and Clerkes of my Chapell, if they go wi h my Body and do my Obiequies daylietill I be buried, on my costes, and to ben ruled after myne Executors, C. marks. And I wol that my Wardes, with her mariages, and all the livelibode that I have by hem, be under the governance of Rob. Darcy, Barth. Brokusby, and Wauter Kebell, they ser to fullfill hit and to dispose hit to the most advantage of my soule; and to performe hit and put in Execution my Will and my devise aforesyd.

I ordeyn and make myne Executors Mr. John Bathe, Chanon of Welles, taking for his labour xl l. and if he take mynistracion, Rob. Darcy, Barth. Brokusby, Wauter Kebell, Sir Will. Creke, taking for his labour, if he take mynistracion xx l. and John Bultus. And I wol that Wauter Kebell, ne John Bultus administer, ne do nothing that toucheth my Testament in any wise, wythout the advise or commandment of the remnant of myne seyd Executors. And the residue of my goods, I wol and ordeyn hem to be dysposed by myne Executors, to here jereley charges of my Obits; and in Almesdeedes doynge in the mene time, whyles they wol last. Requyryng and preying all these perfoxes, Executors aforesamed, and so far as I dare or may, charging hem, that as my singular trustys on hem afore other, they refuse not but to take upon hem the Administration of this Testament, with the conditions afore rehearsed, and put it in execution, as they wolde I shulde do for hem in like caas; and as they wol answer before the most hygh and mightyfull Juge at the dredfull day of Dome, where both they and I shall appere. In witnes that this ys my last Will I have set hereto my Sele; ywritten in the day and yere aforesyd.

I now return to Richard, son and heir to the before specified Sir W. Ham. This Richard was created Earl of Gloucester in 8 H. 5. but slain in France within two years after, leaving one onely daughter his heir; seil. Elizabeth, married to Sir Edm. Nevill Kr. (a younger son to Raph Earl of Westmerland) first summoned to Parliament in 29 H. 6. by the name of Edm. Nevill de Bergevenny, now Lord of this Mannour.

The Church (dedicated to our Lady and All Saints) was in an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) valued^h at xvi. marks; the advouson whereof in 19 E. 3. being purchasedⁱ from Laurence de Hastings Earl

of Pembroke, by Will. de Clinton Earl of Huntingdon, was by him given^k to the Canons of Maxstoke the same year; whereupon they soon obtained an appropriation^l thereof. And in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was rated^m at viii l. ix s. ix d. over and above x s. allowed for Procurations and Synodals. But all that I have farther found relating to this Church, is that in H. 3. time, viii s. per an. was assignedⁿ, by one Nich. Burbache Clerk (out of certain lands lying in this Parish) for the maintenance of a Lampe burning in the body thereof, to the honour of the blessed Virgin; the said annuities having been appointed to be so disposed of, by Sir Thomas de Hastings, who for the souls of his Ancestors, gave to the same Nicholas those lands out of which it was so charged, and upon that condition.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.
D. Henr. de Hastings.
D. Joh. de Hastings miles.
Patroni Vicariæ.

Incumbentes, &c.

Thom. de Burbache Cler. ar.
1248.

Conradus de Howeschill de A-
lemaniam Cler. Cal. Nov. 1305

Adam de Overton Cap. 2. Non.
Sept. 1345.

Henr. de Corley Cap. 2. Non. Jan.
1345.

Will. Prelate Cap. Id. Apr.
1351.

Joh. de Aldeestre 2 Cal. Nov.
1351.

Rog. de Aston Cap. 2. Non.
Maii 1353.

Galfr. le Fitz Cap. 4. Cal. Aug.
1353.

Ric. Rymyll Pbr. 2 Dec.
1383.

Rob. Bascote Pbr. 8. Cal. Dec.
1386.

Joh. de Shenynndon Pbr. 11 Feb.
1394.

Rog. Wyllkins Pbr. 26. Feb.
1394.

Joh. Howard Cap. 25. Febr.
1399.

D. Will. Eyre Pbr. 26. Maii
1422.

Joh. Comper Pbr. 5. Oct.
1434.

Joh. Brackley Pbr. 4. Aug.
1435.

Joh. Bounde Pbr. 6. Maii
1437.

Will. Estebey Pbr. 4. Nov.
1438.

Ric. Littleton Cap. 24. Feb.
1450.

Tho. Haddeley Canon. de Lil-
skull 7. Febr. 1452.

Mr. Thom. Palmer, in Leg.
Bac. 17. Apr. 1529.

D. Joh. Nicholson Pbr. 5. Apr.
1531.

Georgius Coldwell
gen. ex concess. Pr.
& C. de Maxstoke

Nich. Strange ar.
Jac. Rex.

D. Thurstanus Morrey Cler.
ult. Dec. 1556.

Thom. Graunger 2. Martii
1581.

Christoph. Forde Cler. 24. Sept.
1608.

k 1b. m. 8.

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f. 117.

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57. b.

n Ex au-
tog. penès
Will.

Paulet ar.

Ex autog.
penès D. &
Cap. Lieb
Langt. f. 7.
b.

Northb. f.
43. a.

1b. f. 44. a.

1b. f. 54. b.

1b.

1b. f. 56. b.

1b.

1b. f. 31. a.

Sk. f. 1. b.

1b. f. 10. a.

1b.

Burgh. f. 6.
b.

Hym. f. 9. a

1b. f. 33. a.

1b. f. 33. b.

1b. f. 35. b.

1b. f. 37. a.

Bo. f. 12. a.

Bowl. f. 3. a

Bl. f. 14. b.

1b. f. 17. b.

Sampl. &
B. f. 9. b.

1b. f. 48. b.

Overton.
bund. F.

Old

f. Lel. Itin.
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g. Clauf. 29.
H. 6. in d.

h MS. in
Seac.

i Pat. 19. E.
3. p. 1. m. 9.

Old Fillongley.

OF this place I have but little to say. In 13 Edw. 1. the Prior of **Cobentre**,^o claymed a **Court Leet** and divers other Priviledges here, by vertue of King **H. 3.** Charter, which were allowed; and in 20 Edw. 3. was certified^p to hold it of the Lord **Hastings** by the eighth part of a Knight's Fee, this being as he was superior Lord thereof. Not from hence till **Hen. 7.** time have I seen any more thereof, by the light of our publique Records: but, in 14. of that King's reign, **Thomas Frommere** Esquire, was found^u to die seized of it, leaving **Francis** his son and heir **xiv.** years of age. Which Family of the **Frommers** had it by a daughter and heir of **Fillongley**, if we may credit someⁱ mens Notes; of which name there were, that long since resided at this place, as by tradition I have heard; whereof I am the more credulous, in regard it appears, that **William de Fillongley** had imployment as a Commissionerⁱ, in some publique affaires of the County in 51 Edw. 3. and 2 Ric. 2. and that **Henry de Fillongley** Esquire, Sergeantⁱ of the Scullerie to King **H. 4.** was^u one of the Knights for this Shire in the Parliament of 31 H. 6. as also Shiriff^u of this Countie and **Leicestershire** in 37. of the said King's reign.

Metley.

THis part of **Fillongley**, now called **Metley-end**, lyeth westward from the Church neer two miles: but the most ancient mention I find of it, is, in 6 E. 2. **Nicholas de Burbache** then holding half^a a Knight's Fee here, of the heirs of **Henry de Hastings**. In which line of **Burbache** it continued till 3 E. 6. that **Richard Burbache** sold it^v to **Edw. Pye** (of **Partridge-Hall** Esquire) by the name of the Mannour of **Metley**.

Ansley.

Bourne passing on, about a mile below **Fillongley-Church**, is enlarged with another torrent, that riseth in **Ansley**; of which place I am next to take notice. In **Edw.** the Confessor's time the Countess **Godeva** (of whom I have spoke in **Cobentre**) enjoy'd^a it: but after the Norman Invasion, being in the King's hands, it was, together with **Cobentre**, and the other lands which belong'd to that Countess, ferm'd^a out to one **Nicholas**; and in the generall Survey then taken (where it is written **Hantlei**) is joyned with **Hartshill**, there also recorded by the name of **Ardrethille**; both which were valued at C s. as also from **H. 1.** time, for many ages afterwards, posselt jointly, by a Family of good note, whose cheif seat being at **Hartshill**, assumed that place for their surname. But by a daughter and heir of **Hardreshull**, came at length to **Culpeper**, as the Descent in **Hartshill** doth shew.

Which Family of **Culpeper**, having their principall seat at **Wedgebury** in **Leint** (for the most part) made little residence in this Country; so that, in process of time, they sold away all their interest here, Sir **Alexander Culpeper** Knight, first passing^b in Fee-ferm, unto **John Ludford** Gentilman (his Receiver

and^c Officer for this Mannour and **Hartshill**) much of the demesns in 20 H. 7. And afterwards, **John Culpeper** (a younger^d son to the said Sir **Alexander**) on whom, it seems, this was settled, all^e the rett, together with the Mannour, unto **Robert** and **Edmund Wyeche** of **Loughborough** in **Com. Leic.** Gentilmen. Which **Robert** and **Edmund** in 5 H. 8. for the summe of **xlviii li.** granted^f it to **John Rympton** of **Atherston** Yeoman; of whom **George Wighman** of **Elmesthorpe** in **Com. Leic.** Gentilman, having purchased^g it in 1 Eliz. past^h it in mortgage unto **William Glover**, Citizen and Dyer of **London**, in 34. of the said Queen's reign; who in 43. Eliz. obtained a Releaseⁱ from **Tho. Wighman** of **Wurbage** Gentilman, son and heir to the said **George**, of all his right, and title therein.

To which **Will. Glover** (afterwards a Knight and Alderman of **London**) succeeded Sir **Thomas Glover** of **Wilsdon** in **Com. Midd.** Knight, his son and heir; who, together with the Lady **Anne** his mother, sold^k it in 6 Jac. unto **James Wighman** of **Wurbage** in the said Countie of **Leicester**: which **James** in 10 Jac. past^l it unto **George Ludford** of **Ansley** Gent. (descended from the before specified **John Ludford**) who left issue **George**, now owner thereof.

The Church (dedicated to **S. Laurence**) being given^m to the Nuns of **Polesworth** in King **John's** time, by **William de Hardreshull**, son of **Robert**, and grandchild to **Hugh**, was appropriated to them shortly after; and thereupon an assignation madeⁿ of what the perpetuall Vicar should have for his paines in serving the Cure: which being found too little, and complaint made to the Bishop, there was an augmentation^o thereof, by vertue of a Provinciall Constitution, which the Archbishop of **Canterbury** and the rest of the Bishops within his Province had made to that purpose; viz. that whereas the small Tithes and Obventions pertaining to the Altar, were valued but at **L s.** and the Tithes-corn at **xv.** marks, the Vicar and his successors should thenceforth have the fift sheaf of the Tithes-corn throughout the whole Parish, to be delivered out of the Tithes-Barn belonging to the said Nunns, after it should be gathered in by them, at their charge. This was done by **M^r Simon de Balidon**, Officiall to the B^p. of **Cob.** and **Lich.** and by authority from the said B^p. on Friday next after the Feast of **S. Dennis** an. 1275. (3 E. 1.) In an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) the Rectorie here was valued^p at **vi.** marks, and the Vicaridge at half a mark: but in 26 H. 8. the same Vicaridge was rated^q at **vili. vi s. viii d.** over and above **ii s. iv d.** allowed for **Procurations** and **Synodalls**.

Patroni Vicariz. Incumbentes, &c.

Rog. de Eton. Cap.	
Dominus Nicholaus.	
Abbatissa & Conv. de Polesworth.	Ex autog. penes D. & Cap. Lich.
D. Rad. de Thameworth Cap. an. 1248.	
John. fil. Ric. de Polesworth 10 Cal. Martii 1315.	Lange f. 40. a.
D. Philippus de Somerville, hac vice.	John. de Warton Cap. 3. Cal. Oct. 1349.
	Northb. f. 51. a.
	Herr. Pynson Pbr. 19. Jan. 1430.
	Heyw. f. 25. b.
Abb. & Conv. de Polesworth.	WVill. Hamond 3. Dec. 1440.
	WValt. Seyrton Pbr. 11. Martii 1444.
	1b. f. 39. a.
	1b. f. 43. a.

Sampf. 40. b. *Tho. Cope de Poleſw. D. Edw. Bower 20. Junii*
ratione conceſ. Abb. 1543.
& C. de Poleſw.

Sampf. & B. f. 8. b. *Philippus & M. Rex*
It. f. 10. a. *& Regina.*

It. f. 30. a.

It. f. 45. b.

Sampf. & B. f. 46. b. *Elizabetha Anglia*
Overton bund. E. *Regina.*
Overton bund. C.
Mort. bund. incert.

Ric. Chamberlain arm.

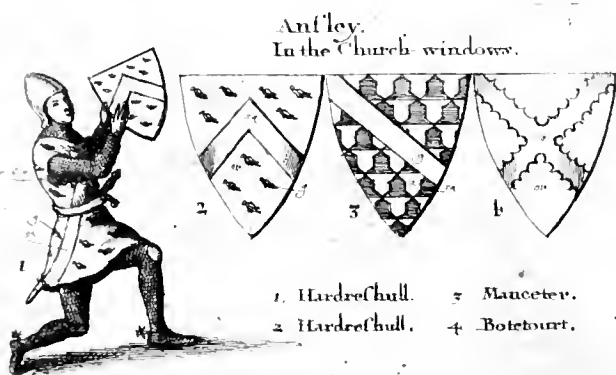
Thom. Wyſon Cler. 7. Nov.
1554.
Henr. Hondys Cler. 15.
Julii 1557.
Rob. Coope Cler. 12. Julii
1561. poſtea deprivatus.
Thom. Arneſeild Cler. 27.
Julii 1574.
Rob. Cope 2. Martii 1575.
Will. Foxe Cler. 22. Dec.
1591.
Jac. Buſh Cler. 10. Junii
1600.
Franc. Bacon art. Magr. 13.
Sept. 1625.

Upon a plate of Braſs, fixed on a Marble grave-ſtone in this Church.

Orate pro animabus Johanne, que fuit uxor Roberti Palmer nuper de Stont-Stanton gentilman, unius ſozorum Willielmi Bret nuper de Anſley gentilman, ac pro animabus Johannis & Elizabeth libezorum dicti Roberti & Johanne, que quidem Johanna obiit ultimo die menſis Octobris anno domini Millefimo CCClxxx. quozum animabus propitietur Deus Amen. Nec non pro bono ſtatu cuiusdam Roberti Willielmi, Ricardi, Henrici, Johanne, Jacobi, & Margarete, filioz & filiarum predictozum Roberti & Johanne.

In a window on the North ſide of the Church, is this Inſcription.

Orate pro bono ſtatu Johannis Ludford, & Allice uxoris.



Bret's-Hall.

IN this Pariſh there is a place, though but of mean conſideration, yet noted in the common Maps by the name of *Bret's-Hall*, from a Family of that name, ſometime owners thereof. Of which the firſt, as I think, was *William*, unto whom *Will. de Hardreſhull* (Lord of *Anſley* in *H. 3. time*) gave certain lands here: From Which *William* deſcended another *William*, unto whom the Biſhop of this Dioces in 34 *E. 3.* granted liſenſe to have divine

Service celebrated, for the ſpace of two years, in a private Oratorie, here. But from theſe *Brets*, who poſſeſſed it till the beginning of *H. 4. time* (which is above two hundred years) it came to *Nicholas Palmer* of *Stanton* in *Com. Leic.* and by the daughters and coheirs of *William Palmer*, to *Harecourt*, and *William Pouchin*. Which *William Pouchin* in 37 *H. 8.* paſt away his intereſt to *John Pureſey*, it being then reputed a Mannour. Whereupon in 14 *Eliz.* partition was made betwixt the ſaid *John* and *George Harecourt*. To which *John Pureſey* ſucceeded *Michaell*, who ſold his part thereof unto *John White* of *Buſby* in *Leiceſterſhire*.

Monmode.

THIS lying on the Weſt ſide of *Anſley*, and in the ſame Pariſh, had heretofore the reputation of a Mannour; for by that name did Sir *John de Hardreſhull* call it in 39 *E. 3.* at which time he ſetled it with *Anſley* and *Hardreſhull* in the hands of certain Feoffees; and ſo by Records of later time, hath it often been termed: But as it was originally a member of *Anſley*, ſo is it now deemed to be; no part (that I know) retaining the name, but a piece of Waſt-ground lying on the utmoſt ſkirt thereof, called *Monmode-Lee*.

Whitacre ſuperior.

LOWER on the Northern ſide of *Bourne*, lyes *Whitacre ſuperior*, and adjoining to it *Whitacre inferior*; which, though they now are, and have long been diſtinct Lordſhips and Pariſhes, were not originally ſo. In the Conqueror's time ſeverall perſons were intereſſed here; *Turchill de Warwick* had two hides, excepting one virgate, the Woods belonging whereto extended to one mile in length, and half as much in breadth; all which being then held of him by one *Edwinus*, was valued at *x s.* and in *Edward the Confessor's* days appertained to two *Ulrics*. Half a hide had *Hugh Grentemaſnill*, then held of him by one *Walter*, and valued at *ii s.* which before the Conqueſt had been the freehold of one *Baldvine*. And three virgates had *Robert de Veci*, held at that time of him by one *Robert*, and rated at *ii s.* which before the Norman Invaſion was eſteemed to be worth *x s.* it being then the freehold of *Ailricus*. But in that Record it is written in two places *Whitaceze*, and in the third *Whitacre*.

That the greateſt part of theſe, came ſoon after to the *Marmions* (Lords of *Wamwoth-Caſtle*) is not to be doubted; for of ſo much thereof, as lyes in that which is now called *Whitacre ſuperior*, was the Anceſtor of *Simon de Whitacre* enfeoffed in *H. 1. time*, to hold by the ſervice of half a Knight's Fee; who alſo obtained the reſidue from the Anceſtors of thoſe *Ardens* whoſe ſeat was at *Hampton* in *Arden*, as by what I ſhall ſhortly ſay will appear: All which continued in the male line of the ſaid *Simon* (who had their reſidence here) till about the later end of *Edward the third* his reign; but then it was by daughters and heirs transferred to other Families, as the following Pedegree ſheweth.

Simon

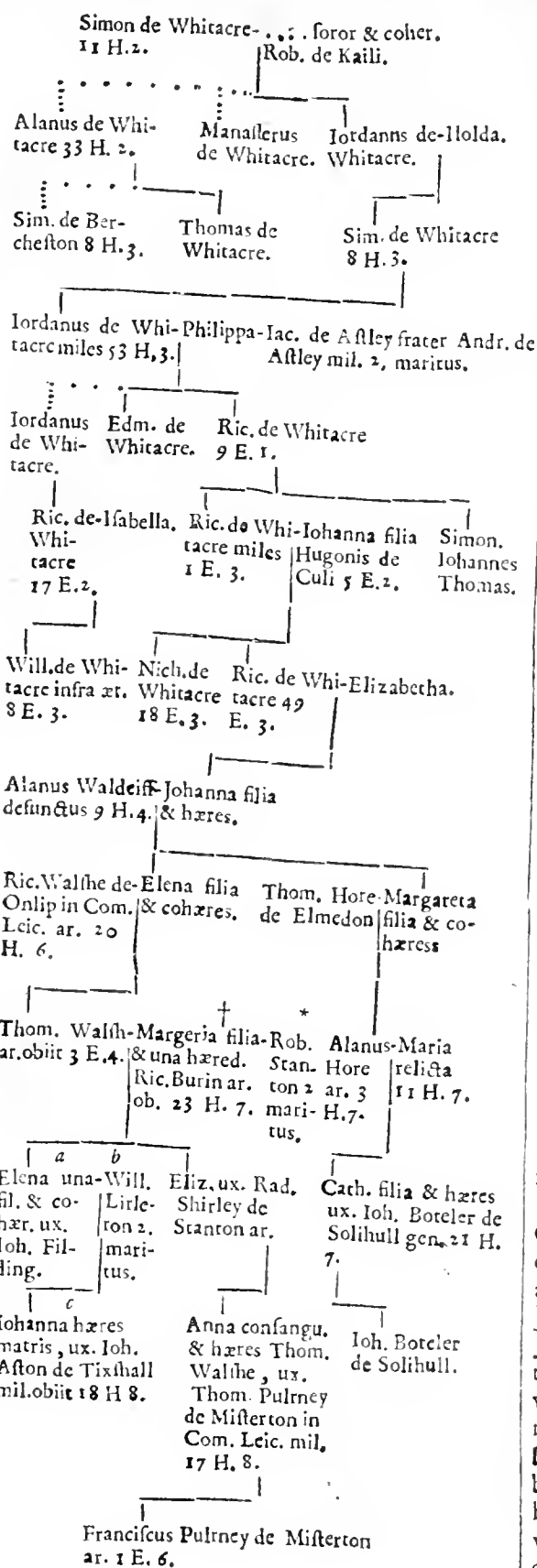
Ex autog. penes G. Ludford gen. f. Strett. f. 3. b.

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Ex autog. penes W. Sheldon ar. b. Claus. 15. E. 4. in d. m. 17. E. 2. 2. E. 4. n. 6.

c. Domeld. lib.

c. Lib. rub. f. 104. b.



^f Rec. 33. H. 2. To this Simon succeeded ^f Alanus de Witacre, and to Alan, Simon; who (as by circumstance may be concluded) seating himself at Bercheston, assumed that place for his surname; for in 8 H. 3. upon an Accord ^s made betwixt the said Simon de Bercheston and Simon the son of Jordan de Whitacre, this Whitacre appears to have been of his inheritance, and that he granted the same, together with Elmendon in this Countie, to the same Simon de Whitacre and his heirs, to be held of him he said Simon de Bercheston, by the service of one Knight's Fee; viz. Whitacre by the one half of a Knight's Fee, and Elmendon by another; the same

agreement being in Warrantie ^h of a Charter formerly granted thereof to that purpose. And to make it farther manifest, it appeareth by another Fine, levied ⁱ in 23 H. 3. betwixt the parties abovesaid, touching the same half Knight's Fee in Whitacre, that the same Simon de Whitacre was to performe such military service, in Warding at Tamworth Castle: but the said Simon de Bercheston and his heirs, to have Ward, Marriage, and Relief, from the same Simon de Whitacre and his heirs, whensoever occasion should require: and that the said Simon de Whitacre and his heirs should performe suit to the Castle of Tamworth before mentioned, for the same Simon de Bercheston, and his heirs forever.

Howbeit, by what service the rest was given, I have not seen: but in H. 3. time, did the before specified Simon de Bercheston grant ^k the same unto Hugh de Arden (then Lord of Hampton in Arden, and superior Lord of the Fee thereof.) to be held of him the said Simon de Bercheston and his heirs by the tenth part of a Knight's Fee. From which severall Simons that were owners of this place, it was anciently called Whitacre-Simund, as by severall ^l Records appeareth. But I return. This Simon de Whitacre was a Knight ^m about the 30th of H. 3. and in 38 H. 3. being grown weak and impotent, obtained the King's speciall precept, ⁿ directed to the Shiriff of Warwickshire, to exempt him from appearing personally at the Countie, or Hundred Court, as also at his Turnes; provided that he did by his Letters Patent substitute an Attourney to do suit for him there. And in 41 H. 3. had a Charter ^o of Free-warren granted to him in all his demesne lands here, together with those at Elmendon and Freseley; and confirmed ^p to the Canons of Lillshull in Com. Salop. what Robert de Kaili his uncle, whose heir he was, had given to them in Freseley, in this Shire.

To him succeeded Jordan de Whitacre, who being guilty of some youthfull extravagancies, obtained the King's pardon ^q in 36 H. 3. And in 41 H. 3. had a speciall Patent ^r exempting him from the Office of Shiriff, Coroner, &c. and from serving on Juries. After which, viz. in 50 H. 3. he was a Knight ^s, and in 52, and 53 H. 3. one ^t of the Justices for Gaol-delivery in this Countie. This Jordan, being a man potent in the Countie, and taking advantage of those turbulent times, in which the Barons put themselves in Armes against the King, entred ^u upon x. acres of Wood in Freseley, which belong'd to the Canons of Lillshull before specified, and continued posselt thereof, till his death. By reason of which seizure Philippa his widow afterwards held it: whereupon the Abbot of Lillshull brought an Affize of Novell disseisin against her, but by mediation of friends the matter was composed, and in 56 H. 3. Richard de Whitacre son and heir to the said Jordan, quitted ^v his title thereto.

This Richard de Whitacre, being a Knight ^x in 9 E. 1. in 16 E. 1. attended ^y Edm. Earl of Cornwall in that famous expedition of Wales, and bore ^z for his Armes, upon a Fesse three Escalops with two Mallets in Chief. Upon that grant to the King, made by the Parliament in 25 E. 1. of a Ninth part of all their moveable goods, for confirmation of Magna Charta, and Charta de Foresta, he was appointed ^a one of the Commissioners in this Countie, for the more equall assessing and collecting

collecting thereof: But after 4 Edw. 2. I find no more mention of him, than that he left issue ^b Richard his son and heir, and severall other sons: which last mentioned Richard, having been in that rebellion with Thomas Earl of Lancaster in 15 E. 2. for which he purchased his Pardon ^c, that cost C. marks, found sufficient sureties for his future good behaviour, viz. ^d Sir John Mardak Knight, Simon de Whitacre, and Alan de Wode-
lowe. And the next year following, being ^e a Justice of Assize in this County, bore ^f for his Armes Sable, three Lozenges Argent. After which, viz. in 1 Edw. 3. he was a Knight, ^g and in 11 Edw. 3. one of the three, for this County, that had speciall summons ^h to attend the King in his great Council held at Westminster the Friday next after Michaelmas-day.

The next year following, he had the like summons ⁱ to be at Westminster on the morrow after the Clause of Easter, the King being then resolved upon an expedition beyond Sea: in which year also, he was constituted ^k a Commissioner for conservation of the Peace in this Countie, and to see that all persons were sufficiently armed according to the Statute of Winchester. In 17 E. 3. he was in Commission ^l to arrest such Proctors, as were then employed here in England, as also other Purveyors from the Court of Rome, which by vertue of the Pope's Bulls did put in practise divers things derogating from the King's Royall power. In 18 E. 3. again joyned in Commission ^m for conservation of the Peace in this Countie. In 19 E. 3. he had summons ⁿ, amongst sundry other persons of note, to be well accoutred with Horse and Armes, on the Feast of St. Laurence to attend the King in his French expedition: and by Joane ^o the daughter of Hugh de Culi, of Radcliffe in Leicestershire, had issue ^p Richard his son and heir, who bore ^q for his Armes Argent upon a bend sable, cotized Gules, three Lozenges of the first.

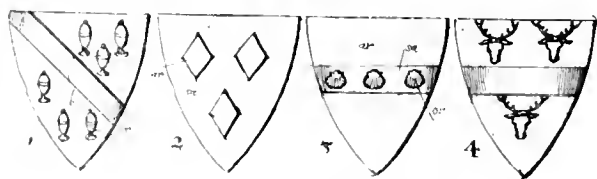
Which Richard in 27, and 28 E. 3. was employed as a Commissioner ^r for levying and collecting a xvth and xth in this Countie: So likewise in 47, and 48 Edw. 3. but farther of him I have not observed any thing memorable, other than that he left issue one onely daughter called ^s Joane

wedded ^t to Alan Waldeif of Alspath; by whom she had two daughters and heirs, viz. Elene ^u married to Richard Walshe of Onelip in Leicestershire, and Margaret ^x to Thomas Hore of Elmecdon. Which Richard Walshe and Thomas Hore were certified ^y to hold this Mannour, joyntly, in 10 H. 6. but afterwards Hore had it wholly, as it seemes; and left Alan his son ^z and heir, and he Katherine an onely daughter, married ^a to John Boteler of Solihull Gentleman. Which John and Katherine had issue John Boteler, who sold ^b his moytie to Thomas Marow then of Wyrpden Esquire. In whose hands it continued but a while; for by his Deed ^c bearing date 3. Martii 2, & 3 Ph. & M. in consideration of CCC li. he past away the same unto Richard Kyfe, alias Coke, and John Miller (both of this town) Yeomen, and to the heirs and assigns of the said Richard. Which Richard, by his last Will and Testament ^d (bearing date about November 3, & 6 Ph. & M.) bequeathed all his lands to Katherine Corbet, his wives daughter, and the heirs of her body; whereby the inheritance thereof came to the posterity of the same John Miller, unto whom she was wedded.

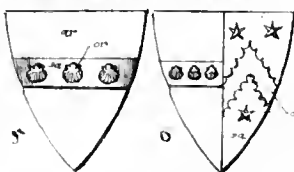
But the other moytie descended ^e from the before specified Richard Walshe and Elene his wife, to Thomas Walshe their son and heir, and so to ^f Anne the wife of Sir Thomas Pultney Knight, cousin and heir to the said Thomas Walshe. Which Sir Thomas Pultney had issue ^g Francis, and he Gabraell ^h, who in Queen Elizabeth's time, aliened ⁱ it to the heirs of the said John Miller; most, if not all the Fermes, (as of Marow's moytie before specified) and part of the demesns, having been sold out before, to the particular Tenants.

The Church here (dedicated to S. Leonard) was originally but a Chapell belonging to Colshill, as may seem by what I have in Colshill already manifested; yet did the patronage thereof pass by the name of a Church in 3 Joh. as appears by the grant then ^k made unto the Nuns of Mergate in Bedfordshire, from Jordan de Whitacre: the appropriation whereof, I have not seen, conceiving that it was very ancient; but the Cure hath been served by a Stipendiary, there being no Vicar ^l endowed.

Whitacre superior
Armes antiently depicted on the rood loft.



In the east window of the Church. In the Bellifrey window.



- 1 Boteler
- 2 Whitacre
- 3 Waler
- 4 Hore
- 5 Waler
- 6 Waler empaling

Whitacre inferior.

This being part of that, which in my discourse of Whitacre superior, is contained under the name of Whitacre, without any distinction, came totally to the Marmions Lords of Tamworth-Castle, as the other did; and in King Stephen, or beginning of Hen. 2. reign, was granted ^m by Robert Marmion to William Fitz Raphe, to hold by the service of one Knight's Fee. Which William

being a very devout man, gave ⁿ to the Nuns of Polestworth all his lands lying in Aldulvestre (now called Austrey) in this Shire. To whom succeeded Raphe, also surnamed Fitz Raphe, one of ^o the pledges for Robert Marmion in 2 H. 3. that he should faithfully keep the Castle of Tamworth to the King's use; who in 6 H. 3. was one of ^p the Justices of Assize in this Countie, and in 20 H. 3. certified ^q to hold this Mannour of the said Robert Marmion, by the service of one Knight's Fee; whereat both he and his successors

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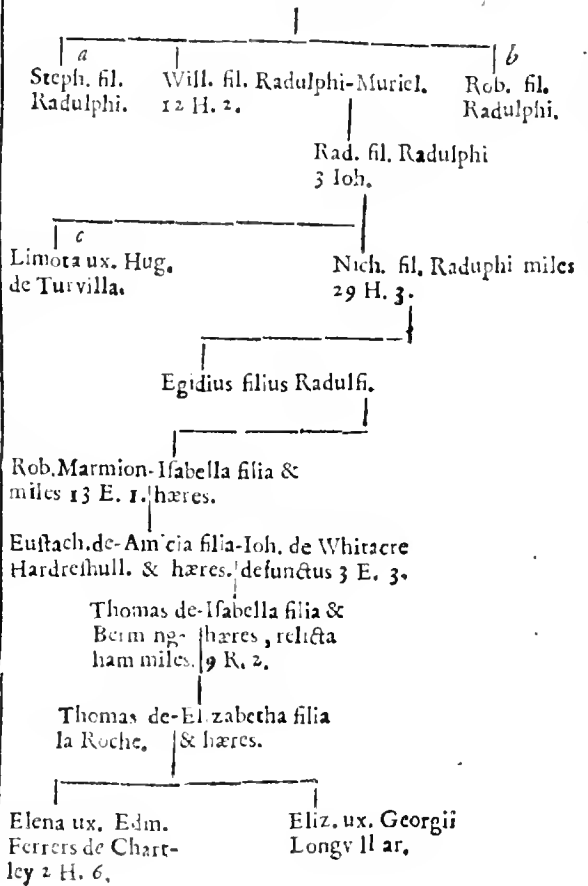
for some descents, resided, as I guess, there being the site of a fair Mannour place, which had antiently a Park belonging thereto.

The next of which line, was *Nich. Fitz-Raphe* (whom I take to be son and heir to *Raphe* before specified) who being a Knight about the 29. of *H. 3.* and in 34 *H. 3.* one of the Justices for Gaol-delivery at *Warwick*, bore for his Armes two *Barrs*, as by his Seal appeareth; and had issue *Giles*, whose daughter and heir *Isabell* took to husband *Robert* a younger son to *Philip Marmion*, Lord of *Lamworth-Castle*. Which *Robert*, being by that means possessor of this Mannour, gave to the Nuns of *Doleworth* a yard land lying therein, for the health of his soul, and the soul of the said *Isabell*; and by his Deed bearing date at *Walston-Basset*, the Wednesday next before the Feast of *S. Leo* the Pope 14 *E. 2.* in consideration of an annuity of *XL li.* to be payd during his naturall life, past away all his title and right in this Mannour; as also in *Walughton*, *Pericroft*, and *Clascote*, unto *Raphe* Lord *Basset* of *Walston*, to hold during that terme; unto which Deed his Seal of Arms is affixt, viz. three Swords in pale, pointing downwards, with a Cheif varrè.

This *Robert* had issue a daughter called *Amice*, first married to *Eustace de Hardreshull*, as it seems; for the said *Eustace* and she, in 14 *Edw. 2.* covenanted to passe away all their interest and right herein, as also in those other before specified, unto the said Lord *Basset*; which was done accordingly by a Fine levied *xv. Mart.* the same year: But she was afterwards married to *John de Whitacre*; and in 3 *Edw. 3.* having buried him, released to the said Lord *Basset* all her right only to the moytie thereof. As for the other moytie, I cannot clearly see when or how it past from the said *Robert Marmion* and *Isabell*; but the next mention I find thereof, is in 5 *Edw. 3.* where it appears to have been entailed by *Richard* the son of *Simon de Whitacre* and *Amabil* his wife, on the heirs of their two bodyes lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue, on the heirs of Sir *Richard de Whitacre* Knight. Which Lord *Basset*, after he had thus gained an interest in this Lordship, gave *xx li.* of Land and Rent lying therein, for the endowment of a Chantrye consisting of three Priests; founded by him in the Church of *Walston-Basset*, as appears by the King's license in 12 *Edw. 3.* as also of the like License from Sir *Baldwin Frevill*, then superior Lord of the Fee: and in 14 *Edw. 3.* past away all the residue thereof to *William de Clinton* Earl of *Huntingdon*, and his heirs: which Earl, by his Deed bearing date at *Walsstoke* the Tuesday next after the translation of *S. Thomas* the Martyr in 16 *Edw. 3.* granted away the same in exchange, unto *Richard de Whitacre* and *Amabil* his wife, and their heirs, in lieu of their other moytie of their Mannour of *Pericroft*.

But from hence, for a while, I cannot well discern how the succession thereof went: howbeit, by a Fine levied in 38 *Edw. 3.* betwixt Sir *Fouk de Bermingham* Knight Plaintiff, and *John Waryn* of *Burton Stather* (in *Com. Linc.*) and *Hulma* his wife deforc. it appears that the said *John* and *Hulma* granted two Messuages and two yard land, *xvi* acres of Pasture, and the moytie of one Mess. lying here and in *Walughton*, with the third part of this Mannour; and the third part of the Mannour of *Pericroft*, which were the dowrie of the said

Hulma, unto the same Sir *Fouk* and his heirs: From whom, as it seems, it descended to *Edmund* Lord *Ferrers* of *Chartley*, and *George Longville* of *Little-Billington* in *Com. Northampt.* For in 10 *H. 6.* the said *Edmund* and *George* were certified to be Lords of the whole, the residue divolving to them by *Isabell* the daughter and heir of *John de Whitacre* and *Amice* his wife, as the Pedegree here inserted, and that in *Birmingham* do shew.

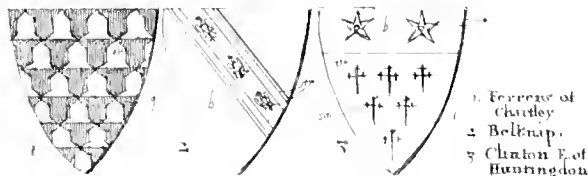


Of these, *Longville's* moytie was sold by *Arthur Longville* Esquire, (descended from the before specified *George*) in 34 *Hen. 8.* to *John Cheyney* of *Chesham waterside* in *Com. Buck.* Esquire. And the other moytie, coming by a daughter and heir of *Ferrers*, to *Devereux* (as the Descent in *Wymoloch* sheweth) was purchased from *Walter Devereux*, Vic. *Hereford*, Lord *Ferrers* of *Chartley*, by *Edmund Skirning* of *Croburg* in this County Esquire, in 12 *Eliz.* Which *Edmund* in 18 *Eliz.* sold the same to *Henry Cheyney* son and heir to the before specified *John*. The whole Mannour being thus totally in the said *Henry Cheyney*, was by him conveyed the next year following, to *John Puresey* Gentleman, who by his Deed bearing date 24. *Febr. 25 Eliz.* past it to *Lawrence Washington* of *Gray's-Inne* in the Countie of *Wiltshire* Gentleman. Which *Lawrence* in 31 *Eliz.* sold it to *George Villers* of *Wokesby* in *Com. Leic.* Esquire, from whom, about the 40th. of the same Queens reign, Sir *Edward Brabazon* Knight, purchased it; whose son and heir, *William* Earl of *Nethe* in *Ireland*, 15 *Aug. 6 Car.* sold it to Sir *John King* and Sir *Robert King* his son and heir (both Knights) which Sir *Robert* now enjoys it.

The Church (dedicated to *S. Giles*) antiently given and appropriated to the Nuns of *Perigate*, as *Lea*, and *Over-Whitacre* were,

r F. levat. was reputed^r for a Chapell belonging to **Colshill** :
 craft. Mart But in 32 H. 3. Sir **Nicholas Fitz-Raphe** then
 8.E.1. Lord of this Mannour, challenged^r a title of pre-
 s. Ex au- senting thereto, it being then void; and to that end
 f. log pe- directed his Caveat^r to the Bishop, that he should
 nes D. admit no other Clerk, than his. In which Church
 r. & Cap. there was never any Vicar endowed; but the Nuns
 Lich. of **Bergate**, receiving all the Tithes, have provid-
 ed a Stipendiary to serve the Cure.

Nether Whitacre.
 Armes in a South Window of the Chancel.



Shustoke.

u Domefd. ON the other side of **Bourne lyes Shustoke**,
 lb. which by the Conqueror's Survey^u is certi-
 fied to contain four hides, having Woods extending
 to a mile in length, and half so much in breadth,
 and valued at xls. It was then possessed by **Gef-
 frey de Wirce** (of whom in **Donks-hirby** I have
 spoke) and held of him by one **Sotus**; by reason
 whereof it had the name of **Sotus Stoke**, or **Sote-
 stroke**; for so I have seen it antiently written,
 though in that Survey above mentioned it be
Scotescote. But, as the rest of the said **Geffrey
 Wirce** his lands came to **Nigel de Albani**, proge-
 nitor to the Family of **Moubray**, so did this Lord-
 ship; and from **Moubray** was granted to the An-
 cestour of **Walter de Camvill**, together with **Bent-
 ley**, to hold by the service of one Knight's Fee, as
 may be cleerly inferred from sundry^w Records, be-
 ing one of those nine Knight's Fees, whereof the
 said **Walter** in 12 H. 2. certified^x that his said An-
 cestour had been so enfeoffed in H. 1. time.

To which **Walter** succeeded **Roger de Camvill**,
 who in 12 Joh. gave a Fine^y of xxx. marks, that
 it might be certified by Inquisition, whether
 he held those two Knight's Fees, and a fourth part
 of the King, for which he had summons to go be-
 yond Sea in the King's service, or not. This **Roger**
 gave^z a Rent of viii. s. issuing out of certain lands
 lying in this Lordship, unto the Nuns of **Hen-
 wood**, for the health of his Father's, Mothers, and
 Ancestours souls; and dying without issue, left this
 Mannour, with **Bentley** before specified, as also
Creke and other fair possessions in **Poythampton-
 shire**, to be divided^a betwixt his three Sisters and
 heirs; viz. **Alice** wedded to **Robert de Esseby**,
Maud to **Thomas de Estley** (Lord of **Estley** in
 this Countie) and **Petronilla** to **Richard Curson**, as
 the Descent in **Arroth** sheweth. Of which lands
Robert de Esseby had^b this Mannour, inter alia.
 Whereupon by inheritance from the said **Robert**
 and **Alice**, it came at length to **William de Esseby**,
 who about the 52. of H. 3. being convicted^c of
 Felony, scil. for killing a man maliciously in the
 Priory of **Catesby**, forfeited all; so that this Lord-
 ship escheacting, by that means, to the Lord **Mou-
 bray**, of whom it was held, was in 9 E. 2. posselt
 by^e **John de Moubray**.

But long he enjoyed it not; for taking part with
Thomas Earl of Lancaster in 15 E. 2. he was be-
 headed at **Woke**: after which it became soon dis-
 posed^f of by the King, together with **Creke** in f Cart. 16.
 Com. Northampt.) unto **Elianore** the wife of **Hugh** E. 2 n. 18.
le Despenfer the younger, to hold during her life,
 to the use and behoof of **Gilbert le Despenfer**, son to
 the said **Hugh**: which I suppose she held accord-
 ingly, during the remainder of the said King's
 reign; and no longer as may seem by an^g Inquit. g E. 1. E.
 then taken, and a confirmation^h made the year 3. n. 87.
 following by **John de Moubray**, son and heir to h Claus. 3.
 the last mentioned **John**, unto Sir **Richard Peschale** E. 3. in d.
 Knight of the third part thereof, together with the m. 27.
 advowson of the Church, which **Aliva de Mou-
 bray**, mother of the said **John**, of whose dowrie it
 was, had grantedⁱ to him the said **Richard**, to hold i Pat. 2. E.
 during life. 3. p. 1. m. 6.

But besides this third part, it seems that the said
 Sir **Richard** obtained an estate in the rest, to hold
 likewise during his own life: for in 16 E. 3. when
William de Clinton then Earl of **Huntendon**, had
 began the Foundation of **Marstoke** Priorie,
 having a minde to endow it with lands and posses-
 sions situate convenient thereto, it appears^k that k Ex autog.
 after he had agreed with the Lord **Moubray** to have penes W.
 this Lordship in Exchange for the Mannour of Paulet ar.
Winton in **Cambridgeshire**, he gave unto the said
 Sir **Richard**, in lieu of his terme in this, the inher-
 itance of the Mannour of **Gudlesdon** (juxta **Col-
 shill**) with leave to take down a new House, which
 he had built here at **Shustoke**, and to remove it
 whither he should think fit; as also all such timber
 as was then fallen by the said **Richard**, in the Park
 here at **Shustoke**; and libertie to cut down in the
 said Park six more Oaks for Timber, and six for
 Fewell: the same grant bearing date 5 Jan. 16. E.
 3. After which, scil. the morrow following **Ascen-
 sion** day, the said Lord **Moubray** granted^l the same, l 16.
 with the advowson of the Church, unto that Earl
 and his heirs for ever. Whereupon he, according-
 ly, by his Deed^m dated the Saturday before the
 Translation of **S^t Thomas** the Martyr, settled it upon
 the Canons of **Marstoke** and their successors; who
 the next year following, for their better conveni-
 encie, pastⁿ it away unto **John de Clinton** (ne-
 phew to the before specified Earl) in exchange
 for that part of **Marstoke**, which was afterwards,
 and still is called the Priorie-Lordship.

All which being thus performed, the same **John
 de Clinton** immediately granted^o it unto the said o Pat. 20.
 Earl, his uncle, to hold during life: who being so E. 3. p. 2.
 seized thereof, procured a Charter^p bearing date m. 23.
 20. Jan. the year ensuing, that himself for his life
 and his said nephew, and his heirs for ever, should
 have a **Court Leet** within this Mannour, extend-
 ing likewise into the Hamlets of **Bentley** and
Blithe (within the same Parish) together with
 Assize of Bread and Beer, Pillorie, Tumbrell; as al-
 so the Liberties of **Insangthes**, and **Outsangthes**,
 Gallows, and **Weyfs**; rendring for the same
 to the said King his Heirs and Successors xviii. d.
 yearly, by the hands of the Shiriff, in aug-
 mentation of the ferme of the Countie. By which
 Charter there was farther granted to the said Earl,
 as also to his nephew and his heirs, **Free warren**
 in all his demesn lands within the precincts afore-
 said. Upon whose death, in 28 E. 3. his said ne-
 phew Sir **John de Clinton** had liverie^q thereof. q Claus. 29.
 E. 3. m. 35.

From whom descended^r **John** Lord **Clinton** and r Pat. 38.
Say, whose lands were seized^s on in 38 H. 6. for s H. 6. p.
 adhering 2. m. 10.

w Lib. rub.
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 x Lib. rub.
 f. 118. a.
 y Rot. P. 12.
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a T. E. 16.
 b E. 2. n.
 c 70.

d Cart. 52.
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 e E. 16.
 E. 2. n. 70.
 E. 3. E. 2.
 n. 129.

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 17. E.
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 n Pat. 18.
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o Pat. 20.
 E. 3. p. 2.
 m. 23.
 p Cart. 25.
 E. 3. n. 2.

q Claus. 29.
 E. 3. m. 35.
 r Pat. 38.
 H. 6. p.
 2. m. 10.

1 Ibid.

adhering to the House of *Bozke*; at which time this Lordship, *inter alia*, was given¹ by the King to Sir *Edmund Mountfort* Knight, one of his Kervys, in consideration of his faithful service against the said King's enemies: but the depofall and ruine of King *Henry* hapned fo soon after, as that the Lord *Clinton* was not long out of poffeffion thereof: in whole line it continued till 31 H. 8. that *Edward* Lord *Clinton*, and *Say*, fold it unto *James Leveson* of *Wolverhampton*. Elquire (a rich Merchant of the Staple) as by his Deed² bearing date 6. Febr. the same year appeareth. Which *James*, gave³ it in marriage in 36 H. 8. unto *Walter* the son and heir of Sir *Edward Aston* of *Wicksall* in Com. *Staff.* Knight, whose grandson Sir *Walter Aston* Knight of the Bathe, being

plunged into vast debts by supporting himself in that Embassie of *Spayne*, towards the later end of King *James* his time, first sold the greatest part of the *Fermes* to the severall Tenants, and soon after the Mannour it self unto Sir *George Devereux* of *Sheldon* Knight, the now owner thereof.

The Church (dedicated to S. *Cuthbert*) was in anno 1291. (19 E. 1.) valued⁴ at x. marks; and the advoufon thereof in 17 E. 3. given⁵ by *William de Clinton* Earl of *Huntingdon* (together with the Mannour) unto the Priorie of *Marstoke*, then newly by him founded; whereupon soon ensued its appropriation⁶, *scil.* 4. Id. *Julii* the same year: And in 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was valued⁷ at Cviij s. over and above ix s. vi d. allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

x MS. in Scac.
y Ex autog. penes p. ref. W. Pauler.
z Northb. f 62. a.
a MS. penes S. Archer eq. aur. f. 56. b.

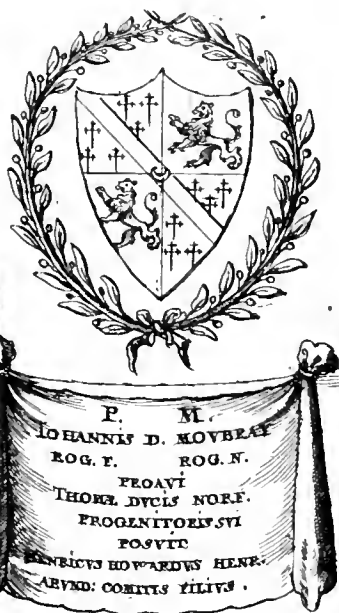
u Ex autog. penes G. Devereux eq. aur.
w Alenq. 47.

Shustoke

In a North Window of the Church



DOMINUS IOHANNES DE MOVBRAY.



1. Whitacre
2. Hardreshall
3. Courtingy
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In another North window

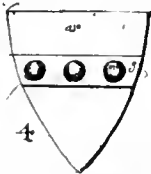
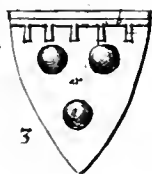
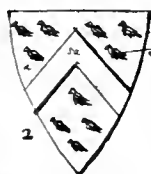
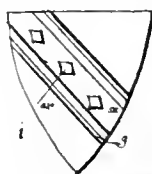


PRIOR PVR LAS ALMES WILLIAM DE BLICHE ET ALIS AN REGNAT



ET ROGER ROYN PAV AN IO. AN AN TAMME

In a North window



In a South window

Patroni Ecclesie.

Ineumbentes &c.

Patroni Vicarie.

Ineumbentes.

D. Rad. fil. Nicholai ex conces. D. Regis, ratione custodia heredis D. Will. de Efeby.
D. Joh. de Monbray miles.

Rad. le Breton Cler. (post mortem Gilb. de Camville ult. Rectoris.) an. 1250.
Joh. de Acom Pbr. 3. Id. Oct. 1336. (post mortem Ric. de Colshull ult. Rectoris.)

Prior & Conv. de Maxstoke.

Will. Edithe Cap. Cal. Mar. 1b. f. 42. a. tii 1343.
Rob. le Spicer Cap. 4. Cal. 1b. f. 52. b. Martii 1349.
Will. Edithe Cap. 12. Cal. 1b. f. 56. b. Aug. 1353.
Ric. de Linley Pbr. 7. Id. Martii 1365.
Joh. Kyeuylde Pbr. 21. Dec. 1390.
Ric. Bishop. Pbr. 24. Aug. 1398.

Joh.

Ex autog. penes D. & Cap. Lich.

Northb. f. 30. a.

Heyw. 16. a.		Joh. Pryce Diac. 21. Sept. 1425.	whereof being given ^c by <i>Walter de Camvile</i> in <i>H. 2.</i> c. Cart. 21. 2. dayes to the Monks of <i>Merevale</i> , have since that time, born the name of <i>Monks-Park</i> , and been reputed a member of <i>Merevale</i> . E. 1. n. 2. per. Insp.
Bowl. 24. b.		Will. Orme Pbr. 5. Martii 1456.	
Ib. 141. a.	Prior & Conv. de Maxstoke.	Ric. Eliot Cap. 18. Junii 1494.	Out of the residue, anciently imparked, I find that King <i>H. 3.</i> gave command ^d to the Shiriff of this Countie, in 24. of his reign, to deliver unto <i>Alexander de Savensby</i> , then Bishop of <i>Cobentre</i> and <i>Lichfield</i> , six Bucks; in which Precept it is said to have belonged unto <i>Maud de Camvile</i> , wife of <i>Thomas de Astley</i> (as the Descent in <i>Arrow</i> sheweth;) by which <i>Maud</i> , most of this Lordship, upon partition betwixt those coheirs came to the Familie of <i>Astley</i> ; and was by <i>Sir Thomas de Astley</i> , in King <i>H. 3.</i> time, granted ^e unto <i>John de Wilnechete</i> (of <i>Wilnechete</i> <i>juxta Stratford</i> super <i>Abon</i>) and his heirs, excepting the Park and Out-wood, and the service of certain persons residing in the said Hamlet of <i>Bentley</i> ; to be held of him the said <i>Sir Thomas</i> and his heirs, by the Rent of five marks of silver, yearly payable at the Feast of the Nativity of <i>S. John Baptist</i> and <i>S. Andrew</i> the Apostle, by even portions, for all services and demands whatsoever: which grant was afterwards confirmed ^f by <i>Sir Andrew de Astley</i> Knight, son and heir to the before specified <i>Sir Thomas</i> , who reduced ^g the Fee-ferm Rent to xl s. per annum to be payd at the termes abovesaid. Which Rent in 12 R. 2. did <i>Sir William de Astley</i> Knight, (lineall heir of the said <i>Sir Andrew</i>) ^h give to the Sacrist of the Collegiate-Church at <i>Astley</i> , and his successors for ever. h Pat. 22. R. 2. p. 1. m. 32.
Ib. 205. a.		Thomas Perkins Pbr. 20. Oct. 1500.	
Ib. 206. b.		Henr. Sutton Cap. penult. Julii 1501.	
Str. & P. f. 14. a.		D. Joh. Kobynson Cap. 7. Apr. 1536.	
Sampf. f. 42. a.	D. Edw. 6. Rex Anglia.	D. Rad. Pykering 13. Febr. 1547.	
Bentham bund. H		Nich. Haighe Cler. 9. Maii 1562.	c Ex autog. penes Joh. Lisle ar.
Sampf. & B. f. 47. a.	D. Eliz. Angl. Regina.	Georgius Mutley Cler. 2. Oct. 1576.	
Overten bund. C.		Ric. Warde Cler. 29. Oct. 1594.	
	Jac. Rex Angl. & c.	Josephus Harison Cler. 1605.	
Mon. bund. incert.	Carolus Rex Angl. & c.	Joh. Warde in art. Magr. 18. Maii 1632.	

The present fabrick of this Church was erected in King *Edw. 2.* time, as is evident by the picture of *Richard de Colshull*, the last Rector, which stood within these few years in a South window thereof: and therefore that portraiture, in one of the North windows, of *John Lord Moubray*, kneeling before *S. Cuthbert*, must be of that *John* that was beheaded at *Wake* for his adhering to *Thomas Earl of Lancaster*: which *John* being, doubtlesse, a great Benefactor to that new structure, and bearing an extraordinarie respect to *S. Cuthbert*, sometime Bishop of *Durlesme* (whose fame for sanctitie and miracles was very great in the Northern parts, where the said Lord *Moubray's* estate most lay) did, upon the rebuilding thereof, honour him with the Dedication.

Bentley.

This place, though it do lye two miles distant, & interposed by *Whitacre*-superior, is within *Shustoke* parish; the reason thereof being plain; viz. that in ancient time, being both posselt by one and the self same Lord, who founded and endowed the Church, it was both lawfull and proper that he should dispose of the Tithes thereto, arising out of it, for the better support of the Incumbent (the payment of them being then arbitrarie, I mean to what Church any man pleased, as in *Church-over* I have shewed;) which custome of payment ever after continuing to *Shustoke*, hath fixt it to be of that Parish.

By the Conquerour's Survey^b, having Woods of half a mile in length, and three furlongs in breadth, it was rated for one Hide, and is there recorded by the name of *Benechelle*, then being posselt by *Geffrey de Wirce*, (with *Shustoke*,) and valued at *Lxiv.* pence; at which time one *Ansgot* a Priest, held it of the said *Geffrey* in pure Almes: but afterwards, with *Wirce* his lands, it came to *Nigel de Albani*, by whom, as it appears by these authorities, which I have cited in *Shustoke*, the Ancestor of *Walter de Camvile* was first enfeofft thereof. Which *Camviles* had large Woods here; part

But of the Park above mentioned, had the said *Sir Thomas de Astley* no more than a moytie; for so it appearsⁱ by the Extent thereof in 50 *H. 3.* *Henry de Curson* being seized of the other part, by Descent from another coheir of *Camvile*: Which *Sir Thomas* and *Henry*, being both Rebels, the one slain, and the other taken Prisoner in that memorable battail of *Chesham* 49 *H. 3.* it was extended and valued at *li. vi. s. viii. d.* About the beginning of King *Edw. 2.* time, was this Mannour of *Bentley* (for so I find it then called) granted^k by the before specified *John de Wilnechete*, unto *Henry de Lisle* and *Joane* his wife, and the heirs of the said *Henry*; to whom in the male line it still continueth, as by the Descent in *Wochull* (the seat of that Familie) it appeareth.

Here is now but the carcase of a Chapell (dedicated to the *Holy Trinity*) which anciently was of use to the Inhabitants, being a Presentative, as the Institutions do manifest; the Patronage whereof, pertaining to the Lords of *Shustoke*, and granted^l in 17 *E. 3.* with that Mannour and advouson of the Church, by *John Lord Moubray*, unto *Will. de Clinton* Earl of *Huntendon*; as also by the said Earl soon after, to^m the Canons of *Paristoke*, became involved in the appropriation, with *Shustoke*, as being part of that Parish. The endowment it had, as by a Certificateⁿ to the Bishop in 34 *H. 3.* appeareth, was an Annuite of four Marks (the Rectorie of *Shustoke*, being then valued^o but at ten Marks) which summe of four marks was payable by the heirs of *Roger de Camvile*; viz. three marks and a half, out of the Ferm of a Mill lying in *Shustoke*, and the rest out of *Duffhine-grange*; all which being swallowed up by the Appropriation before specified, there doth not appear to have been any more than one Presentation^p thereto, afterwards; and that (as p^{lb} the words of the Institution do import) to a Chan-

^b Domeld, pib.

^k Ex autog. penes pres. I. L.

^l Ex autog. penes pres. W. Paullet

ⁿ Ex autog. penes D. & Cap. Lich.

trie there : so that , how the Cure was served , for a long time , I have no certaintie : Howbeit , in 1 H. 5. did Sir William de Clinton Knight, then Lord of **Marstoke**, and John Boteler of **Eccleshale** (jux-
Ex autog. penes pref. I. L.
 ta **Coventre**) by their Feofment^a, bearing date on Michaelmas-day, give a certain Tenement and half a yard land, lying here in **Bentley**, unto one Thomas Serjeant of **Bentley**, and others, and their heirs, for the maintenance of a Priest, celebrating divine Service every day in the said Chapell, for ever.

But how, or by whom, this Priest was presented or placed there, I have not seen, till 2 R. 3. that the Canons of **Marstoke** admitted one **Will. Moore** thereto, by a speciall Instrument^e dated 18 Junii, under the Covent Seal, enjoyning him to perform divine Service therein, onely upon Sundays, and double Festivalls; and at all other times, at least three dayes in the week, at the Altar of S. Catherine in the Priorie of **Marstoke**, in case he should be in bodily health, and not oherwise lawfully hindred, for the souls of the Founder and Benefactors of the said **Chanrie**, and all the faithfull deceased. Which Mill before specified, did belong to this Chapell; for by a Letter^t Patent from John Lord Clinton, directed to the Prior and Covent of **Marstoke**, and dated 6. Febr. 2 R. 3. taking notice that it was decayed, and the **WV**ater-course thereto, filled up for want of cleansing; as also that the said Prior and Covent had a purpose to repair it, for the benefit of this Chapell, the said John signified his pleasure, that they should have leave so to do, by cutting down wood in the ancient **W**ater-courie, and scouring the same for that purpose.

MS. penes S. A. eq. aut. f. 51. b.
 By the Survey^t made in 26 H. 8. I find that the Priest weekly celebrating divine Service here, had a stipend of **Liii s. iv d. per annum** paid by the Canons of **Marstoke**; but this was in lieu of the Mill in **Shustoke**, which they had; for of the Tenement and half yard land lying in **Bentley**, it doth not appear by that Survey, that they were posselt.

Patroni Incumbentes.

<i>Ex autog. penes D. & Cap. Lich.</i>	Rad. fil. Nicholai, ratione custodiae terrae & heredis WVill. de Assheby.	WValt. de Stretton temp. H. 3.
	Nich. de Astley miles.	Rob. Morlanges 1311.
<i>Northb. f. 25. b.</i>	D. Joh. de Monbray.	D. Rob. Ireland Cap. 3. Id. Febr. 1331. (post mortem Rad. de Oulmor.)
<i>ib. f. 45. b.</i>	Prior & Conv. de Maxstoke.	Joh. WVillie Cler. 10. Cal. Jan. 1347.

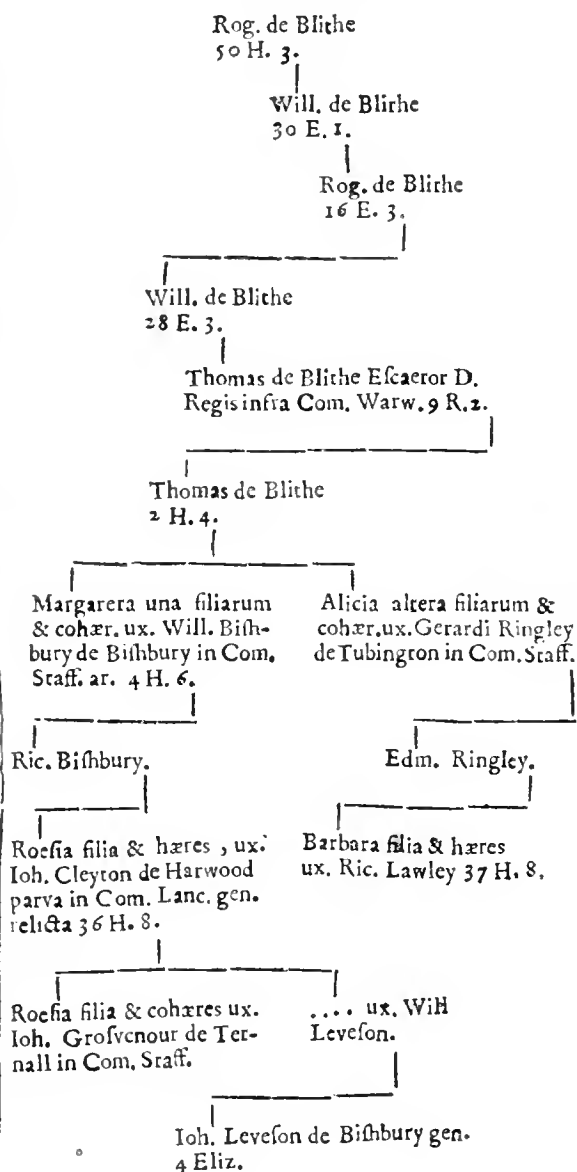
Arms in the East window of this Chapell.

Azure a Cinquefoile Ermine. } **Astley.**
Argent three Eaglets gales. } **L'isle of Morphall.**

Blithe.

This, being originally a member of **Shustoke**, and involved therewith in the Conqueror's Survey, came to **Nigel de Albani** (out of doubt) with **Shustoke**; and by the said **Nigel**, as I guess, was disposed of in H. 1. time, unto the Ancestor of that Family, whose seat being at **Th'esser-wader**, now called **Ceffer-Dwer**, assumed that place (*viz. WVaver*) for his surname: and to fortifie this conjecture, I have these evincing circumstances, whereof, wanting better light (at so great a distance) I presume to make use, *scil.* the Tenure thereof^u from the descendants of the before specified **Nigel**, who took the name of **Monbray**; and that **WVilliam**, a younger^w son of **WVilliam de WVaver**, settling here in King John's time, had his surname^x from hence, his posteritie bearing the same Coat as **WVaver** did, *viz. Argent, on a Fesse sable, three Escalops Or*, as by a Pedegree^y drawn about the beginning of King H. 7. time, appeareth.

u Esc. 1. H. 4. Esc. 1. E. 4.
w Ex autog. penes me W. D.
y Penes T. Molefley de Molefley in Com Staff.



To which **WVilliam de Blithe**, succeeded **Roger**, who in 50 H. 3. was^z (amongst other persons of good note) of the Jury, for extending the lands of those in this Hundred, that had taken part with the rebellious Barons, then newly vanquisht in the battail of **Evesham**: From which **Roger**, I have here drawn the Descent^a of this Familie, so long as the male line, (that continued possessors hereof,) lasted; and through the heire female, till they past away

z Esc. 50. H. 3.

a Ex ipsi autog. penes me W. D.

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away

away their interest here, to the end that its successive owners may the more perspicuously be discovered: By which it appeareth, that by the coheirs of *Thomas de Blithe*, in *H. 6.* time, it came to *Bishbury* and *Ringley*; who making no division of it, their posterity became Tenants in common thereto: But long they kept it not; for in *37 H. 8.* did *Reginald Bellers* purchase^b that moitie belonging to *Richard Lawley* and *Barbara* his wife; and^c in *13 Eliz.* the other moitie, from *John Lveson* of *Wibbury*, cosin and heir to *Rose* the Widow of *John de Cleyton*, as the Pedegree sheweth: So that then being posselt of the whole, by his Deed^d bearing date *6. Julii 21 Eliz.* he conferred^e the inheritance thereof upon *William* his second son: which *William* reserving an estate therein for himself and his wife, during their lives, sold^f the reversion to *Sir Edward Aston* of *Wibhall* in *Com. Staff.* Knight, who by his last Will and Testament^g disposed thereof unto *Henry Skipwith* of *Lugby* in *Com. Leic. Gent.* and *Jane* his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies (the said *Jane* having been his Concubine.) But of them did *Sir Walter Aston* Knight of the Bath, son and heir to the said *Sir Edward*, purchase^h it again in *5 Jac.* Which *Sir Walter* (afterwards Lord *Aston* of *Foxfare* in *Scotland*) by his Deedⁱ of bargain and sale, dated *14. Nov. 1 Car.* conveyed it unto me *William Dugdale*, it being the place of my residence, and where I compiled this present Work.

Ousthirne.

ON the skirts of *Shustoke*-parish, is the confluence of severall Rivers, viz. *Blithe* and *Cole*, *Lame*, and *Blithe*, as also of *Lame*, and *Bourne*, as the Map sheweth; in pursuance therefore of my methode, I must passe over to the Western bank of *Lame*, where I first behold *Ousthirne*, sometime a Grange¹ belonging to *Merevale* Abby, and for that respect still reputed a member thereof: but originally the greatest part of it did belong^m to *Shustoke*, being first given to the Monks of *Merevale* (as I guess) by *Walter de Camvile*, in *H. 2.* time; for at that time was the said *Walter*, Lord of *Shustoke* (as I have shewed) and that he gave lands to that Monasterie, King, *H. the second's* confirmationⁿ doth manifest, though the particular names thereof are not there exprest; But upon the dissolution of *Merevale*, this Grange coming to the Crown, was^o granted, with the site of that Monasterie, unto *Sir Walter Devereux* Knight, Lord *Ferrers* of *Chartley*; and by him given, as it seems, to *Sir Edward Devereux* Knight, and Baronet, his son by a second wife: whose son and heir, *Sir Walter*, hath within these few years, sold the site thereof, and most of the lands thereto belonging, unto *Charles Adderley* Esquire (now Knight) Lord of *Lea*, hard by.

Lea.

OF this place there is no mention in the Conqueror's Survey, it being then involved with *Whitacre* (of which Constablerie it is, till this day) and so consequently posselt therewith by the *Marmions*, Lords of *Tamworth*-Castle. From

one of those *Marmions*, as it seems, was the Ancestor of *James de la Launde* enfeoffed thereof; which *James* lived^p in *H. 3.* time, and in *37.* of that King's reign, had a Charter^q of *free warden* in all his demein lands here. From this *James* descended *John de la Launde* (as the Pedegree in *Langdon* sheweth) who manifesting^r that his Ancestors had enjoyed a *Court-leet* here, with Assize of Bread and Beere, and other Liberties thereto belonging, in *3 E. 3.* obtained a^s Charter from the King, for confirmation thereof to himself and his heirs, with *Infangthef*, *Tumbrell*, and *Pillorie*; and bore^t for his Armes a *Rend Cotized*, as by his Seal appears.

To whom succeeded *James* his son and heir, the last of this Family, that had to do here; for in *41 E. 3.* he quitted^u all the interest he had in this Mannour, to *Alianore* his mother: which *Alianore*, by her Deed^w bearing date at *Tamworth* in *44 E. 3.* past away the same unto *Sir Baldwin Frevill* Knight, and his heirs, reserving only an estate for life. By which means, upon partition^x made in *31 H. 6.* betwixt the three sisters and heirs to the said *Sir Baldwin*, it was allotted to *Thomas Ferrers*, at that time Tenant by the Curtesie of *England* to all the lands, which were of the inheritance of *Eliz.* his wife deceased, eldest of the said three sisters: In whose line it continued till *Sir John Ferrers* Knight, about the beginning of King *Charles* his reign, sold it to *Charles Adderley* Esquire, afterwards an Equeire to the said King, and by him Knighted; who now enjoys it.

The Church (dedicated to *S. John Baptist*) was antiently given to the Nuns of *Mergate* in *Com. Bedf.* by one of the *De la Launds*, as I guess: But it seems that the title which those Nuns had, was not very firme: for in *26 H. 3.* *James de la Launde* recovered^y the right of Presentation thereto: Howbeit afterwards they grew to^z Composition with him, and gave him *57.* marks of silver to quit his claim to it; which he did in *36 H. 3.* whereupon it became appropriated to them, but no Vicar endowed; so that the Curate there was provided by those Nunns as a Stipendiare to them.

Merston (juxta Lea) and Coton.

THIS place, having its name from the flat moorish ground bordering upon it, was posselt^a by *Turchil de Warwick*, in the Conqueror's time, and then rated at three hides, valued at *xxx s.* which were at that time held of him by one *Roger*: But it was not long (I presume) ere it came to the *Marmions* of *Tamworth*-Castle; for in^b *20 H. 3.* *Robert Marmion* answered for half a Knight's Fee in respect thereof, at which time it had the name of *Merston-Marmion*, for distinction from the other *Merstons* in this Hundred: but whether *Marmion* were any other than superior Lord of the Fee, at that time, I make a question, the *Limes* of *Marstoke* holding it immediately of them: for it appears^c that in *5 E. 1.* *Raph de Lime* and *Joane* his wife, gave to a *Chantrie-Priest* celebrating Divine Service at *Solihull*, five marks of yearly Rent, issuing out of certain lands, lying here and in *Cotes* (now called *Coton*) and that the Family of *Odingsels*, who were antiently Lords of *Marstoke*,

p Plac. apud. Westm. xv. Pasch. 26. H. 3. rot. 3. q Cart. 37. H. 3. m. 11.

r Esc. 3. E. 3. de Ad quod. D. n. 36. s Cart. 3. E. 3. n. 19.

t Ex autog. penes l. Liste ar.

u Ex autog. penes l. Ferrers. ar.

w Esc. 49. E. 3. n. 57.

x Ex autog. penes pref. l. F.

y Plac. ut supra

z F. levat. 3. pt. J. Bapt. 36. H. 3.

a Domest. lib.

b Testa de N.

c Esc. 9. E. 1. n. 71.

b F. levat. Ost Mich. 37. H. 8. c Ex autog. penes me W. D.

g Ex autog. penes Walt D. Aston.

h Ex autog. penes me W. D.

1 MS. in Seac. penes Rem. R.

m Ex autog. penes W. Pauler ar.

n Cart. 21. E. 1. n. 2. per Insp.

o Pat. 32. H. 8. p. 4.

dclaus. 18. **Stoke**, by the marriage of *Limesie's* heir posselt it; there being *xiv.* Freeholders here and in **Cotes**, which held their Tenements of *William de Odingfells* in 23 E. 1. paying xxxvi s. viii d. per ann. Rent. But from *Odingfells* by an heir female it came to **Clinton**, together with **Marstoke**; and with it, being past in Exchange, from Sir *John Clinton* to *Humphrey Earl Stafford*, in 16 H. 6. (as the authorities which I have voucht in **Marstoke** will manifest) hath been reputed, as it is, a member of that Lordship, and so continueth to this day.

Midleton.

f Domest. lib.

OF this place there is mention made twice in the Conqueror's Survey; first under the title of the lands then belonging to *Hugh de Grentemaisnil*; where it is rated for four hides, having a Church, as also a Mill esteemed at xx s. which (with the rest were all valued at viii. having been the inheritance of one *Pellinus* in *Edward the Confessor's* dayes: And next under the title of the lands belonging to *Adeliz* the wife of the said *Hugh*, where the quantity and value, in the grosse summe, do not differ: but there it is said to have been the freehold of one *Turgot*, before the Norman Invasion. After which, ere long, it was disposed of to one of the *Murmions*, as I guess, together with **Tanworth-Castle**; and (if we may believe the ancient Windows of that Church, and some other authorities) by the Conqueror himself, as in **Tanworth** I shall more fully shew: Neither is it unlikely; for by an accompt^s of the *Templars* revenues, taken in 31 H. 2. it appears, that they were then posselt of certain lands here, that had been bestowed on them by *Geffrey Marmion*.

In which Family of *Murmion*, it continued whilst the male line lasted, *Philip Marmion*, in 13 E. 1. claiming^a by Prescription a **Court Leet** and Gallows here, which were allowed; as also **Free Warren** within his demesn lands of this place: But to this the Jury answered, that the Earls of **Warwick** had free Chase within the same, taking forfeitures for all offences done therein; and that the said *Philip* had no **Warren**, except by grant from *Elizabeth* Countess of **Warwick**, onely for terme of her life; whereupon he was amerced for his undue challenge. But this *Philip Marmion* dying without issue male, his lands came to be divided betwixt severall coheirs, (as the Descent in **Tanworth** sheweth:) Of which, *Alexander Frevill* and *Joane* his wife, *Raphs Boteler*^k the elder, with *Maud* his wife, and *Henry Hillary*^l and *Joane* his wife, had their particular shares in this Mannour: till at the length, by purchase^m, *Hillarie's* part became united to that which *Frevill* had; whereupon Sir *Baldwin Frevill* Knight, procured from *Richard Scroope* Bishop of **Cobentre** and **Lichfield**, about the 14th of R. 2. Licenceⁿ to have an Oratorie, or private Chapell within his Mannour-house here.

Of the accession of *Boteler's* part, I have not seen any thing; but do conclude that it was before the partition made in 31 H. 6. betwixt the Sisters and heirs to the last Sir *Baldwin Frevill*; for thereby it appeareth^o, that *Margaret* the youngest of them, had (*inter alia*) this Mannour of **Midleton**,

wholy, as parcell of her purpart, she being then, wife to *Richard Bingham*, one of the Justices of the King's Bench, and afterwards a^p Knight. Which Sir *Richard* resided here till he died, scil. in^q 15 E. 4. being ioynd in all Commissions^r of the Peace and other matters of importance with the superior Gentlemen of this Countie: After whose death she continued a widow, even to a very great age, as by her Presentation^t to the Church of **Wollaton-Bagot** in 20 H. 7. appears. To whom succeeded in the inheritance of this Lordship Sir *Henry Willoughby* Knight her grandson (by^u Sir *Hugh Willoughby* of **Wollaton**, in *Com. Nott.* a Knight her first husband) as the Pedegree here inserted sheweth.

Hugo Willoughby de-Margareta una-Ric. Bingham Wollaton in *Com.* foror. & coher. miles, unus Junot, miles 10 H. 6. Baldw. Frevill sic. D. Regis ad mil. plac. coram Rege 31 H. 6.

Robertus Willoughby.

Henr. Willoughby miles de S. Sepulchro, obiit 20 H. 8.

Dorothea ux. Anth. Fitz Herbert unius Justic. de Banco 20 H. 8.

Ioh. Willoughby miles ob. sine prole.

Edw. Willoughby miles.

Hugo Willoughby miles periit in mare glaciali. anno 1553.

Henr. Willoughby nepos & Anna filia hares Ioh. Willoughby mil. Thome March. Dorf.

Thomas Willoughby obit miles, obiit 37 Eliz. fine prole. Franciscus Willoughby-Eliz. filia Ioh. Little-ron de W. kley mil.

Brigida ux. Percev. Willoughby eq. aur.

Dorothea ux. Henr. ux. Rob. ux. Edw. gal. cisca-

Margar. ux. Spenser Willoughby de Al- by.

Winfrida ux. Edw. gal. cisca-

Abi- gal. cisca-

Franc. cisca-

Which Sir *Henry*, being made a Banneret^w at the battail of **Stoke** 11. Junii 2 H. 7. and in 4 H. 7. a Commissioner^x in this Countie, for appointing Archers to the relief of **Wytanmy**, as also a Knight^y of the Sepulcher; by his^z Testament bearing date 20 H. 8. bequeathed his body to be buried in the Church of *S. Leonard* at **Wollaton** in *Com. Nott.* and departed^a this life 11. Maii the same year, leaving issue Sir *John Willoughby* Knight his son and heir, that married^b *Anne* one of the sisters and coheirs to *Edward Grey* Viscount *Lisle*; Sir *Edward Willoughby* Knight his second son, and Sir *Hugh Willoughby* Knight (the third) famous for his skill in Navigation, but unhappy in his adventure in Anno 1553. being then frozen up in the Northern Seas, as our Historians relate. Which Sir *John Willoughby* dying^c without issue, *Henry*, son to his brother *Edward*, became heir to the estate, who wedded^d *Anne* daughter of *Thomas Grey* Marquess *Dorset*, and departed^e this life in 3 E. 6. leaving *Thomas* his son and heir; who dying issueless, the estate came to *Francis* his yonger Brother, afterwards a Knight. Which Sir *Francis* built that stately House at **Wollaton** in *Com. Nott.*

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p Ex autog. penes Rob. Arden ar. q In scrip. Tum apud. Midleton. r Pat. ab. an. 31. H. 6. u q. 16. E. 4. m d. f Mort. f. 2. a. r claus. 7. H. 5. in d. m. 11. u F. levat. Off. Purif. 10. H. 6.

g Ex col. MS. in Scac. penes Rem. R.

h Rot. de Quo W.

i Esc. 23. E. 1. n. 51. k Esc. 35. E. 1. n. 8. l F. levat. Off. Mart. 17. E. 2. m claus. 36. E. 3. in d. m. 44. n Scroope f. 12. b.

o Ex autog. penes Ioh. Ferrers ar.

w MS. in bibl. Cotton. [sub. effigie Claudij C. 3.] f. 16. x Pat. 4. H. 7. p. 1 in d. 1 m. 20. y Lel. Tim. vol. 4. f. 190. z Porth q. 34. a Esc. 20. H. 8. b Esc. 20. H. 7. c Esc. 3. E. 6. d Lel. Tim. vol. 4. f. 190. e Popul. well q. 45.

being the most eminent piece of Architecture in all those parts : but departing this life 16. Nov. 38 Eliz. without issue male, the inheritance of his lands devolved to daughters ; so that this Mannour of Middleton (*inter alia*) being allotted to Briget the eldest, Wife to Sir Percivall Willoughby Knight, (descended from the Willoughbys of Crisp in Lincolnshire, by Sir Thomas Willoughby one of the Justices of the Common Pleas in King H. 8. time, a younger son of that House, as their Ped-

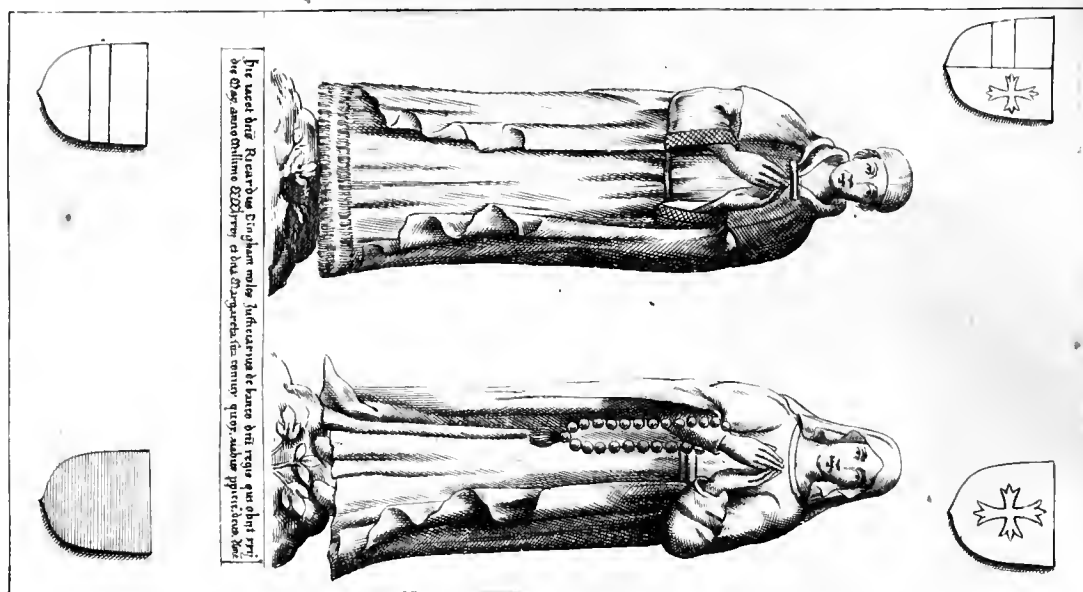
gree sheweth) whose son and heir Sir Francis Willoughby Knight now enjoys it.

Of the Church (dedicated to S. John Baptist) the Advowson was purchased from Sir Philip Mar-

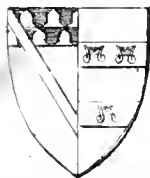
h F. levat.
xv. Pasch.
41. H. 3

Middleton.

In the midst of the Chancell.

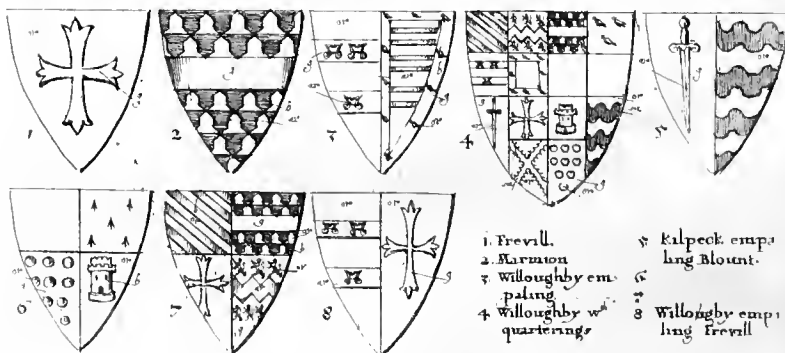


This coat wth the Epitaph under it, is cut in brass and fixed on the wall upon the North side of the Chancell.



Hic sacra Dorothea filia Henrici Willoughby militis ac uxoris Antonii Fitzherbert, que obiit quinto die Novembris anni 1555. Et sepulta.

Armes in the Church windows.



1. Frevill.
2. Marston
3. Willoughby empaling
4. Willoughby wth quartering
5. Falpeck empaling Blount.
6.
7.
8. Willoughby empaling Frevill

Baxterley.

Passing the River, now, to the other side, I come to Baxterley, situate at the head of a slender torrent, which coming by Hurley, enters Tame a little above Kingsburie: But of this place there is no particular mention in the Conqueror's Survey, it being then involved with Grendon, and so consequently possessed by Henry de Feriers: From whom it came to one of the old Earls of Warwick, and so to Harecourt, as may seem by the Record of 36 H. 3. where it is plain, that, Richard de Harecourt held the sixth part of a Knight's Fee, here, of the Earl of Warwick: And from Harecourt to Luvell; for about the beginning of King Edw. 1. reign, did John Luvell the son of William Luvell, grant to Sir John de Chetwynd his kinf-

man, the inheritance thereof, paying to him the said John and his heirs, or to Richard de Harecourt Chief Lord of the Fee (as the Deed expresseth) a pound of Pepper yearly at Easter. After which, scil. in 9 E. 1. it was found that the same Sir John de Chetwynd had certain Customary Tenants here, who paid unto him 6 s. per annum Rent, and did suit twice a year at his Leet, the extent of what he had here, being certified at iv. yard land; but in 17 E. 3. it appears, that Sir John de Chetwynd had xvi. Messuages, vi. yard land, vi acres of Pasture, and two acres of Wood in this place.

It seems that the Chetwynds did not long after this, retain the possession of these lands; for in 19 E. 3. the moitie of this Mannour, together with the advowson of the Church, was given by some Ecclesiastique persons, who were Feoffees to one William de Henover, unto the Abby of Sperebale

1 E. 6. 9. E. 2
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to find certain Priests, to celebrate divine Service in the Chapell of our Ladie, near the Gate of the said Monastery, for the soul of the said William de Henovere deceased: so that 'tis like, they were about that time purchased of Sir John de Chetwynd, for that purpose, in regard of their vicinitie to Merevale. All which after the dissolution of that Houſe, were in 32 H. 8. (together with it) purchased from the Crown, by Sir Walter Devereux Knight Lord Ferrers of Chartley; and ſo deſcended to Robert Earl of Eſſex, Lord thereof in anno 1640.

Within this moytie, is a fair manſion, called Barterley Hall, built in King Edw. 6. time, by John Glover, then a Retainer to the Lord Ferrers (as may appear by the Armes and Badges carved upon the timber-work thereof) but formerly a Servant to the Abbots of Merevale, as by tradition I have heard. Unto which Houſe, did that famous aſſertor of the Proteſtant Religion, ſcil. Hugh Latimer, ſometime Biſhop of Worcester, reſort; whoſe ghottly Inſtructions, ſo well grounded Robert Glover, Brother to the ſaid John, that rather than he would recede from them, he choſe to lay down his life, being burnt at Coventre in 5, & 6 Ph. & M. as M^r Fox in his Catalogue of Martyrs hath declared. Which Robert had iſſue Hugh, who inherited theſe lands, as coſin * and heir to his uncle John; in whoſe line they continue till this day.

As for the other moytie, the ſoonest diſcovery, that I have made thereof afterwards, is in 12 E. 4. where Thomas Littleton, at that time one of the Juſtices of the Common Pleas, gave it to Roger Wall, then one of the Canons of Litchfield, and other his Feoffees, for performance of his laſt Will: From whom deſcended Sir Edward Littleton of Willaton-Hall in Com. Staff. Knight, who ſold it of late years, to George Corbyn, George Luſford, and Richard Whitehall, Gentlemen, Truſtees for the Freeholders, in whom it now reſteth.

The Church, being originally but a Chapell, belonging unto Diſton on the Hill (antiently written Overton ſubius Arden) was with it given to the Monks of Merevale by Robert Earl Ferrers, Pope Lucius the third confirming the grant, in anno 1185. (32 H. 2.) But the patronage thereof, after the grant of the moytie of the Manour, together with the Advouſon, to the Monks of Merevale (as formerly hath been ſaid) was jointly in the ſaid Monks & the heirs of Harecurt (ſuperior Lords of the Fee) being exerciſed by turns, as the Inſtitutions will manifeſt. In anno 1291. (19 E. 1.) it was valued at five marks; but in 26 H. 8. at C^s. over and above iv s. vi d. allowed for Procurations and Synodalls.

Patroni Eccleſiæ. Incumbentes, &c.

Ex autog. penes D. & Cap. Lich. W. filius Roberti de Henover. Will. le Archer Cler. an. 1302.
Langt. f. 6. Rob. de Stokes per conceſſ. D. Ric. de Harecurt. Thomas de Boudon Cler. 2. Id. Apr. 1303.
Northb. f. 41. a. Will. de Schulton Rector Eccleſiæ de Aſheſho. Joh. de Walton Pbr. 16. Cal. Julii 1343.
ib. f. 46. b. D. Will. de Harecurt miles. Rog. de Roderham 7. Cal. Apr. 1345.

Abbas & Conv. de Merevale. Thom. de Poleye Cap. 5. Id. 1b. Sept. 1348.
Rob. de Ferrers dominus de Bosworth miles. Joh. Woodcock. Pbr. 12. 1b. f. 51. b. Cal. Nov. 1349.
Abb. & Conv. de Merevale. Joh. de Rommeſſere Pbr. 6. 1b. f. 52. b. Cal. Jan. 1349.
D. Rad. de Ferrers miles. Joh. Fynch Cap. 18. Cal. 1b. f. 62. b. Dec. 1358.
D. Thomas de Aſtley. D. Joh. Scropton 4. Id. Martii 1358.
Abb. & Conv. de Merevale. Thomas Boton Pbr. 8. Jan. 1b. f. 23. a. nii 1376.
Thomas de Aſtley junior miles. Joh. de Poleſworth Pbr. 1b. f. 26. b. ult. Martii 1379.
Abb. & Conv. de Merevale. Ric. de Derſet ult. Martii 1b. f. 29. a. 1382.
Thom. de Aſtley de Appulby ar. Ric. Rymyld 8. Cal. Dec. 1b. f. 1. b. 1386.
Abb. & Conv. de Merevale. Will. Aleyn Cap. 26. Junii Bull. f. 2. b. 1416.
Hug. de Aſtley Cler. & alii, ex conceſſ. Henr. Cloghes Cap. 13. Borel. f. 24. b. Febr. 1456.
Tho. Aſtley de Patſhull ar. D. Ric. Hall Cap. 14. Junii 1541.
Henr. Porter & alii ratione conceſſ. Pr. & Conv. de Kenilw. D. Joh. Farmer Cler. 9. Sept. 1552. Sampſ. f. 43. a.
Geo. Stoneynge, ex conceſſ. Abb. & Conv. de Merevale. D. Will. Wood 19. Sept. 1554. Sampſ. & B. f. 2. a.
Gilb. Aſtley ar. fil. & her. Tho. Aſtley de Patſhull. Ric. Morgan. Cler. 25. Martii 1561. Bentham bund. H
Tho. Liſle de Moxhull ex conceſſ. Tho. Aſtley de Patſhull. Ric. Slanye 26. Nov. 1561. Sampſ. & B. f. 30. a.
Joh. Wood ex conceſſ. Gilb. Aſtley ar. Ric. Browne Cler. 3. Apr. 1569. 1b. f. 43. a.
T. Bromley miles Can- Will. Bate Cler. 1. Nov. 1583. bund. B.
cellar. Angl. ad implend. ult. volunt. Walt. Comit. Eſſexiæ.
Will. Crompton de Stone ex conceſſ. T. Aſtley de Patſhull ar. Joh. Foxe Cler. . . . Jan. 1591. Overton bund. E.
Joh. Palmer Cler. Rector Eccl. B. Maria Staff. Joh. Watſon Cler. 4. Aug. 1627. Morten bund. inſcript.

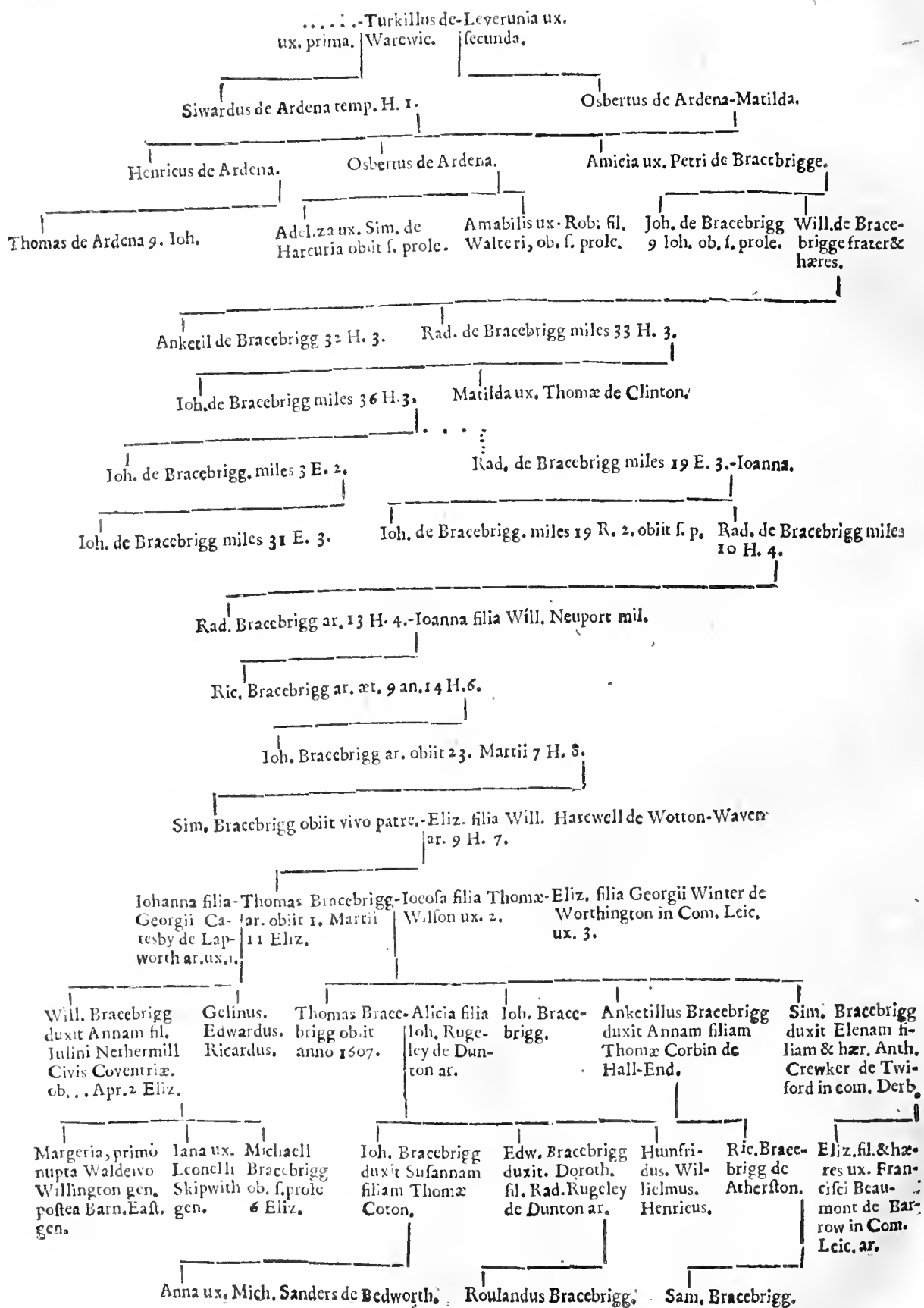
Kingsbury.

I Come next to Kingsbury, which is a large Pariſh, containing theſe Villages and places of note; viz. Lymberiey-Hall, Hurley, Blumpton, Flanders-Hall, Hallaton, Drakenegge, Whateley, Slateley, Holt, Cliffe, and Doſhill; of all which in their order.

That this place in the Saxons time, was a Seat belonging to ſome of the Mercian Kings, is not to be doubted, the name it ſelf importing no leſſe. Beſides, if we regard the ſituation for delight, few in theſe parts will equall it, conſidering the vicinity of the River, bordered on the one ſide with Hills and Woods, and on the other with ſpacious and pleaſant Meadows. And that the verge of Sutton-Chaſe,

Chase, in those days a *Forest* (as by what I have in *Sutton* observed) extended to the skirts thereof: So that, if I shall hence conclude, that this is the same *Wingsburie*, where *Bertulphus* King of *Merca* residing, had a " grand Councell of his Prelates and great Nobles in the year from our Saviour's Incarnation *DCCCLI*, I think it will be no great presumption. But of these ancient times, as we have little Discoverie, so is there no great certaintie to be found: I shall therefore descend somewhat neerer the Norman Invasion, where, by the light of that generall Survey * (where it is written *Chinesburie*) which King *William* here made

shortly after his Conquest, I find that the Countess *Godeva* (of whom in *Cobentre* I have spoke) held it in *Edward* the Confessor's days; whence I guess that Earl *Leofrike*, her husband, posselt it in his time. By which Survey here are said to have been six hides of land, two Priests, one Mill valued at *ix s. iv d. xii.* acres of Meadow, and Woods extending to a mile in length, and as much in breadth; which, together with the rest, were rated at *xiii li.* by weight, being then in the possession of one *Nicholas*, as Fermour to the King of all the lands that had belong'd to the said Countess.



Plac.
de T.
Tym.
z 9 Joh.
Rot. 9.

But after that great change, made by the Norman Conquerour, *Turchil de Warewic* had it^y in right of *Leverunia* his second wife, whose inheritance it was, Which *Turchil* (in imitation of the Normans who had their *Cognomina* long before their coming into **England**, with Duke *William*) residing here, as I presume, assumed *Arden* for his surname, in regard that all this tract of the Countie Northwards of **Avon**, being *Woodland*, was anciently so called, as I have elsewhere observed. By the said *Leverunia* he had issue^z *Osbert de Arden*, whose service (for this Mannour, as I take it) did *Ranulph* Earl of **Chester** (possessing a great part of the lands which belonged to the Countesse *Godiva* before mentioned) about King *Stephen's* time, grant^a unto *Robert Marston* (of **Lamworth**-**Castle**) and his heirs: Howbeit, notwithstanding this grant, it appears^b that this Mannour was afterwards held of the Earl of **Chester's** heirs, as of their Mannour of **Cheylesmoze**, in **Cobentre**.

But I return. To this *Osbert* succeeded^c *Osbert* his son, and to him two daughters and heirs, *scil. Adeliza* the wife of *Simon de Harecourt*, and *Amabil* of *Robert Fitz-Walter*, as the Descent in **Curdworth** sheweth, Which *Amabil* gave^d with her body, for sepulture, to the Nuns of **Polesworth**, the Mill here at **Kingsburie**, with some grounds thereto belonging, her sister *Alice* confirming^e the grant, and adding the Mill at **Hurley** for the health of her soul. But these sisters having no Children, this Lordship descended to *Amicia* their Aunt and heir, wife to *Peter de Bracebrige* (so called from a place of that name near **Lincolne**, whereof he was possessor) The Descendants of which *Peter* and *Amicia*, had their principall seat here, till about the beginning of Queen *Elizabeth's* reign, divers of them being Knights, as the Pedegree in the foregoing page sheweth.

T is *Peter de Bracebrige* was a militarie man, as it seems; for I find that he gave^f unto *William* the son of *Fundus* and his heirs, certain lands lying within the precinct of this Lordship, in a place called **Csbjoc**, to the intent that the said *William*, should upon lawfull warning carry hither to **Kingsburie**, such painted Lances, from **London** or **Portsmouth**, at the charges of him the said *Peter*, as he might have occasion to use in any Tourneament there: and that whensoever the said *Peter* should take a journey beyond Sea, for performance of such martiall exploits, he the said *Will.* to attend him, and to bring back his Lances. To which *Peter* succeeded *John* his son and heir, who had much adoe in defending this his inheritance; for in 7 *Joh.* did *Thomas de Arden* begin his claim, and gave^g five marks to the said King, for a Writ of **Right**, to trye his title thereto; which in 9 *Joh.* he did set^h forth, as lineall heir to *Turchil* (de **Warewic**) who was seized of it in King *H. 1.* time; and offered to decide his right to it by **Duell**, naming one *William de Kopland* his Champion: which *William*, receiving command from *Ilseill* his Father (as being Tenant to the said *John*) assented to undertake the Combate.

Whereupon *John de Bracebrige* answered, that he denied not the said *Turchil's* seisin, but tendered triall by the great **Affize**, as to the time and right thereof. Unto which the said *Thomas* replied, that the great **Affize** ought not to be in this case, because they were both descended from one stock, *viz.* from *Turchil*, of whose inheritance it was: Howbeit, *John* answered, that though he acknowledged their

descent from *Turchil*, yet he claimed nothing thereby; because the said *Turchil* had two wives, and that it was from the first that the said *Thomas* descended; but that this land being the inheritance of *Leverunia* his second wife, who held it all her life, and after her decease *Osbert* her son, and after him another *Osbert*, that had severall daughters, which died without issue, it came to *Amicia* their Aunt, mother to him the said *John*; tending to put himself upon the great **Affize**, to determine whether he had not more right thereto from the before specified *Leverunia*, than the said *Thomas* from *Turchil*; and whether the same *Turchil* were so seized of it, the day and year that the said King *Henry* dyed. And lastly, because the said land did lye bordering on two Counties, *scil. Warwick* and **Stafford**, he offeredⁱ xx. marks to have Knights of both Counties for triall thereof; the said *Thomas* offering xx. marks and a Palfrey: whereupon it was concluded, that the cause should be so decided: and so I suppose it was, or by some friendly Agreement; for I find that the next year following, the same *Thomas de Arden* quitted^k all his right and title therein, to the said *John*.

And yet, it seems that they were not quiet; for in 11 *Joh.* the said *Thomas de Arden* gave^l a Palfrey, that the determination thereof might be before the King: and the next year after, *John de Bracebrige* payd^m xls. for to have another Jury: but other particulars I have not seen. This *John de Bracebrige* confirmedⁿ the grant of **Kingsburie**-**Mill**, &c. and **Hurley**-**Mill** made to the Nuns of **Polesworth**, as hath been observed; and died without issue in 2 *H. 3.* leaving *William*^p his Brother and heir. Which *William* in 19 *H. 3.* was a^q Justice of **Affize** at **Warwick**: and afterwards confirm'd^r to the Monks of **Merevale**, the grant of a yard land in **Holt**, made to them by *John* his Brother, and whatsoever else he the said *John* had given to that Monasterie. But to *William* succeeded *Raph* his son and heir, who questioned^s the title that the Nuns of **Polesworth** had to **Kingsburie**-**Mill**, and **Hurley**-**Mill**; whereupon they came to a Composition^t with him, giving six marks of silver.

This *Raphe* was at that time a^u Knight, and shortly after commenced^v suit against the Nuns of **Meregate** for the advouson of **Kingsburie**-**Church**; but to this they pleaded^x the grant of *Osbert de Arden*, and exhibited the Charter of *Peter de Bracebrige* before specified, with the consent of *Amicia* his wife, confirming the same; whereupon he had no more to say. To which *Raphe* succeeded *John de Bracebrige*, betwixt whom and the Prioresse of **Meregate** there was a Fine^y levied in 26 *H. 3.* for certain lands lying within this Lordship of **Kingsburie**, that were settled upon the said *John* and his heirs, paying iii s. yearly Rent to the Nuns. In 40 *H. 3.* this *John* gave a Fine^z to the King of two marks in gold, that his Knighthood might be respited for three years longer; within the compasse of which time, being amerced at a mark by the Justices Itinerant in **Lincolnshire**, because he was not a Knight, he had a speciall^a Mandate to the Barons of the Exchequer for acquitting him of that summe. But adhering to the rebellious Barons, who in 48 *H. 3.* did put themselves in Armes (as in **Hemlwozth** hath been shewed) was on the first of **April** the same year, taken^b Prisoner in **Portsmouth**, at the surprisall thereof by the King's Army, being at that time a Knight (for which this

Lordship

a Ex autog.
penes Joh.
Ferreis, ar.

b E. 3. 1. E.
1. 2. 9
E. 3. 1. 9. R.
2. n. 8.

Rot. F. 18.
H. 3. m. 11.

c Plac. de
T. Trin. ut
supra.

d Ex
cod.
MS. penes
T. Wil-
lington
gen.

f Ex autog.
penes
Will.
Pursey
gen.

g Rot. F. 7.
Joh. m. 3.

h Plac. de
term. Pasch
& Trin.
9. Joh. rot.
9.

i Rot. P. 10.
Joh.

k F. levat.
10. Joh.

l Rot. P. 11.
Joh.

m Rot. P.
12. Joh.

n Pat. 2 r.
R. 2 p. 2. m.
10 per.
Insp.

o Rot. P. 2.
H. 3.

p Plac.
apud.
Westm.
Off. Mich.
33. H. 3.
vol. 39.

q Pat. 19.
H. 3. m. d.

r Ex Regist.
de Mere-
vale.

s F. levat
xv.
t Hill.
33. H. 3.

u Ex autog.
penes D.
& Cap.
Lich.

w Plac.
& de ut
x supra
y Mens.
loh. Bapt.

z Rot. F.
40. H. 3. m.
7.

a Rot. F. 43.
H. 3. m. 5.

b MS. in
bibl. Bodl.
[8. V. 8.
Th.] f. 138

c *Cart. 49.*
H. 3. m. 1.
d *Pat. 49.*
E. 3. m. 25.
e *Efc. 49.*
H. 3.
f { *Pat.*
g { *10. H. 3.*
h { *m. 33.*

Lordship was seized and given^c by the King, to Roger de Clifford) and imprisoned at *Shrewsbury*, as appears by the King's Precept^d for his deliverie; directed to the Bayliffs of that town, and dated 9. Jan. 49. H. 3. But the Inquisition^e upon the extent of his lands says, that *Hugh de Turberville* had the charge of him, till he had got his redemption: yet after this he fled^f into the Isle of *Arholme* with young *Simon Montfort* and others, where he continued till he saw all his partie totally vanquish^g, and then submitted^h to the *Dictum de Benilwozth*, *James de Audela* undertaking^h on his behalf.

i *Clauſ. 53.*
H. 3. in d.
m. 3.
k *Cart. 53.*
H. 3. m. 12.
l *Ex autog.*
pences D. &
Cap. Lich.
m *Cart. 29.*
E. 1. n. 18.
n. *Pat. 3. E.*
2. m. 41.
o { *Ex au-*
p { *tog. pe-*
q { *nes D.*
r { *& Cap.*
s { *Lich.*
t *Efc. 9. E.*
2. n. 56.
u *Northb.*
f. 54. b.
v *1b. f. 61. a.*

It seems that his composition did cast him into some distress; for in 53 H. 3. he made a Leaseⁱ of this whole Lordship, excepting a yard land that one *Walter le Plummer* sometime held, unto *Robert de Tyetot*, and *Eva* his wife, during their lives, for which he received of them 500 li. sterling. Which *Robert*, having thus got footing therein, procured a Charter^k of *Free warren* (inter alia) extending into all his demein lands here: howbeit, this was but temporarie; for it appears that *John de Bracebrigge*, son^l and heir to the last mentioned *John*, at length enjoying it again, did in 29 E. 1. obtain another Charter^m, for *Free warren* here, as also at *Bracebrigge* and *Wrauby* in *Lincolnshire*. Which *John*, having in 3 E. 2. a speciall Patentⁿ from the King, exempting him from serving on Juries, or undergoing the place of Shirriff, Coroner, or any other Office against his own liking, being at that time, a^o Knight also bore for his Armes *Varré Arg. and Sable a Fesse Gules*, as by his Seals^p and certain old Roules appeareth; and departed^q this life in 9 E. 2. leaving *John* his son and heir ten years of age; of whom I have not seen any thing farther, till 25 E. 3. that he presented^r to the Chantry of *Hynebaldey*; nor after 31 E. 3. at which time he was a Knight^s.

t *1b. f. 28. a.*
u *O. Tab.*
v *Pw. if.*
w *Rot.*
Franc. 19.
E. 3. m. 3.
x *Pat. 22.*
E. 3. p. 1. m.
42.
y *Pat. 8. R.*
2. in d. m.
30.
z *Efc. 19.*
R. 2. n. 8.
a *Rot. F. 1.*
H. 4. p. 1. m.
2.
b *Efc. 1. H. 4.*
n. 32.
c *Efc. 1. H.*
4 n. 9.
d *Scroope*
f. 134. b.

But the next *Bracebrigge* that had to do here, after the death of the before specified Sir *John*, was *Raphe*, whom I suppose to have been his Brother: which *Raphe* presented^t to the said Chantry in 9 E. 3. and in 11 E. 3. levied a Fine^u of two parts of this Mannour. This Sir *Raphe* (for he was then a Knight) had Summons^v in 19 E. 3. to sit himself with Horles and Armes, against the Feast of *S. Laurence*, to attend the King into *France*; and in 22 E. 3. had a speciall Patent^x of exemption from serving on Juries, or undergoing the Office of Shirriff, Eschactor, Coroner, &c. In 8 R. 2. he was in Commission^y for arraying of men in this Countie, and in 19 R. 2. died^z leaving Sir *John Bracebrigge* Knight his son and heir, then xix. years of age; which Sir *John* died soon after; for by severall^a authorities it appeareth, that *Raphe* succeeded him as heir, whom one Inquisition^b taken in 1 H. 4. calls *Frater Johannis*, & *propinquier hares pradiſti Radulphi*: But the *Ladic Joane* his mother, was Mistresse here for her life, as it seems; for in 20 R. 2. she obtained Licence^c from *Richard Scroope* then Bishop of *Coventre* and *Litchfield*, to have Divine service in a private Chapell, within this her Mannour-house.

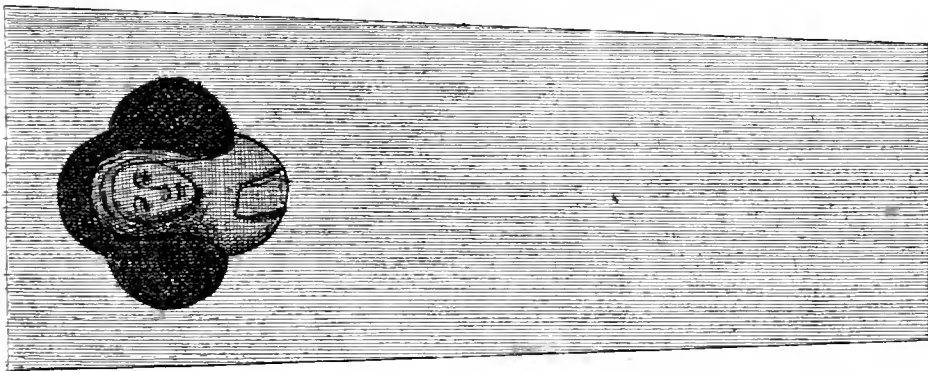
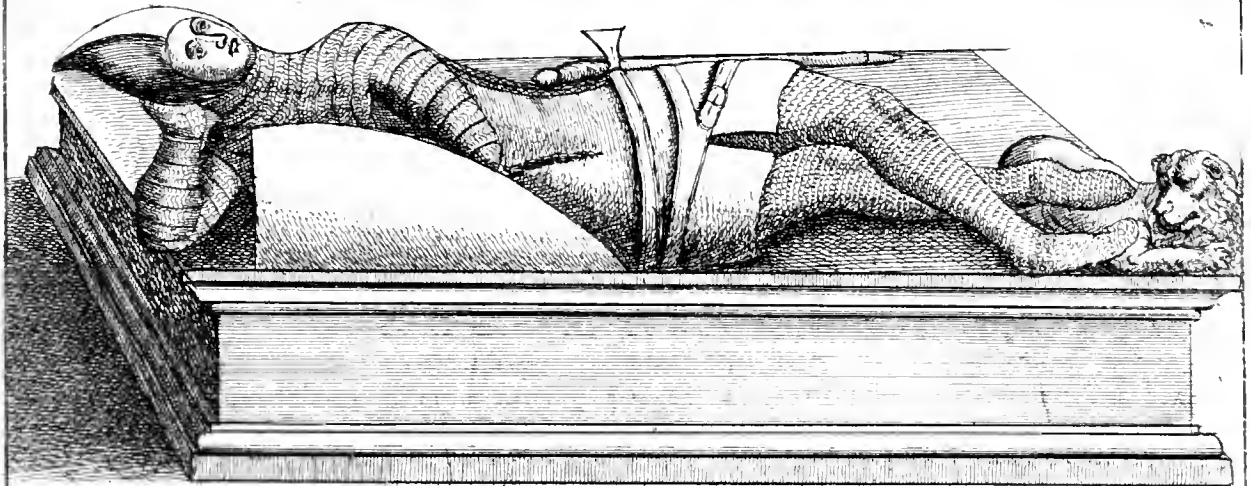
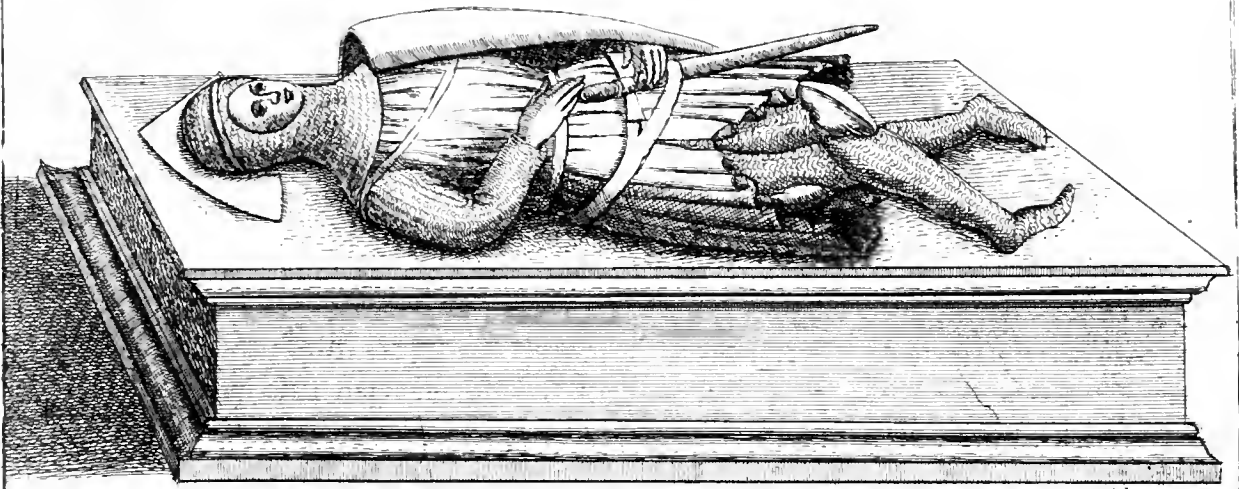
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e *F. levat.*
Off. Mich.
13. H. 4.

Of which last mentioned *Raphe*, I find, that he was a Knight^d in 10 H. 4. that in 13 H. 4. he married^e his son *Raph* (though then but yong) unto *Joane* the daughter of Sir *William Newport* Knight; that in 7 H. 5. amongst other persons of note, *Arma portantes, de Armis antiquis* (as the

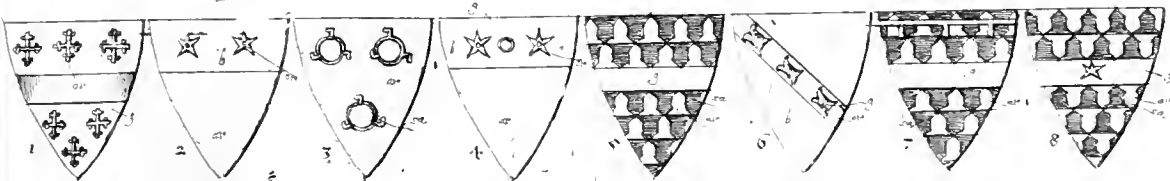
words of the Writt are) having speciall^f summons to attend the King in person for defence of the Realm, he was the first in the list of those, which were returned by the Shirriff of this Countie: In which seventh year of King H. 5. he took a Lease^g of the Mannour-house, Park, and Pooles, at *Sutton*, of *Richard Beauchamp*, then Earl of *Warwick*, to hold for life; one of which Pooles beareth the name of *Bracebrigge-Pool* to this day; and was afterwards retained^h with the said Earl, to serve him with ix. Lances and xvii. Archers, for the strengthening of *Calais*. To him succeeded *Raphe* his son and heir (before mentioned) who is rankⁱ amongst the Esquires of this Countie, for the subscription of the Articles agreed on in the Parliament of 12. H. 6. And in 14 H. 6. departed^k this life, leaving *Richard* his son and heir ix. years of age; of whom I find little memorable, other than that difference which *Walt. Arden* of *Park-Hall*, had with him, touching the stealing away of *John Arden* his son and heir, to marry unto *Alice* his daughter, concerning which I have already spoke in *Curdwozth*.

Neither after this last mentioned *Raphe*; was there one of them employed in any publique affairs of the Countrey; so that having deduced the Descent down to the last that posselt this place, I have little to observe, farther, than that, after this Eclipse; *Thomas* the fourth in succession from the said *Richard*, having buried his first wife, who was of an ancient & good Family; and marrying a second of mean parentage, became so much alienated in affection, to his issue by the former, that by a Feoffment^l made of this Lordship unto Sir *George Griffith* Knight and others, bearing date 16. Aug. 5. E. 6. he utterly disherited them thereof; selling the same, after reservation of a meere estate for life, to himself, and *Joyse* at that time his wife, upon *Thomas* his eldest son by the said *Joyse*, with remainder, for want of heirs male of his body, to *John*, and so to *Ankitill*, his other sons by that woman. But what successe came of that causelesse disherison of the true heir, I cannot omit to take notice, which (in brief) was this, In November anno 1557. (5 & 4 P. & M. his said wife^m dies, whereupon his love to those Children that were ere while his darlings, cooled; so that in 2 Eliz. having run himself into many debts by extravagant courses, he contractedⁿ with Sir *Ambrose Cave* Knight, then Chancelour of the Dutchie of *Lancaster*, and by a Deed^o of bargain and sale, passes unto him, the inheritance of the Mannour-house, with the demesns; of which act his son *Thomas* took such advantage, that he entred^p upon that, and layd claim to all the rest, as forfeited by vertue of the Feoffment before mentioned: but getting a piece of money of Sir *Ambrose*, makes^q good the sale, reserving only an Annuitie of xliii li. per annum to himself and his heirs, and continued his claim to the residue; whereof, after much striving, he at length had possession: About a year after which, viz. 1 Martii 11 Eliz. his Father died^r, so that then, though he had no interruption for enjoyment of it, yet did he so intangle himself with debts, that at last he sold it all to Sir *Fancis Willoughby* of *Spoleton* Knight, and through his great improvidence, came to die miserably. So that here I am to put a period to my story of this ancient Family, having taken notice of the issue male, still remaining in the Pedegree before inserted.

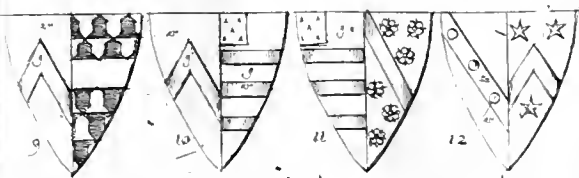
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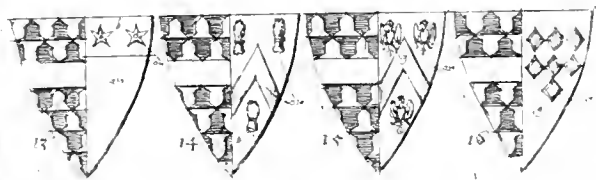
Armes in the Church windows



Armes in the Windows of Kingbury Hall.



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| 14 Bracebridge emp. | 15 Bracebridge emp. | 16 Bracebridge emp. |
| King Clinton | King Clinton | King Clinton |

From which Sir *Ambrose Cave*, did the premisses descend^c unto *Margaret* his onely child, the wife of *Henry Knolls Esquire*, who leaving issue by her, two daughters; scil. *Mary* and *Elizabeth*, the one married to the Lord *Paget of Beaufort* in *Staffordshire*, and the other to Sir *Henry Willoughby* of *Risley* in *Derbyshire*, an equall division was in our time made thereof, betwixt them. But from Sir *Francis Willoughby* before specified, the Mannour and Tenements, so by him purchased, did in right of *Briget* his eldest daughter and coheir, come to Sir *Percevall Willoughby* Knight, who sold the Fermes to the Tenants, as I have heard, but left the Mannour to Sir *Francis* his son and heir.

The Church (dedicated to *S. Peter*) was given to the Nuns of *Mergate* in *Bedfordshire*, by the first *Osbert de Arden*, about the beginning of King *Stephen's* time: Howbeit, till 36 *Hen. 3.* they did not quietly enjoy it, as by what I have observed in my discourse of Sir *Raphce Bracebriggs*, and *John* his son appeareth: but the moytie thereof was anciently appropriated to them, though the direct time when, I have not found. In anno 1291. (19 *Edw. 1.*) the said appropriated moytie was valued^a at *xiii* marks, and the other at *xv*. Which other moytie became afterwards also appropriated^w to them, viz. in 12 *Rich. 2.* whereupon in a short time, scil. in anno 1397. (21 *Rich. 2.*) ensued the Ordination^x of the Vicaridge, vi s. viii d. yearly Pension being then reserved to the Bishop and his successors, and ii s. to the Arch-Deacon. Which Vicaridge in 26 *Hen. 8.* was valued^y at *viii* li. ix s. x d. over and above *iii* s. per annum deducted for Synodalls.

Patroni Medietatis
Ecclesie.

Incumbentes, &c.

Ex an-
tog. pe-
nès D. &
cap.
Lich.

Langt. f. 5. b.

ib. f. 36. a.

ib. f. 38. a.

North. f.

50. a.

Strat. f. 8. a.

Sk. f. 5. b.

Burgh. f. 26.

b.

ib. f. 27. b.

ib. f. 29. b.

Heyw. f. 7.

a.

ib. f. 36. b.

ib. f. 37. b.

Patronia Vicaria.

Hugo Freman de

Tamworth, hac vice.

Fr. & C. S. Trin. de

Bosco.

Will. de Stanford anno
1248.

D. Thomas de Crawl Pbr.
an. 1250.

Nigellus filius Remundi
an. 1256.

Gilbertus de Kynesburi
Pbr. Cal. Junii 1300.

Will. de Muneworth Ac-
col. 16. Cal. Dec.

1310.

Thomas de la Grave Pbr.
8. Id. Febr. 1313.

Thom. Barle Cap. 2. Non.
Aug. 1349.

Ric. de Boule Cler. 13.
Cal. Apr. 1350.

D. Joh. Clerk Pbr. 5. Febr.
1350.

Rad. Herlaston Cap. 18.
Oct. 1410.

Arnoldus Therpe 4. Febr.
1410.

Joh. Freman Cap. 9. Dec.
1411.

D. Will. atte Mille 6. Dec.
1421.

Joh. Smyth 8. Apr. 1438.
Rob. Truluse 17. Sept.

1439.

Pr. & C. S. Trin. de
Bosco.

D. Regina.

D. Eliz. Regina.

Thomas Lancashire Pbr. 1b. f. 38. b.

..... 1439.

Thomas Wenloke in Decr. Bowl. f.

Bac. 26. Sept. 1499. 203. a.

D. Ric. Hutton in Leg. Bl. f. 7. b.

Bac. 3. Martii 1521.

Magr. Will. Smyth Suce-

tor Eccl. Cath. Lich. 25. B. f. 1. b.

Meii 1554.

Henr. Fletcher Cler. 15. Bund. B.

Febr. 1584.

Nich. Rushall Cler. 25.

Oct. 1587.

Joh. Faxe Cler. 1. Martii

1587.

Monumentall Inscriptions.

In the body of the Church.

Here lieth the body of *Hugh Beresford*, some-
time of *Slateley*, and *Elizabeth* his wife; which
Hugh died the xxvth of June Anno 1610.

In the midst of the Chancell.

Here lieth the Body of *Francis Benet*, sometime
of *Dofthill*, who died the xii^m day of June anno Dom.
1634.

Kimberley-Hall.

Here was anciently a Chapell^z of *S. Edmund*,
and in it a Chantrie, founded^a by one of the
Bracebriggs of *Kingsburie*, about the beginning
of King *Edw. 2.* time, as may seem by the Presen-
tations thereto, and called^b *Cantaria de Kyne-*
baldestey. By the Survey^c of 26 *H. 8.* this Chan-
trie is said to be in the Church of *Kingsburie*
(which, if so, then was it not long before removed
thither) and the value thereof, over and above re-
prises, certified at *Cvi s. viii d.* But I rather
think that to be a mistake; for in 37 *H. 8.* it is
called^d *Cantaria de Hurley*, forasmuch as 'tis si-
tuate within the precincts of that Hamlet, and then
valued^e at *Cxiii s. x d.*

z Langt. f.
36. b.

a MS. penès
S. A. eq. aur

f 15. a.

b Langt. ut
suprà

c MS. penès
praf. S. A.

f. 58. b.

d Ex alio
MS.

e p nès
eund.

S. A. f.
15. a.

Hurley.

OF this place there is no mention in the Con-
queror's Survey, by reason it was then invol-
ved with *Kingsburie*: but I have seen it very an-
ciently written *Hurnlet*, which apparently shews,
that the name at first grew from its situation, *hurne*
or *hyrne* in the Saxon, or old English, signifying a
nook or *corner*, which rightly agreeth with the
position thereof, it lying in the utmost corner of
Kingsburie Lordship, Eastwards. As it was a part
of *Kingsburie* heretofore, so were the *Bracebriggs*
in those days Lords thereof, as appears by a grant of
it from^f *Raphce de Bracebriggs*, about the 25. of *H.*
3. unto *Amicia* his mother, in name of her dowrie,
where it is called *Mannerium de Hopley*; yet by
some other^g authorities of later time, it appears to
have been only a member of *Kingsburie*; So also
by the Inquisition^h after the death of *Thomas*
B.

f Ex autog.
penès Fr.

Nether-
sole eq. aur.

g Rot. penès
S. Clark B.

Es. 14.
H. 6. n. 3.

h Eccl. 19.
Eliz.

Bracebrigg Esquire, in 19 *Eliz.* But notwithstanding that, there is a Mannour within it, at least in reputation, whereof one *John VValdiff* Esquire, dyed¹ seized in 31 *H.* 8. which descended to *Joane* the sole daughter of *Nicholas Nightingale*, by *Joyce* sister and heir to the said *John*; which *Joan* was then^k the wife of *Thomas VVillington*, cousin of *VVilliam VVillington* Esquire (of whom in *Worcester* I have spoken) the posteritie of which *Thomas* do still enjoy it.

It seems that the *VValdyve* have lived antiently in this place; for in 36 *H.* 6. was *Joane* the daughter of *VVilliam VValdyve* of *Burley*, married unto *Robert VVillerhale* of *Greeneburgh*, in the Chapell here, by speciall License¹ from the Bishop directed to the then Vicar of *Kingsburie* for that purpose. Which *VVilliam VValdyve* was son to *Richard*^m, a branch of the *VValdyves* of *Alspath*.

Plumpton.

THIS place is now known onely by certain grounds lying on the East side of *Kingsburie* Parish, so called; whereof one *VValter de Plumpton* was posseltⁿ in *H.* 3. time, who held them by a certain weapon, called a *Danish Axe*: which being the very Charter^p whereby the said land was given unto one of his Ancestors, hung^q up for a long time in the Hall of the capitall messuage belonging thereto, in testimony of the said tenure, untill that the said House was seized upon by Sir *John Bracebrigg* Knight, Lord of *Kingsburie* in *E.* 3. time, and pulled to the ground: After which it remained^r a great while in the Hall of the mansion belonging to *VVilliam de Plumpton*, in *Wardeshull* (about two miles distant) being commonly reputed, and called^s the Charter of *Plumpton*. What title the said Sir *John Bracebrigg* had to it, I know not; but by severall^t authorities it appears, that his posteritie were seized of it, by the name of the Mannour of *Plumpton*: And in 12 *H.* 4. did Sir *Riphe Bracebrigg* Knight, sell the same (the content thereof being *C.* acres of Land, *xl.* acres of Wood, and *xl.* acres of Moore, then called *Plumpton fields*) unto *Robert VVaterston* Esquire, and his heirs: All which came afterwards to the hands of one *Roger Horton*, who died seized^v of them *ult.* *H.* 5. leaving *VVilliam* his son and heir *xviii.* years of age.

But upon the death of the said *Roger*, were they taken^x into the King's hand, and continued in the Crown till 13 *H.* 6. that *VVilliam VValdiff* and *Thomas VVylcock* obtained a^y grant of them, for the space of ten years. Which *VVilliam* in 26 *H.* 6. being cousin^z and heir to *Joyce Plumpton* of *Nottingham*, one of the daughters and heirs of *Roger Plumpton*, and sister^a and heir to *Philippa* the other daughter and heir to the said *Roger* (as he stiled himself) of whose inheritance they were, b^b granted^b them to *Thomas VValdyve* his son; From which *Thomas*, by an heir female the *Willingtons* of *Burley* do derive themselves, and are still owners of all, or a great part of these lands.

Flanders-Hall.

THIS place was antiently so denominated from one *Hugh* a younger brother to *William de*

Odingsells (of which Family I have spoke in *Ichington*, *Solihull*, and *Warfoke*) as *Mr. Burton* in his Description^c of *Leicestershire*, affirms, in regard that his Ancestors came out of *Flanders*, whose descendants assumed it for their surname: but upon the death of *John de Flanders*, the last male branch of this line, it was allotted by partition^d in 13 *H.* 6. to *Elizabere*, the wife of *Sampson Erdswike*, one of his three daughters and heirs; by which means it descended^e to the issue of *John Herdwick* of *Lindley* in *Leicestershire*, her first husband; and so came to the *Purefey*s of *Caldecote*, in marriage (as I have heard) with *Joyce* one of the daughters and coheirs to the last *John Herdwyck*, wife to *Michael Purefey*: From which *Michael* descended *William Purefey* Esquire, who in our time sold it unto Sir *Robert Fisher* of *Packington* Knight and Baronet.

Hallaton.

OF this place I have not seen any mention till 17 *H.* 3. at which time it was reputed a member^f of *Coshill*, and part of the dowry of^g *Elisant* the widow unto *Osbert de Clinton*: But after this it came to be posselt^h by the same *Robert Marmion*, of whom I have spoke in *Pether-whitacre*; and by those authorities, which I have there voucht, seemeth to have gone with that Mannour till *Q.* *Eliz.* time: for it appeareth that *Walt. Devereux* Visc. *Hereford* in 12 *Eliz.* sold^k it with *Pether-whitacre* unto *Edmund Skerning*, then of *Crobury* Esquire.

Drakenedge.

THIS was originally a member of *Pether-whitacre*, as I conceive, and so consequently posselt^l by the *Marmions* of *Samworth*-Castle; and from one of them, granted therewith, to *Nicholas Fitz Raphe*, or his Ancestour; for it is evident that the Familie of *Mancestre*, who for a good while enjoyed it, held^m it of the heirs of *Nicholas Fitz Raphe* (Lords of *Pether-whitacre*) by the service of a pair of gilt Spurs, and that they heldⁿ it over, of those *Marmions*. Of which *Mancestres* I find, that *Hugh*, in 36 *Hen.* 3. had a Charter^o of *free warren*, extending to all his demesne lands here; and that from him, it descended to *Guy de Mancestre*, his grandchild, who in King *Edw.* 3. time, past^p it to *Robert de Herle* and his heirs, by the name of a Mannour: Which *Robert* dying without issue of his body, it devolved to Sir *Raph de Hastings* Knight, his cousin and heir, viz. son^q of his sister *Margaret*; and from him (through divers descents) to *William Lord Hastings*, Chamberlain to King *Edward* the fourth, who died^r seized thereof in 1 *Ric.* 3. leaving Sir *Edward Hastings* Knight, his son and heir *xvii.* years of age: But farther hereof, I have not seen, than that *Richard Hastings* in 9 *H.* 8. was presented^s for depopulating the Capitall Messuage, and *CC.* acres of arable land, lying thereto.

Whateley.

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Whateley.

f Rot penès
S. Clarke
B.

t MS. in
Seac. penès
Rim. R.

u Pat. 36. H.
8. p. 1.

w Ib. p. 15.

x Pat. 1.

M. p. 14.

y Efc. 32.
Eliz.

IN this place (which was originally a member of **Kingsburte** are there certain lands that were anciently given to the Canons of **Studley**; all which after the dissolution of the Monasteries, were (*inter alia*) granted out of the Crown, in 36 H. 8. unto **John Beaumont** Esquire, by the name of the Mannour or Lordship of **Whateley**; who past them away the same year, unto **Nicholas Wilson** and his wife: by whom they were sold to **Thomas Overton**; who died seised of them in 32 Eliz. leaving **Nicholas** his son and heir fifty years of age.

Slateley.

z Rot. penès
pres. S. C.
Efc. 14. H.
6. n. 3.

THIS is a petty Hamlet, and parcell of the Mannour of **Kingsburte**, as by severall Records is evident, so that there needs no more to be said thereof.

Holt.

a Ex Col.
b W Bur.
c ton ar.

d Efc. 3.
E6.

IN this, which is also parcell of the Mannour of **Kingsburte**, had the Monks of **Merevale** a yard land given unto them by the first **John de Bracebrigge**, whose grant thereof **William de Bracebrigge**, his brother and heir, confirmed: But the Village was in part depopulated by **John Bracebrigge** Esquire, who in 19 H. 7. decayed three Messuages upon the Inclosure thereof; of which lands **Thomas Bracebrigge** was posselt in 3 Edw. 6.

Cliffe.

e Efc. 10.
H. 8.

THIS hath its name from the situation thereof, near to the descending ground, towards the bank of **Tame**; but of it, I have not seen other mention, than that **Thomas Herthill** was presented in 10 H. 8. for depopulating two Messuages, and inclosing 11. acres of land here.

Dosthill.

f Domefd.
lib.

g Lib rub.
f. 104. a.

I Am not sure, whether this place be particularly taken notice of in the Conqueror's Survey; if it be, that which is there written **Dercelaf** is intended for it, which **R. de Olgis** had at that time in pawn, from **Turchill de Warwick**; and is said to contain two hides, having a Mill of xxxii d. yearly value, and Woods extending to two furlongs in length, and as much in breadth, the whole being valued at xls. But in 12 H. 2. certain it is that **Hugo fil. Ricardi** (of whom in **Watson** I have spoke) was posselt of it, as appears by that Certificate which **William** Earl of **Warwick** then made, whose Father or Grandfather had enfeofed the said **Hugh** thereof, with other lands of a great extent, in King **Henry** the first's

time, it being then written **Derteulla**. By this **Hugh**, was it doubtlesse granted to **Thomas fil. Thurstani**; for it is manifest that **Robert de la Launde**, son to the same **Thomas**, gave to **Richard Fitz Raphe**, in marriage with **Amicia** his daughter, the Mill here, it being then written **Dorchethull**.

From which **Robert** it descended to **James** (as the Pedegree in **Langdon** sheweth) who was certified to hold it of the Earl of **Warwick** in 20 H. 3. But it appears that **Albrecht Marmion** (of whom I have made mention in **Arrow**) granted the service of the same **James de la Launde**, for this place, unto **William de Camvile**, her son; whereby it shuld seem, that the immediate grant, whch the Ancestour to the said **James** had of this place, was not from the Earl of **Warwick**, but from one of the **Marmions**, who obtained it from some of those Earls. This **James**, in 31 H. 3. past unto **Robert de Grendon** and his heirs, all the interest he had here, by the name of the Mannour of **Dorchethull**, then amounting to half a Knight's Fee: Which **Robert**, in 40 H. 3. granted the same, unto one **Robert de Wycheford** and his heirs, reserving the Rent of a pair of gilt Spurs, to be yearly paid to himself and his heirs, at **Easter**, and performing the service of half a Knight's Fee; which service the said **Robert de Wycheford**, at the request of the above specified **Robert de Grendon**, then granted unto **Walter de Mancestre** and **Erneburga** his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten; but for want of such issue. to return to the said **Robert de Wycheford** and his heirs. So that after this, the possession thereof continued to the heirs of the said **Walter de Mancestre**, together with **Mancestre**, as by severall authorities appeareth, at length, being divided by the coheirs, was broken into such small parts, as is evident by what came to the **Fildings**, which was **Prilleys**; and to **Lewes**, which was **Rowley's** and **Arblasters**, that it is not worth while to trace the succession thereof any farther.

Nun-Eaton.

FOLLOWING **Tame** further, I observe no place of note, bordering on it, before I come to **Tamelworth**, where **Anker** joyns therewith: I must now therefore ascend to the entrance of **Anker** into this Hundred, which is in **Nun-Eaton** Parish.

This place hath its name from the Rivulet nigh which it stands, **Ca** in our old English signifying **Water**. Before the Norman invasion one **Harding** posselt it; but after the Conquest, it was disposed of to Earl **Alberic** (Progenitor of the **Veres** Earls of **Orford**) which Earl deceased before the generall Survey made by that King; so that afterwards, it with the rest, being seised into the King's hands, was committed to the custodie of **Geffrey de Wirce** (of whom in **Monks-Hitby** I have spoken): Howbeit, the number of hides that it contained, are omitted in the Record; but 'tis said thereby, that there were xxxii. carucates of land, one Mill of xxxii d. xxv. acres of Meadow, and Woods of two miles in length, and a mile and half in breadth; the whole being valued at Cs. By the said generall Survey I find also, that **R. de Olgis** held three hides of land in this place, with Woods of a mile in length and as much

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Staff.

i Testa de N

k Ex au-
log. penès
Fr. Burdet
Bar.

l F. levat.
Menf.
Pasch. 31.
H. 3.

m F. le-
vat. 3.
ept.
n Pasch.
40. H.
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o F. levat.
3. sept.
Mich. 14.
E. 2.
Efc. 3. H. 5.
n. 12.

p Efc. 2. E.
6.

q Efc. 6.
Eliz.

r Do-
mefd.
lib.

much in breadth, which were the inheritance of *Alwine* in *Edward* the Confessor's days, and valued by the before specified Survey, at *iv* li.

But the direct time when this Lordship was given to *Robert* Earl of *Mellent* and *Leicester*, is hard, I think, to be found; yet certain^u it is that he had it before the death of King *Henry* the first: which *Robert* had issue *Robert*, surnamed *Bossu*, Earl of *Leicester*, who in King *Stephen*'s time, founded a^w goodly Monasterie here, for Nuns, of the Order of choise at *Font Ebzand* in *Normandie* (*id est* *Benedictines*) wherein *Amice* his Countess became one, and was buried. Which Monasterie he plentifully endowed with lands, whereof this whole Lordship^x of *Caton* was part, excepting what the Canons of *Leicester* then had in *Stockingford*, and that which the Nuns of *Casa Dei* (in *France*) held in *Atleberge*, and in this town. As also certain lands in *Kenetberie* (in *Com. Berks.*) to the then value of *xxv* li. per annum. And with all his Lands, Rents, and Fishing in *Welle*, excepting the Tithe of the Eccles, which the said *Robert* Earl of *Mellent*, his Father, had formerly given to the said Canons of *Leicester*. Confirming^y the grants^z of what others, at that time had made thereto; viz. of two Carucates of land in *Waltham* (*Com. Leic.*) with pasturage there, for CCC. Sheep, by *Isabell* his daughter, and *Simon* Earl of *Northampton*, her son: Of two yard land and a half lying in *Swinford* (*Com. Leic.*) by *Ric. Mallore*; and in *Leicester* ii s. Rent out of a House, which one *Guy Breadcas* then held of the said *Richard*; as also of all the lands, lying within this Lordship, whereof the said *Richard* was possessor: And of what *Robert Fitz Jocelin* had bestowed thereon; *scil.* all his lands lying here in *Caton*, betwixt the Water and the Wood; and beyond the Water, two yard land, and *vi* s. Rent, which *William de Neumarch* held of *Jocelin* his Father, with all his Woods.

Hereunto did King *Hen.* 2. adde his Confirmation^a; and besides that, of his own gift, conferred^b upon these Nuns, the Church of *Chanton* in *Hantshire*; ratifying^c the grants of sundry other persons, which I shall briefly here^e enumerate; viz. the Mill of *Ingepenne* in *Berkshire*, with the Meadows and Crofts thereto belonging, given by *Gervase Paganell*. The Village of great *Hoden-hull*, by *Richard de Ibstoke*; the Church of *Merton* by *Robert de Crafr*, both in this Countie. Certain lands here in *Caton*, by *Geffrey de Turvill*. Twentie shillings yearly Rent issuing out of the Mill at *Haringworth* in *Northamptonshire*, by *Ada* mother to the King of *Scotland*. Half the town of *Burton* (now called *Burton-Hastings* in this County, with the advowson^{*} of the Church, and Chapell of *Stretton* (*id est* *Stretton-Baskerville*) thereto belonging, by *Geffrey l'Abbe*, and *Emme* his wife whose inheritance it was. The Church of *Maple-Deberham* (in *Hantshire*) by *William* Earl of *Gloucester*, and *Hawise*, the Countess, his wife: as also *Pustfort* Mill, and divers lands, lying within the Lordship of *Wimpze*, by the said *Hawise*. One yard land at *Calcote*, by *Robert Archer*, and *Margaret* his wife: and besides all this, gave them sundry ample Liberties and Priviledges, which for brevities sake I forbear to recite: Whereunto Pope *Boniface* the eight added the Appropriation^d of the Churches of *Burton* in *Rutland*, and *Clepybooke* in *Leicestershire*, with a speciall Indulgence^e from payment of

Tithes for any of their lands, which they should till, or stock with Cattell, at their own charge.

Having now therefore so plentiful an endowment, they obtained a grant^f of a weekly *Perccate* here upon the Tuesday in 10 H. 3. to endure till the King should be of age: but this *Perccate* in 17 H. 3. was altered^g to the Saturday: After which, within a short space, they rebuilt their Church; towards the Fabrick whereof the King gave^h them ten Oaks out of *Kenilworth* Woods, andⁱ *av.* more within a year following, out of *Cank-Forest*: And in 23. of his reign, granted unto them a Charter^k for an yearly *Faire* here, for four days, beginning on the day of the *Invention* of the *Holy Cross*, (*scil.* 3. *Maii.*) Other grants of most note, from severall persons in succeeding times, for which I have seen any authorities, were these; viz. ^l two yard land lying in *Hodenhull*, and *Cranescote* (now called *Atcote*) by *Nicholas de Muton*. In *Wiltbott*^m one Messuage, and Cxx. acres of land, by *Gilb. de Houby*. The advowson of the Church of *Clepybooke* (in *com. Leic.*) byⁿ *John* the son of *Ernald de Boys*. The third part of the Mannour of *Skendelby* by^o *Julian de Gaunt*, for maintenance of a Priest to celebrate divine Service in the Church of this Monasterie, for the health of her soul, and the souls of her Ancestors. One Messuage here, in *Pun-Caton*, by^p *Robert de Herle*: Four Messuages also, lying here and in *Rothby* (*Com. Leic.*) by^q *John Huwer*, and *William Wytherley* Priest. The appropriate Rectorie of this Parish-Church at *Pun-Caton*, by^r the Prior and Covent of *Shene*.

All which, with the rest, whereof I have not found the grants, or which being not very considerable, for brevities sake are omitted, were (as a preparative to that fatal dissolution soon after following) by the Survey^s made in 26 H. 8. valued at CCXC li. xv s. ob. Out of which (*inter alia*) were deducted^t, for the Fees of *Henry* Marquess *Dorset*, then high Steward of this Monasterie, and *John Dabridgcourt* the Under-Steward *vi* li. xiii s. *iv* d. per annum. Of *William Fynderne* Receiver generall ii li. xiii s. *iv* d. and of *William Font* Auditor i li. xiii s. *iv* d. So that, being one of the greater Monasteries, it was not dissolved till 31 H. 8. But then did the Prioreffe and her Covent, by their publique Instrument^u under Seale, dated 12 Sept. surrender it to the King, whose names as they are subscribed thereto, with the severall *Pensions* by Patent allowed them for life, I have here added.

<i>Agnes Oulton Prioreffe,</i>	xl li.
<i>Agnes Wylsey,</i>	iii li.
<i>Isabell Purfrey,</i>	iii li.
<i>Joane Whalley,</i>	iii li.
<i>Eliz. Milward,</i>	iii li.
<i>Joane Wetnail,</i>	iii li.
<i>Isabell Repington,</i>	Liii s. <i>iv</i> d.
<i>Joice Fitz-Herbert,</i>	Liii s. <i>iv</i> d.
<i>Anne Everat,</i>	Xlvi s. viii d.
<i>Luce Haselrig,</i>	Xlvi s. viii d.
<i>Joane Bate,</i>	Xlvi s. viii d.
<i>Joane Haseley.</i>	Xlvi s. viii d.
<i>Margaret Dixwell,</i>	Xlvi s. viii d.
<i>Rose Ceton,</i>	Xlvi s. viii d.
<i>Marie Worsley,</i>	iii li.
<i>Joane Copston,</i>	Xl s.
<i>Marie Barington,</i>	Xl s.
<i>Elene Townsend.</i>	Xl s.

u Ex vet
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y Cap.
z Lich.

y lb.

z Cart. 9.
a E. 1. n.
b 1. per.
c Insp.

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rot. 4. in d.

d Ex
e pref.
f membr.

f Claus. 10
H. 3. m. 13.

g Cart. 17.
H. 3. m. 4.

h Claus. 21.
H. 3. m. 2.

i Claus. 22.
H. 3. m. 3.

k Cart. 23.
H. 3. m. 36.

l Pat. 12.
E. 2. m. 15.

m Flevat.
O. Mich.

13. E. 1.

n Pat. 23.
E. 1. m. 3.

o Pat. 35.
E. 1. m. 29.

p Pat. 19.
E. 3. p. 1. m.

19.

q Pat. 16:
R. 2. p. 1. m.

4.

r Pat. 38.
H. 6 m. 17.

s MS.
penes
S. A. 1.

t q. aur.
37. b.

u In Curia.
Augm.

Dorothe Ryddell,
Joyce Clarke,
Eliz. Berdmore,
Eliz. Bunaster,
Joane More,
Agnes Kyngeston,
Joane Palmer,

Xls.
Xls.
Xxvi s. viii d.
Xxvi s. viii d.
Xxvi s. viii d.
Xxvi s. viii d.
Xxxiii s. iv d.

But in the Crown it continued not long; for it appears, that King *Henry*, by his Letters Patent dated 29. *May* 32. of his reign (which was abought eight months after the surrender) gave it, with all the lands in this Countie, thereto belonging, unto *Marmaduke Constable junior*, of *London* Knight, then his servant (son of Sir *Robert Constable of Flambozough in Norfolk*) which Sir *Marmaduke* sold part thereof, but died seized of the site, as also of the Manour, and greatest proportion of the lands to given him, 28. *Apr.* 2 *Eliz.* leaving *Robert* his son and heir xxx. years of age: unto whom the said *Queen* in the sixt of her reign, for the summe of CCCCxxv li. xiii s. granted the reversion of the premises, *scil.* to him and his heirs generall: Of which Sir *Robert*, they were soon after purchased by Sir *Ambrorse Cave* Knight, who died seized thereof 2. *Apr.* 10 *Eliz.* leaving *Margaret* the wife of *Henry Knolls* Esquire, his daughter and heir; by which means it is come to the Lord *Paget*, and Sir *Henry Willoughby*, in like sort as *Kingsburte* is (whereof I have already spoken) and divided accordingly.

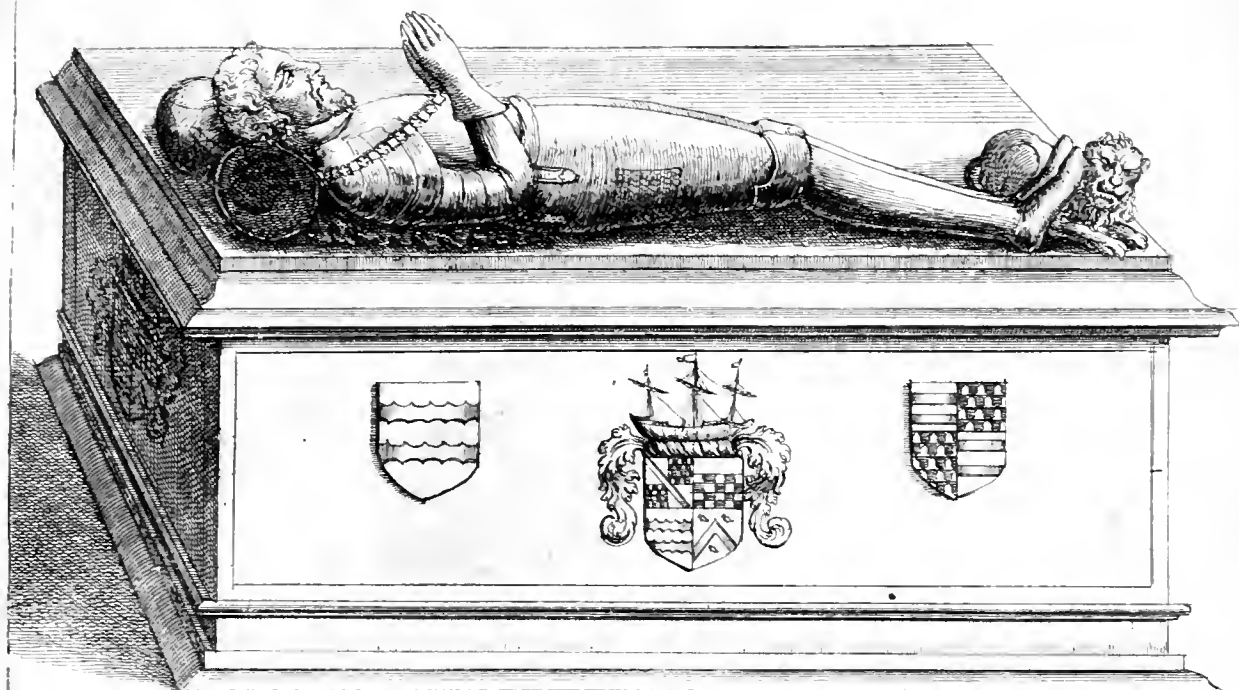
In farther reference to this town, the most notable passages, which have come to my observation, are these; *viz.* That after the *Mercate* and *Faire*, was so obtained by the Nuns, in 7 *E.* 2. as hath been said, they procured a speciall Patent to take Toll of all vendible commodities, coming thither by the space of five years, towards the charge of paying it: and next: that in 9 *E.* 3. the Townsmen had the like Patent to take Toll for four years, of all such commodities, for repairing the Bridge there.

The Church (dedicated to *S. Nicholas*) was given to the Monasterie of *Lira* in *Normandie*, by *Robert* surnamed *Bossu*, Earl of *Leicester*, in *Hen.* 1. time; whose Charter thereof (inter alia) King *H.* 2. confirmed. In anno 1291. (19 *E.* 1.) it was valued at xxxii marks: but after the dissolution of the *Priories-Alien* (whereof in *Wolston* and *Wootton* I have spoke) it was settled upon the *Carthusian*-Monks at *Shene* in *Surrey*, by King *H.* 5. in 3. of his reign, when he founded that Religious House; of whom the Nuns here at *Eaton* obtained it in 38 *H.* 6. In 26 *H.* 8. the Vicaridge was valued at xix li. xiv s. vi d. over and above ix s. vi d. per annum allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodals*, and C. s. per annum Stipend to the Curate serving in the Chapell at *Astilbozough*.

Patroni Vicaria. Incumbentes, &c.

Galfr. de Vilers 14. *Cal.* Longt. f. 36
Apr. 1310. b.
Thomas de blyburgh Non. 1b. f. 78. a.
Julius 1318.
Edm. de Schireford Cap. Northb. f.
av. Cal. *Apr.* 1321. 2. a.
Sim. de Thorp Pbr. 4. *Id.* 1b. f. 38. a.
Jan. 1341.
Walt. de Heyworth 5. *Cal.* 1b. f. 54. b.
Oct. 1351.
Sim de Thorp 2. *Id.* Nov. 1b. f. 55. a.
1351.
Rob. de Haselbech Cap. 18. 1b. f. 61. a.
Cal. *Julius* 1357.
Joh. Bofevill Cap. 19. *Cal.* 3ret. f. 8. b.
Sept. 1361.
Magr. Joh. de Carswell 4. 1b. f. 12. b.
Non. Aug. 1364.
Will. Lorkin Pbr. 7. *Id.* 1b. f. 17. b.
Febr. 1368.
Henr. Hunt 3. *Cal.* Nov. 1b. f. 21. b.
1373.
Nich. Derby Pbr. 10. Nov. sk. f. 5. b.
1390.
Will. Deper Cap. 29. *Julius* Burgh. f.
1402. 10. a.
D. Henr. Rex Angl. *Joh. Wylton Cap.* 2. *Dec.* 1b. f. 18. b.
ratione ut supra. 1406.
Joh. de Tybbay Cap. 13. 1b. f. 32. a.
Dec. 1412.
D. Ric. Mortemy Cap. 20. 1b.
Febr. 1412.
Nich. Derby Cap. 2. *Julii* 1b. f. 33. b.
1413.
Thomas Waryn Cler. 14. Bowl. f.
Junii 1501. 206. a.
Thomas Dei gratia Padenjis Episc. 4. *Junii* 1505. Bl. f. 4. a.
D. Rob. Whittinton 10. *Junii* 1521. 1b. f. 7. b.
Jac. Lyngard in art. Bac. Sampf. &
14. Martii 1558. B. f. 12. a.
Thomas Stonynge Cler. 5. 1b. f. 30. a.
Maii 1561.
Nich. Cleyton Cler. 10. 1b. f. 42. a.
Apr. 1565.
Georgius Downes Cler. 7. 1b. f. 44. b.
Junii 1572.
Jac. Persons Cler. 24. *Sept.* Bund. B.
1583.
Will. Gurrie Cler. 24. *Febr.* Overton
1591. bund. E.
Will. Butterton in Art. Overton
Magr. 11. *Oct.* 1604. bund. F.
Sampson Hawkhurst Cler.
S. Theol. Bac. 19. *Maii* } Morton
1626. bund. in-
Will. Cradok Art. Magr. } cent.
3. Sept. 1627.

Sun-Eaton
On the North side of the Chancel.



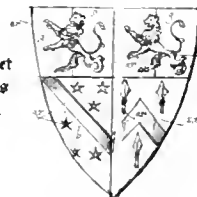
* Here lieth Sir Marmaduke Constable knight who dyed the xxiiij day of Aprill 1579 of a lord M. D. a threescore
 one and here to Sir Robert Constable knight lord of Flambourgh & Home &c &c Spaldynghmore & the
 sayd Sir Marmaduke hadde two Wiffe Elizabeth daughter to the lord Darle by hur he hadde two sons Robert
 & Marmaduke & viii daughters. the second Wiffe Margaret Bootler daughter of Willm Bootler gent.

In the east window of the
North Ile



1
2 Knightley

In a South window of the Church



Orate pro bono statu Johis Leek, et
 Agnetis uxoris eius, et quorum bonis
 hie capella reedificata et cantaria
 in eadem facta sunt.

Leek's-Chantry.

1 P. 8. 23.
H. 7. p. 2.

IN this Parish-Church did one John Leek found
 a Chantry in 23 H. 7. of one Priest, to cele-
 brate Divine service, for the good estate of him the
 said John, during his life in this world, and af-
 ter his death for the health of his Soule; as also for
 the health of the Soules of his Parents, Benefactors,
 and all the faithfull deceased: but of this there is
 no remembrance in the Survey, of 37 H. 8. so
 that when it was dissolved, I know not.

The Free-Schoole.

k Pat. 6. E.
6. p. 4.

THIS was founded in 6 E. 6. by the Inhabitants
 of this town, unto whom the King gave^k for
 that purpose, three Closes of ground, lying within
 the Liberties of Coventre, which sometime be-
 longed to the Trinitie-Gild, there, and were then
 valued at xli. xv s. viii d. to be held of the Man-
 nour of East-Greenwich in Socage.

Horeston-Grange.

THIS was originally part of the Lordship of
 Sun-Eaton, but thereof I have not seen any
 particular mention till 19 E. 1. where it is cal-

led the Grange of Horeston, belonging then to
 the Nunns, and certified to contain six Carucates
 of land, which by the Survey^m in 26 H. 8. were
 valued at xv li. ix s. viii d. and pastⁿ with the
 Monasterie unto Sir Marmaduke Constable Knight,
 in 32 H. 8. Which Sir Marmaduke sold^o the
 Grange it self, with certain lands thereto belonging,
 unto one Jasper Fisher Esquire, who died^p seized
 thereof in 21 Eliz. leaving Katherine Norwood
 widow, and Anne the wife of Richard Wolriche,
 his coheirs and heirs: But the grounds called Hore-
 ston-fields, together with Horeston-Wood, were
 aliened^q in 4 Eliz. by Robert Constable, son and
 heir to Sir Marmaduke, unto Stephen Hales
 Esquire.

Attilborough.

THIS being part of the Lordship of Sun-Eaton,
 was at length totally posselt by the Nunns, as
 may seem by the Survey^r taken in 26 Hen. 8.
 But had a Chapell for the benefite of the Inhabi-
 tants; whereunto, for maintenance of a Priest
 there serving, was anciently the summe of C s.
 allowed^r, but with the dissolved Monasterie it pas-
 sed^r out of the Crown in 32 H. 8. to Sir Mar-
 maduke Constable: Since which they have not been
 severed.

Stockingsford.

1 MS. in
Seac. penes
Rem. R.

m MS. pe-
nes S. A.
eq. aur. f.
37. a.

n Pat. 32.
H. 8. p. 3.

o Esc. 2. vj
Eliz.

p Lib. 4. cc.
du.

q Pat. 4.
Eliz. p. 9.

r MS. penes
S. A. eq. aur.
f. 36. b.

s Lib. f. 38. r.
t Pat. 32.
H. 8. p. 3.

Stockingford.

THIS was originally a member of **Caton**, and involved therewith in the Conqueror's Survey; but afterwards by the Earl of **Leicester** (*scil. Robert Bossu*) granted in exchange to **William de Newmarch**, for **Witlewike** in **Leicestershire**; which **William** gave it to the Canons of **Leicester**. About that time also had those Canons the Chapell here, by the grant of **Geffrey de Turvill**, and certain lands bordering on **Hardeshull**, which **Geffrey** the Heremite bestowed on them. Within the precincts of this place, the Nuns of **Caton** had likewise a Grange, containing three Carucates of land, as is certified by the valuation thereof in 19 E. 1. At which time all that the Canons of **Leicester** had here, was rated but at one Carucate; so that what the said Nuns were then posselt of, was, it seems, formerly granted to them by those Canons.

But afterwards it came into Lay hands, though how I find not; for it appears by a Fine² levied in 10 E. 3. betwixt **Roger Jabet** Planuff, and **William Jabet** and **Maud** his wife, Deforc. that it was entailed upon **William Jabet** son of the said **William**, after his Father's decease, and upon the heirs of the said **William** the younger, by **Elene** his wife; but for default of such issue, on the right heirs of the before specified **Maud**: From which time till 14 H. 4. I have seen no more of it; but then did the reversion of it belong² unto **Hugh Lilburne**, **John** the son of **Thomas Boteler** of **Crothale**, holding it for the life of the same **Hugh**: which reversion in 1 H. 5. was granted^b by **Will. Boteler** and **William Babington** to the Canons of **Croburie** in this Countie, the Canons of **Leicester**, (or whom it was held) giving Licence^c for the same, reserving to themselves Fealtie, and security for **Lxxii s. xv d.** to be payd to them in the name of a Relief; which summe by the Survey^d of 26 H. 8. appears to have been an yearly Rent: So that upon the dissolution of the Priorie at **Croburie**, it was therewith granted^e unto **Charles Branaon** Duke of **Suffolk** in 30 H. 8. Which Duke (*inter alia*) pass it^f unto **Sir Edward Wootton** Knight, **John Danet**, and **Anthony Cooke** Esquires; betwixt whom, being as it seems divided, **Marie Danet** in 35 H. 8. conveyed^g a third part thereof, unto **George Medley**, to certain uses. Of the other two parts, **Sir Anthony** dying^h seized in 18 Eliz. left **Richard** his son and heir of full age. But that which belonged to **Pun-Caton**, was with that Lordship, granted out of the Crown to **Sir Marmaduke Constable** Knight, and hath been posselt by the owners thereof, ever since.

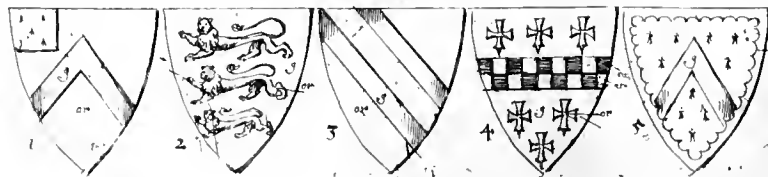
Chilvercoton.

IN the Conqueror's Surveyⁱ this is written **Celverdestoche**, which shews that it was at first so called from him that posselt it in the Saxons time; whom I suppose to have been one **Ceolfredus**, that being a name then in use. It is there rated at *viii* hides, the Woods containing a mile and a half in length, and a mile in breadth, the whole being valued at *Ls.* and held by **Haroldus fil. Raanli**; which **Kaphe** was Earl of **Hereford**, and owner thereof in **Eward** the Confessor's days. In the line of this **Haroldus** (Lords also of **Sudley** in *com. Glouc.* whence they assumed that surname) it continued for divers generations, and at length by an heir female devolved to the **Butlers**, as by the Descent in **Wille** is manifested. But there is little to be said of this place in particular, other than that **Bartholmew de Sudley**, in 51 H. 3. ha **Free Warren**^k (*inter alia*) granted to him in all his demesne lands here, it having attended the succession of **Wille**, ever since, as a member of that Mannour.

Within the precinct of this Parish had the Knights **Templars** certain lands given to them; which the Record^l of 31 Hen. 2. lays, were *de feodo Radulfi de Suthlega*, being (probably) of his or his Father's gift, and afterwards reputed for a Mannour; for by that name, had those **Templars** **Free-warren** granted^m to them and their incesors therein, in 32 H. 3. Which Mannour coming to the Crown in 30 Hen. 8. with all other the possessions belonging to the Religious Houses, was in 4 Eliz. soldⁿ unto **John Fisker**, and **Thomas Dabridgecourt**. Which **Thomas Dabridgecourt** having obtained a Release from **Fisker** of all his right therein, by his last Will and Testament in 44 Eliz. gave it to **Christian** one of his daughter, who became the wife of **William Belcher** of **Gillsborough** in *com. Northampt.* From whom it was purchased^o by **Walter Giffard** of **Chillington** in *com. Staff.* Esquire, and since that of him or his son, by **Richara Chamberlain** Esquire, Register of the Court of Wards.

The Church was given^p to the Canons of **Croburie**, together with two yard land, by **Raphe de Sudeley**, Founder of that Monastere; and in anno 1291. (19 Eam. 1.) valued^q at *viii* marks, being then appropriated to that Religious House; and the Vicaridge but at half a mark. But in 26 Hen. 8. the said Vicaridge was estimated^r at *vii li. iv s.*

Chilvercoton.
Armes in the windows of the Church.



1. Stafford of
Grafton.
2. England
3. Sudley.
4. Boteler.
5. Revell.

Patronj Vicariæ. Incumbentes, &c.

Langt.f. 34.b.		D. Will. de Knyhtcote Cap. 14. Cal. Jan. 1308.
1b.f. 37. b.		Rob. de Herdwyk Pbr. 11 Cal. Jan. 1311.
1b.f. 38. b.		D. Steph. de Stocton Pbr. 4. Id. Sept. 1314.
Northb; f. 33. b.		Will. de Mershton Cap. 6. Cal. Maii 1339.
Stret. f. 10. a		Will. del Hull Pbr. 13 Cal. Sept. 1361.
1b.f. 22. a.		Joh. de Sampson Pbr. 3. Id. Feb. 1373.
Sk. f. 9. b.		Joh. Parker Pbr. 4. Nov. 1394.
Burgh. f. 34. a.	Prior & Conv. de Erdburie.	Will. de Deene Cap. 24. Jan. 1413.
Heyw. f. 30. a.		Joh. Cooke Cap. 9. Apr. 1433.
1b.f. 33. a.		Frater. Will. de Woodcote Ca- non. de Erdbury 28 Martii 1435.
Bo. f. 13. a.		Joh. Lolleworth Cap. 1. Apr. 1452.
Bowl. f. 21. a.		Will. Ouselade Cap. 26. Sept. 1454.
1b.f. 141. a.		Amias Halghton Pbr. 26. Oct. 1494.
Bl. f. 7. b.		D. Joh. Keldermore Canon. 21 Maii 1521.
Samp. & B f. 10. a.	Phil. & M. Rex & Regina.	Henr. Wylkins Cler 14. Maii 1557.
1b.f. 30. b.		Will. Pate Cler. 21. Nov. 1561.
1b.f. 45. b.	D. Eliz. Angl. Regina.	Hugo Conway Cler. 30. Mar- tii 1574.
1b.		Joh. Ashby Cler. 17. Aug. 1574.
Overton bund. E.		Ric. Tayler Cler. 1. Dec. 1591.
1b. bund. F.		Arth. Oldame Cler. 1. Martii 1603.
Morton bund. in- cert.	Jacobus Rex.	Joh. Malen in art. Bac. 12. Sept. 1621.

Griffe.

OF this place there is no particular mention in the Conq^{rs}. Survey, it being then involved with **Chilverscote**, and posselt by **Harold**, the son of **Raphe** Earl of **Hereford**; whose posteritie took the surname of **Sudley**, yet sometimes made their residence here. Whilst the male line of which Family lasted, it continued theirs; but afterwards came to **Boteler**, **Norbury**, and **Bray**, successively, as the Descent on the next page inserted will shew.

This **Raph** Earl of **Hereford**, was son^e to **Wal-ter** de **Maunt**, by **Goda** sifter to **K. Edw.** the Con-
fessor; but of him there is little observeable, other than his pusillanimitie, whereby he suffered^e the Citie and Countie of **Hereford** to become a prey to the **VV**elch, in the year 1055. (13 **Edw.** Conf.) It seems that he was disposselt of his Earldome, in the first year of **K. Will.** the Conq^{rs}. reign; for **Will. fitz Osberne** then had it conferredⁿ upon him; but found favour to enjoy some of his inheritance, which descended to **Harold**, his son^w; whereof

this Lordship was part. To this **Harold** succeeded **John**, surnamed **de Sutei** (from his residence at **Sudley** in com. **Glouc.**) Of whom I have seen no more mention, than that he was a witness^e to the Charter of **Margaret** Countess of **Warwick** (widow to Earl **Henry**) made in **K. Stephen's** time to the Canons of **Kenilworth**. And to **John**, succeeded **Raphe**, who gave^e divers lands lying in **Herdwike** (juxta **Derfet**) to the Knights **Templars**, as also founded^e the Priorie of **Erdburte**, adjoining to this Lordship, and left issue, **Orvel**,^a and **Raphe**^b; which **Raphe**, by his brother's death, became heir to the estate, and residing here at **Griffe**, had a pecnliar Chapell in his Man-
nour-house, wherein he had a speciall License from^e the Canons of **Erdburte**, to have divine ser-
vice celebrated, at such time onely, as himself or his heirs, their wives, or mothers, should be personal-
ly there present, excepting **Christmass-days**, **Easter-day**, **Whitsunday**, **All Saints-day**, **Candlemass-day**, and the Feast-day of the Church its Dedication, on which there should be no solemnitie kept therein, unless by speciall License obtained; and that in case of their disabilitie to come unto the Mother-Church, by reason of sickness or other good cause: And provided that all Oblations made in the said Chapell, should be delivered to the Vi-
car of **Chilberdescote**, for the time being, so that no indempnitie thereby, nor in any thing else might accrue to the said Mother-Church of **Chil-berdescote** by means of the said Chapell.

VVhich **Raphe** had issue **Raphe**, concerning whom I have no more to say, than of his marriage and death, and therein, for brevities sake, do refer my self to the Pedegree. To this last **Raphe**, succeeded^e **Sir Barth de Sudley** Kt. who in 54 **H.** 3. being constituted^a Shiriff of **Hereford-shire** and Governour of **Hereford-Castle**, and in 7 **E. 1.** a Justice^e of Assize in this Countie, gave^e the Monks of **Stoneley** leave to inclose two tofts in **Rad-
way**; and by **Joan** his wife, daughter^e to **Will. de Beauchamp** of **Elmeley** (sister to **William**, the first Earl of **Warwick** of that name) left issueⁿ **Sir John de Suthley** Kt. aged about xxiii. years at his Father's death; which **Joane** was interredⁱ in the Conventuall Church at **Erdburte** before spe-
cified; for the health of whose soul, did **Walt. de Langton** Bishop of **Cob.** and **Lich.** in 13 **E. 2.** grant a speciall Indulgence^k, releasing XL. days of their enjoyned Penance, to all such as should, with a devout mind, say a **Pater noster**, and an **Ave**, for the health of her soul, and the souls of all the faithfull deceased.

VVhich **Sir John** in 13 **E. 1.** claimed^a a Court Leet here, with Assize of Bread and Beer, Gal-
lows, **Infangthef**, **Tumbrell**, **Weyf**, and **Free-warren**; as also to be quit of Murther, and suit to the Countie and Hundred Courts; exhibiting **K. H. 3.** Charter for the **Free-warren**, and pleading Prescription for the rest: All which were allow-
ed^m, excepting his immunitie for Murther, for-
asmuch as he ought to partake with the Hundred therein. And in 15 **E. 1.** had the King's speciall Licenseⁿ to travail beyond Sea. In 26 of that King's reign, he was, with other great men sum-
moned^o to be at **Harleol**, on **Whitson-Eve**, well fitted with Horse and Armes to go into **Scotland**; and was summoned^p to Parliament, amongst the Barons, from 28 **E. 1.** till 13 **E. 2.** inclusive, ha-
ving been a liberall Benefactor to the Canons of **Erdbury**, by granting^a them certain lands, and

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pasturage

x Regist. de
Kenilw. p.
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y Ex cod.
MS. in
Officio
Arm. [L.
17.] f. 148.
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z MS. pe-
nès S. A.
eq. aur. f.
34. d.

a Ex autog.
in cur.
Augm.

b Rot. P. 10
R. 1. Glouc.

c Ex autog.
penès Ric.
Newdi-
gate ar.

* Gen. 1.
11. b.

d Rot. F. 54.
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e Pat. 7. E.
1. in d.

f Cart. 19.
E. 2. n. 6.
per. insp.

g Rot. 1.
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h Esc. 8. E.
1. n. 7.

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l Rot. de
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n Pat. 15.
E. 1. m. 2.

o Claus. 26.
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p Claus. de
ij. cl. an. in
d.

q Pat. 11.
E. 2. p. 2. n.
10.

Walt. Medantinus Goda soror Regis Edw.
Conf.

Radulfus Comes Herefordiæ temp. Edw. Conf.]

Haroldus filius-Marilda filia-Nicholaus de Stafford secundus maritus,
Radulfi Com. Com. Cestrie.

Ioh. de Sutleia . . . filia . . . Tracie domini de Berstaple.

Rad. de Suthleia 12 H. 2. Fundator Emma filia Will. de Bellocampo.
Prieratus de Erdburie.

Otvelus fil. & hæres Rad. de Sudeleg-Isabella neptis Galfridi Fitz-peers, relicta 26 H. 3.
obit f. p. 10 R. 1.

Rad. de Suthleg miles 16 Imenia filia Rogeri Corbet, relicta 28 H. 3.
H. 3.

Bartholomeus de Sudley Johanna filia Will. de Bellocampo, soror W. de Bellocampo Comitis Warw.
51 H. 3. relicta 20 E. 1.

Imenia, Johanna, Ioh. de Sudley . . . filia . . . domini Say.
miles 8 E. 1.

Barth. de Sudley defunctus-Marilda filia Ioh. de Monteforti.
20 E. 2.

Ioh. de Sudley defunctus-Alanora filia Rob. domini de Scales.
14 E. 3.

Ioh. de Sudley defun-
ctus f. p. 41 E. 3.

Johanna ux. Will. le Boteler
mil. defuncta 41 E. 3.

Margeria ux. Rob. Massy mil. defuncta f. prole 3 R. 2.

Johanna filia Ioh. Beau-
champ de Powyk mil.

Thomas Boteler consangu. & hæres Ioh. de Alicia ux. secunda, postea nupta Joh.
Sudley 41 E. 3. Dalingrugge mil.

Ioh. Boteler
defunctus f.
p. 5 H. 5.

Will. Bote-
ler 5 H. 5.

Rad. Boteler miles Thesaur. Angl.
duxit Aliciam fil. & hæres Will.
Deincourt mil. & obit 13 E. 4.

Eliz. ux. . . .
Norburie

Johanna ux. . . .
Belknap.

Thomas Boteler miles duxit Alianoram sororem Joh. Talbot
mil. domini L'isle, & obit vivo patre.

Henr. Norburie
miles.

Will. Bel-
knap ar.
ob. f. p. 2 R. 3.

Henricus Belknap.

Joh. Norburie miles unus consangu. & hæres. Rad.
Boteler de Sudley mil. 13 E. 4.

Edw. Belknap miles, obit
12 H. 8.

Ric. Haliwell Anna filia & hæres.

Edmundus Bray miles 15 H. 8. Iana consangu. & hæres Joh. Norburie
mil. 15 H. 8.

Anna ux.
Cobham.

Eliz. ux. nupta Ric. Catesby
mil. postea Wil. Clerke ar.

Fridiswida ux. Per.
cevalli Hart, mil.

Maria ux. Rob.
Peckham mil

Dorothea ux. Edw. Do-
mini Chaundos

Francisca ux.
Tho. Lifeild.

pasturage for Cattell, in **Derfet, Radway**, and **Chelverfote**: But after 20 E. 2. I have not found any more mention of him; neither of **John** his grandchild, *scil.* son of **Bartholmew**, is there much to be sayd, who died in 14 E. 3. leaving **John** his son and heir little more than a twelve month old: which last **John** departed this world without issue in 41 E. 3. whereupon **Thomas Boteler**, son of Sir **Will. Boteler** of **Wemme**, by **Joane** eldest

daughter to the last **Bartholmew**, and **Margerie** her sister, afterwards married to Sir **Robert Massy** Kt. became his Coheirs and next heirs.

This **Thomas Boteler** was a Kt. in 9 R. 2. To whom succeeded, as heir to his Mother Sir **Raphe Boteler** Kt. a man eminently employed, and highly advanced, as I shall forthwith shew: For, having in 8 H. 6. served the King, with xx men at Armes and Lx. Archers in his personall expedition

u Ex autog.
penès Rob.
D. Digby.
w Mich.
Fin. Reler.
23. H. 6.
x Ex an-
tog. penès
Cler. Pelt.
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a Rot. I.
b Rous
c m d.

d Rot. F.
26. H.
c 3. m. 3.
f Rot. I.
Rous
ut sit
g p. d.

h Ex au-
tog. penès
Rob. D.
Digby.
i F. levat.
Oll. Mich.
20. E. 3.

k Ex au-
tog. penès
Rob. D.
Digby.
l claus. 8.
H. 4. in d. m.
36.
m claus. 8.
E. 4. in d.
n Esc. 8. E.
4. n 39.

r Esc. 14.
E. 3. n. 9.
Esc. 41.
E. 3. n.
14.

y Pat. 20.
H. 6. p. 2. m.
9.
z F. de div.
com. levat.
Oft. Purif.
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autog.
nes Ric
d New-
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ar.
on for France, he was in 20 H. 6. created Baron of Sudley, with an Annuity of CC. marks per an. to himself and his heirs, for the better support of that dignitie; and became soon after Lord Treasurer of England: But in that Office he continued not long; for in 28 H. 6. he was retained by Indenture, to serve the King for five years, as Governour of the Cittadell at Calais with . . . men at Armes on Horseback, xxxv men at Armes on foot, and xx Archers, all able men of war, taking for himself ii s. per diem, for his men at Arms on foot viii d. and for his Archers vi d. besides the speciall Fee of C. s. the quarter for himself: And immediately thereupon, being made the King's Lieutenant of that Town, covenanted^b for the defence and safeguard thereof, and the Marches adjoining, to keep C. men at Arms, over and above the number before specified, and DCCCC. Archers, for a quarter of a year, taking for his men at Arms xii d. a man, and his Archers vi d. besides the reward accustomed.

And was in so great esteem with the Canons of Erdburie, for his munifcence to them, in sundry wife; but specially in procuring^c for them the Appropriation of the Church at Leyth in Lancashire (dated 15 Jan. 28 H. 6.) that, in consideration thereof, they did by their publick Instrument^d, ordeign, that two of their Covent, should every day celebrate divine service in that Monasterie, for the health of his soul, appointing particular Masses for each day of the week, binding themselves and their successors to observe his Anniversarie, after his decesse, with Placebo, Dirige, and Masse of Requiem; and to spend vi s. viii d. yearly on the day of his said Anniversarie in their Covent, by way of Pittance, over and above their usuall allowance. After which, viz. in 30 H. 6. he had a speciall Pardon^e granted to him, for all offences, whereby any advantage might be taken against him, in respect of his great and generall employments: in which pardon his particular services to King H. 5. as well as to the said K. H. 6. in France, and in the Dutchie of Normandie, even from his very youth, are gratefully acknowledg'd: For he had been Lord Treasurer, and Chamberlain to K. H. 6. and Standard-bearer and chief Butler of England, as also Knight of the Garter, and Steward of his Household.

But after this, I find no more of him till his death, which hapned 2 Maii 13 E. 4. where it appears^f, that John Norburie and Will. Belknap were his cocons and heirs (for Sir Thomas Boteler, his son, died^h before him without issue) So that this Mannour came at length (inter alia) by Partitionⁱ made 15 Maii 11 H. 7. to Sir John Norburie; and so by Jane his grandchild and heir to Sir Edmund Bray; which Jane died^k seized thereof 24 Aug. in the last year of Q. Maries reign, leaving severall daughters and heirs (as the Descend before inserted sheweth) whereof Frances married to Thomas Lifeild; who, by the name of Thomas Lifeild of Stoke-Dabernon in com. Sur. Esq. together with the said Frances his wife, did by his Deed^l of bargain and sale, Dated 7 Maii 3 Eliz. in consideration of 1050 l. sell and convey it, unto John Giffard of Chillington in com. Staff. Esq. whose grandchild (sc. Peter son of Walter Giffard) in our memorie, passed the Mannour, consisting of a Royaltie and certain chief Rents, to Sir John Newdigate of Erdburie Kt. and the Demesns, to certain persons in trust, for the

use of Thomas Lord Coventre, late Lord Keeper of the great Seal of England: So that at this day, the said Mannour is now enjoyed by Ric. Newdigate Sergeant at Law, son to the same Sir John; and the demesns by the Lord Coventre, son and heir to the said Lord Keeper.

The Priorie of Erdburie.

W Ithin the precincts of Chilberescoton Parish, stood the Monasterie of Erdburie, built in K. Henry 2. time, by Raphe de Sudley, for Canons Regular of St. Augustine; the Foundation Charter whereof, I never saw: but do conceive, that the substance wherewith he at first endowed it, was as followeth; viz. the Church of Chelberescote, with two yard land belonging thereto; as also six yard land, and a Wood there, reputed for half a hide, ten Acres of land lying in Broad-meadow, and a place called the Breche at Whitmoze, with certain messuages, and half a VWood called the Hudells: And besides this, with some lands and a meadow at Sulingsen, together with the Church of Dercet, and CC. acres of land, lying in one of Dercet fields: As also ten Acres of Meadow, half a yard land there, then held by one Fulk, and a Messuage for barning: And at Radway with one hide of land, as by his grantⁿ appeareth. Giving thereby likewise to these his Canons, sufficient timber for their buildings, and fuel for fire, to be taken upon all occasions throughout his demesns Woods; and libertie for their Hogs therein, without any thing to be rendred for paunage. All which he confirmed to them for the health of his soul, and for the soul of Emme his wife, Orwell his son and heir, and other his Children, his Father's soul also, and all his Ancestors.

Besides this, they hadⁿ anciently the Church of Welfton subius Welfhele, given to them, but by whom I have not seen: yet so it hapned, that for want of good government, they at length, totally in a manner, deserted their Rule; insomuch as Alex. de Savensby, Bishop of this Diocess, shortly after the beginning of H. 3. reign, wrote an earnest Letter^o to the Abbot of Derley (in Derbyshire) desiring that he would send some of his Covent thither, for a time, for the better instructing, and guiding them therein. The substance of what they had from other Benefactors, was as followeth; One yard land in Shirefild, granted^p by Robert de Chartres, and confirmed by Raphe his son, who added^q ten acres more thereto, of his own gift. In Dercet a certain meadow, called Radwey-brok, with the amerciements of all their Tenants, as also Common of pasture for eight Oxen, within that Lordship, given^r by John de Sudley, son and heir to Sir Bartholmew about the 31th of E. 1. Which John, in 11 E. 2. added^s two Messuages, one toft, eight acres of land, seven acres of meadow, and vii s. viii d. yearly Rent, lying within the said Lordship of Dercet and Chelberescote.

After which, viz. in 15 E. 3. they obtained^t a Messuage and xxxvi. acres of land in Wolbe, of Sir Thomas de Astley Kt. towards the support of one Canon, to celebrate divine Service daily in this Priorie, for the good estate of him the said Sir Thomas, and Eliz. his wife, Alice de Wolvey, Y y y y 2 and

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g Esc. 13.
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h E. 8. E.
4. n. 39.
i Claus. 13.
H. 7.
k E. 6. 1.
Eliz.

l Claus. 3.
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2. p. 2. m.
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s Pat. 15.
E. 3. p. 3. m.
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and *Andrew de Astley*, during this life, and for their souls afterwards. And in 1 H. 5. did they purchase^u of *Will. Boteler* and *Will. Babington*, xx. Messuages and one toft, four yard land, a fourth part and six acres, with ii s. i d. ob. Rent, lying in *Pin Caton*, *Aitilborough*, *Wylken Solw*, *Cobentre*, *Hyde*, and *Chilverscote*; as also the reversion^w of the Mannour of *Stockingford*, from the Canons of *Leicester*, after the death of *Hugh de Lilburne*. And being then grown wealthy by so fair an enlargement of their possessions, in 23 H. 6. they procured License^x from *Raphe Boteler* then Lord *Sudley* (of whose patronage the said Priorie was) to buy other lands of C. marks per an. value: whereupon, the year next ensuing, they acquired^y the Advouion of the Rectorie of *Welflegh* in *Lancashire*, from *Will. Lord Lovell*: so that, by the Survey^z taken in 26 H. 8. the whole yearly revenue then belonging to this Religious House, was esteemed at Cxxvi l. viii s. viii d. Out of which, xvi s. viii d. being deducted^a for keeping the Anniversarie of the Lord *Sudley*, the Founder, xl s. for the Obit and Anniversarie of the Lord *Lovell*; xvi s. viii d. for the Fee of *John Dabridgecourt* High Steward of their lands; Liii s. iiii d. to *Will. Wigston* Receiver generall; and other disbursements, which in the totall, with these now mentioned, came to xxviii l. ii s. v d. per an. the cleer remainder^b amounted to XCiii l. vi s. i d. by reason whereof, it was exposed to dissolution with the other small Houses in 27 H. 8. *William Clement* being then^c Prior, who had an Annuitie^d of xx marks per an. by Patent allowed him during life. But in the Crown it continued not long; for in 30 H. 8. did *Charles Brandon* Duke of *Suff.* obtain^e it, together with a multitude more of Monasterie lands, by which means the site thereof, with some part of the demesne lands thereto belonging, came in partition^f to *Margaret*, wife of *John Kersey*, one of the coheirs to the said D. of *Suff.* Which *John* sold^g the same to *Sir Edm. Anderson* Kt. chief Justice of the Common Pleas in Q. Eliz. time; who totally demolishing the old fabrick of the House, and Church, built out of their ruins a very fair structure, in a quadrangular form; and having so done, in 28 Eliz. past^h it away unto *John Newdigate* of *Wentfeld* in *Com. Midd.* Esq. great grandchild to *John Newdigate* Sergeant at Law, in K. H. 8. time (descended by a younger branch, from the ancient Family of *Newdigate*, of *Newdigate* in *Surrey*) in exchange for his said Mannour of *Wentfeld*. Which *John*, by *Martha* daughter and coheir to *Anthony Cave* Esq. had issue *Sir John Newdigate* Kt. who by *Anne*, one of the daughters to *Sir Edw. Fitton* of *Gosworth* in *Cheshire*, left issue two sons, viz. *John* and *Richard*; which *Richard* (now Sergeant at Law) as heir to his Brother, is the present owner hereof.

Piores de Erdburie.

Langt. f.
39. b.

Stre. f.
27. a.

Heyw. f. 38.
a.

Constituti per E-
pisc. Cov. &
Lich.

Frater will. de Bloxham 6
Cal. Apr. 1315.

Rob. de Merston.
Will. de Hulls 17 Cal. Nov.
1380.

Frater Will. Catton Canon. Pri-
orat. de Gresley 8 Oct.
1439.

Will. Woodcock.

Joh. Bromley Canon. 5 Sept.
1456.

Frater Thomas Dawkyn Prior
de Calwich, penult. Apr.
1507.

Frater Will. Clement 23 Oct. 1512.

Bowl. f.
23. b.

Bl. f. 10. b.

Bl. f. 11. a.

Manceter.

Descending lower on this side the River *Anker*, I come next to *Manceter*, heretofore a Roman station, as the forme of that entrenchment, through which the great Way called *Watling Street* passeth, doth manifest, where divers coynes of silver and brasse have been, by digging and plowing, frequently brought to light: but now it is no more than an ordinary Countrey-Village, containing *Hartshill*, *Odburte*, and *Atherston*, within its parish. That the name originally proceeded from the condition of the place, which was fortified, the later syllable doth sufficiently manifest, *Cestre* (but antiently *Cæstre*) importing the same in our old English, as *Castrum* doth: but perhaps the first syllable *Man*, may be Brittain, in which language it signifieth *exiguum* or *parvum*, as 'tis like this Fortification was.

In the Conq^u. Survey, there is no mention at all thereof, it being involved with *Atherston*: but as the rest of those lands, whereof the Countess *Godiva* (of whom in *Cobentre* I have spoke) was posselt in *Edm.* the Conf^u. days, came to the first *Hugh* Earl of *Chester*, so doubtless did this: by whom, or his Kinsman and successor, *Ranulph*, there is no question, but that *Walt. de Hastings* (of whom I have made mention in *Willongley*) was enfeoffed; and that from him, *Walkeline*, who assumed it for his surname, in respect of his residence here, originally had it: For though we have little light to discover the passages of these elder times, the grant of lands being then not frequently by Charter (as I have elsewhere observed) yet from what is manifested by divers¹ Records, in reference to the tenure, no less than what I have sayd, may clearly be inferred. The male descendants of which *WValkeline* till E. 3. time, continued Lords thereof, but then by heirs Female other Families enjoy'd it, as I shall forthwith shew.

But of this *WValkeline de Mancetre*, I have seen no more, than that he was witness^k to a Charter, by which *Rob. Marmion* gave to the Nuns of *Polesworth*, the Church of *Quinton* in *com. Glouc.* about the beginning of K. H. 2. time; and that he confirmed^l *Odbury* to the said Nuns of *Polesworth*, which *Walter de Hastings* originally gave to them. To which Nuns was *Hugh de Mancetre* (grandchild to the said *WValkeline*) also a Benefactor, by granting^m unto them some speciall favours concerning their Mill at *Odburte*. To whom succeeded *Hugh*, his son andⁿ heir, who in 29. 30. 31. and 32 H. 3. was one^o of the Justices for the Gaol-deliverie at *Warwick*; and in 36 H. 3. obtained a speciall Charter^p of free *Warren* in all his demesne lands here, for which he gave^q xi. marks: At which time he was^r one of the Coroners for this Countie; and the next year after, being made^s Eschac-

Testa de
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Warw.
Com. f.
186. b.
Esc. 18. E
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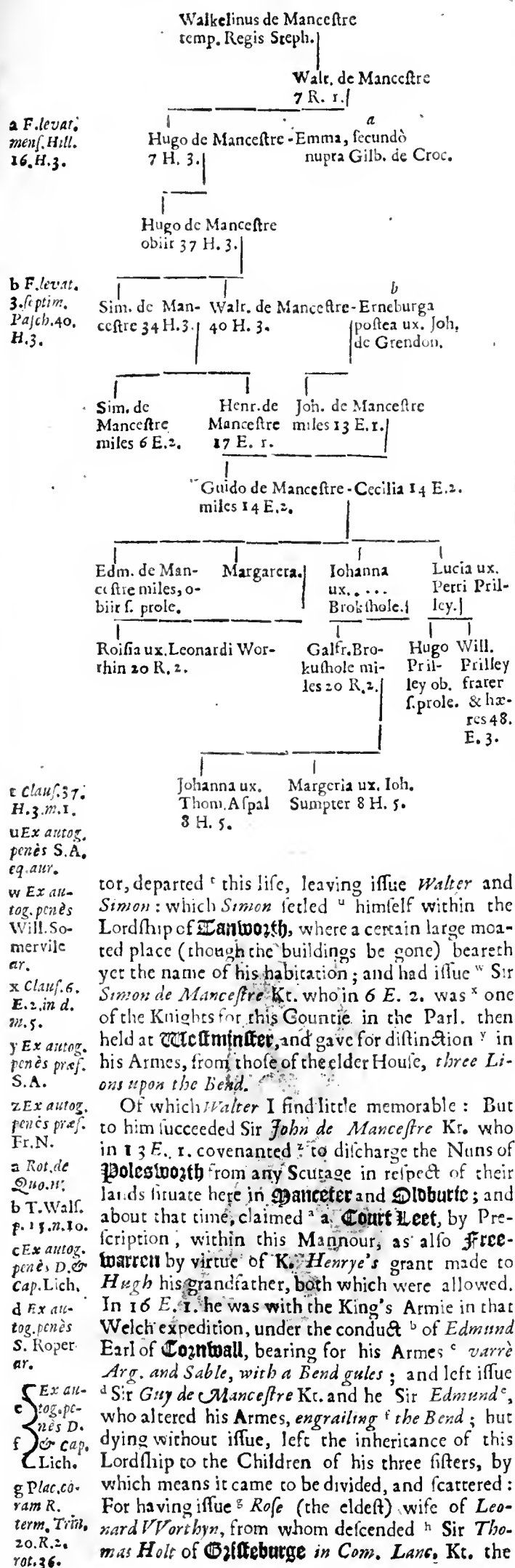
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p Cant. 36.
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q Rot. F.
36. H. 3. m.
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r Claus. 36.
H. 3. m. 31.
s Claus. 37.
H. 3. m. 3.



said Sir *Thomas* sold ⁱ his third part, to one *Robert Greene* of *Atherston*; of which *Robert* it was purchased ^k by *Thomas Ludford* of *Anley* Gent. whose posteritie enjoy it (as I think) at this day.

To *Geffrey Brokushole*, son of *Geffrey*, who wedded the second, succeeded ^l *Joane* the wife of *Thomas Aspal*, and *Margerie* the wife of *John Sumpter*, as daughters and heirs, whose third part came ere long, to *VVill. Harper*, *Nich. Rouley* (both of this place) and *Thomas Arblaster* of *Longdon* in *Com. Staff.* Esq. for in 10 H. 6. they were joyntly ^m posselt of it: but made partition thereof as it seems; for *Thomas Harper* (the last of that name, that had to do here) sold ⁿ his share to *John Glover* of *Warterley*, in whose line it still continues, the Mannour house being part of it. But *Rouley's* and *Arblaster's* came ^o to *Thomas Lewes* Gent. in *Edm.* 6. time, of whose great-grandchild *George*, did *VVill. Cumberland* of *Cum-berford* in *Com. Staff.* Esq. of late time purchase it. And *Prilley's*, by *Anne* the daughter ^p and heir of *Edm. Prilley* in *H.* 6. time, to ... *VVaver*, in marriage; whose grandion *Ric. VVaver* in 7 H. 7. sold ^q it to *Ric. Cave* of *Stanford* in *Com. Northampt.* Which *Richard*, by his Deed ^r bearing date 20 Julii 9 H. 8. past it with certain lands in *Dozwell*, *Kingsburle*, and *Pun-Caton* in this Countie, as also in *Swinsford* and *Forton* in *Com. Leic.* unto *VVill. Filding* of *Belwinham* Esq. in exchange for divers lands in *Stormyswozth* in the said Countie of *Leic.*

Of whose great grandchild, viz. *Basill Filding* Esq. did *Alice Lady Dudley*, wife to Sir *Robert Dudley* Kt. about the twentieth year of *K. James* his reign, purchase ^s it; causing a conveyance to be made thereof to the said King, and to be enrolled in the Chancerie; to the intent ^t that his Majestie should regrant the same to the then Incumbents, of *Mancester*, *Leke-Wootton*, *Althow*, *Kenil-wozth*, *Ponkskirby*, and *Stonley*, for the augmentation of those small Vicaridges xx l. per an. a piece: which was accordingly done, with proviso that the Patentees and their successors, should preach one Sermon every Sunday throughout the year, and upon every Whitunday, a speciall Sermon, in commemoration of the said *Ladie Dudley*, and *Alexia* her daughter, then deceased; who by her last Will and Testament, bequeathed most of her estate unto her said Mother, to be employed to such uses as she should think fit. To each of which Churches, this pious *Ladie* also gave a fair proportion of plate to be used at the Communion.

The Church, was in an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) valued ^u at xxii. marks, the advouson whereof in 23 H. 6. did the Monks of *Merevale* purchase ^v from the then Lords of this Mannour (sc. *Thomas Arblaster* the elder and *Alice* his wife, *Anne* the widow of *Thomas Porter*, *Rob. Armeburgh* Esq. *Reginald Armeburgh*, *Clem. Draper*, *Joan* the Widow of *VVill. Harper*, and *Raphe Holt* and *Elene* his wife :) whereupon the Appropriation ^w of it soon ensued, by *VVill. Booth* then Bishop of *Cob.* and *Lich.* the yearly Pension of xiii s. iii d. to him the said Bishop and his successors, and iii s. iii d. to the Archdeacon of *Cobentre* being reserved: As also a Vicaridge endowed ^x; which Vicaridge in 26 H. 8. was valued ^y at x l. xiii s. iii d. per an.

Patroni Ecclesiæ.

Incumbentes, &c.

Ex autog. penes D. & Cap. Lich. Langt. f. 5. b.	Joh. de Manceſtre miles. Rob. de Herle.	Hugo de Stanford Cler. 1287. Joh. de Herle, Subdiac. 14. Cal. Apr. 1298. Rog. de Crophull Pbr. 11. Cal. Apr. 1333. Ric. de Bulcote 15 Cal. Aug. 1349. Ric. de Gybbesmore Cap. Cal. Aug. 1349. Will. Brynklow Pbr. xxii. Junii 1392.
Northb. f. 27. b. 16. f. 48. b.	D. Guido de Man- ceſtre miles.	
16. f. 50. a.	D. Edm. de Man- ceſtre miles.	
54. f. 8. a.	D. Galf. Brochull miles, Petr. Prilley, & Leonardus Wor- thyn.	
Reg. f. 1. 9. a.	D. Episc. per laps. a.	The. Heton Cler. 10 Nov. 1432.
	Patroni Vicarie.	
10. f. 10. a.	D. Episc. hac vice.	Joh. Mounſord, alias Bar- bour Pbr. 20 Feb. 1449. Magr. Rob. Whitton 21. Aug. 1514. D. Rob. Barſt. 14. Oct. 1530. Thomas Allrad Cap. 1. Ju- nii 1538. Thomas Smyth Cler. 9 Nov. 1553. Wilfridus Roſſe Cler. 26. Aug. 1574. Ric. Abell Cler. Art. Mag. 31 Julii 1622.
51. f. 6. b.	Abbas & Convent. de Merevale.	
16. f. 17. b.		
Str. & P. j. 15. b.		
Sampſ. & E. f. 1. a.	Anna Hyll de A- therſton.	
16. f. 46. a.	D. Eliz. Regina.	
Morton bund. incert	Jacobus Rex.	

The Chantry.

IN 37 H. 6. the Abbot and Convent of Mere-
vale founded a Chantry at the Altar of the holy

Mancester

In the east window of the North Ile.

1 Crophull
2 Mancester



Hartshill.

THIS place is joynd with Anſley in the Conq¹⁵.
Survey², where it appears, that both of them
were then eſteemed for two hides, and valued at
C s. being then ferm'd out by the King, together
with Coventre; and with Mancester (doubtles)

Trinitie, within this Church, for one Priest to ce-
lebrate divine ſervice daylie thereat, for the ſoul
of K. H. 6. after his departure out of this life,
and for the ſouls of Thomas Slawteley, Alice and
Catherine his wives, and all the faithfull deceaſed:
The lands belonging whereunto, lying in Wab-
ſington and Atherſton, were in 26 H. 8. valued
at vi l. vii s. iii d. per an. over and above all re-
priſes; and in 37 H. 8. at vi l. x s. ii d. ob.

bMS. penes
S. A. eq.
aur. f. 57. a.

c Ex alio
MS. penes
eund. S. A.
f. 11. b.

The Gild.

THIS was likewise founded in the ſaid 37th. year
of K. H. 6. at the inſtance of John Riggeley then
Abbot of Merevale, and did conſiſt of divers men &
women, Inhabitants of Atherſton & this Pariſh of
Mancester; who were every year upon Trinitie-
Sunday, to chooſe amongſt themſelves, for the
better rule and government of that Fraternitie,
two Maſters: unto which Gild did belong one
Priest to celebrate divine ſervice at the Altar of
the bleſſed Virgin, in this Church of Mancester, for
the good eſtate of the ſaid K. H. 6. and his Queen
during this life, and for their ſouls afterwards; as
alſo for the good eſtate of all the Brethren and Si-
ſters of the ſaid Fraternitie. Which Priest ſo ſer-
ving there, had in 26 H. 8. a Stipend of vi l.
per an. allowed unto him: but in 37 H. 8. all the
lands belonging thereto, were valued at x l. x s.
out of which x x s. was yearly given to poor
people.

d Pat. 37.
H. 6. p. 1. m.
10.

e MS. penes
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f Ex alio
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f. 11. b.

came to the Earl of Cheſter; for it appears^h, that
it was held of thoſe Earls and their heirs; and that
one Hugh was the firſt that ſeated himſelf here,
aſſumingⁱ this place for his ſurname, having a fair
Mannour houſe, ſituate with very much advantage
for defence, viz. at the utmoſt point of a ridge
that ſtretcheth itſelf betwixt two deep and nar-
row Vallies, and had the reputation of a Caſtle,

h clauſ. 13.
H. 3. m. 17.
clauſ. 27.
H. 3. m. 2.
i Ex autog.
penes
Fr. Ne-
therſole
eq. aur.

as the tradition is, there being some embattelled Walls yet standing, to testifie as much. To this *Hugh* succeeded *Robert*, and to him *William*, who wrote^k himself *Will. de Hardreshulle*, as his grandfather did, and in 3¹ *Joh.* underwent the Sherriffal- tie of this Countie and *Leicestershire*, for that great man *Will. de Cantilupe*, of whom in *Aston- Cantilupe* I have made mention; as also gave^m the Church of *Andey* to the Nuns of *Polesworth*, and left issueⁿ *Robert* his son and heir, who in 2 *H.* 3. was one^o of the sureties, in the behalf of *Robert Marmion*, for his safe custody of *Lamworth* Castle, to the King's use; and in^p 5. and 6^q *H.* 3. one of the Justices of Assize in this Countie.

Hugh de Hardredeshull
remp. H. 1.

Rob. de Hardredeshull.

Will. de Hardredeshull

3 Joh.

Rob. de Hardredeshull

2 H. 3.

Ric. de Hardredeshull

23 H. 3.

Will. de Hardredeshull - Matilda, postea
defunctus 46 H. 3.

supra Will. de
Arderne.

Rob. de Har-
dreshull de-
functus 1 E. 1.

Ioh. de Har-
dreshull - Isabella.
mil. defunctus
4 E. 1.

Will. de Hardreshull - Juliana.
defunctus 32 E. 1.

Erneburga de Hardreshull
Abbatissa de Polesworth
29 E. 1.

Ioh. de Hardreshull - Margarera una fil. & cohær.
miles 10 E. 2.

Iac. Statford de Sandon mil.

Ioh. Cul-
peper.

Eliz. filia
& cohær. de Burford mil.

Iohanna ux. Iac.
Ric. Talbot mil.

Thomas Culpeper de - Alianora
... in com. Cantii
miles 1 R. 2.

Ioh. Culpeper de Ashene in Com.
Northanpt. miles 10 H. 6.

Walt. Culpeper
ar. 16 H. 6.

Thomas Culpeper
miles.

Ioh. Culpeper miles
obiit 22 E. 4.

Alex. Culpeper miles
27 H. 8.

Thomas Culpeper de Bedgburie
in Com. Cantii ar. 3 E. 6.

To which *Robert* succeeded *Will. de Hardredeshull* his son and heir, who in 9 *H.* 3. gave^r xx. marks to the King for his Releif, and^s 447 l. 7 s. 5 d. being a debt due by him to the Jews. In the same year he was in^t Commission for levying and collecting a xvth. in this Countie and *Leicestershire*, so likewise^u the next year following; And for^w taking Assizes of *Novel disseisin* in this Shire. In 23 *H.* 3. he gave^x x. Marks Fine, for the custodie

of the lands, which were belonging to *Ric. de Hardredeshull*, his Uncle; and in 43. of the said King's reign, did^y his Homage for all those lands in *Lincolnshire*, which *Grace de Lisle* died seized of, and were of his inheritance: But in 46 *H.* 3. he departed^z this life, leaving *Robert* his son and heir, who gave^a Lx s. to the King as a Releif for the lands which his Father died seized of, that were held of the said K. in *Capite*, and doing his Homage had liverie^b of them. Which *Robert*, siding with the Earl of *Leicester*, and other the rebellious Barons in 49 *H.* 3. and being slain, fighting in their part in the battail of *Esvelham*, his lands were seized, and this Mannour by name, given^c to *Willelmo de Bassingburne*: yet to *Margaret* his widow, the King allowed^d certain of her said husband's forfeited possessions, lying in *Pulteneth* and *Parton*, for the maintenance of herself and her Children: but what Children these were, doth not appear to me, nor what became of him; for the inheritance of this Lordship (considering that the *Dictum de Kenilworth* exempted it from forfeiture) came^e to Sir *John de Hardreshull* Kt. brother to the said *Robert*, who first bore for his Armes a border with *Martlets*, but afterwards^f Arg. a Cheveron sable betwixt ten *Martlets* gules, and died^g in 4 E. 1. leaving *William* his son and heir, five years of age, who in 20 E. 1. doing his Homage, had liverie^h of his lands.

This *Will.* in 21 E. 1. obtained a Charter^k of Free-warren in all his demesne lands here, as also at *Saleby*, *Cukewold*, and *Kelesey* in *Com. Linc.* and *Pultenepe* in *Leicestershire*, and bore^l for his Armes a Cross engrailed, with a *Martlet* in the dexter quarter. In 29 E. 1. he had Summons^m amongst divers other eminent persons, to attend the King at *Warwick* upon *Tweede*, on the Feast day of *S. John Bapt. Nativitas*, to march with him into *Scotland*, and departedⁿ this life in 32 E. 1. leaving *John* his son and heir ten years of age, whose marriage (for he was in *Warde*) was granted^o unto *Nich. Malemeyns*, a servant to the King. Which *John* became of full age in 6 E. 2. and doing his homage had liverie^p of his lands; immediately whereupon he attended the King, in that unfortunate Scotch expedition, the same year, and was taken Prisoner^q in the battail of *Bannocksburne*. After which, *sc.* in 10 E. 2. I find, that having had some contestation with the Abbess of *Polesworth*, touching an hereditarie right, to present two Nuns into that Religious House, to be there admitted by the said Abbot and Covent; upon better consideration of his title, he quitted^r any farther claim thereto, being at that time a Kt. And that in 15 E. 2. he was, with *Nich. de Grey*, joy-^sned in the Governourship of *Donington* and *Spelburne* Castles in *Leicestershire*; as also the next ensuing year, one^t of the Commissioners for arraying of men in this Countie, for the Scotch expedition: In 17 E. 2. employed^u into *Cal-cogn* on the King's service; and in 20 E. 2. made Governour^w, both of *St. Briavell* Castle, and the Forest of *Dene* in *Gloucestershire*.

And moreover, that in 1 E. 3. he obtained a speciall License^x from *Rog. Northburgh* then Bishop of this Dioces, for a Priest to celebrate divine service within this his Mannour house at *Hardreshull*; that in 3 E. 3. he was constituted a^y Commissioner for conservation of the peace in this Countie, and bore^z for his Armes Argent a Cheveron sable betwixt ten *Martlets* gules, as his grand-

y Rot. F. 43.
H. 3. m. 9.

z Rot. P.
46. H.
a 3.

b Rot. F. 46
H. 3. m. 12.

c Cart. 49.
H. 3. m. 3.

d Pat. 50.
H. 3. m. 29.

e Ex autog.
penes
pres.
W. Bur-
ton.

f Ex autog.
penes G.
Ludford
gen.

g Ex au-
tog. penes
pres. W. B.

h Esc. 4. E.
1. n. 35.

i Claus. 20.
E. 1. m. 12.

k Cart. 21.
E. 1. m. 30.

l Ex autog.
penes T.
White.

m Claus.
29. E. 1. m.
d. m. 13.

n Esc. 32.
E. 1. m. 50.

o Pat. 32.
E. 1. m. 26.

p Claus. 6.
E. 2. m. 20.

q Claus. 8.
E. 2. in d.
m. 24.

r Ex autog.
penes pres.
Fr. Nether-
sole.

s Rot. F. 15.
E. 2. m. 13.

t Claus. 16.
E. 2. in d.
m. 12.

u Pat. 17.
E. 2. p. 2. m.
8.

w Rot. F. 20
E. 2. m. 3.

x Northb.
f. 5. b.

y Pat. 3. E.
3. p. 1. in d.
m. 16.

z Ex au-
tog. penes
W. Shel-
don ar.

a } *Ex col. pref. W. Bur-ton.*
 grandfather did; and lastly, that he wedded Margaret^a one of the daughters and coheirs to Sir James Stafford of Sandon Kt. by whom he had issue^b three daughters and heirs, viz. Eliz. the wife of John Culpeper, Joane of Sir James de Burford Kt. and Margaret of Sir Ric. Talbot Kt. Upon partition betwixt which coheirs, this Lordship, together with Andley, came^c to Elizabeth: From whom descended Sir Alex. Culpeper Kt. upon whose attainder in 1 R. 3. it was granted^d to Sir Charles Pilkinton Kt. for the Bodie to that King. I have not seen for what cause the said Alexander became attainted, but do suppose it was for adhering to Henry D. of Buck. But I find^e, that Thomas Culpeper of Wedgburie in Kent Esq. son and heir to the said Alex. repossessed it: Of which Thomas, Sir Anthony Cook of Giddle-Hall in Essex, purchased^f it, and died seized^g thereof in 18 Eliz. leaving Richard his son and heir of full age.

d *Roc. Con- firm. 1. R. 3.*
 e } *Ex col. pref. W. B.*
 f }
 g *Lib. 3. cc. dul.*

Oldburie.

OF this, is there not any particular mention in the Conquerour's Survey (it being then

Lapis ipse extat inter cuncta Elie Ashmole Arm. Norwichephili Anglici.



On the South side of this Fort, had the Nuns of **Wolestwoth** very antiently a Cell, as appeareth by part of a Chapell, yet standing, which was dedicated to St. Laurence: and if we may credit that old historicall MS. voucht in my discourse of that Monasterie, it must not be denyed but that it was theirs before the Norman Conquest. 'Tis true, that in K. Henry the first's time Walter de Hastings and Athawis his wife, did by their speciall Charter^a, in the presence of Roger de Clinton then Bishop of this Dioces, grant unto these Nuns, Osanna being then the Prioress, the site of this Oldburie, and all Stiperthull, in fields and woods, down to the midst of the Valley on that side **Panceter**: As also a certain part of the wood lying South-east of Oldburie, and extending to the rivulet which comes from **Hardesethull**. And moreover all those grounds called **Calde-croft**, and **Birchley**, lying betwixt these two ways, *sc. Mere-street*, and **Birchley street**, unto *Hugh's wood*, in circumference.

But this I do not account to be any other than in the nature of a Confirmation, which was very fit for these Nuns to have, considering that notwithstanding the Conqueror by those Lawsⁱ he made in the fourth year of his reign, seemed favourable to Religious persons, yet by the Preamble to^k those of K. Henry the first, there is an acknowledgement of manifold oppressions; which had

involved with **Atherston**, as I guess) though it be a place of great antiquitie, as may appear by that quadrangular Fort, whence at first it had this name, which contains about seven acres of ground, as by the rampires, whose height and largeness do still shew the strength it was of, is manifest; being situate upon the most eminent crest, of all that mountainous tract, bordering upon this nook of the **Wood-land**, and purposely chosen (without doubt) by the Romans in respect of its vicinitie to **Panceter**, where they had a fixed station. On the North part of this Fort, have been found, by plowing, divers Flint stones, about four inches and a half in length; curiously wrought by grinding, or some such way, into the form here exprest; the one end shaped much like the edge of a Pole-Axe, which makes me conjecture, that, considering there is no flint in all this part of the Countie, nor within more than xl. miles from hence, they being at first so made by the native Britans, and put into a hole, boared through the side of a staff, were made use of for weapons, inasmuch as they had not then attained to the knowledge of working iron or brasse to such uses.

there not been, how expedient it was for them to obtain some good assurance from their new Lords, will easily be judged: And that this, though it pass by the words *dedit & confirmavit*, was no other than a ratification, seems likely to me, both by that declaratorie Instrument^l made thereupon by the before specified Bishop in these words, *Rogerus Dei gratia Cestria Episcopus, Omnibus, &c. Noverint tam presentes quam futuri, Walterum de Hastings, & Hadevisam ejus uxorem, in mea presentia dedisse & concessisse, & religioni & conversationi pauperum mulierum deputasse locum de Aldeberia, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, ita quod nichil proprii juris, vel dominii, vel advocacionis terrena inibi sibi retinuerunt, prater hoc quod eundem locum debent munire, & protegere contra omnes importunitates ut suam elemosynam, &c.* And that of *Walcheline de Mancestre*, who having the first grant of **Panceter** (within the territories whereof this place lyeth) from the said *Walt. de Hastings*, in his Charter^m to the said Nuns, which could be no other than for corroboration, hath the words *Concessi & confirmavi*, expressing all the lands, with the bounds as aforesaid.

Other particulars (wherewith I have met) which specially relate to this place, were, briefly these; That the Nuns here residing had two yard land in **Waberton**, givenⁿ to them by *Raphe Roteler* of **Lambwoth**, with his Daughter, whom he there placed

Ex autog. penes pref. Fr. N.

Ex autog. penes pref. Fr. N.

sc. Hug. de Hardesethull.

m lb.

i Hist. Anglic. Script. edit. 1652. col. 2355. n. 10. k Ib. col. 310. n. 40.

Ex autog. penes S. Roper ar.

placed to be a *Votresse*: As also that a special Indulgence^o for release of *Xv. dayes* Penance, was granted by *Robert Bishop of Hereford*, to all such as should contribute to these Nuns, towards their buildings here: And lastly, that after much controversy, betwixt the Nuns of *Polesworth*, and the Parson of *Spanceter*, (about the beginning of *E. 1. time*;) for the right to all *Oblations* made in the Chapell of *St. Laurence*, at this place, and the Tithe Corn of two pieces of inclosed ground, one lying on the South part of the House and the other on the North, they grew at length to this conclusion^p, for themselves and their successors; viz. that the said Nuns should totally have the benefit of them; in consideration whereof, they were yearly, every *Michaelmas* day, to bring to the Church of *Spanceter* three pounds of *Wax*, and there before Noon, deliver the same to the Parson for the time being, upon the High Altar.

Provided nevertheless, if it did happen in time to come, that God should work any strange Miracles here, by reason whereof there might be a more than ordinary confluence of people to this Chapell, and so consequently a multitude of Offerings, that then all such extraordinary offerings to be divided equally betwixt the said Nuns and the Parson: And also provided that the Priest so celebrating Divine Service here, should not admit any of the Parishioners of *Spanceter* thither on Sundays, or Holy-days, either to the Sacrament or Divine Service, without the expresse License of the said Parson, or his Deputie. Which Agreement bears date on the Eve of the Feast of *St. Philip and James the Apostles an. 1284. (12 E. 1.)*

Which lands, lying here in *Oldburie*, so belonging to those Nuns, were in *26 H. 8.* valued at *9 vil. x d.* and coming to the Crown, together with the said Monasterie of *Polesworth* in *30 H. 8.* were in *33. of the said King's reign*, granted^r to *Charles Brandon D. of Suff.* and his heirs, by the name of *Dominium & Manerium de Oldburie, ac Capitale Messuagium de Oldburie, &c. Monasterio de Polesworth spectans.* Which Duke immediately thereupon, past^t the same unto one *Robert Green*, who in *3 Eliz.* sold^u it to *John Symings* Doctor of Physick. Neither did he keep it long; for in *21 Eliz.* *Jasper Fyler Esq.* died^v seized of it, leaving *Cuth. Norwood* widow, and *Anne* the wife of *Richard Wolriche*, his coheirs and heirs. But after this it came again to the Crown; for in *3 Jac.* *Sir Edw. Stanhope* Knight and *Edm. Luteworth* Gent. had a grant^w of it in Fee. From whom it is since come to Master *Richard Whitehall*, the present owner thereof.

Atherston.

OF this place was the Countess *Godeva* (of whom in *Cobentre* I have spoke) possessor, before the Norman invasion; but after the Conquest King *William* ferm'd it out, with all the rest of those lands formerly belonging to that noble Ladie. By the generall Survey^x, made towards the later end of the Conqueror's reign, it was rated at three hides, the Woods then belonging thereto, being esteemed at two miles in length and as much in breadth, which with the rest were valued at *Lx s.* but herein were *Spanceter* and *Oldburie*, (without question) involved. In that

Record^y it is written *Abdestone*, and in^z some others of great antiquitie, *Coredestone*, and *Albredestone*, so that 'tis apparent, that the name at first arose from some ancient possessor thereof in the Saxons time, both *Edredus* and *Alfredus* being appellations then in use. But, as the rest of the lands, belonging to that Countess, came to those Earls of *Chesster* of the Norman line, so did this place, and was by the first *Hugh*, given^a to the Monks of *Bec* in *Normandie*: which Monks in *30 H. 3.* obtained an yearly *Faire*^b here, to last three days, beginning on the Eve of the blessed Virgins *Nativitie* (*sc. 7. Septembris*) And the next year ensuing, a *Mercate* weekly on the Tuesday; for which they having a speciall Charter^c, with a confirmation of the said *Faire*, gave a Fine of *4 C s.* to the King.

What it was that *Robert Earl Ferrers* (whose Ancestour founded *Merevale* Abby, hard by) had to do within the precinct of this Lordship, I know not, which occasioned him to release^e to those Monks of *Bec*, in *H. 3. time*, all his right therein; but, about the beginning of *E. 1. time*, *Raphe de Culy* layd claim to this Mannour, pretending that his Ancestour was possessor of it; whereupon there grew a great suit^f betwixt him and those Monks; howbeit in *3 E. 1.* the Monks recovered^g it: and in *13 E. 1.* challenged^h divers Liberties and privileges here, viz. Gallows, Pillorie, *Theme*, Assize of Bread and Beer, *Mercate*, *Fair* and *Toll*, exhibiting King *H. 3. Charter* for the same, & proving that they had enjoyed them accordingly without interruption; all which were allowed. But after this, ere long, it came to be reputed as a member of the Priorie of *Deburne* in *Com. Wilts.* for so doth that taxationⁱ of the temporalities belonging to the Religious Houses in *19 E. 1.* speak it to be; as also the Record^k called *Nomina Villarum* in *9 E. 2.* but this was no other than as the Priorie of *Deburne* was a Cell to *Bec* before specified.

As the *Mercate*, in time, growing very much to be frequented, by reason it stands so opportunely both to the *Woodland* and *Feildon*, brought no small advantage to the Inhabitants here; so did it, by such concourse of people, make the town very foul and dirtie in Winter time; for remedy whereof they procured a Patent^l from the King in *12 E. 2.* for License to take *Toll* of all vendible commodities coming hither for the space of four years, towards defraying the charge in paving thereof; viz. for every Quarter of Corn a farthing, &c. but this not performing the work, they obtained another Patent^m in *17 E. 3.* to take *Toll* for five years more, to that purpose, *scil.* of every Hordload of Corn a half penny, &c.

About this time, the Monks of *Bec*, being very weary of the frequent seizures, which were made of their lands in this Realm, into the King's hands, by reason of his wars with *France*, began to think of quitting their interest, for some certain advantage; and therefore in *18 E. 3.* got Licenseⁿ to pass this Mannour away, unto the Monks of *Merevale*; but it was not accordingly conveyed; for in *7 H. 4.* upon seizure of the lands belonging to those forraign Monasteries, for the reasons before exprest, as a member of the Priorie of *Deburne* (which was a Cell to *Bec*, before mentioned) it was demised^o to *Will. de Brynklow* Clerk, and *Peter Purly* Esq. by *John* the King's son (afterwards Duke of *Bedford*) and *Thomas*

Ex autog.
penes præf.
Fr. N.

q MS. penes S. A.
eq. aut. f.
34. b.

f Ib. p. 4.
t Pat. 3.
Eliz. p. 4.

u Lib. 4. cc. dul.

w Pat. 3.
Jac. p. 6.

x Domest. lib.

y Ib.
z Ex autog.
penes præf. &
Scol. Coll.
Regal.
Cantab.

a Cart. 12.
H. 3. n. 11.
per. Insp.
b Claus. 30.
H. 3. m. 6.

c Cart. 31.
H. 3. m. 14.
d Rot. F. 31.
H. 3. m. 13.

e Ex autog.
penes præf.
Præpos. & c.

f Plac. de B.
term. Mich.
2. E. 1. rot.
11.

g Plac. com.
nam. Concil.
Regis T.
Trin. 3. E.
1. rot. 51.

h Plac. de
Quo. w.
i MS. in
Seac. penes
Rem. R.

k Rot. in
Seac. penes
Rem. R.

l Pat. 12.
E. 2. p. 2. m.
16.

m Pat. 17.
E. 3. p. 1. m.
42.

n Pat. 18.
E. 3. p. 1. m.
43.

o Pat. 7. H.
4. ind. m. 10.

Longley Chancelour of **England** (who had the King's grant of all the lands belonging to the said Priorie of **Dkeburne**) to hold for *xx.* years, at the rate of *xl l. per an.* After which time, *viz.* in *16 H.6.* (the Duke of **Bedford** being then dead)

the King gave ^p it to *Humphrey* Earl *Stafford*, for ^p *Pat. 16.* life ; and within six years after, granted ^q the re- *H.6.p.2.m.* version thereof, for ever, unto the Provost and *33.* Scholars of *King's Colledge* in **Cambridge**, then ^q *Pat. 22.* newly by him founded. *H.6.p.2.m.* *15.*



W. Hollar fecit.

Heremitanus S.^r Augustin.

Yet of this grant, had that Colledge no benefit, as it seems; for in 31 H. 6. did the said King bestow it upon *Edm. Earl of Richmond*, his half Brother, and the heirs of his body: but that Patent held good no longer than the life of that King; for it appears that King *Edward 4.* in the first year of his reign, disposed thereof, unto the *Carthusian* Monks of *Montgrace* in *Dorsetshire*, who accordingly enjoy'd it till the dissolution of that House by King *Henry 8.* Whereupon, coming to the Crown, it was granted to *Henry Marq. Dorset*, and *Thomas Duport*, and to the heirs of the said Marquess, for ever: upon whose attainder in 1. *Marie* (whereof in *Affley* I have spoke) it returned again to the Crown, and in 1 & 2 Ph. & M. was past to *William Devereux* Esquire and his heirs; Which *William* (being afterwards a Knight) died seized thereof in 21 Eliz. leaving *Margaret* the wife of *Edward Littleton* of *Willaton-Hall* in *Com. Staff.* Esquire, and *Barbara* the wife of *Edward Hastings*, his daughters and heirs. But since, it is come, by purchase to *Sir John Repington* Knight, whose son and heir, *sc. Sir John R. of Amington* Knight, now enjoys it.

Within the precincts of this town, there was very anciently a Chapell, whereunto the Monks of *Ber.* about the beginning of H. 2. time, gave *xii.* acres of land, viz. six lying on the one side of the town, and six on the other. Concerning which Chapell, the said Monks and the Parson of *Manceter*, then came to this agreement; viz. that the Rector of *Manceter*, for the time being, should cause Divine service to be celebrated therein, three days every week, *sc. Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday*; and if a Holy-day did happen on any other than of these, to be accounted for one of them, solemn Service being then to be there performed: And moreover, in case the passion of *St. Peter* should happen on any of those days, that Mass should be there and then celebrated, but on all other days omitted; all Tithes and Obventions, arising out of this Hamlet, to be paid to *Manceter*; yet, that Buriall and Baptism should be performed here, for the Inhabitants of *Atherston*, except any particular person, on his death bed, should rather desire sepulture at *Manceter*, than in this Chapell-yard; which Agreement was ratified by *Richard Peche* then Bishop of *Cob.* and *Lich.*

The Friers.

This House was founded by *Raphe Lord Bassett* of *Draughton* in 49 E. 3. for Friars *Heremites* of *St. Augustine*; over the Gate whereof, is yet to be seen his Armes, cut in a fair Shield of Stone. Touching the originall of this Order, there is no absolute certaintie, as *Polydore* affirmeth. Some alleadge, that *St. Augustine* Bishop of *Hippo*, retiring into the Wilderness, during the rage of the *Manichean* Hereticks, then instituted it, gathering together into one Covent, those that were dispers'd in the Desert: Others, that, divers devout persons, desiring to imitate the piety and singular learning of *St. Augustine*, even whilst he lived, left all that they had, and betook themselves to the Wilderness, whereupon they were called *Heremites*. By which of these means it was, I shall not farther stand to enquire; but *Mendicants* they were, for certain; and for their Habite did wear in their Cloister a white garment

close girt to them, and when they went out, a Black over it, with a broad lethern Girdle, buckled, (as on the last page is represented) being shorn on the Head, as the *Dominicans* are.

These first began to propagate in England, about the year 1250. (34 H. 3.) as did the *Carmentites*; but in this Countie, not of a long time after; for to this in *Atherston*, which was the onely House of them therein, it was the 49th. of Ed. 3. ere the said Lord *Basset* gave the land, *sc. xii.* acres, whereupon it stood; at which time they began to build their Church, and came to an Agreement with the Parson of *Manceter* (in the presence of the said Lord *Basset*, the Abbot of *Leicester*, *Tho. Harecourt* Lord of *Wosworth*, and others; *John Canbe* being their Procurator, or *Warden*, at that time.) Which was, in substance, this; that for the Tithes of those places whereupon that structure was to be made, and for the rest of the lands before specified, they should pay to the said Parson and his Successors *xv s. per an.* at the Feast of *St. Michael* the Arch-Angell and *Easter*, by even portions; in default whereof, a distress to be taken; and that if they should acquire any more land, then to pay Tithe in kind for the same.

It seems, the Church and buildings were not perfected till King *Ric. 2.* time; for it appears, that the said Lord *Basset*, by his Testament, bearing date at *London* 12 Sept. an. 1383. (7 R. 2.) gave them a Legacie of five hundred marks, for completing thereof. This is he that was the last Lord *Basset* of *Draughton* (for he died without issue) and lieth magnificently entombed in *Lichfield*, Cathedral, on the South side of *St. Chads* Shrine, though the place be not now known by that name, the Lord *Paget's* Monument being erected where that Shrine stood. But I do not find, that they ever had any more lands, than what are above express'd; for by the Survey taken in 26 H. 8. all that belonged to them, was valued but at *xxx s. iii d. per an.* over and above reprises, and came to the Crown by the Act of dissolution in 27 H. 8. After which, viz. in 35 H. 8. the King granted the site and circuit of the House, with a Dove-cote, Barn, Orchard, and two Messuages (that stood upon the before specified ground, first given thereto) unto one *Henry Cartwright* and his heirs, to hold by the *xxxth* part of a Knight's Fee. Which *Henry* the same year, sold it to *... Hill*. Since which, by purchase it came to *Sir John Repington* Knight, who having bought the Mannour (as hath been already shewed) built a fair House of Brick upon the ruins of this Friery, where residing, he died in an. 1625.

The Gild.

OF this Gild, forasmuch as it consisted of the Inhabitants of the whole Parish, I have spoke in *Manceter*.

The Free-School.

This was founded in 15 Eliz. by *Sir William Devereux* Kt. who (then residing at *Merevale*) obtained License to purchase lands, and to give them thereunto; the substance whereof are situate in *Dosbhill*, near *Kingsburie*.

And farther of this Town, I have not to say, than that it gave birth to one of our late famous Poets, *scil. Michael Drayton*; who being one of the Elquires that attended *Sir Walter Aston*

d Math.
Westm in
an. 1250.

sc. Bu gh. f.
133. b.

Ex autog.
penes Will.
Vicecom.
Staff.

g MS. pe-
nes S.A.
eq. aut. f.
61. b.

h Pat. 35.
H. 8 p. 3.

i lb. p. 18.

r Pat. 31.
H. 6. p. 2. m.
26.

f Pat. 1. E.
4. p. 4. m. 11.

t Pat. 37.
H. 8. p. 13.

u Pat. 1. &
2. Ph. &
M. p. 10.
w Esr. 22.
Eliz.

x Ex autog.
penes pref.
Priepos. & c.
Coll. Regal.
Cantab.
y lb.

z Pat. 49.
E. 3. p. 2. m.
17.

a De in-
vent.
b rerum
Lib. 3.
c cap. 3.

k Pat. 15.
Eliz. p. 1.

Witchhall in *Com. Staff.* Kt. when he was made Kt. of the Bath at the Coronation of K. *James*, lieth buried in the South Crofs Isle of **Westminster**-Abby, with this Epitaph on his Monument.

*Doe pious Marble, let thy Readers know,
What they and what their Children owe
To Draiton's name, whose sacred dust
We recomend, unto thy trust.*

*Protect his memorie, and preserve his storie,
Remain a lasting Monument of his glorie;
And when thy ruins shall disclaim
To be the Treasurer of his name,
His name that never fades shall be,
An everlasting Monument to thee.*

Feldon-Bridge.

AT the further side of **Atherston** field, stands this Bridge, over **Anker**; which being ruinous in 6 E. 3. License was granted to **Edmund de Shireford** to take Toll of all vendible commodities passing over it, by the space of three years, towards the charge in repairing thereof.

Merevale.

Westwards from **Atherston**, scarce a mile, stands **Mirabale**, of which there is no particular mention in the Conquerour's Survey, in regard it was involved with **Grendon** (lying on the other side the River) whereto it then belonged as an Out-wood, and therewith became posselt by **Henry de Feriers**, a great man in these parts (as I shall shew anon) whose grandson **Robert Earl Ferrers**, having a reverend esteem of the **Cistercian** Monks, which in his time began to multiply in **England**, made choice of this mountainous and woody Desert (as fittest for solitude and devotion) to found therein a Monasterie of that Order; which was begun accordingly in the **xiiith** year of K. **Stephen's** reign; and being propagated with Monks from **Worcester**-Abby in **Worcestershire**, had, by reason of such its situation, the name of **Miraballe** attributed thereto; the lands wherewith he endowed it, being these; viz. all his Forest of **Arden** (id est his Out-wood in that part of the Woodland, which then bore the name of **Arden**) and also what he had in **Whittington**, together with the Mannour of **Overton** (now called **Wotton** on the Hill in *Com. Leic.*) as also **Herdwike** in the **Peake** of **Derbyshire**, unto **Cranokelstone**; with Common of pasture in **Hertendon** and **Pillesburke**, for Sheep and other Cattell, as the words of his Charter do import.

But besides this, it had severall other Benefactors; of which the principall were these; *scil.* **Gerard de Limesi**, **Walt. de Camville**, **Robt de Baskerville**, and **Pain de Baskerville**. as K. H. 2. Charter, whereby he ratified their grants, manifesteth: So that about 30 H. 2. there were the Granges of **Moze** (now **Moze-Barne**) **Bozle**, **Selle**, **Little-Petling**, the Church of **Overton** (on the Hill) with the Chapells of **Grendon**, **Twicrosse**, **Gopshall**, and **Barterley** (some in this Countie, and some in **Leicestershire**) belonging thereto, as the Bull of Pope **Lucius** the third, whereby he confirmed

them, doth manifest. Divers lands had these Monks afterwards bestowed on them also, through the bountie of sundry other persons; viz. in **Little Sheple** by **Henry de Appelby** and others; In **Overton** *sub.* **Arden**, by **John de Overton** and **Rob. Stapleton**. In **Brantingthorp** by **Rob. de Brantingthorp** and others; In **Sheppe** by **Nich. de Temple** and others. In **Hertynndon**, as parcell of the Mannour of **Pillesburke**, they obtained **Cxx.** acres of land more, from **Thomas Earl of Lancaster**, in lieu of **xx s.** yearly Rent, which they usually did receive at his Exchequer of **Wotbury**.

In 2 E. 3. they had a grant of two Messuages, three Shops, and **xii s.** Rent in **Leicester**, by **Petronill Oliver** of **Leicester**, to finde a Priest for celebration of Divine service in the Conventuall Church of **Mirabale**, for the soul of her the said **Petronill**, her ancettors and all the faithfull deceased. In 11 E. 3. they had more lands bestowed on them, lying in **Overton**, **Peatling**, and **Brantingthorp** before specified, by sundry persons. In 18 E. 3. they purchased **xvii.** Messuages, and divers lands in **Atherston**, **Bentley**, and **Barterley**, with the moytie of the Mannour of **Barterley**. In 31 E. 3. they had a Messuage and a yard land in **Bentley**, bestowed on them by **John de Lisle**, then Lord of that Mannour, to find **xv.** Tapers in the Chapell of our Ladie, near the Gate of the Abby. In 10 R. 2. they purchased **v.** fix other Messuages in **Atherston**, and certain Rents in **Whittington** and **Barterley**. In 16 R. 2. four Messuages and certain lands in **Lamworth**, and **Wilmecote**, as also two Messuages more in **Atherston**. And in 28 H. 6. they obtained the Church of **Hautefer**, with an appropriation thereof. The value of all which lands and all other their possessions, amounting unto **CCLiii l. i s. viii d.** as appears by the Survey of 26 H. 8. preserved it from ruin, when the lesser Houses went to wrack in 27 H. 8. But in 30 H. 8. it was overwhelm'd in the generall deluge, being surrendered to the King's use, by the then Abbot and Covent, as their publick Instrument, under the Conventuall Seal, dated 13 Oct. the same year, whereunto their names are particularly subscribed, doth manifest; whose *Pensions* during life, as they were by Patent granted to them, I have here also added.

Willielmus Arnold Abbas,	x l.
Joh. Ownbe Sub-Prior,	v l. vi s. viii d.
Edm. Bromley, alias Crockell,	v l. vi s. viii d.
Will. Tunman,	v l. vi s. viii d.
Rob. Fenne,	v l.
Thomas Benson,	v l.
Will. Robynson Sacrista.	v l. vi s. viii d.
Joh. Dunne,	v l. vi s. viii d.
Will. Bron,	v l.
Joh. Spey,	Liii s. iii d.

After which, viz. 2 Dec. 32 H. 8. was the site hereof, with the lands and woods adjacent, together with **Plew House-Grange**, and **Pinwell-Grange**, in *Com. Leic.* As also **Wotthirn-Grange** in this Countie, granted to Sir **Walt. Devereux** Kt. Lord **Ferrers** of **Chartley**, and to the heirs male of his body; so that there being a reversion in the Crown, for defect of issue male, in 4 E. 6. he obtained another Patent (being then arrived to the dignitie of **Vicount Hereford**) for the same site, and the other lands, to himself and his heirs generall. Which **Walter** disposed thereof to Sir **Will. Devereux**

1 Pat. 6. E.
3. p. 1. m. 16

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Vide Pat.
22. R. 2. p. 2.
m. 11. per.
Insp.

p Cart. 21.
E. 1. n. 2.
per. Insp.

q. Ex Reg.
de Mereva-
le penès
pref. R.
Chamber-
lein.

1 Pat. 14.
E. 2. p. 1. m.
5.

1 Pat. 19.
E. 2. p. 1. m.
9.

1 Pat. 2. E.
3. p. 1. m. 27

u Pat. 11.
E. 3. p. 1. m.
2.

w Pat. 19.
E. 3. p. 3. m.
12.

x Ex autog.
penès Joh.
Lisle ar.

y Esc. de Ad
quod. D.
10. R. 2. m.
100.

z Esc. de Ad
quod. D. 16.
R. 2. p. 1.
n. 140.

a Pat. 28.
H. 6. p. 1.
m. 14.

b Bothesf.
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c MS. pe-
nès S. A.
eq. aur. f.
54. a.

d Ex autog.
in Cur.
Augm.

e Pat. 32.
H. 8. p. 4.

f Pat. 4. E.
6. p. 3.

Devereux Kc. his younger son, as it seems; for he it was that patcht up some part of the ruins here, and resided thereon, as I have heard. And by his Testament^s bequeathing it to *Joan* his wife for life, gave the remainder to *Walter* Vicount *Hereford* (his nephew) and his heirs: Which *Walter* (afterwards created Earl of *Essex*) left issue *Robert* Earl of *Essex*, attainted in 43 *Eliz.* Whose son and heir *Robert*, being restored, now (*scil. an.* 1640.) possesseth the site thereof, and much of the lands.

Of the Abbots, I have not found the names of any more than these three.

Ioh. Buggeley 12 H. 6.

Thomas Arnold 23 H. 8.

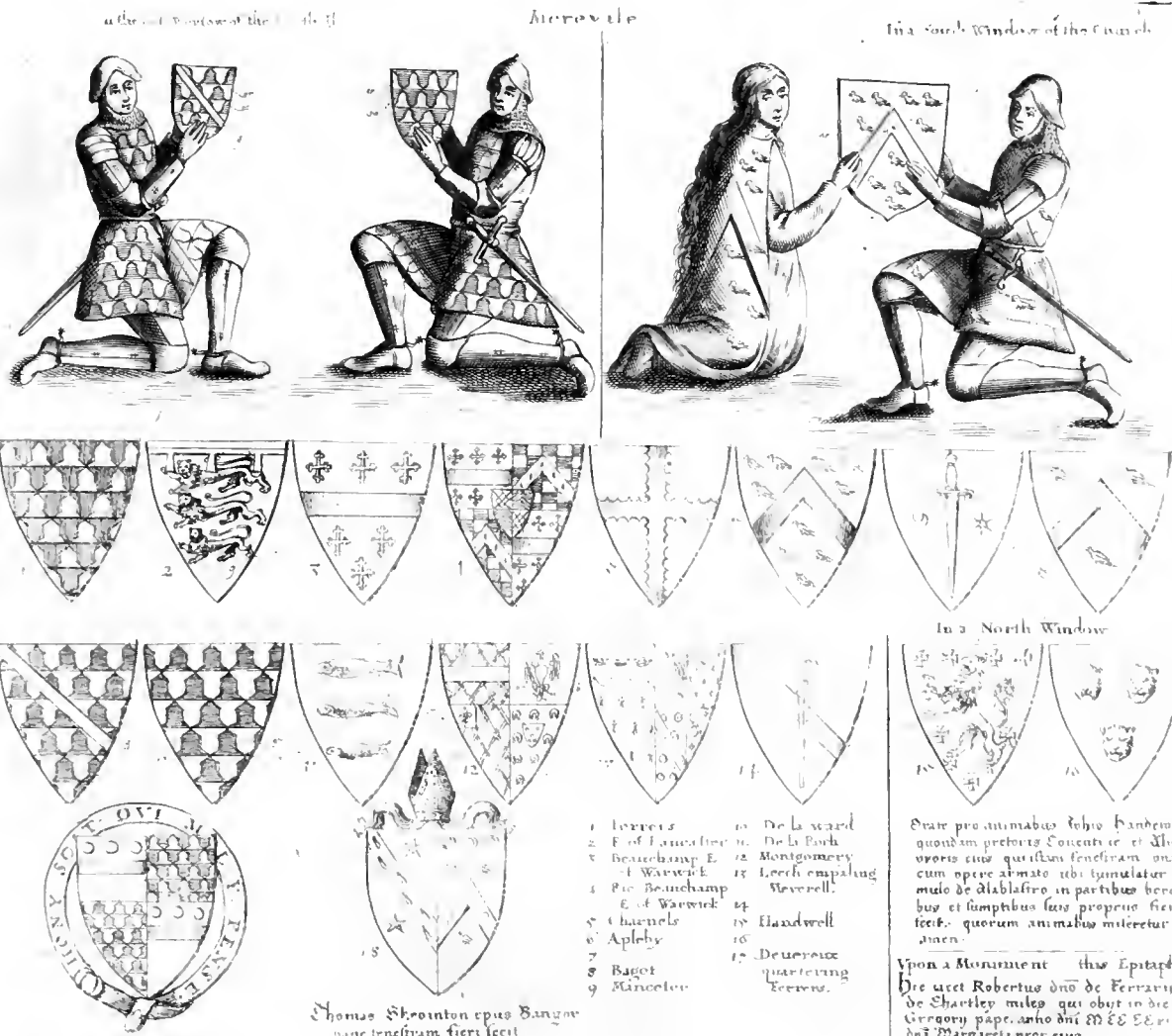
Will. Arnold. 26 H. 8. & 30 H. 8.

Pat. 12. H. 6. p. 2. m. 29.

Regist. Coll. de knoll. f. 201. a.

MS. penes S.A. eq. aur. f. 52. b.

E/c. 22. Eliz.



Though I have now done with this Monasterie; and should, according to my method, proceed to *Wedington*, which is next in order to be spoke of; yet in respect that the Family of the before specified *Robert* Earl *Ferrers*, have had for many ages such large possessions in this Countie, and that the principall male branch now remayning of it, with another fair stemme, do flourish here to this day (as in *Tamworth*, and *Wadley-Clinton* is manifested) I shall here digress a little in speaking historically thereof.

The first of them that settled in this Realm; was *Henry de Feriers*, son^a to *Gualchelina de Feriers*, a Norman: which *Henry*, having a great proportion of land, by the Conqueror's gift, lying in the Counties^b of *Berk.* *Wilts.* *Northampton.* *Hereford.* this of *Warwick*, *Leicester*, *Glouc.* *Nottingham*, *Derby*, *Essex*, and *Stafford*, seated himself^d at *Lutburie* Castle in *Staffordshire*;

near unto which he founded^e a goodly Monastery for *Clunian* Monks, endowing it with large possessions: But there is little else, at this distance, that I have seen memorable of him, saving that he was amongst other of the great Nobilitie one of the witnesses^s to King *William* the Conqueror's Charter made to the Monks of *St. Edmundsbury* in *an.* 1181. (14. of his reign) whereby he confirmed the lands and possessions, which they had by the grant of former Kings, and that he gave^h to the Monks of *Abingdon*, the Tithes of *Laking*.

To which *Henry* succeeded *Robert* (for it seems, that *Eugenulfus* and *William*, died without issue) which *Robert* was a witnessⁱ unto the Charter of King *Stephen*'s Laws, made in the first year of his reign; and having brought^k in, and commanded the *Derbyshire* men, in that famous Battail^l near *North-Alberton* in 3. *Stephani*, where the King had^l a glorious Victorie against *David* King of

Ex Regist. de Tutbury penes Henr. Agard eq. aur. f. 53. b.

g Mariani Scori An. nal. MS. in bibl. Bodl. [V. 3. 7. fur.]

h Regist. de Abbend. in bibl. Cotton. f. 140.

i Hist. Angl. Scrip. edit. Lond.

1652. Col. 315. 13.

k Ib. Col. 262. 135.

a Ord. Vit. p. 522. D.

c Domesd. lib.

d Ord. Vit. ut supra

a Ord. vit.
p. 917. B.
b Ex Reg.
gilt. de No-
vo-loco pe-
rès

Rob. Com.
Kingston.

c Rot. P. 6.
Job.

Glouc.

d Plac. co.
ram. R. T.

Mitch. 25.
H. 3.

e Regist. de
Nofel.

305.

f Rot. F. 1.
Job. Heicl.

g Cart. 8. E.
2 n. 4. per.

fn. p.

h Rot. P. 6.
Job.

Glouc.

i Com. de T.
Pafch. 10.

E. 2. rot. 9.
Suff.

k Claus. 34.
H. 3. in d.

m 6.

l Comun. de
T. Pafch.

* Efc. 3. E.
1. m. 53. m

Brevi.

m Rot. F. 31
H. 3. m. 2.

n Com. de
T. Pafch. ut

supra.

o Ib.

p Claus. 51.
H. 3. m. 2.

q Efc. 19.
R. 2.

r Efc. 45. E.
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s Ex autog.
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Ferrers ar.

t Efc. 23. H.
w 6.

x y Plac. co-
ram R. 30.

E. 3. Rot.
42.

z 5 Ib.

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b Claus. 41.
E. 3. m. 14.

c Orig. 50.
E. 3. Rot. 41

d Pat. 12.
R. 2. p. 2. m.

25.

e Pafch.
Fines 5. H.

6. Warw.
Leic. f. 105

m Hist. Ang.
Script.

Col. 262.
l. 66.

n Ib. col.
330. 44.

o Reg. de
Tutburie
cap. 52.

p Ib. cap. 70

Gualchelinus de Ferrariis Normannus.

Henricus de Ferrariis intravit Angliam - Bertha.
cum Will. Conquestore.

Eugenulphus Willlelmus. Robertus de Ferrariis creatus in Comitem Derby 3 Steph.

Robertus Comes junior de
Ferrariis & de Notting-
ham, Fundator Abb. de
Miravale 13 Steph.

... ux.
Walche-
lini Ma-
minot

Matilda
ux. Ber-
trami de
Verdon

Walchelinus de
Ferrariis.

Will. Comes de - Margareta filia
Ferrariis & Derby.
12 H. 2.

& hæres Will.
Peverell de
Nottingham.

Hugo de Ferrariis
duxit f. fil. & hæ.
Hugonis de Say, &
obit f. prole.

Will. de
Ferrariis.

Yfabella ux. ... de Mortuomari, he-
res Fratri 6 Joh.

Rob. Comes de Ferrariis 19 H. 2. - Sibilla filia Will. de Braosa

Will. Co. de Ferrariis. obiit in obsid. civitatis - Sibilla.
Acon 2 R. 1.

Will. Comes de Ferrariis - Agnes una filiarum & cohær. Ranulphi
obiit 31 H. 3. Comitis Cestræ.

Margareta una filiarum - Will. Comes de Ferra- - Sibilla una fil. & hæ. Will. Marecalli Comitis
& cohær. Rogeri de riis, obiit 38 H. 3. Pembr. ux. prima.
Quinci Com. Wintonæ.

Will. de
Ferrariis
de Gro-
by 25 E.
1.

Maria filia
Hug. le
Brune-
Com-
itis An-
golefmi
ux. 1.

Robertus - Alia-
de Ferra-
riis ulti-
mus Co-
mes Derb.

Agnes ux.
Will. D.
Vesci.

Isabella r.
nupta Gilb.
Baller, postea
Reg. de Mo-
hun.

Matilda 1 ux.
Will. de Kime,
2. Will. de Vi-
nonia, 3. * E-
mercio de Rupe
Canardi.

Sibilla ux.
1. ux. ux. Hug.
Franc. ... Agui-
de Bo- lon. po-
hun. stea Ioh. de Chel-
Mid- de Mo- marth.
herst. hun.

Iohanna ux.
1. ux. ux. Hug.
... Agui-
de Bo- lon. po-
hun. stea Ioh. de Chel-
Mid- de Mo- marth.
herst. hun.

Agatha ux.
1. ux. ux. Hug.
... Agui-
de Bo- lon. po-
hun. stea Ioh. de Chel-
Mid- de Mo- marth.
herst. hun.

Alianora.
1. nupta
Will. de
Vallibus,
2. Rog. de
Quinci
Comiti
Winton:
3. Rog. de
Leiburne.

Henr. de Ferrers obiit - Isab. una fil.
15 Sept. 17 E. 3. & hæ. The-
ob. de Verdon.

Johannes de Ferrariis de - Hawisia filia & hæ. Rob. de Muscegros
Chartley miles 27 E. 1.

Will. de Ferrers obiit - Margar. una fil. & hæ. - Margareta filia Henrici de
45 E. 3. Rob. de Utford Comitis
Suff. ux. 1.

Margar. una fil. & hæ. - Margareta filia Henrici de
Perci, relicta Rob. de Un-
franvill filii Gilb. Com.
Angusæ.

Robertus de Ferrariis
miles 16 E. 3.

Will. de Ferrers - Johanna filia
miles, obiit 11
R. 2.

... domini
Poinings.

Tho. Ferrers arm.
& quo Ferrers de
Tamworth.

Joh. de Ferrariis - Eliz. relicta
miles 30 E. 3. Fulconis fi-
lii Ioh. le hæ. Will. le Boeler
Strange. de Wemme & O-
versley.

Rob. de Ferrers
duxit Eliz. filiam &
lii Ioh. le hæ. Will. le Boeler
de Wemme & O-
versley.

Will. Ferrers de Grobi miles
obiit 23 H. 6.

Henricus Ferrers
obiit vivò patre

Rob. Ferrers miles
12 R. 2.

Edmundus Ferrers de Chartley
miles 6 H. 6. [vide de posteris
in Castle-Bromwich.]

Eliz. confanguinea & hæres Will. Ferrers de
Grobi mil. ux. Edwardi Grey mil.

Scots, was for that good service advanced m to the
Earldome of Derby, but died n the year following
sc. an. 1239. leaving issue Robert his son and
heir, who tiled o himself Robertus Comes junior
de Ferrariis, and likewise p Comes junior de Not-
tingham: Which Robert gave q the Church of
Bredon in Com. Leic. with the Tithes of his Ten-
nants in Tonge, Andeshirke, and Atteblestone;

as also the Chapells of Northington, and Stan-
ton; and the Tithes of Pembold and Diches-
worth, of his Fee, to the Canons of Nofel in
Dorsetshire (which Church of Bredon became
thenceforth a Cell to that House of Nofel.) And
having been also the pious Founder of the before
specified Abby of Peverale in 13 Steph. lyeth
there buried r, wrapt in an Oxe hide.

q Ex Reg.
de Nofel
in bibl.
Hottonf.
305.

r Ex Regist.
de Merc-
vale.

To whom succeeded *William*, as appears by that Certificate 'made in 12 H. 2. of the Knight's Fees he then held, which amounted to *Lxxix*. And to him another 'Robert; of whom the first mention I find, is in 19 H. 2. at which time, hearing how the King's territories in *France*, were invaded by the adherents of young *Henry*, who, through the assistance of the King of *France*, then brake out into high Rebellion against his Father, and of some ill 'successes, which his said Father's forces had in those parts) joyning with the Earls of *Chester*, *Leicester*, *Posfolk*, and other great men, here, in *England*, in the like hostile Actions, manned 'the Castles of *Tutburte* and *Duffeld* against his sovereign; and not onely so, but rayling * the power of *Leicestershire*, marcht 'early in the morning to *Spottingham*, which then was kept for the King by *Reginald de Luci*, and having without any great difficulty entred the 'town, burnt and plundered it, slaying^a and taking Prisoners most part of the Inhabitants.

But, the year following, the King having notice of these outrages in *England*, returned; at whose entrance his good Subjects took courage, and prevailed^b over the Rebels in every place; against whom, *Rhese* Prince of *Wales* came also with a great power, and besieged *Tutburte-Castle*: whereupon this *Robert* Earl *Ferrers*, apprehending what danger he was in, hastned^c to the King, then at *Poshampton*, and to obtain his favour, rendred^d the said Castles of *Tutburte* and *Duffeld*, giving securitie^e for his future fidelitie: but so little did the King trust him, that though he received him to outward favour, he caused^f those Castles to be demolished. This *Robert* was a Benefactor^g to the Abby of *Doze* in *Herefordshire*, and by *Sibilla* his wife, daughter^h to *William de Braose*, left issueⁱ another *William* Earl *Ferrers*; who not onely confirmed^k to the Monks of *Ceolston* the inclosed ground at *Hesthote*, and pasture for C. Sheep there, which his Father had given to them, but added^l another piece of Inclosure adjoyning thereto, with pasturage for CC. sheep more, at six score to the Hundred, five Kine and a Bull, and six Oxen. And in 1 *Richard* 1. gave^m to the Monks of *St. Denis* in *France*, for the health of his soul, and the soul of *Sibill* his wife, one Wax Taper yearly, price *xiii* d. as also a Stag and a Boar in their proper seasons, to be sent thither annually at the Feast of *St. Dennis*, by the Messengers of him the said Earl and his heirs: And likewiseⁿ to the Monks of *Lenton*, all his right to the Church of *Woodham* in *Essex*, specially^o for the health of the souls of those that were with him at the burning of *Spottingham*, which (belike) was the time that his Father made such spoil there, as I have before exprest.

But this *William* was outed of his Earldomes of *Spottingham* and *Derby* by King *Richard* 1. in the first year of his reign, as it seems; for upon the said King's first arrivall in *England*, after his Father's death, I find that he bestowed^p them, with divers other, upon *John* Earl of *Moreton*, his brother: yet I hardly think that the said *William* continued long so dispossessed of them; for it appears, that the same year, he attended King *Richard* in the *Holy Voiage*, and died^q at the siege of *Acon* (*an. scil. 1190, 2 R. 1.*) leaving issue^r *William* his son and heir. Of the great misfortunes that befell that King in his journey, by being taken Prisoner,

I shall not here stand to tell, forasmuch as our Historians speak so fully thereof; nor of the advantage which *John* Earl of *Moreton* before specified, made upon it, in seizing divers Castles here into his hands, reporting that his Brother was dead, whereupon he layd claim to the Crown: But shall observe, that upon the King's enlargement and return, order^s was given for the siege of those Castles; whereupon our *William* Earl *Ferrers* joyned^t with the Earl of *Chester* in besieging of *Spottingham* Castle, which after a while, was rendred; and for his fidelity was made choice of by the same King, to sit^u with the rest of the Peers in that great Councell held there, on the 30th. of *March* next ensuing.

At the second Coronation of which King, he was one of the four that carried^w the rich silken Canopie over his head. With the Earls of *Clare*, *Chester*, and others of the great Nobilitie, he swore^x Fealitie to King *John* in the first year of his reign; but conditionally, that he should render to each of them his own. At the Coronation of that King in the Church of *St. Peter* at *Westminster* on *Ascension* day, he was also present^y; and one the seventh of *June* following, being solemnly invested Earl of *Derby*, by a speciall Charter^z, then dated at *Poshampton*, was girt with the Sword, by the said King's own hands, having a grant likewise of the *Tertium Denarium de omnibus Placitis* confirm'd to him and his heirs. In 5 *Joh.* he obtained a speciall Mandate^a to *Geffrey Fitz-Piers* (then *Justiciarius Anglia*) for delivery of those lands in *Stapleford* in *Com. Leic.* that belong'd to the Vidame of *Chartres*, and were of his Fee: which Vidame died^b in a voyage to the *Holy land*: and was a *Ferrers*, though he bore^c for his Armes a Bend betwixt six *Martlets*.

This Earl was very loyall to King *John*, even in his greatest distresses; for in 14 of his reign, when that the Pope had deposed^d him of his Kingdom, and that *Pandulfus* his Legate came over to treat with him, the French King being then upon the Seas with a powerfull Navie, threatening an Invasion; so that King *John's* condition was so desperate, as that he became necessitated to yeild to what termes he could get, he manifested his great affection to him, in becomming^e one of the four, that gave his solemn Oath, for the King's performance of those Articles, whereunto he had submitted; which Agreement was made 13 *May* the same year: as also a witness^f to the Charter of *K. John* (dated within two days following) whereby he gave up his Realm to the Pope: Of whose favour to him, I cannot omit to take notice of this singular instance; viz. that on the 27th. of *June* following, he had a speciall grant^g to himself and his heirs, sitting at Dinner upon all Festivalls in the year, when they should solemnly celebrate those days, with his Head uncovered, and without any Cap, having a Garland thereon, of the breadth of the said King's little Finger.

In 16 *Joh.* he had the Castle of *Hareston* in *Com. Derby*. committed^h to his charge; and the next year following, (when the Barons put themselves in Armes, and seized divers Castles) having raised Forces on the said King's behalf, he tookⁱ from them by assault, the Castles of *Boleslover* and *Pec*, in *Derbyshire*, whereupon he had a speciall Patent^k constituting him Governour

f R. Ho.
ved. f. 418.
b.
t Ib. n. 20.

u Ib. f. 419.
a. n. 30.

w Ib. f. 420.
b. n. 50.

x Ib. f. 450.
n. 50.

y Ib. f. 451.
n. 30.

z Cart. antiqu. B. n. 20.

a Rot. de terr. & c. li. bevat. in Angl. s. Joh. m. 9.

b Ib. !

c Ex autog. penes W. Burton ar.

d M. Paris. p. 234. n. 30

e Ib. p. 235. n. 20.

f Ib. p. 237. n. 20.

g Ex cod. MS. in Offic. Ducat. Lanc. cap 1.

h Pat. 16. Joh. p. 1. m. 2.

i Chron. de Dunstaple MS. in bibl. Cotton. f. 12. b.

k Pat. 18. Joh. m. 5.

f Lib. rub. f. 106. a.
t Hist. Ang. Script. Col. 1085.

u Ib. 20.

x Ib. col. 1093.
R. Hoved. f. 307.
b. n. 10.
z Annal. de Lewes in bibl. Cott.

b Hist. Ang. Script. Col. 577. n. 40. & 50.

c R. Hoved. f. 308. b. n. 40.
e MS. in bibl. Bodl. [Med. 10.] f. 44. b.

f Hist. Angl. Script. Col. 588. 26.

g Vinc. contra Broke h p. 677.

i Ex autog. penes loh. k Ferrers de Tamworth ar.

m Ex Cartul. Abb. S. Dionysii.

n Ex Reg. de Lenton.

p R. Hoved. f. 373. b. n. 20.

q Ib. f. 390. b.

r Ex autog. penes pref. L. Ferrers.

of them. And upon the death of King *John*, stood so firm to the young King *Henry* the third, as that, with the rest of the loyall Nobilitie, he not onely assisted at his Coronation on *Simon and Jude's* day, but immediatly after *Easter*, accompanied the famous *William Marshall* (then Governour of the King and Kingdome) the Earls of *Chester*, *Albanarle*, and many other great men, to the siege of *Mountsozell* Castle in *Lecestershire*, then held out by *Henry de Braibroke* and ten other stout Knights. The same year he was also with those noble persons at raising the siege of *Lincoln*, which the Rebellious Barons, with *Lewes* K. of *France*, whom they brought into the Realm, had made: And having new Patents from the King, for the custody of those Castles, held the government of them for full six years. But in the second year of this King's reign, he made a journey to the *Holy Land*, with *Ranulph* Earl of *Chester* and some others, appointing his Steward, viz. *Ralph Fitz-Nicholas*, to transact all businesses concerning him, which should relate to the Exchequer, till his return from Pilgrimage: And in 8 H. 3. was constituted Governour of the Castle and Honour of *Lancaster*.

The next observable passage, relating to this stout Earl (wherevith I have met) is, that upon the difference betwixt the King and *Richard* Earl of *Cornwall* (his Brother) in 11 H. 3. where upon the King gave away the said Earl of *Cornwall's* Castle of *Berkhamsted*, he with others, more resenting the injury, which he thought was offered to the said Earl, than the obligation of loyalty to his sovereign, stuck not to put himself in Arms on that Earl's part: but the King wisely discerning, that unavoidable mischief might have ensued, by clashing with his Nobilitie, which were then so potent, attributed the fault to his Chief Justice, and fairly composed the business. Nay this was not all, for they threatned him, that if he would not restore to them that Charter touching the Liberties of the Forest, which he had lately cancelled at *Oxford*; *ipsi illum gladiis discurrantibus compellerent*, saith my Author: but in all these things the King gave them satisfaction at *Portsmouth*, in August following.

In 13 H. 3. this *William* Earl *Ferrers* was employed by the King in his service of *Wales*. In 8 H. 3. he had livery of the lands lying between *Ribbel* and *Merse*, which belonging unto *Ranulph* Earl of *Chester* (his wives Brother) were assigned unto *Agnes* his wife in part of her portion of the inheritance belonging to her self, and her other sisters and coheirs; for which he and she were then bound to pay yearly unto the King's Exchequer a Goshawk or *al's*. In 21 H. 3. he was one of the three chief Councillors recommended to the King, by the Barons, upon that reconciliation of their discontents for the violation of *Magna Charta*, the King then renewing his promise for the strict observance thereof, and those his Councell making Oath, that they would not, for any respects, give him other than wholesome advice: which so well contented the people, that they gave him a xxvth. part of all their moveable goods, excepting of Gold, Silver, Horse, and Arms. But in 31 H. 3. (scil. 10 Cal. Oct.) he died, *vir bonus & plenus dierum*, *Math. Westm.* calls him, and *Math. Paris.* *vir pacificus & justus*, saying that he had lain long afflicted with the Gout: His Countess departing this life the same month,

eiusdem aetatis, fame, & bonitatis. They had been man and wife at least *Lxxv.* years, if my Author mistake not; for he affirmeth that *St. Thomas of Canterbury* celebrated the marriage betwixt them, who died in 18 H. 2. But I have seen an autograph, mentioning their marriage to have been in an. 1192. (4 R. 1.) which falls short no less than xx. years thereof.

To which Earl succeeded *William* his son and heir, a discreet and good man, saith *M. Paris.* but troubled with his Father's infirmities, who the next year following (viz. 32 H. 3.) did his Homage, and had livery of *Chartley* Castle, and all other the lands of his Mothers inheritance; and the same year sat in that Parliament held at *London*, where the King made so stout an answer to the high demands of his impetuous Barons. This Earl gave to the Canons of *Derley* in *Derbyshire*, the Church of *Bolesober* in that Countie, for the health of his soul; whose grant *Robert* and *William* his two sons, afterwards confirmed. But there is no other matter memorable, that I have seen of him, till his death, which happened to be violent 9 Cal. Apr. 38 H. 3. for being carried in a kind of Chariot, by reason of his Gout, which through the unskilfulness of the Driver, fell off the Bridge at *S. Neots*, his limbs were so broke, and body bruised, that he quickly died thereof; and was buried in this Abby of *Worcester*, leaving issue by *Margaret* his second wife, *Robert* his son and heir, and *William* (for by *Sibill*, his first, he had none but Daughters, as the Descent sheweth.)

Which *Robert*, being then in minority (for the custody of whose lands, the Queen, and *Peter de Savoy*, gave six thousand marks, till he should accomplish his full age) had the ill hap to be the last Earl of his Family: for no sooner was he come to man's estate, but that meeting with a discontented Nobilitie, who under many fair and specious pretences, infused into him all principles of disloyalty, his high and hot spirited youth grew so inflamed, as that in 47 H. 3. when the combustions of Civill war began to break out, none was more forward to increase them, than he: yet, *nec fidus Regi neque Baronibus, quasi non in Baronum numero*, saith *Math. Paris.* but a world of mischief he did; for having got a power of Souldiers at his heels, he entred *Worcester* demolished that place there, called the Jewrie, plundered the Religious Houses, as well as other, and destroyed the King's Parks thereabouts. To retaliate which outrage, the King sent *Edward* his eldest son, down into *Stafford* and *Derbyshires*, with a good Army, where he wasted his lands and Mannours with Fire and Sword, and demolished his Castle of *Tutbury*.

The next remarkable thing, relating to him, whereof our Historians make mention, is, that after the King and Prince were made Prisoners by that unhappy defeat of the Royall Army, at *Lewes*; and that *Clare* Earl of *Gloucester* grew discontented at the Earl of *Leicester's* assuming the rule of all to himself, he secretly adhered to *Clare*: Of which, *Leicester* having notice, layd hold on him: but notwithstanding *Clare* stoutly adventured his life, afterwards, for the Royall interest, yet did this Earl *Ferrers* no whit incline that way; for though he were not in the battail of *Chebam*, yet did he act otherwise with all the power he had; so that, being highly taken notice of

1 M. Paris.
p. 289. n.
10.
m Ib. p.
293. n. 30.

n Ib. p. 295.

o Pat. 1. H.
3. m. 6. &
m. 15.

p Pat. 6. H.
3. p. 1 m. 3.
q Chron. de
Dunstable,
ut supra f.
13. b.

r Memo-
randa de T.
Trin. 2. H.
3. rot. 1.
Derb.
f Pat. 2. H.
3. m. 12.

t M. Paris.
p. 337.

u { Ib. n.
w { 40.

x Rot. F. 1.
H. 3. m. 11.
y Rot. F. 13.
H. 3. m. 1.

z { M. Pa-
ris. p.
a { 436 n.
10. & c.

b Annal.
de Burton
MS. in bibl.
Cotton.
c In an.
1247.
d { p. 742.
n. 10.
f {

g Penes S.
Roper ar.

h 742. n.
10.

i Rot. F. 32.
H. 3. m. 14.

k M. Paris.
p. 743. n.
50.

l Ib. p. 749.
n. 30.

m Ex Re-
gist. de
Derley pe-
nes Rob.
Comitem de
Kingston
an. 1630.

n Ib.

o Math.
Westm. m.
an. 1254.
M. Paris. p.
884. 17.

p Annal. de
Burton ut
supra.

q Commun.
de T. Trin.
1. E. 3.

r Pat. 41. H.
3. m. 12.

s { M. Pa-
ris. p.
t { 992.
n. 30.

u { Ib.
w {

y Math.
Westm. m.
An. 1264.

z { Ib. in
an.
1265.

b 4. Ang.
49. H. 3.

c Math.
Westm. ut
supra.
d Pat. 49
H. 3. m.
e 296.

of for a most malevolent man to the King, he was involved in that generall Sentence^c of disherison, pronounc'd at **Westminster** on the Feast day of St. Edward's translation (sc. 13 Oct.) against the King's adversaries; and being thereupon in^d person called into the Court before the King, and charg'd with many high Crimes, not daring to adventure that Judgement, which he foresaw would be delivered against him, *de vita & membris, terris & tenementis suis, gratia Regis se totaliter submitit*, saith the Record^e.

f Rot. F.
50. H.
3. m. 9.
g Pat. 50.
H. 3. m.
h 32. &
40.

Whereupon the King, out of his gracious disposition, in consideration^f of a Cup of gold adorned with precious stones, obtained by the said Earl from *Michael de Toni*, for which he mortgaged to the said *Mich.* the Mannour of **Pirle** in **Northamptonshire**, and for fifteen hundred marks to be payd at four severall payments, within the compass of a twelve month, pardoned^g his misdemeanours, and undertook^h to secure him against Prince Edward, and all others against whom he had been injurious, at any time during the troubles, untill the 5th of Dec. 50 H. 3. as by his speciall Pat. then bearing date, appeareth. Howbeit, *sub tali pacto fuit restitutus, ut si forte, quoquo tempore residaveret, sine spe restitutionis foret exheredandus*, saith my Authoritieⁱ; *Et ad hoc tenendum tam per Sacramentum prestitum corporale, quam per Cartam suam, se Domino Regi gratis obligaverit*. But of that pardon he had no benefit, partly for that the said sum was not^k accordingly payd, and partly by reason of his second defection; For the next Spring after, he made head^l again, in the Northern parts of **Derbyshire**, *contra^m Sacramentum suum, cum copioso Exercitu*: unto which the King's forces under the conduct of *Henry*, eldest son to the King of **Almain** shortly advanc'dⁿ and at **Chesterfield** on *Whitson-Eve*, routed^o all his power, whereof many were slain; and of those that escap'd by flight, he himself being one, was hid in a Church, but by the trecherie^p of a woman, discovered, and brought up Prisoner^q to **London** by the said *Henry*.

The authorities, whereof I have been necessitated to make use, for the better illustration of this Storie, do (I confess) somewhat differ in point of time; to reconcile them therefore, I have followed those, which have most agreed with our publick Records.

Hereupon, in the Parliament held the same year at **Westminster**, he was disherited^r, according to the tenor of his obligation before specified, and *Edmund*, the King's son invested with his Earldome of **Derby**, as my said Authoritie^s expresseth; and as those that have written^t touching the succession of our English Earls do affirm: but that he really was so, though he had the greatest part of his lands, and exercised (perhaps) the power of Earl in that Countie, I am not satisfied, forasmuch as I cannot find that the said *Edmund* had any Patent of Creation unto that Honour, as he had to those of **Leicester**^u and **Lancaster**; nor any other, till^v *Henry of Monmouth*, his grand-son, (who was afterwards made^w D. of **Lancaster**.) Which *Edmund* soon after; viz. 28 Junii next ensuing, had a grant^x from the King, of all the goods and Chattells, whereof the said *Robert Earl of Derby* was posselt, upon the day of the skirmish at **Chesterfield** before mentioned; and on the fifth of August following, of^y all the Castles and lands belonging to the same Earl, to hold during pleasure.

It seems, that this *Robert* continued a Prisoner

for the space of three years or thereabouts; for of his enlargement I find no mention till^b the beginning of *May* 53 H. 3. but then there was such mediation made for him, that the King accepted of securitie^c, whereby he might receive satisfaction for his misdemeanours committed in the turbulent times before spoken of; and commanded the said *Edmund* to make restitution to him of his lands. Hereupon (as I guess) was that agreement made betwixt them, viz. that to quit all his interest in those Castles and lands so granted to him, he should receive^d fifty thousand pounds, all upon one day; for payment whereof the said Earl procured *Henry*, son to the King of **Romans**, *William Valence Earl of Pembroke*, *John Earl of Warren* and *Surrey*, *William de Beauchamp Earl of Warwick*, *Roger de Someri*, *Thomas de Clare*, *Rob. Waltraund*, *Rog. Clifford*, *Hamon le Strange*, *Bartholmew Sudley*, and *Robert Bruce* (all great Barons) to be bound; unto whom he passed, by way of counter-securitie all his Castles and lands, excepting **Chartley** in **Staffordshire** and **Holbroke** in **Derbyshire**: which sum, being not accordingly payd, those his sureties past^e over their title therein unto the said *Edmund* and his heirs.

But hereupon there arose great suits in Law, betwixt them, about the beginning of King *Edward* the first's time; the Earl pleading^f, that according to the *Dictum de Benilwoth*, he was capable of redeeming his lands, lying in the Counties of **Stafford**, **Derby**, **Leic.** and **Lancaster**, excepting **Chartley** in **Com. Staff.** and **Holbroke** in **Com. Derby** for the sum of fifty thousand pounds, and that they were both formerly so agreed. In answer whereunto, the said *Edmund* exhibited a certain writing made, and enrouled in the Chancery, by which it appeared, that he was to hold those lands untill the Earl did pay that sum at one intire payment. Unto which the Earl replied, that the said Writing ought not to oblige him, forasmuch as it was made *per duros*; but upon full hearing of the cause, Judgement^g was given against him, whereupon he lost **Lintburie Castle** and other vast possessions, which came thereby to the said *Edmund*, then Earl of **Leicester** and **Lancaster**, as hath been shewed: But this was not all; for he lost^h his Earldome likewise. All that I have seen, farther memorable of the before specified *Robert Earl Ferrers*, is, that by his Letters Patentⁱ, bearing date at **Porhall**, on the Tuesday next after the Feast of St. *Fabian* and *Sebastian*, in 46 H. 3. he gave libertie unto Sir *Walter de Ralegh* and his heirs, inhabiting at **Uttorater** in **Staffordshire**, to hunt and course the Fox and Hare, within the precincts of his Forrest of **Speedwood** in that Countie, with eight Braches, and four Greyhounds. To which grant his Seal of Armes is affixed; wherein it appears, that, upon his Shield and the Caparitions of his Horse (waiving the border of Horse-shoes used by his Father) he bore onely *Varrè Or and Gules*: which Armes were afterwards continued by his posteritie, the Lords *Ferrers* of **Chartley**, so long as that line lasted; and since, according to the usage of later times, by the principall male branch, now remayning, of this great and noble Family, seated at **Lamwoth-Castle** in this Countie. As for the time of his death, I cannot directly point it out; but in sted thereof shall close up his story with the words of the

MS.^k before cited, viz. *Robertus Comes de Ferrariis Christum dominum Regem, viz. suum dominum Henricum infestavit sine causa, non tan-*

b 5 lb. m.
c 15.

d Hist.
Angl.
Scrip. Col.
2438. m.
10.

e Ex autog.
in bibl.
Deuvel.

f Plac. co-
ram R.
Term.
Mich.
2. E. 1. rot.
6. & 13.
Staff.

g lb.

h M.
Westm. ix
an. 1265.

i Ex autog.
peris pref.
1. Ferrers.

k Ex vet.
membr. in
offic. Duc.
Lanc.

um semel sed sepins, & precipue cum esset Pax domini Regis per Regnum proclamata. Ipse vero Robertus pauper obiit, nichil prater podagram possidens hereditatis: sc. his Father's and Grandfather's infirmities.

1 Claus. 33. H. 3. m. 6. in d. Pat. 34. H. 3. m. 9. Annal. de Burton ut supra. Pat. 12. E. 2. p. 1. m. 12. per. Insp. Plac. de Fur. & Aff. 9. E. 1. rot. 5. Derb. Hugh. Bigod. T. Walf. p. 39.

Two wives he had, *Mary* the first, neice to King *Henry* the third (sc. daughter ^m to *Hugh le Brun* Earl of *Angolessm*, his brother by the mother's side,) being married ⁿ very young, he at nine, and she at eight years of age. And *Alianore* ^o, though whose daughter I cannot prove: For the health of whose souls, and his own, he gave ^p to the Canons of *St. Thomas juxta Stafford*, two Messuages in *Chartley* before mentioned, as also xvii. acres of land and the advouson of the Church of *Stow juxta Chartley*; appointing ^q his body to be buried in the Priorie of *St. Thomas*, whensoever he should depart this life.

To this Earl succeeded *John* ^r his son and heir, within age in 9 E. 1. but somewhat of his Father's spirit, it seems; For in 25 E. 1. when the Earls ^s of *Hereford* and *Marshall* ^t, with other their complices, began to blow the Coals of discontent at the present Government, and prohibited ^u the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer, to gather that Subsidie granted to the King in Parliament at *St. Edmundsbury* (which was the eighth part of their moveable goods) having allured the Londoners to stand with them for the recovering of their liberties (as they termed it) this *John* fell in to their partie: but by the timely care of Prince *Edward*, then Lieutenant here, in his Father's steed (who was at that time victorious in *Scotland*) the heat of these turbulent Spirits was allayed, by a condescension ^v to confirm *Magna Charta*, and that of the Forests; as also ^w that thenceforth no Taxe should be imposed upon his Subjects without their consent in Parliament, and that the offences of those Earls and their adherents should be pardoned: In which pardon this *John de Ferrers* is particularly ^x named, who shortly after grew in such esteem with the King, that he had Summons ^y to sit in Parliament amongst the Barons in 27 E. 1. and afterwards in all succeeding Parliaments; which favour was continued to his posteritie, who thereupon had the title of Lord *Ferrers* of *Chartley*, that being their principall seat. But farther than what I have said, I shall not prosecute the storie of these Barons, it being besides my business, referring my Reader to the Descent before inserted, whereby the succession of them, may be seen: a word or two now, of *William*, his uncle, from whom they of *Gzoby* sprung, and so consequently those of *Lamworth* and I have done.

This *William*, being in Armes against the King, with the Barons in 48 H. 3. was taken ^z in *Portsmouth* the same year, at the assault thereof by the Royall Army: but in 50 H. 3. conforming himself to obedience, had pardon ^a, and was received to favour. By the gift of *Margaret* his Mother, one of the daughters and coheirs to *Roger de Quincie* Earl of *Winchester*, he had a grant ^b of the Mannour of *Gzoby* in *Leicestershire*, which came to her upon the partition of that inheritance; whercupon he payd a Fine ^c of xl. marks to the King, that he might hold it in *Capite* by the services antiently due, and did his Homage for the same; bearing for his Armes the Coat of the said *Roger de Quinci*, (sc. Gules seven Mascles voided Or) which his descendants continued till the male line of the elder House (viz. the Lord *Ferrers*

of *Chartley*) became extinct, as hath been already observed. To which *William* who was dead ^d in 17 E. 1. succeeded *William* his son ^e and heir, summoned ^f to Parliament amongst the Peers in 25. E. 1. and afterwards, during his life, by the name of *William de Ferrers de Gzoby Chivalier* (being the first that brought the dignity of a Baron, to this branch of the Family,) and to him *Henry*, who married ^g *Isabell* the daughter and heir of *Theobald* Lord *Verdon*.

Which *Henry*, in consideration of his good and acceptable services performed to King *Edward* the third, as also his chargeable expences and frequent endeavours for the defence of his rights (as the words of the Pat. do import) had, by the consent of the Prelates, Earls, and Barons, assembled in Parliament at *Westminster*, by Letters Pat. ^h bearing date 18 Maii 11 E. 3. a grant from the said King, of the Mannours of *Risebergh-Comitis* in *Buckinghamshire*, *Walton* in *Com. Derb.* and *Newport* in *Com. Essex*, &c. to himself and the heirs male of his body; some whereof are to this day enjoyed accordingly: But forasmuch as the seat of this branch, was in *Leicestershire*, I shall not farther pursue the Story of them, having already inserted the Descent so far as the male line continued; chiefly because I am to discourse of the principall stem now remaining, when I come to *Lamworth-Castle*, where, to this day, it flourisheth.

And so, having already made my Apologie for this long digression, I must now step on the Northern side of *Anker*, forasmuch as the Mother-Churches, whereunto all those Villages and places of note, lying on this side the River, do or did antiently belong, are situate there.

Wedington.

BEfore the Norman invasion, this place was possessed ⁱ by one *Hereuuarde*; but after the Conquest, *Robert* Earl of *Meilent* had it, with many other Lordships aswell in this Countie as elsewhere; at which time, by the generall Survey, it ^k was rated for three Hides, having Woods that belong'd thereto, containing two furlongs in length and one in breadth, and all together valued at xxx s. but in that Record it is written *Wattfune*. That from this Earl of *Meilent*, it came to *Henry de Neuburgh* (his brother) the first Earl of *Warwick* of the Norman race, and that the progenitor of the *Astleys* had it with *Astley* and *Will. Por-ton* (both in this Countie) by grant from the said Earl in K. *Henry* the first's time, to be held by the service of one Kts. Fee, I have in *Will. Por-ton* and *Astley* already demonstrated; I shall now therefore take notice of what I find memorable thereof, during it's continuance in that Family, and the succession of it since, which, in brief, is as followeth; viz. That being seized into the King's hands for the Rebellion of *Thomas de Astley*, slain in the battail of *Escham* 49 H. 3. it was given ^l to *Warine de Bassingburne*, with *Astley* and all other his possessions then forfeited: but afterwards upon the Composition made by *Andrew de Astley*, son and heir to the said *Thomas*, according to the *Dictum de Beniltwozth*, the said *Andrew* had a grant thereof back, from the same *Warine*, which the King confirmed ^m.

Which

d Rot. F. 17. E. 1. m. 15. e Commun. de T. Trin. 1. E. 3. f Claus. 25. E. 1. in d. g Claus. 18. E. 3. p. 1. m. 27.

h Pat. 11 E. 3. p. 1. 15.

i Do. melf. k lib.

l Pat. 50. H. 3. m. 11.

Which *Andrew*, in 13 E. 1. clayming here by Prescription a Court Leet, Gallows, Free-warren, and *Wayfs*, had allowanceⁿ thereof: To whose Descendants it continued whilst the male line lasted; but then together with *Astley*, devolving to *Grey*, was inclosed^o, and for the most part depeopulated by *Thomas Grey* Marquess *Dorset* in 7 H. 7. who decayed^p ten Mesluages here, whereunto belonged CCC. acres of land: After which, his posteritie did not long enjoy it; for by the attainder^q of *Henry D. of Suff.* his grandson, it eschaeted to the Crown, and in 4. *Eliz.* was granted^r to *Henry Earl of Huntingdon* and his heirs, to be held in *Capite* by the xth. part of a Knight's Fee: of whom it was purchased (as I think) by *Humphrey Adderley* Esquire; for I find that the said *Humphrey* died^s seized of it in 41. *Eliz.* whose grandchild now enjoys it.

The Church, in an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) was valued^t at six marks, and in^u 26 H. 8. at viii l. x s. vi d. over and above ix s. vi d. for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

Patroni Ecclesiæ Incumbentes.

D. Nich. de Astley Galsfr. de Sutton Cap. 3 Cal. miles. Nov. 1312.

D. Thomas de Astley Will. Ernald 3. Id. Oct. 1347.

Rob. de Shakelthorp Pbr. 9. Cal. Nov. 1361.

Henr. de Hpton Pbr. 28. Dec. 1386.

Thomas de Whatton Cap. 7. Feb. 1407.

D. Reginaldus Grey. Henr. Shirewode Pbr. 16. Oct. 1437.

D. Johanna Grey, nup- per ux. Reg. Grey. Will. Staunton Pbr. 13. Apr. 1445.

D. Eliz. domina Fer- rers de Grobi. Rad. Wode Pbr. 13 Aug. 1458.

Thomas Marchio Dorset. Rob. Legge in Decr. Bac. 15 Martii 1490.

D. Marmaducus Constable miles, ex concess. Henr. D. Rob. Thurman Cler. 26 Nov. 1551.

March. Dorf.

Humphridus Adder- ley ar. Ric. Vyne Cler. in art. Mag. 11 Martii 1627.

Caldecote.

A Bout a mile lower, stands *Caldecote*, possess^t by one *Tonna* in King *Edw.* the Confessor's days; but after the Norman Conquest, it came to the Bishop of *Chester*'s hands, who held it when the generall Survey was made; at which time it was rated^x at two Hides, having a Church and a Mill, and Woods containing three furlongs in length and as much in breadth; all being valued at Lx s. How or when it went out of the hands of these Bishops, I have not seen, the next possess^y for thereof, of whom I find any mention, being^z *William le Archer* in 12 H. 3. Which *William* past^a it away the year ensuing, unto one *William le Roux*: From whom descended (as I suppose) *Margerie le Russe*, who in 32 E. 1. sold^b it to *Robert de Herle*; *John Painell*, son and heir to the said *Margerie*, releasing^c to the said *Robert*, all his title therein, as also to the advouson of the Church.

Unto whom succeeded *Will. de Herle*, which *Will.* died^d seized of this Mannour in 21 E. 3. leaving *Robert* his son and heir xxx. years of age, after- wards a Knight, who departed^e this life in 38 E. 3. Sir *Raph Hastings* Knight being then found his Co- sin and heir, scilicet, of *Margaret*, sister to the said *Robert*. Which Sir *Raph*, excepting the Advouson of the Church, within five years after aliened^f it to the Priests of the Collegiate Chapell of *Hous- ley* in *Leicester*shire, for four hundred pounds: whereunto it continued till the dissolution there- of by the Statute of 37 H. 8. But then, coming to the Crown, was by Letters^g Par. dated 6 Aug. 2 E. 6. past out (inter alia) to *William Gyes* of the *Stronoe* in *Com. Midd.* and *Michaell Puresey* of *Whelleshope* in *Com. Leic.* Gentlemen, and their heirs, to be held of the Mannour of *Hether* in *Socage*, without any Rent to be rendred for the same. Which *Michaell* being a younger^h son to *Thomas Puresey* of *Dialton* in *Com. Leic.* Es- quire, and marryingⁱ *Joice* the daughter and co- heir to *John Herdwyk* of *Uindley* in *Com. Leic.* Esquire, settled here, and left issue *William* his son and heir, *John* who resided at *Hetherwhitacre*; and *George*, who purchased *Wolverhill* in this Countie. Which *William*, by *Catherine* daughter to Sir *William Wigston* of *Wolston* Knight, had issue *Francis* his son and heir, who wedded *Elia- nore* the daughter to *John Baskerville*, and by her had issue *William* the present owner hereof, and reedifyer of the Mannour House with a fair stru- cture of brick and stone, where the Armes and mat- ches of his Family are in severall pieces of sculp- ture, very exactly represented.

The Church (dedicated to St. *Theobald* and St. *Chad.*) was in an. 1291 (19 E. 1.) valued^j at two marks; but in^k 26 H. 8. at vii l. xvi s. over and above vs. allowed for *Procurations* and *Syn- odalls*.

Patroni Ecclesiæ Incumbentes.

Rob. de Herle miles. Petrus de Friseby Cap. 12 Cal. Nov. 1349.

Will. Gower Pbr. 3. Non. Junii 1368.

Joh. Frechor de Wistow Pb. 1b. f. 17. b. 4 Non. Martii 1368.

Ric. Pusteler Pbr. 4 Julii 1387.

Thomas Weston Pbr. 9 Martii 1390.

Rob. Paynter 9 Oct. 1392.

Will. de Staveley Pbr. 11 Jan. 1403.

Ric. Stracur. Cap. 3. Febr. 1414.

Ric. Inderay Cap. 17. Aug. 1425.

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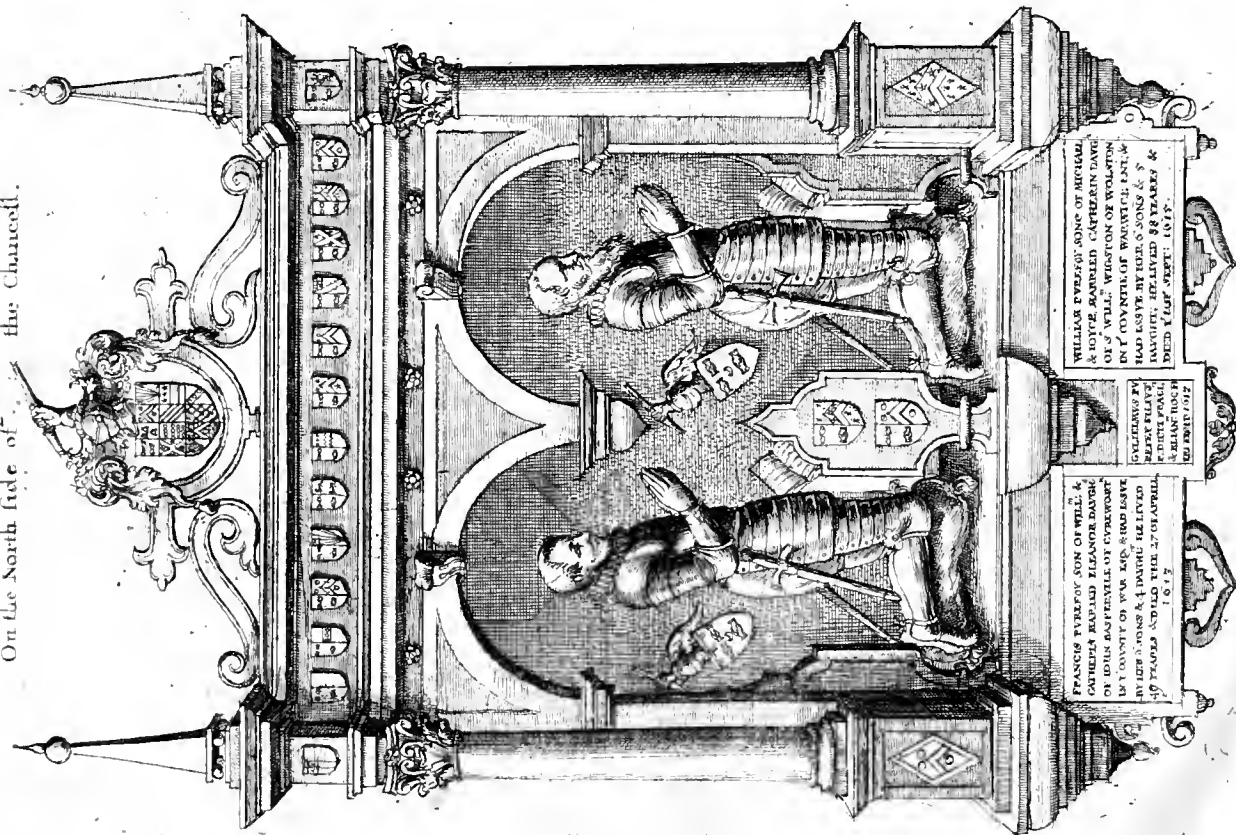
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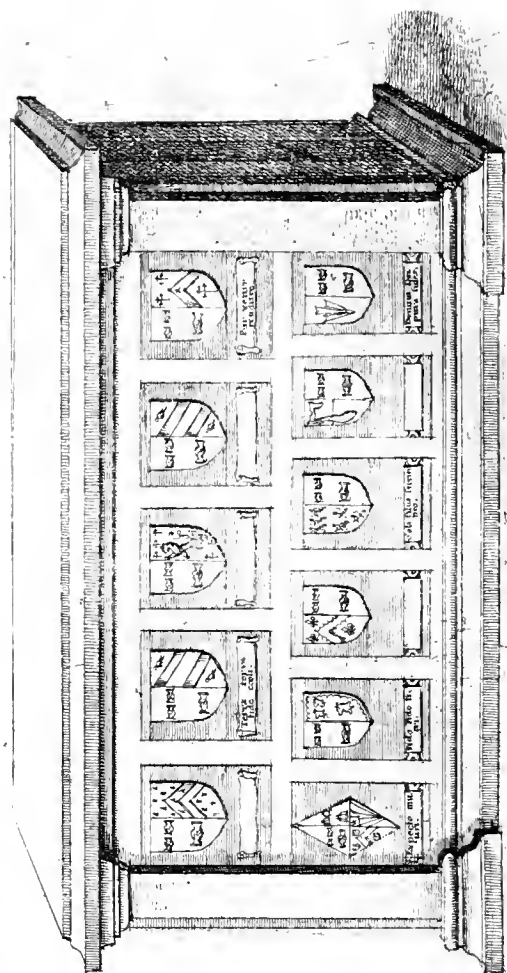
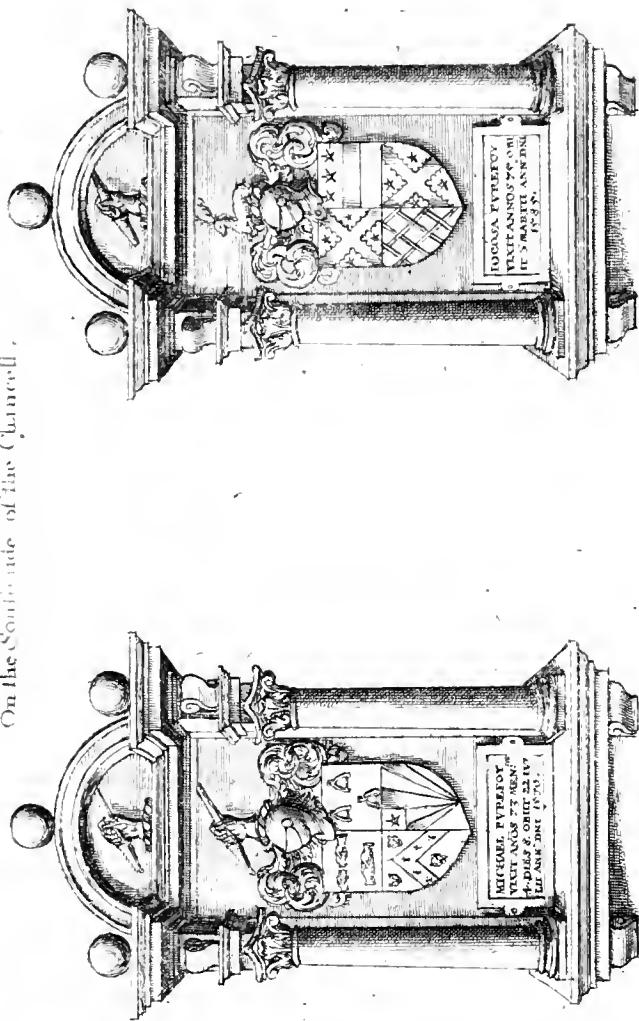
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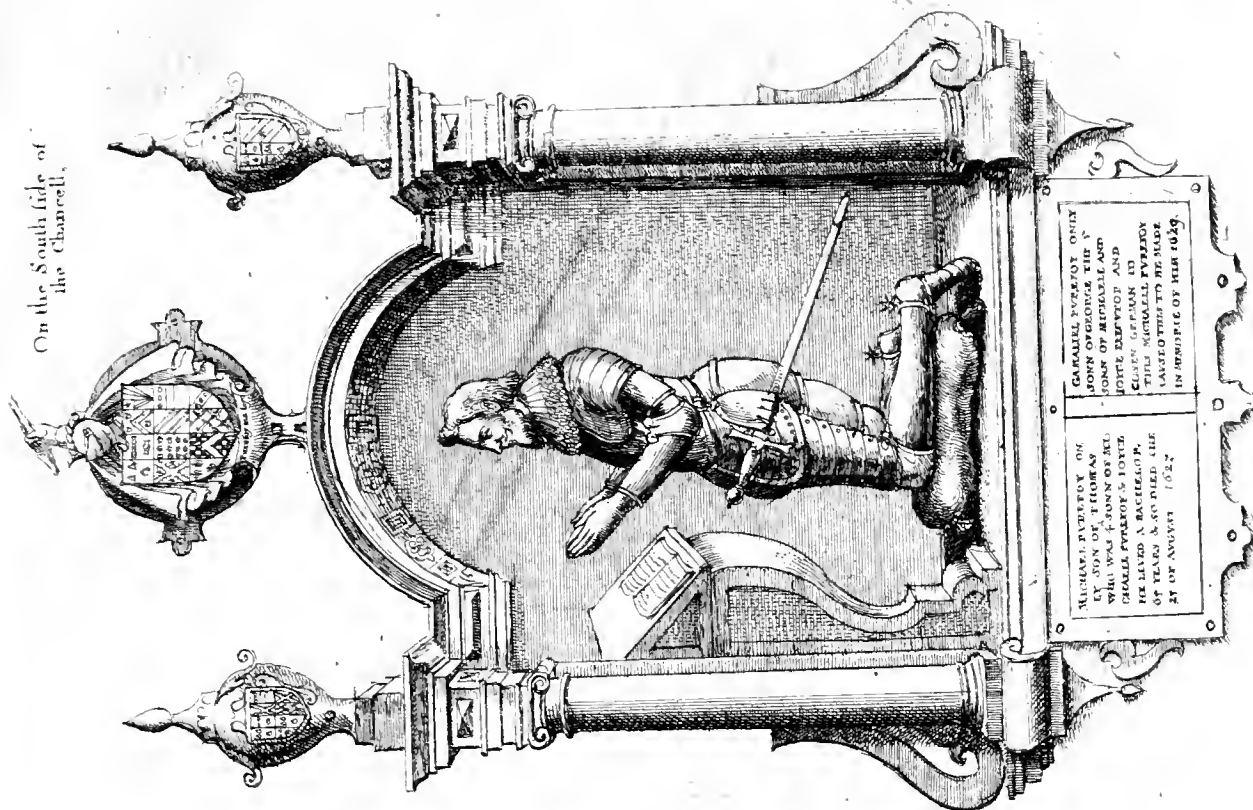
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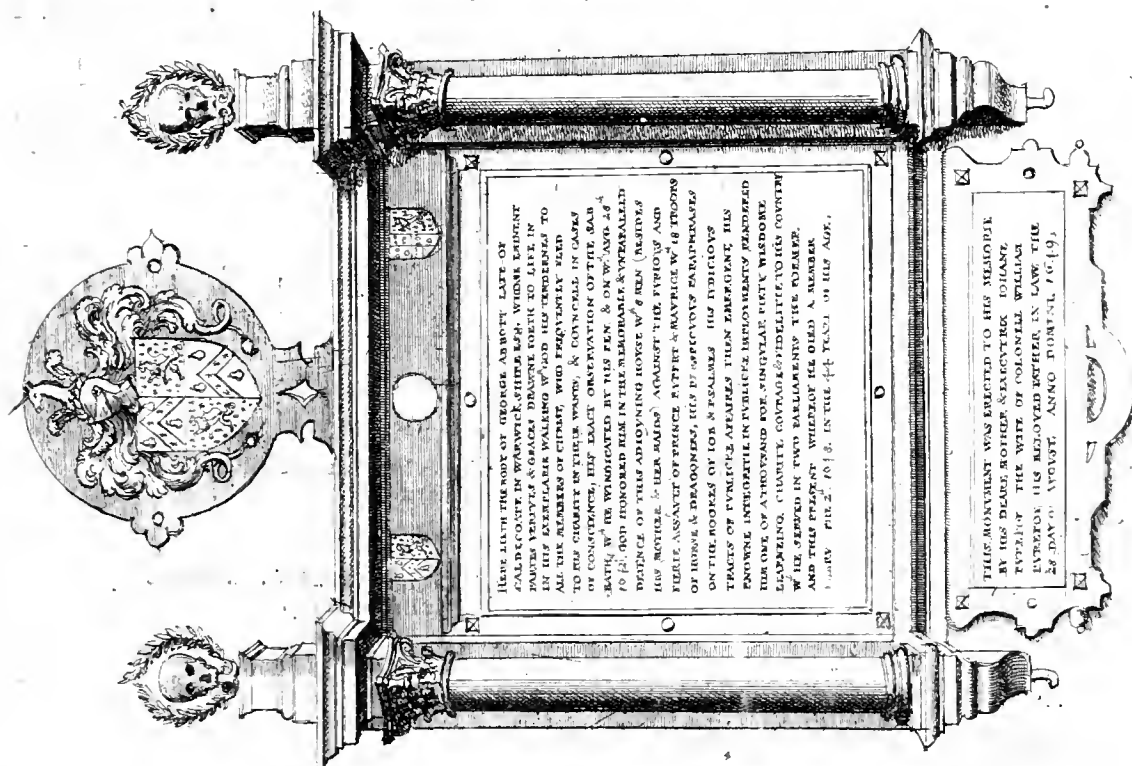
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Grendon.

About four miles farther on the same side of Anker, stands Grendon, whereof Henry de

Feriers was possess^d in the Conqueror's time, one ¹ ^{Do-} ^m ^{me} ^{ld.} ⁿ ^{lib.} ^{Thur} ^{stane} then holding it of him. By the general Survey^m this was esteemed at five hides and a half, there being then a Mill rated at *v* s. and Woods extending to one mile and a half in length, and a mile in breadth; all which were valued at

Roggerius de Grendona
temp. Regis Steph.

Ric. de Grendon. Margareta. Walchelchus de Bromcote. Serlo de Grendon. Robertus. Jordanus.

Robertus de Grendon miles 11 H. 3. Avicia filia Will. de Bromcote. Will. de Brai.

Rob. de Grendon - Emma filia Will. Bassett. Rog. de Grendon parsona.

Will. de Grendon dominus de Bromcote. Rob. de Bromcote.

Joh. de Grendon H. 3. A. de Clinton ux. secunda. Rad. de Grendon miles 2. E. 1. Johanna con. sangu. . . E. 1. Alicia ux. Joh. de Clinton.

Rob. de Grendon 22 E. 1.

Henr. Thomas Nich. Robertus Radulfus.

Johanna ux. Rog. de Cherwind mil.

Alicia ux. Philippi de Cherwind mil.

Margar. ux. Joh. de Fieford.

Rad. de Grendon miles.

Thomas de Grendon 18 E. 2.

Will. Cherwind de Ingestre - Aliva 21 R. 2. miles 5 R. 2.

Rob. de Grendon defunctus 5 prole 23 E. 3.

Johanna ux. Joh. de Rochford ar.

Thomas de Grendon.

Ric. Cherwin 6 H. 4. Thomesina filia Will. Alfrith Frodsham.

Joh. Cherwin de Alfrith 12 H. 6.

Margareta ux. Will. fil. Will. Puresey 2 R. 2.

Rad. Rochford miles.

Margareta 1. nupta . . . Charnels, 2. Thos. 2. Maiori.

Philippus Cherwin miles, Elcna filia & hæres Thomæ de la Roche, relicta Edm. D. Ferrers. obiit 24 H. 6.

Margeria filia & hæres 8 R. 2.

Joh. Charnels de Snarkeston ar. 7 H. 6.

Will. Cherwin ar. obiit vivo patre.

Will. Cherwin ar. occisus 9 H. 7.

Will. Cherwin 6 H. 8.

Thomas Cherwin obiit 30 Sepr. - Jana filia & hæres Joh. Salter de Salters-Hall 3. & 4 Ph. & M. (juxta Newport) mil.

Maria filia & hæres - Joh. Cherwin de Ingestre ar. obiit - Margeria filia Rob. Midlemore de Edgbaston ar. ux. I. 34 Eliz.

Will. Cherwin de Grendon miles, obiit sine prole.

Walt. Cherwin de - Maria filia & hæres Joh. Molins, Ingestre mil.

Walt. Cherwin ar. nunc - Francisca filia & cohæres Bartini Haselsrig de Thedingworth in Com. Leic. ar. supstites.

xl s. But before the Norman invasion one *Sinward Barn* was ownerⁿ of it, as also of som other lands in this Countie, that at the Conquest were in like manner disposed of to the before specified *Henry de Ferriers*: Which *Sinward*, being a potent Englishman, was kept Prisoner^o with divers other persons of qualitie, till the end of the Conqueror's reign, that the King, lying upon his death-bed, being moved with compunction for his hard dealing to the native English, gave order^p for their enlargement. Whether the before specified *Thurstan*, who held it in the Conqueror's time, were paternall ancestor to that Familie, which for many ages afterwards enjoy'd it, is hard to say, *Roger de Grendon* being the first that took his surname from hence in^q King *Stephen's* time. Which *Roger*, or his Father was originally enfeoff^t hereof in *H. 1.* time; yet not immediatly by *Ferrers*, but by^r *Camvile*, who (it seems) had the first grant of it from the said *Henry* or his son, to hold by the service^t of one Knight's Fee: But of *Robert Marmion* Lord of *Warwiczth*-Castle he held^u another Knights Fee (lying^w in *Dozdon* and *Waberton*) and to the Church of *St. Leonard* at *Hoo*, gave^x certain lands, which he held of the said *Robert Marmion*; as also to^y the Nuns of *Polesworth*, half a yard land in *Waberton*, leaving issue *Richard de Grendon*, who confirmed his said Father's grant, and for the health of his soul, and the soul of *Margaret* his wife, bestowed^z on the said Nuns half a yard land more, situate in the same Viliage, towards the support of their garments, being likewise a Benefactor^a to the Canons of *Calc* (near *Repton*) in *Derbyshire*.

To this *Richard* succeeded Sir *Robert de Grendon* Knight, who by *Avicia* the daughter of *William de Bray*, had issue *Robert*; which *Robert*, being heir^b to his said grandfather *W. de Bray*, became thereby possessor of *Shenston*, a fair Lordship in *Staffordshire*. After which, *sc.* in 20 and 25. *H. 3.* he was a Justice^c of Assize in this Countie. In 21 *H. 3.* he was in^d a Commission for collecting a Subsidie; and from 26 till 33 *H. 3.* inclusive, a Justice^e of Gaol-delivery at *Warwick*. In 34 *H. 3.* he was constituted^f Shirriff for the Counties of *Salop.* and *Staff.* as also Governour of^g the Castles of *Salop.* *Wuges.* and *Ellesmeze*; at which time he gave^h C. s. to the King for a Charter of *Free-warren*. In 37 *H. 3.* he was aⁱ Knight but afterward, either really, or in shew, an adherent to the rebellious Barons; for it appears that he had some speciall favour^k from them, in respect of a Debt that he owed to the Jews; and was by them constituted^l Shirriff of the Counties of *Salop.* and *Staff.* But if he were cordially theirs, he soon gave the King testimony of his more loyall affections; for it appears, that shortly after their overthrow in the battail of *C-esham*, he was join'd^m in authoritie with the Shirriff of this Countie, for the seizure of their lands and possessions, as also made a Commissionerⁿ for the Gaol-delivery at *Warwick*; and the next year following, having the King's speciall acknowledgement of his faithfull service, obtain'd^o respite^o for payment of those Debts, which were due from him to the Exchequer, for such money as he had received whilst he was Shirriff as abovesaid, having libertie to pay it by xxl. per an.

He was likewise a Benefactor^p to the before specified Chapell of *St. Leonard* at *Hoo*, in which the Nuns of *Polesworth* (for it belong'd to them)

found two Priests perpetually celebrating divine service for the health of his soul. Of this *Robert* I farther find, that he contracted matrimony^q with one *Joane le Butiller*, yet did not thereupon receive her as his wife, which caused a controversy betwixt them in the Spirituall-Court: What he alleag'd in justification of himself, appears not; but by sentence^r of the Chief-Chanier of *Lichfield*, and others, it is evident that he was quit of her, and wedded^s *Emme* the daughter to *William Bassett* (of *Sapcote*) by whom he had^t in frank marriage, all her Father's lands in *Houby*, with the Homage and service of Sir *Steph. de Segrave*. To which last mentioned Sir *Robert*, succeeded Sir *Raph de Grendon* Knight, one of the Justices for^u the Gaol-deliverie at *Warwick* in 2 *E. 1.* Bewixt whom and *Geffrey de Camvile*, there grew certain differences, touching the services to be performed for this Lordship, which was held of the same *Geffrey* by one Knight's Fee, but in 4. *E. 3.* they came to an Agreement^w; *sc.* that the said Sir *Raph* and his heirs; should from thenceforth answer^x xl s. to the King, for Scutage, when it might happen, and according to that rate, doing Homage and paying Relief upon occasion; as also performing suit to the Court of the same *Geffrey*, at *Clifton-Camvile*, upon reasonable summons, whensoever any Triall might fortune to be there, by virtue of the King's Writ, or that a Thief was to be judged.

In 26 *E. 1.* this Sir *Raphe* had Summons^x, amongst sundry other great men, to be at *Carleol* on *Whitson-Eve*, well furnisht with Horse and Armes to march against the Scots. In 28 *E. 1.* he was^y a Knight. In 29 *E. 1.* he received another command^z to attend the King at *Barwick* upon *Twede* to march into *Scotland*. In 31 *E. 1.* having confirm'd^a to the Nuns of *Polesworth* those grants of his ancestors, made to the Chapel of *Hoo* before mentioned, he releas'd^b to them all the right he had in severall assarts of Woods and arable within the precincts of *Polesworth*; and departed^c this life in 5 *E. 3.* leaving *Robert* his son and heir, and a daughter called *Joane*, married to *John Rockford* Esquire. Which *Robert* was a man but of weak^d understanding, insomuch as Sir *Roger* and Sir *Philip de Chetwin*, with *John de Freford*, who had married his Aunts, alledging^e, that *A. de Clinton* second wife to old Sir *Raph de Grendon*, and mother to those three daughters, had a joint^f estate with her said husband in all his lands, challenged the inheritance of them (she being dead) from the before mentioned *Robert*, in right of their wives, by virtue of an Entail^g made in 27 *E. 1.* and accordingly entred^h upon them.

Whereupon the said *Robert* discerning, that he was like to be over-born by the subtilty of those his adversaries, resorted for refuge to *Henry Duke of Lancaster* (a potent man at that time) yeilding unto him the whole Mannour of *Shenston*, to hold for terme of his life, or the longer liver of them, conditionallyⁱ that he would protect him in the possession of this Mannour, and his lands at *Gopshall* and *Dozdon*, &c. All which being in like sort performed, the said^j *Roger de Chetwynd*, and *Joane*, quitted^k their interest to the same *Robert*, and his heirs in 17 *E. 3.* and so^l likewise did *John de Freford* and *Margaret* his wife, as also *Alice* the widow of Sir *Philip Chetwynd* in 19. *E. 3.* But afterwards, *sc.* about the 22th. of *E. 3.* the

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z Roper
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penes pref.
W. C.

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d Claus. 21.
H. 3. in d.

e Pat. de
issd. an. in d.

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H. 3. m.
g 11.

h Rot. F. 34
H. 3. m. 8.

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Cap. Lich.

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penes D. &
Cap. Lich.
z Claus. 29.
E. 1. in d. m.
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penes pref.
W. C.

b Ex autog.
penes S.
Roper ar.

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nes pref.
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g Pasch.
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penes pref.
W. C.

k F. levat.
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Ascens. 19.
E. 3.

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the said *Robert* died¹ without issue, so that the inheritance of these lands thereby descending to his nephew *Sir Raph Rochford* Knight (son of *Joane* the wife of *John Rochford* before specified) he the said *Sir Raph* entailed^m them upon the issue of his body by *Joane* the daughter of *Sir Hugh Menill* Knight, with remainder to his three sisters successively, and then to *Sir Richard Stafford* and his heirs: According to which entail, the possession thereof continued for divers years, untill at length *Sir Raph Rochford* being dead, the said *Joane* his wife marriedⁿ again to one *Hugh de Asheby*, with whom *Sir William Chetwyn* Knight (son and heir to the before mentioned *Sir Philip*) making an accord^o, became totally possessor thereof, having (in 39 E. 3.) compounded^p with *Isabell* the widow of *John de Rochford* for her title of dower therein, formerly granted to her by *Sir Raph Rochford* her son in Law.

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tog. pen-
es pref. W. C.

q Scroope
f. 128. b.

After which he seated himself here, and in 16 R. 2. obtained a Licenseⁿ from the Bishop of *Cob.* and *Uch.* to have divine Service within a private Chapell for his House. But before I descend to speak farther of the said *Sir William* and his posteritie, I shall observe, that this Family hath been of great antiquity in *Schropshire*; scil. of *Chetwynd*, whence this their surname was first assumed, as also that *John de Chetwynd*, son^o of *Adam*, had a Charter^t of Free-warren in 37 H. 3. throughout all his demesne lands in the Counties of *Salop.* *Staff.* and *Warwick*; for he was possessor^t of *Warterley* in this Shire, at that time; havingⁿ likewise *Ingestre*, *Salt*, and *Cretwich* in *Staffordshire*, by *Isabell* the daughter and heir to *Philip de Abuton*, as it seems^o: But I return to the before specified *Sir William*, great-grandchild to the said *John*, in regard he was the first of this line that had to do here. Towards the latter end of King *Edw.* 3. reign, he was by Indentureⁿ retained with *John* of Gaunt Duke of *Lanc.* to serve him aswell in times of Peace as War, for ten marks per an. Which Indenture being lost, was again renewedⁿ by the said Duke in 50 E. 3. whereby he increased his Fee to ten pounds per an. And afterwards, sc. in 10 R. 2. recounting his faithfull services, gaveⁿ the sum of ten pounds more per an. to be received out of the issues of his Honour of *Wutburie*.

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E. 3.

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H. 3. m. 8.

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a Burgh. f.
15. b.

b E. 6. 24.
H. 6.

c Pat. 12.
H. 6. p.
d 2. m.
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e Rot. F.
15. H. 6. m.
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g Claus. 5.
H. 6. in d. m.
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h Rot. F. 7.
H. 6. m. 18.

i Rot. F. 15.
H. 6. m. 29.

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I am of opinion, that a great part of the Church, here at *Orendon*, was new built by the before-specified *Sir William*; for it is evident, that the pictures in glass of many of this Family in their tuncoats of Arms, were set up there about that time. This *Sir William* had issueⁿ *Richard*, of whom I find little memorable; and *John*^b: Which *John*, residing^c at *Alspath* (now called *Mereden*) was one of the chief persons in this Countie, that subscribedⁿ the Articles concluded of in the Parliament of 12 H. 6. and in 15 H. 6. served^c in Parliament as one of the Knights for this Shire, being from 17 till 20 H. 6. inclusive, in Commission^t for conservation of the Peace.

But to the said *Richard*, succeeded *Philip* his sonⁿ and heir, a person not a little eminent in his time; for in^b 7 H. 6. he had the Shireffaltie of *Staffordshire*; so also inⁱ 15 H. 6. being then a Knight. In 17 H. 6. he was employedⁿ into the Duchy of *Guten*, for the King's service, and in 20 H. 6. constituted^l Governour of the Citie of *Baton* in *Normandie*, being allowed 940 marks, to retain as many Archers for the safeguard there-

of, as might be therewith hired for a quarter of a year. In 22 H. 6. he was retained with *Humphrey* Earl of *Buckingham*, to do him service during life, according to his degree, aswell in times of Peace as War; sc. in times of Peace, with as many men and Horses as he the said Earl should appoint, out of the said Earl's Lordship of *Holderness* in *Yorkshire*; as also taking bouche of Court and livery for them, in his Household, during such his continuance with him, and allowance of reasonable costs for his coming and returning, and in case the said Earl might be commanded in any service of War, on this side or beyond the Sea, upon reasonable warning to attend him, with such number of men at Arms and Archers, well and sufficiently armed, horsed, and arrayed after the manner of war, as he should assign; and receive the like wages and reward, as the said Earl did take of the King, or of any other his Captains in such expedition, with Skippeson and reskippeson reasonable, for himself, his men and Horses: but the said Earl to have the thirds of all manner of Prisoners and prizes, to be taken by him the said *Sir Philip*, through fortune of War; and the third of the thirds of all Prisoners, prizes, &c. taken by any of his men; the Indenture of that his Retainer, bearing date at *London* 13 Februarii the year above said.

Nay, it farther appears, that upon the same day, he was also retainedⁿ with that Earl, by another Indenture (wherein he is stiled the right mighty Prince *Humphrey* Earl of *Buckingham*, *Hereford*, *Stafford*, *Northampton*, and *Perche*, Lord of *Wyecknock* and of *Holderness*) then Captain of the Town and Castle of *Calais*, as his Lieutenant of that Castle, for one whole year, with xxix. men at Armes on Foot, and xx Archers; whereof two men at Armes on Foot and four Archers, to be of the said *Sir Philip*'s own retinue; taking for himself xvi d. per diem; for his said men at Arms viii d. and his Archers vi d. at the hands of the Treasurer at War to the same Earl: And moreover, for himself, his Lady and a Gentlewoman, with her; and a Gentleman and two Yeomen of his own retinue, bouche of Court, and xx l. per an. of speciall reward, or else allowance for their bouch of Court, according as other souldiers of their degree used to have; as also for their skippeion and reskippeson.

And of this *Sir Philip* I farther find (which is not the least observable) that having wedded^o *Elen* the widow to *Edmund* Lord *Ferrers* of *Chartley*, daughter and heir to *Thomas de la Roche*, as also Cousin and heir to *John de Bermingham* (as in *Bromwich* appeareth) he empaledⁿ her Armes on the dexter part of his own; which, as I conceive, was for the dignitie of her person, she being a Baronesse, and so great an heir: and that he departed this^o life in 24 H. 6. leaving *William*, his grandchild, his Cousin and heir. Which *William*, afterwards one of the Gentlemen-Huissers of the Chamber to King *H.* 7. became so much envied by *Sir Humphrey Stanley* (then of *Pipe* in *Com. Staff.*) one of the Knights for the Body to same King, and Shireffⁿ of that Countie in 9 H. 7. as that, by means of a counterfeit Letter, in the name of *Randolf Brereton* Esquire, delivered on Friday night before the Feast of *St. John Baptist's*, *Nativity* requesting his meeting with him at *Stafford* the next morning by five of the Clock, being allured out of his House at *Ingeltrie*; and passing thither-

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H. 6.

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wards accordingly, with no more attendance than his own son, and two servants; he was way-layed upon **Wrbhall-Heath**, by no less than *xx.* persons, whereof seven were of the said Sir **Humphrey's** own Familie, some with Bows, and other with Spears, all armed with Bregandines and Coats of Male; who, issuing out of a Sheep-coat, and a deep dry Pit, furiously assaulted him, saying, that he should die, and accordingly killed him, the said Sir **Humphrey** at that time passing by, with at least *xxiii.* persons on Horseback, upon pretence of hunting a Deer. All which, the Petition^r to the King, made by **Alice** his widow, wherein she craves that the same Sir **Humphrey**, and his said servants might answer for it, doth manifest. But what was done therein, I have not seen; neither any farther of his Descendants (forasmuch as their residence hath been, for the most part, in that Countie) other than what the Pedegree before inserted, sheweth.

The Church (dedicated to *All Saints*) was originally but a Chapell, and belonging to **Oberton** *subt. Arden, in Com. Leic.* (now called **Oberton** on the Hill) and therewith confirmed^r to the Monks of **Wolverhampton** in King **H. 2.** time, by Pope **Lucius** the third: but I do not find that it was ever appropriated to them, or that they continued long Patrons thereof, the Advowson having been for many ages, in the Lords of the Mannour. In *an. 1291.* (*19 E. 1.*) it was rated^u at *xvi.* marks, over and above half a mark, which the Parson of **Oberton** before specified, did receive out of it: and in *26 H. 8.* at *xx l. iii s. iii d.* besides *ix s. vi d.* allowed for *Procurations* and *Synodalls*.

Patroni Ecclesiæ Incumbentes; &c.

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W. C.

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57. a.

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penēs D. &
Cap. Lich.
Langt. f. 6.
Northb. f.
23. b.

Rob. de Grendon
miles;

Rad. de Grendon
miles.

Henr. de Grendon Cler. an.
1253.

Will. de Edrichestey Cler.

10 Cal. Apr. 1300.

Will. de Clinton Pbr. 7. Apr.
1330.

Rad. de Rocheford.

D. Henr. Dux Lanc.

D. Will. Beeke miles
& Will. Chetwynd
miles.

Joh. Dux Lanc.

D. Will. Chetwynd de
Ingestre miles.

D. Alicia de Chet-
wynd.

Ric. Chetwynd fil. &
her. D. Will. Chet-
wynd mil.

Mag. Joh. Stafford
Legum Dr. Thef.
Angl.

Nich. de Iwynho Accol. 1b f. 52. a
2 Id. Dec. 1349.

Will. de Slattibourn Cap. 12 Cal. Dec. 1360. 1b f. 17. b

Thomas de Hampson Pbr. 14 Cal. Junii 1369.

Rob. Attmore Fbr. 7 Cal. 1b f. 18. a
Junii 1369.

Joh. de Bynbroke Pbr. 26 1b f. 19. b
Apr. 1382.

Walt. Bullok 3 Jan. 1401. } Burgh. f. 9. a.

Joh. Abyndon 15 Jan.
1401.

Joh. Pulford Cap. 18 Febr. 1b f. 15. b
1404.

Sim. Melburn ult. Julii Heyw. f. 11. b
1423.

Will. Wore 19 Martii 1447. 1b f. 7. b

Thomas Littilton & Ric. Cokket Pbr. 4 Aug. 1b f. 8. b
Johanna ux. ejus. 1449.

Reg. Vall. in Decr. Bac. 1b f. 9. b
Pbr. 26 Jan. 1449.

D. Phil. Draicot miles ex concess. Will. 1b f. 16. a
Chetwyn ar. Str. & P. f. 16. a.

Joh. Chetwyn de In- D. Will. Rowley Cler. 17. Sampf. &
gestre ar. OEt. 1558. B. f. 11. b.

Joh. Chetwin, & Will. Joh. Sprotte Cler. 3. Dec. 1b f. 48. a
fil. & hares ejus. 1578.

Will. Chetwyn ar. Thomas Walker Cler. 10 Overton
OEt. 1597. bund. C.

Will. Chetwyn miles. Georgius Kent Cler. 26 Overton.
Junii 1607. bund. F.

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Whittington

In a north window of the Church,



Orate pro Johi Malorey et Philippa uxore eius.

In another north window.



In a south window.



In another South window.



In another South Window



In a north window of y^e Chancell.

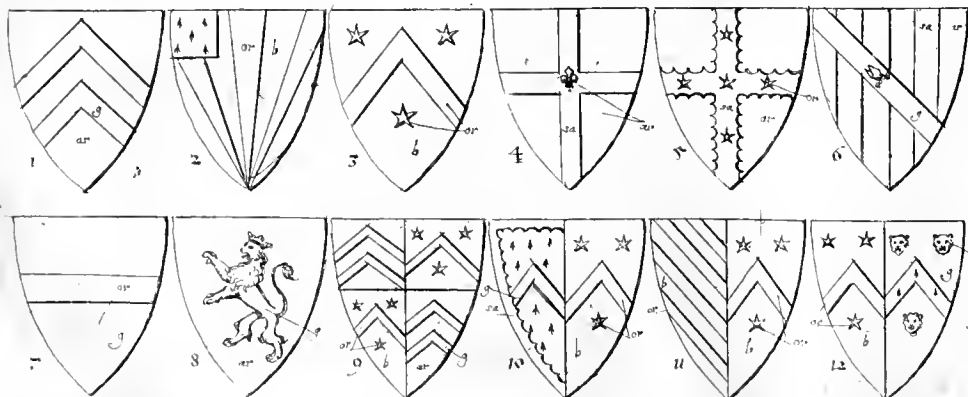


Orate pro anima magri Johis abinden vtriusq^e iuris
baculary Rectoris istius ecclesie qui obiit die febr.
a^o dni MCCCXIII.

In a South window of y^e Chancell,



Orate pro anima dni Johis Gylford Rectoris istius
ecclesie qui obiit die febr. a^o dni MCCCXIII.



- 1 Grendon
- 2 Clinton
- 3 Chetwin
- 4 Frodesham
- 5 Burghall
- 6 Hilton
- 7 Grendon & Chetwin
- 8 Malorey & Chetwin
- 9 Mortmford & Chetwin
- 10 Chetwin &

Whittington.

THAT this petty Village was originally a member of **Grendon**, within which Parish it lyes, and therewith involved in the Conqueror's Survey, I am fully satisfied; for part of it was given^x to the Monks of **Merevale** by **Robert Earl Ferrers**, upon his Foundation of that Monasterie; but the residue did the Family of **Grendon**, (owners of **Grendon**.) possesse^y, as a branch^a of that Lordship; which, in process of time, being granted away by some of the Lords of **Grendon**, came to be reputed a Mannour, one **Margerie Ribbis** in 6 R. 2. holding^a it, for life, by that name, the inheritance being^b in Sir **Geffrey Fuliambe** Knight, Which Sir **Geffrey** left issue^c **Alice** his daughter and heir, about a year old in 12 R. 2. Howbeit, after this I do not find it termed a Mannour; for upon the grant thereof from **John Heklyng** of **Lyndeby** Esquire and **Joan** his wife, unto **William Repington** of **Amington** in this Countie Esquire, in 13 H. 6. it passed^d by the name of ten Messuages CCCC. acres of land, xxx. acres of meadow, and xl. acres of pasture; from whom is descended Sir **John Repington**, now of **Amington**, Knight the present owner thereof.

That which the Monks of **Merevale** had here, yeilded^e Liii s. yearly Rent of Assize in 26 H. 8. but coming to the Crown by the dissolution of that Abby, was in 32 H. 8. granted^f with the site thereof, and a multitude of other lands, unto Sir **Walter Devereux** Knight, Lord **Ferrers** of **Chartley**, and so consequently devolved to **Robert Earl of Essex**, the present owner thereof, *an. scil.* 1640.

Polesworth.

NEXT below **Grendon**-Parish, is **Polesworth** situate, which containeth within its precincts divers Villages and places of note; *scil.* **Badley-Endsor**, **Dordon**, **Frescley**, **Hall-end**, **Dodenhale**, and **Booley**, on the South side of the River, with **Stiperhill**, **Waberton**, and **Bramcote**, on the North.

Of this place, though there be no particular mention in the Conquerour's Survey (as of divers the most antient Towns and Burroughs is not) yet, for antiquitie, and venerable esteem, needs it not give precedence, to any in this Countie; being honoured with the plantation of the first Religious-House therein, that was in all these parts; founded^g by King **Egbert**, our first English Monarch. But, before I farther proceed to speak thereof, I resolve here to take notice, of what I have seen most considerable, touching the antiquitie of a Monastick life, practised by women, as I have done in **Cobentre** for men; wherein I cannot discern, till towards the fourth Centurie, any thing thereof: For though a learned person^h observeth, that *Non solum viri sed Mulieres, etiam Apostolorum Christi tempore ministerio Ecclesia addicebantur*, yet he saith—*Verum procedente tempore instituta sunt Collegia, seu Monasteria Virginum*

Deo consecratarum, & solennibus votis obstrictarum: And that **Marcella** was the first, who began it in the Western Church, we have the testimonie ofⁱ **St. Hieron**; **Marcella** (saith he) in *Occidente, circa an. CCCXL. Virginum & Viduarum didicit disciplinam*; which kind of life was taught her by **Athanasius**, as **Baronius**^k affirms.

But, that they exercised it so soon, in that solemn manner, as in after times hath been used; *viz.* under the threefold Vow, of **Povertie**, **Obedience**, and **Chastitie**, cannot be made good: For cleer it is, from the testimonie of an authentick Writer^l, that **St. Benedikt** first prescribed that Rule—*Benedictus, cum sorore Scholasticâ, primus Regularem vitam certis Legibus, & ordinibus (cum hæcenus seorsim liberè Christo inservissent) inceperit*; which Rule came in time, to have that venerable esteem, that as **Baronius**^m tells us, *In Liptinenſi Concilio (in Cameracensi Gallie agro) sanctum est, ut Monachi ac Nonne, juxta Regulam S. Benedicti Cœnobîa sua ordinarerent.*

The first Monasterie of Nuns, which we had here in **England**, was that of **Berking** in **Essex**, foundedⁿ by **Erkenwald**, Bishop of **London**, about the year of Christ **DCLXVI.** long before the reception of **St. Benet's** Rule, in this Nation.

I now come to this of **Polesworth**; and in the first place shall take notice upon what occasion^o it was founded, and then go on to shew the endowment thereof, with lands, &c.

King **Egbert**, having one onely son, called **Arnulph**, who was a Leper; and hearing by a Bishop, which came from **Ireland**, that the then King of **Connaught** had a Nun to his daughter, called **Modwen**, that healed all diseased people repairing to her, sent his said son, at the perswasion of that Bishop, into **Ireland**, where he was accordingly cured by the same holy Woman: which great favour to pleased King **Egbert**, that he forthwith invited **St. Modwen** to come into **England**, promising that he would found a Monasterie for her and her Covent: Of which tender, she soon after accepted, forasmuch as the Religious House, wherein she resided, was by Wars betwixt those petty Kings of **Ireland**, burnt and wasted; and brought over with her, two of her fellow Nuns. Whereupon the King, having a great opinion of her sanctitie, recommended his daughter **Edith** unto her, to be instructed in Religion after the Rule of **St. Benet**, giving her a dwelling place in the Forest of **Arderne**, then called **Trensale**, where the said **Edith**, together with **St. Lyne**, and **St. Osihe**, lived together in a holy manner; and soon after, founded a Monasterie for them, on the bank of the River **Anker**, at this place called **Pollysworth**; the first syllable **Pol**, importing a deepness of Water, and the other, *scil.* **Worth**, a dwelling or habitation; constituting the said **Edith** Abbess thereof.

Which Monasterie, being so founded and endowed, continued to her and her successors till the Norman Conquest, that Sir **Robert Marmion**, having the Castle of **Tamworth**, and the territories thereabouts, bestowed upon him by the Conqueror, expelled the Nunns from hence, so that they were constrained to resort to **Olbury** (a Cell belonging to this House.) But within the compass of a twelve month after this their expulsion, the said **R. Marmion**, making a costly entertainment at **Tam-**

x Pat. 22. R.
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y Pat. 12.
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e MS. penes
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52. b.
f Pat. 32.
H. 8. p. 5.

g Ex vet.
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h Fr. Duenus
de sacris Eccl.
ministerijs
lib. 1. cap.
24.

i Hieron.
ad Principiam
Epist.
16. p. 144.
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k Baron ad
31. Jan.
Notis ad
Martyrologium
Rom. p. 97.

l Sebast.
Franc.
apud. Hosp.
pin. lib. 4.
classe 2. cap.
1. p. 99.

m Baron
Gall. Tom.
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Ordinis Benedictini monialis.

wozth-Castle, for divers of his friends, amongst which was Sir *Walter de Somerville*, Lord of **Whitch-noure**, his sworn-brother; it hapned that as he lay in his Bed, *S^t Edith* appeared to him in the habite of a veiled Nunne, with a Crofier in her hand, and advertised him, that if he did not restore the Abby of **Poleswozth** unto her successors, he should have an evill death, and go to Hell; and to the end that he should be the more sensible of this admonition, she smote him on the side, with the point of her said Crofier, and so vanished away: By which stroke, being much wounded, he cryed out; whereupon his Friends in the House were soon raised, and finding him grievously tormented with the pain of his wound, they advised him to confesse himself to a Priest, and make a Vow to restore those Nunns to their former possessions: All which being performed, his pain presently ceased; wherefore in accomplishment of his vow, accompanied with the same Sir *Walter de Somerville* and the rest, he forthwith rode to **Odbury**, and craving pardon of the Nunns, for the injury done to them, brought them back hither, desiring that himself and the same Sir *Walter de Somerville*, might be their Patrons, and have buriall for themselves and their heirs in this Abby, viz. the *Marmions* in the Chapter-house, and the *Somervilles* in their Cloister.

I shall not take upon me to censure the truth of this Storie, as to the substance of it; but in circumstance; perhaps there may be some mistakes therein; for by an Author^p, who more compendiously speaks thereof, it is referr'd to King *Ethelwolph* (son to *K. Egbert*) whose son *Alured*, languishing of a desperate infirmity, was thus cured by *S. Modwene*; whereupon he gave unto her, lands in this Realm, for the founding of two Monasteries of Nunns, one, here in **Arden**, at **Poleswozth**, wherein (as he saith) *Osithe* and *Athea*, two holy Virgins, and *S. Edith*, sister to the said King *Ethelwolph*, dwelt, and the other at **Streneshale**.

But of their going to **Odbury**, and bringing back hither, I shall not make any question, though the appartion of *S. Edith*, with her Crofier, may be doubted; forasmuch as the words of *Robert Marmion's* Charter, and *Milisent* his wife, do import no lesse, which I have here transcribed^q — *Notum sit omnibus, me concessisse Osanna Priorisse, ad religionem instaurandam Sanctimonialium ibi, Ecclesiam S. Edithæ de Pollesworda, cum pertinentiis, ita quod Conventus de Aldeberia ibi sit manens.* Hence it is, as I guess, that this *Robert Marmion* and his wife are by the learned *Leland*, accounted to have been Founders thereof: in which repute I shall leave them, forasmuch as it also appears^r, that they gave the town of **Poleswozth** totally thereto, with their whole demesnes in **Waberton**; all which were confirmed by King *Stephen*.

I shall now descend to such other Benefactors, as these Nunns had; the next and chiefest whereof, was *Walter de Hastings*, who gave^t **Odbury** unto them (it being a Cell to this Monasterie, as I have already observed.) After which, they had^u, by *Robert Marmion*, son to the before-specified *Robert* and *Milisent*, the Church of **Queinton** in **Gloucestershire** (which in 12 R. 2. they procured to be appropriate^u to them.) As also the Mill at **Kingsburie**, called **Hemlingford-Mill**, with certain Meadow-ground and other lands, by^w *Robert Fitz-Walter* and *Amabil* his wife, one of

the coheirs unto *Osbert de Arden*: and moreover, a Mill at **Harlep**, given^x by *Alice*, sister to the said *Amabil*, then wife of *Simon de Harecurt*; both which were confirmed by *Raphe de Braccbrigge*, afterwards Lord of that Mannour. In **Dalston**, in *Com. Leic.* they had a good proportion of land, given^y by *Picot Archer*, in H. 2. time, and confirmed^z by *Robert* then Earl of **Leicester**; with a farther augmentation^a by *William de Trumpinton*. In **Burdingburie** (in this Countie) certain lands, by^b *Edelina*, sister to *Robert Boteler* of **Angleby**, for the souls health of *Walter de Somerville* her husband. The Church of **Barwell** in **Leicestershire**, by^c *Erneburga* the mother of *William de Hastings*: the Church of **Andley** in this Countie, by^d *William* the son of *Robert de Hardreshull*: Certain lands in **Bromcote** by^e *William Fitz-Walkeline* of **Bromcote**, which were confirm'd by *Robert* his son and heir, in consideration that these Nunns allowed him to have a *Chantrie* in his Chapell at **Bromcote**: Whereunto *Robert de Grendon*, in 32 E. 1. added^f a yard-land and certain Messuages lying in the same Village.

All those lands called **Coppenhull** (neer **Shutenton**) given by^g *William Burdet*; which *Hugh*, his son, confirmed temp. H. 2. A yard land in **Sirefscote** by^h *Roger* the son of *Walter de Somerville*. Certain lands in **Snarkeston** (*Com. Leic.*) which *William de Appilby* gaveⁱ, together with his body to sepulture in this Monasterie, &c which were confirmed^k by *Will. de Charnells* and *Clementia* his wife. The Mill of **Fresfeley**, and a proportion of land there, by^l *Robert de Kaily*, with addition^m of more, by *Sir Jordan de Whitacre* Knight, and *Will. Savage*, which *William* gaveⁿ also certain lands in **Dodenhale**, as also all the ground he had in **Pobele-Wood**, where the Chapell above *S. Edith's* Well was built. In **Bromcote** they had an yearly Rent of xx s. given^o to them by *Eustace de Morlein*, for the health of his soul, and the soul of *Hillaria* his wife; upon condition, that if they did enjoy those lands in **Shotswell**, whereof he made them a grant, that then they should not challenge this Annuity. From *Raphe* Lord *Basset* of **Dalston**, they had^p an annuall Rent of a mark of silver, for the enlarging of their Diet, upon the day of *S. John Baptist's* Nativity, in honour of that Festivall. In **Porton** (now **Hoggs-Porton**) a Carucate of land, given by^q *Robert de Gresele*, and a yard-land^r by *Geffrey de Greseley*, with certain Rents, as also the Homage and services of sundry persons: and in **Harlaston** the Rent of v s. yearly, given^s by *William de Vernun*, for the maintenance of a Lampe to burn every night in the Chapter-house, here at **Poleswozth**.

The Chapell of **Hoo**, with a certain proportion of land thereto belonging, and set forth by metes and bounds, given^t by *Robert de Grendon* (Lord of **Grendon**) in consideration whereof, the said Nunns were to find two Priests, to celebrate divine Service therein, for the health of his soul, and for the soul of *William de Bray* (his grandfather) and for all the faithfull deceased. In **Austrey**, they had lands given^u to them by *Hugh de Hatton*. In **Pe-ther-Whitacre** a yard land by^w *Robert Marmion*, Lord of that Mannour. In **Glascote** a good proportion by^x *William le Franceis*. In **Sutton**, by *Thomas de Overton*: In **Dakinton** by^y *Cecelis de Limse*, and *Robert de Somerville*: In **Durandsthorpe**, by^z *Geffrey de Bec*: In **Appilby**, by^a *Margaret Banaster*: In **Snarkeston**, by^b *Robert*

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de Motun. The Church of **Etton** (scil. Church-
Etton, in Com. Staff.) given^d by Robert de Brien-
ton, heir to Edeline, by the consent of Eve his
wife. A Rent of two marks per annum issuing out
of **Cobentre**, given^e by Ranulph Earl of **Chester**:
Five shillings Rent per annum in **Shukbozough**,
by^f **Isabell de Sumerville**: A messuage, with a yard-
land and a Cottage, lying in **Whichnoure**,^g by
Robert de Sumerville. In **Wadlep** a Messuage, with
half a yard land given^h to the Chapell there (be-
longing to those Nunns) by **Richard de Hertull**:
The Mill at **Swepton** byⁱ **William de Charnells**:
And of later time, six Messuages, **Lx.** acres of land
and three acres of Meadow, lying in **Polestworth**,
Dodenhale, and **Womcote**, given^k by **Richard**
de Dodenhale Merchant of **Cobentre**. But sundry
other petty parcells, in severall other places, for
brevities sake, I omit.

And that there might be nothing wanting to
them, aswell for their conveniencies as necessities,
they obtained a speciall Charter^l from King **H. 3.**
for a weekly **Mercate**, here at **Polestworth**, upon
the Thursday, and a **Faire** once every year, to last
for three days, beginning on the Eve of **S. Margu-**
ret (scil. 13. Kal. Julii) with immunitie^m for
themselves, their servants and Tenants, from at-
tendance at the Countie or Hundred-Courts, as al-
so the **Shiriffs Turn**, with power to holdⁿ a
Court-Leet for all their Tenants owing suit to the
Court at **Polestworth**; and other privileges.

All which Lands, Rents, &c. before specified, by
the Survey made in 26 **H. 8.** were valued at **Cix**
li. vi s. vi d. Out of which **xxvi s. viii d.** yearly,
being deducted for Almes given to the poor, on
Maunday-Thursday, at the washing of their Feet;
and **xxvi s.** per annum, for three Bushells of Rye at
vi d. a Bushell, made into Bread, and distributed
weekly throughout the year, to poor people at the
Gate of the Monasterie; and **xxv s.** per annum, for
the Fee of Sir **John Willoughby** Knight, then high
Steward thereof; and severall other constant pay-
ments, viz. of Rents, wages, and Pensions, which,
altogether amounted to **xxvii li. x s. iii d.** left the
clear yearly value, as the Commissioners at that
time certified, no more than **Lxxxvii li. xvi s. iii d.**
So that, being under **CCli.** it was by the Statute
of 27 **H. 8.** then lyable to dissolution; yet for
some respects, it was permitted to stand, till the
generall destruction of all the great Houses in 30
H. 8. at which time the Nunns here being, sub-
scribed an Instrument^o, dated ult. Jan. 30 **H. 8.**
whereunto their Conventuall Seal was affixt; whose
names, with the Pensions^p allowed to each of
them during life, I have here added.

Alicia Fitz-Herbert Abbatisa. xxvi li. xiii s. iv d.
Johanna Penny, Liii s. iv d.
Margareta Todde, Liii s. iv d.
Anna Fremyngbam,
Maria Charnells,
Catherina Corbyn,
Alianora Blunt,
Editha Willinghall,
Eliz. Oteley,
Eliz. Walldyff,
Alicia Ulley,
Katherina Whitekyrtill,
Gracia Holton,
Benedicta Burton,
Maria Sanders.

Here followeth a Catalogue of so many of the Ab-
besses, as I have seen any authority for.

Osanna temp. **H. 1.**
Muriel temp. **Regis Joh.**

Margeria de Apelbi 16. Pat. 21. H.
Sept. 21 **H. 3.** 3. m. 2.
Sarra de Mancestre 5. Dec. Pat. 54. H.
54 **H. 3.** 3. m. 25.
Albreda de Camvile 5 Rot. f. 5. E.
E. 1. 1. m. 20.

Catherina de Apelbi 22 Ex autog.
E. 1. penes pref.
Fr. N.

Erneburga de Hardreshull Pat. 29. E.
21. Maii 21 **E. 1.** 1. m. 14.
Matilda de Pipe 22. Apr. Pat. 13. E.
15. **E. 2.** 2. p. 2. m.
Leticia de Hexstall 14. 19.
Oct. 22 **E. 3.** Pat. 22. E.
Agnes de Somerville 13. 3. p. 3. m.
Oct. 23 **E. 3.** 30.
Matilda Bottoart 8. Mar- Pat. 23. E.
tii 36 **E. 3.** 3. p. 3. m. 38.
Cath. de Wyrlegh 24. Dec. Pat. 36. E.
2 **H. 4.** 3. p. 1. m. 25.
Benedicta Prede 30 Aug. Pat. 2. H. 4.
2 **H. 5.** p. 1. m. 6.
Margareta Ruskyn 1. Apr. Pat. 2. H. 5.
6 **E. 4.** p. 1. m. 1.
D. Eliz. Bradfeild 24. Ju- Pat. 6. E. 4.
lii 16 **H. 7.** p. 1. m. 5.
D. Anna Fitz-Herbert Pat. 16. H.
13. Dec. 21 **H. 7.** 7. p. 1. m. 3.
D. Alicia Fitz-Herbert Pat. 21. H.
12. Dec. 1. **H. 8.** 7. p. 1. m. 22.
Pat. 1. H. 8.
p. 2. m. 14.

And now before I proceed farther, I shall here
make bold to observe what I find signified^a by the
Commissioners, who were employed to take Surren-
der of the Monasteries in this Shire Anno 29 **H. 8.**
viz. that after strict scrutinie, not only by the Fame
of the Countie, but by examination of severall per-
sons, they found these Nunns Vertuous and Religious
Women, and of good conversation, **Alice Fitz-Her-**
bert being then Abbess, (having so continued for
xxvii. years) and at that time **Lx.** years of age:
And that in this town were then **Xliv.** Tenements,
and but one Plough, the residue of the Inhabitants
bring Artificers, who had their livelihood by this
House: imploring the mediation of **T. Cromwell**,
(for to him it was that they wrote) that it might
not be supprest: wherein as they alledg'd, he might
do a right good and meritorious deed. The names of
those Commissioners, being **John Grevill**, **Simon**
Mounsfort, **Thomas Holt**, **Roger Wygton**, **George**
Giffard, and **Roger Burgoin**, as their Letter dated
at **Marstoke**-Priorie, 28. Julii testifieth.

Nevertheless, it was not the strict and regular
lives of these devout Ladies; nor any thing that
might be said in the behalf of the Monasteries, that
could prevent their ruine then approaching, so great
an aime had the King to make himself thereby glo-
rious, and many others no lesse hopes to be enricht
in a considerable manner: But, to the end that
such a change should not overwhelm those that
might be active therein; in regard the People every
where had no small esteem of these Houses for
their

^a Ex cod.
MS. in bibl.
Cotton.
[Cleopatra
E. 4.]
[210. b.]

d Pat. 20.
R. 2. p. 3. m.
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c f
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R. 2. p. 3. m.
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o Ex ipso
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p Ex Reg.
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The proceeding in H. 8. time in order to the dissolution of the Monasteries.

b Letter of T. Norron to a Parl. man in an. 1581. penes Rog. Twil-den Bar. Life of H. 8. by the L. Herbert p. 173.

c Cokes Instit. part. 4. p. 44.

d Letter of T. N. ut supra.

e Life of H. 8. ut supra p. 198. MS. in bibl. Cotton. ut supra f. 13. a.

f Life of H. 8. p. 399. MS. in bibl. Cotton ut supra f. 21. a. & 33. b. ibid. f. 252. b.

g Letter of T. N. ut supra.

their devout and daily exercises in Prayer, Almshouses, Hospitality, and the like; whereby not only the souls of their deceased Ancestors had much benefit, as then was taught, but themselves, the Poor, as also Strangers, and Pilgrims constant advantage, there wanted not the most subtil contrivances to effect this stupendious work, that (I think) any age hath beheld; whereof it will not be thought impertinent, I presume, to take here a short view.

In order therefore to it, was that which Cardinal Woolsey had done, for the founding of his Colledges in Oxford and Ipswich, made a President; viz. the dissolving of above xxx. Religious Houses (most very small ones) by the Licence of the King and Pope (Clement the 7th). And that it might be the better carried on M^r Thomas Cromwell, who had been an old servant to the Cardinal, and not a little active in that, was the chief person pitched upon, to assist therein: For I look upon this business, as not originally designed by the King; but by some principall ambitious men of that age, who projected to themselves all worldly advantages imaginable, through that deluge of wealth, which was like to flow amongst them by this hideous storm.

First therefore, having insinuated to the King matter of Profit and Honour; scil. Profit by so vast an enlargement of his revenue; And Honour in being able to maintain mighty Armies to recover his rights in France; as also to strengthen himself against the Pope, whose Supremacie he had abolished, and make the firmer alliance with such Princes as had done the like, did they procure Cromwell's advancement to the See of Canterbury, and more of the Protestant Clergie (as my authoritie termes them) to other Bishopricks, and high places; to the end that the rest should not be able in a full Councell to carry any thing against their design; sending out Preachers to persuade the People, that they should stand fast to the King, without fear of the Pope's curse, or his dissolving their allegiance.

Next, that it might be the more plausibly carried on, care was taken so to represent the lives of the Monks, Nuns, Canons, &c. to the world, as that the lesse regret might be made at their ruine: To which purpose T. Cromwell being constituted general Visitor, employed sundry persons, who acted their parts therein accordingly; viz. Richard Lupton, Thomas Legh, and William Petre Doctors of Law, D^r John London Dean of Wallingford, and others; to whom he gave Instructions in Lxxxvi. Articles; by which they were to enquire into the Government and behaviour of the Religious of both sexes: which Commissioners, the better to manage the designe, gave encouragement to the Monks, not only to accuse their Governours, but to informe against each other; compelling them also to produce the Charters and Evidences of their lands, as also their plate and money, and to give an Inventorie thereof. And hereunto did they adde certain Injunctions from the King, containing most severe and strict Rules; by means whereof divers being found obnoxious to their censure, were expelled; and many discerning themselves not able to live free from some exception or advantage, that might be taken against them, desired to leave their Habit.

And having by these Visitors thus searcht into their lives; which by a Black Book containing a

world of enormities, were represented in no small measure scandalous; to the end that the People might be the better satisfied with their proceedings, it was thought convenient to suggest, that the lesser Houses, for want of good government, were chiefly guilty of these Crimes that were layd to their charge: and so they did, as appears by the Preamble of that Act for their dissolution, made in 27 H. 8. which Parliament, consisting for the most part of such members as were packt for the purpose, through private interest; as is evident by divers original Letters of that time, many of the Nobility, for the like respects also favouring the design, assented to the suppressing of all such Houses, as had been certified of little value then CC li. per annum, and giving them, with their lands and revenues to the King; yet so as not only the Religious persons therein should be committed to the great and honourable Monasteries of this Realme, where they might be compelled to live religiously for reformation of their lives; wherein, thanks be to God, Religion is well kept and observed (as are the very words of that Act) but that the possessions belonging to such Houses should be converted to better uses, to the pleasure of Almighty God, and to the honour and profit of the Realme.

But how well the tenour thereof was pursued, we shall soon see; these specious pretences being made use of for no other purpose, than by opening this gap, to make way for the totall ruine of the greater Houses, wherein it is by the said Act acknowledged that Religion was so well observed. For no sooner were the Monks, &c. turn'd out; and the Houses demolish'd; (that being it which was first thought requisite, least some accidentall change might conduce to their restitution) but care was taken to prefer such persons to the superioritie in government, upon any Vacancie of those greater Houses, as might be instrumentall to their surrender, by persuading with the Covent to that purpose; whose activeness was such, that within the space of two years, severall Covents were wrought upon, and Commissioners sent down to take them at their hands to the King's use: Of which number I finde, that besides the before specified Doctors of Law (scil. Legh, Petre, and Layton, and D^r London D. of Wallingford) there was Robert Earl of Suffolke, Sir John S. Clere, Sir William Pirton, Sir Henry Farrington Knights, and Richard Deveraux, sometime a Frier: And of Gentlemen, Anthony Fitz-Herbert (afterwards one of the Justices of the Common Pleas) John Gage, William Leyland, John Williams, Thomas Mildmay, Jobson, Richard Cromwell, Robert Southwell, William Parr, Thomas Bedyll, Henry Polsted, John Anthony, Edmund Knightly, John Lane, George Giffard, John Grevill, Simon Mountfort, Thomas Holt, Roger Wigston, Robert Burgoin, Richard Pollard, Philip Parys, John Smuh, Edward Carne, Richard Gwent, William Berners, John Arnold, John ap Rice, and Richard Paulet.

The truth is, that there was no omission of any endeavour, that can well be imagined, to accomplish these Surrenders, For so subtilly did the Commissioners act their parts, as that after earnest solicitation with the Abbots, and finding them backwards, they first attempted them with the promises of good Pensions, during life; whereby they found some forwards enough to promote the work, as the Abbot of Bales in Com. Glouc. was, who had

m MS. in bibl. Cotton ut supra f. 178. a. & c.

n ibid. f. 42. b.

o ibid. f. 244. a. & c.

p ibid. f. 33. b. 43. a. 48. a.

q ibid. f. 33. b. & f. 218. b.

had high commendation for it by the Commissioners, as their Letters^r to the *Visitor Generall* do manifest: So likewise had^t the Abbots of **Ramsay**, and Prior of **Elp. Nay**, some were so obsequious, that after they had wrought the surrender of their own Houses, they were employed^t as Commissioners to perswade with others, as the Prior of **Offburne** in **Yorkshire**, for one.

Neither were the Courtiers unactive in driving on this work, as may seem by the Lord Chancelour *Audley's* employing a speciall Agent to^u treat with the Abbot of **Athelney**, and to offer him *C. marks per annum Pension*, in case he would surrender; which the Abbot refused, insisting on a greater summe: And the personall endeavours that he used with the Abbot of **S. Osithes** in **Essex**, as by his Letter^w to the said *Visitor* appeareth; wherein is signified, that he had by great solicitation prevailed with the said Abbot; but withall insinuated his desire, that his place of Lord Chancelour being very chargeable, the King might be moved for an addition of some more profitable Offices unto him. Nay, I find that this great man the Lord Chancelour hunting eagerly after the Abby of **Walden** in **Essex** (out of the ruines whereof, afterwards, that magnificent Fabrick, called by the name of **Audley-end** was built) as an argument the sooner to obtain it, did, besides his extenuation of its worth, alledge^x, that he had in this world sustained great damage and infamy in his serving the King, which the grant of that should recompence.

Amongst the particular Arguments, which were used by those that were averse to surrender, I finde^y, that the Abbot of **Feverham** alledg'd the antiquitie of that Monasterie's foundation; scil. by King Stephen, whose body, with the bodies of the Queen and Prince lay there interred, and for whom were used continuall suffrages and commendations by Prayers; yet would it not avails: For resolv'd they were to effect what they had begun, by one means or other; in so much as they procured the Bishop of **London** to come to the Nunns of **Slon**, with their Contessor, to sollicite them thereto; who, after many perswasions^z took it upon their consciences, that they ought to submit unto the King's pleasure therein by God's Law. But what could not be effected by such Arguments, and fair promises, which were not wanting nor unfulfilled, as appears by the large *Pensions*^a that some active Monks and Canons had, in comparison of others, even to a fift & sixt fold proportion more than ordinarie, was by terror and straight dealing brought to pass; for^b under pretence of suffering dilapidation in the buildings, or negligent administration of their Offices; as also for breaking the King's Injunctions, they deprived^c some Abbots, and then put others that were more pliant in their rooms.

From others they took^d their Covent-Seals, to the end they might not, by making Leases, nor sale of their Jewells raise money, either for supply of their present wants, or payment of their debts, and so be necessitated to surrender. Nay to some, as in particular to the Canons of **Leicester**, the Commissioners threatned^e, that they would charge them with *Adulterie*, and *Buggerie*, unless they would submit: And D. **London** told^f the Nuns of **Godstow**, that because he found them obstinate, he would dissolve the House, by vertue of the King's Commission, in spite of their teeth. And yet all was so managed^g, as that the King was solicited to accept of them, not being willing to have it thought

they were by terror moved thereto; and speciall notice^h was taken of them as did give out that their Surrenders were by compulsion.

Which courses, after so many, through underhand corruption, had led the way, brought on others apace, as appears by their dates, which I have observed from the very Instrumentsⁱ themselves; in so much as the rest stood amazed, not knowing which way to turn them. Some therefore thought fit to trie, whether money might save their Houses from this dismall fate so neer at hand, the Abbot of **Peterborough** offering^k 2500. marks to the King, and 300 *li.* to the *Visitor Generall* for his favour therein. Others with great constancy refused to be thus accessorie in violating the donations of their pious Founders: but these, as they were not many, so did they tast of no little severitie: For touching the Abbot of **Fountaines**, in **Yorkshire**, I find^l, that being charged by the Commissioners for taking into his private hands some Jewells belonging to that Monasterie, which they called Theft and Sacriledge, they pronounc'd him perjur'd, and so deposing him, extorted a private resignation. And it appears^m, that the Monks of **Charterhouse**, in the Suburbs of **London**, were committed to **Belgate**; where, with hard and barbarous usage five of them died, and five more lay at the point of death; as the Commissioners signifiedⁿ; but withall alledged^o, that the suppression of that House, being of so strict a Rule, would occasion great scandall to their doings, soasmuch as it stood in the face of the world, infinite concourse from all parts coming to that populous City, and therefore desired that it might be altered to some other use. And lastly, that^p under the like pretence of robbing the Church (wherewith the before specified Abbot of **Fountaines** was charged) the Abbot of **Glaffenbury**, with two of his Monks, being condemn'd to death, was drawn from **Wells** upon a Hurdle, then hang'd upon the Hill called the **Dor** (near **Glaffenbury**) his Head set upon the Abbey-gate, and his Quarters disposed of to **Wells**, **Bath**, **Gloucester**, and **Widewater**. Nor did the Abbots of **Colchester** and **Reading** speed much better, as they that shall consult our *Storie*^q of that time, may see: And for farther terror to the rest, some Priors, and other Ecclesiastique persons, who had spoke against the King's Supremacie (a thing then somewhat uncouth, being so newly set up) were condemn'd^r as Traytors and executed.

And now that all this was effected; to the end it might not be thought, that these things were done by a high hand, the King having^s protested that he would suppress none without consent of Parliament, a Parliament^t being called April 28. Anno 1539. to confirm these Surrenders so made, as hath been said, there wanted not plausible insinuations to both Houses, for drawing on their consent with all smoothness thereto; the Nobilitie being promised large shares in the spoile, either by free gift from the King, easie purchases, or most advantageous Exchanges; and many of the active Gentrie, advancements to honour, with increase of their estates: all which, wee see, happened to them accordingly: And the better to satisfie the vulgar, was it represented^u to them, that by this degluge of wealth the Kingdom should be strengthened with an Army of 40000 men, and that for the future they should never be charged with Subsidies, Fifteens, Loans or common Aides. By which means the Parliament ratifying the before specified surrenders;

i In *Curia Augm.*

k MS. in bibl. Cotton. ut supra f. 205. a

l In f. 114.

m In f. 217. a

p In f. 133. b.

q Life of H. 8. ut supra p. 442.

r In p. 391.

s In p. 398.

t 30. H. 8.

u Cokes Instit. part. 4. p. 44.

r In f. 254. b.

s In f. 204. b.

t In f. 48. a.

u In f. 113. b.

w In f. 201. a.

x In f. 197. a.

y In f. 33. b.

z In f. 109. a.

a Ex Reg. in Curia Augm.

b MS. in bibl. Cotton. ut supra f. 42. a.

d In f. 250.

e In f. 131. b.

f In f. 228. a.

g In f. 68. b.

renders; the worke became compleated; for the more firme feeling whereof, a suddain course was taken to pull down and destroy the buildings, as had been before upon that dissolution of the smaller Houses, whereof I have touch't: Next to disperse a great proportion of the lands amongst the Nobility and Gentry, as had been projected, which was accordingly done^w; the *Visitor Generall* having told^x the King, that the more had interest in them, the more they would be irrevocable.

And least any domestique stirs, by reason of this great and strange alteration should arise, rumors^y were spread, that Cardinall Poole laboured with divers Princes to procure forces against this Realme, and that an Invasion was threatned; which seemed the more credible, because the Truce concluded betwixt the Emperour and the French King was generally known, neither of them wanting pretence to bring an Army hither. And this was also seconded by a suddain journey of the King unto the Sea-coast; unto divers parts whereof he had sent sundry of the Nobles and expert persons to visit the Ports and places of danger; who failed not for their discharge, upon all event to affirme the perill in each place to be so great, as one would have thought every place had needed Fortification. Besides, he forthwith caused his Navy to be in a readines, and Musters to be taken over all the Kingdom: All which preparations being made against a danger believed imminent, seemed so to excuse this suppression of the Abbies, as that the people, willing to spare their own purses, began to suffer it easily, especially when they saw order taken for building of such Forts.

But let us look a little upon the success; wherein I find^z, that the said *Visitor Generall* (the grand Actor in this tragique buisnesse) having contracted upon himself such an *Odium* from the Nobilitie, by reason of his low birth, though not long before made Knight of the Garter, Earl of *Essex*, and Lord high Chamberlain of *England*; as also from the Catholiques, for having thus operated in the dissolution of the Abbies, that before the end of the before specified Parl. wherein that was ratified, which he had with so much industrie brought to pass; the King, not having any more use of him, gave way to his Enemies accusations; whereupon, being arrested^a by the Duke of *Norff* at the Council-Table, when he least dream't of it, and committed to the Tower, he was condemn'd^b by the same Parliament for Heresie and Treason, unheard, and little pittied; and on xxviiith of July, viz. 4. days after the Parliament was dissolved, had his Head^c cut off on Tower-Hill. Nor did many of the Reformers speed much better; for Fire and Fagot hapned to be their portion, even within the same King's time, as whosoever looks into the Storie of those days may see.

And as for the fruit, which the people reapt, after all their hopes built upon those specious pretences, which I have instanc't, it was very little: For plain^d it is, that Subsidies from the Clergie, and Fifteens of all Lay mens goods were soon after exacted: And that in *Edward 6.* time the Commons were constrain'd to supply^e the King's wants by a new invention, viz. Sheep, Cloathes, Goods, Debts, &c. for three years: which Tax grew so heavy, that the year following they prayed^f the King for mitigation thereof. Nor is it a little observable, that whil'st the Monasteries stood, there

was no Act for relief of the Poor, so amply did those Houses give succour to them that were in want; whereas in the next age, viz. 39th *Eliz.* no lesse than xi. Bills were brought into the House of Commons, for that purpose.

But fearing that this digression hath been too tedious, I returne.

These Nunnis, being thus disposed of, and the House demolish'd, it was not long ere that the lands were dispersed; for in 36 *H. 8.* the site and demesns, with the whole Lordship of *Polesworth*, were sold^g to *Francis Goodere* Gentleman, which *Francis* had issue *Sir Henry Goodere* Knight his son and heir (a Gentleman much accomplisht, and of eminent note in this Countie, whilst he lived; having suffred imprisonment^h in behalf of that magnanimous Ladie, *Marie* Queen of *Scotland*, of whom he was a great honourer) who had issue two daughters only, scil. *Frances* and *Anne*, the one married to *Sir Henry Goodere* Knight, son and heir to *Sir William* (brother to the before specified *Sir Henry*) the other to *Henry Rainsford* of *Cliffe* *foyd in Com. Glouc.* Which last mentioned *Sir H. Goodere*, left four daughters, viz. *Lucie* married to *Sir Francis Netherfole* Knight, a Kentish Gentleman of an antient House, sometime Orator for the Universitie of *Cambridge*, and at the time of that his marriage, Agent for *K. James* with the Princes of the Union in *Germany* (of whom the King of *Bohemia* was chief) as also Secretarie to the *Q.* of *Bohemia*, and by them often employed back again to the Court of *England*, where he was of note by his actings and sufferings in their Majesties service.

The other, viz. *Elizabeth*, to *Samuel Roper*, a Counciller at Law, of *Lincolns-Inne* (of whom I have made mention in *Donk. Kirby*) *Mary* to *Samuel Hilderham*, a worthy Divine, Rector of *West-Felton* in *Com. Salop.* and *Anne* to *John Kingston* D. of Physick.

Which *Sir Francis*, at the speciall instance of his said Lady, who bore a great affection to this Town, in regard it had been posselt by her Family from her great-grandfather's time, having erected a convenient fabrick of stone, therein, for a *School-House*, on the front whereof both his own and her Arms are cut, with this Inscription,

Soli Deo Gloria.
Schola Pauperum
Puerorum. Puellarum.

In further accomplishment of her pious desires, hath lately enfeofed six gentlemen of the Countrey thereabouts, and seven Divines, of the impropriate Tithes of *Waberton*, *Dorbon* and *Dooley*, as also of a *Rent-charge* of *xl. marks per annum* issuing out of *Wolt-Hall*, and *Freasley*, and six yard land in *Waberton* before specified, all of the yearly value of *Cxlii. per annum* at the least (which is more than the whole impropriate Tithes of this Parish do amount unto) for a liberall maintenance of a Schoolmaster and Schoolmistris to teach the Children of the Parish, viz. the Boys to write and read English, and the Girles to read and work with the Needle, and both to be instructed in the principles of the true Christian Religion: And the residue to be employed to such charitable uses, as he

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w *Vide*
Pat. de an.
30. H. 8.
x *Life of H.*
8. ut sup. a.
p. 376.

y lb. p. 442.

z lb. p. 456.

a 13. Ju-
nii 32. H.
8.)
b lb. p. 457.

c lb. p. 462.

d lb. p. 456.

e *Stat. de*
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f *Stat. 3. c.*
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g Pat. 36.
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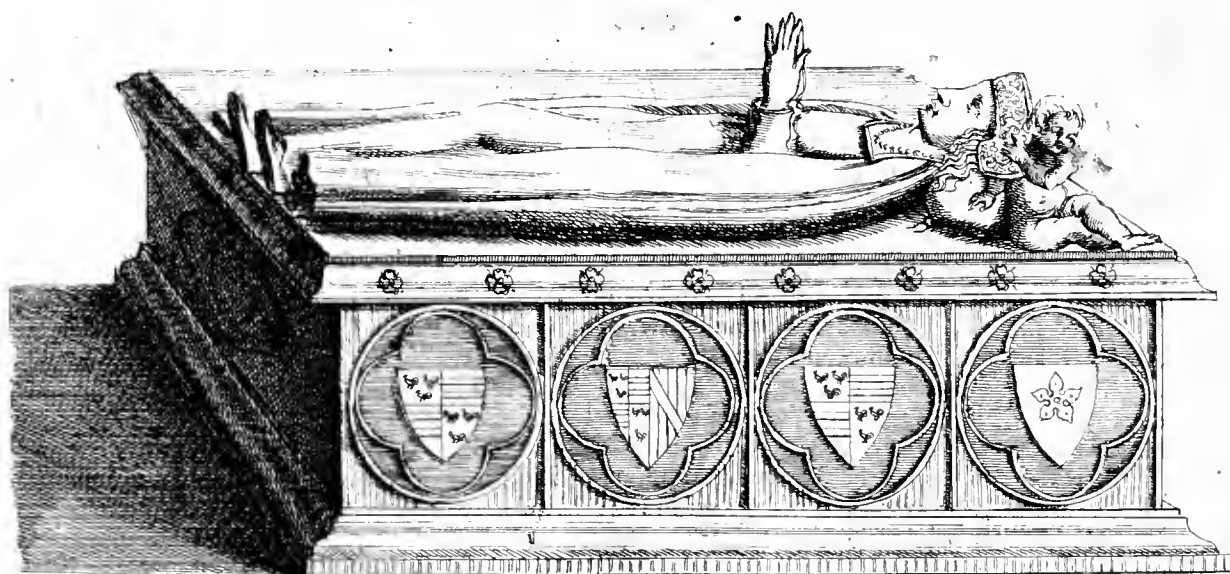
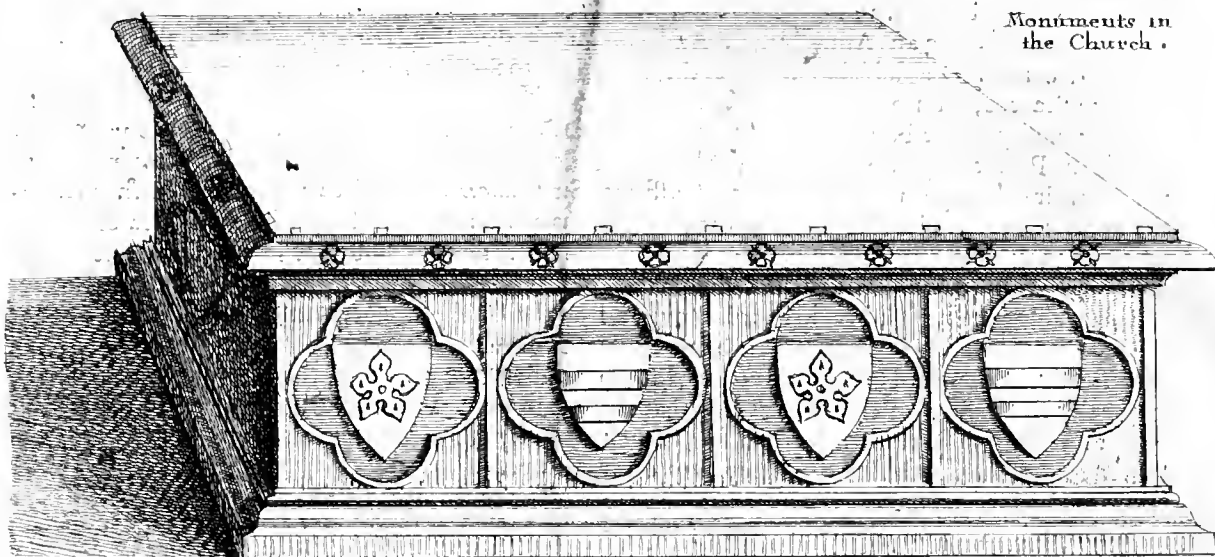
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may in his life time finde most conducing to ad-
vance the knowledge and practise of true Reli-
gion, and most beneficiall to the Poor of this
place; and afterwards as he shall by his last Will
and Testament declare: And in default of his so
doing, that his said Trustees, or the major part of
them, may increase the maintenance of the Vicar
of **Polesworth** for the time being, for whom he
is now building a fair House, there; or set up ano-
ther School to teach the three learned Languages
to the Youth of this Parish; or relieve poor Wi-
dows and Fatherless Children of deceased Mini-
sters, that have been learned, godly, and painfull
in their lives, or set out poor Apprentices of this
Town; Or grant exhibitions to the poor Schol-
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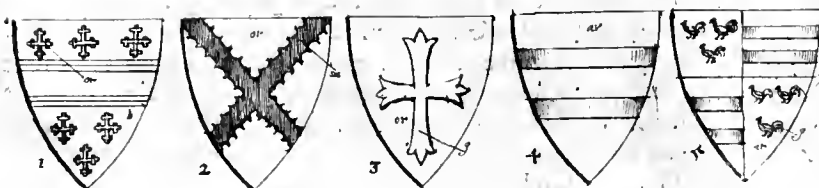
Universitie of **Cambridge**, and to be there maintai-
ned, as they shall finde most expedient in all, or any
of these, and likely to be continued in perpetuity.

The Church (dedicated to *S. Edith*) was in an. 1291. (19 E. 1.) rated at *xxii.* marks; but the
Vicaridge at no more than one mark: which Vi-
caridge in 26 H. 8. was valued^k at *X. li.* over and
above two shillings allowed for *Procurations* and
Synodalls. I am of opinion, that the faire Spire-
steeple here, was built by the last Sir *Richard*
Herrhull of **Polesworth**, about King *Ric. 2.* time; partly
for that I finde on each side the same, a little below
the Embattlements, the Coat of *Herrhull*, cut in
large Shields, upon the Freeze; and partly for that
the caryed work on the Buttresses, resembleth that,
which is upon his Monument within the Church.

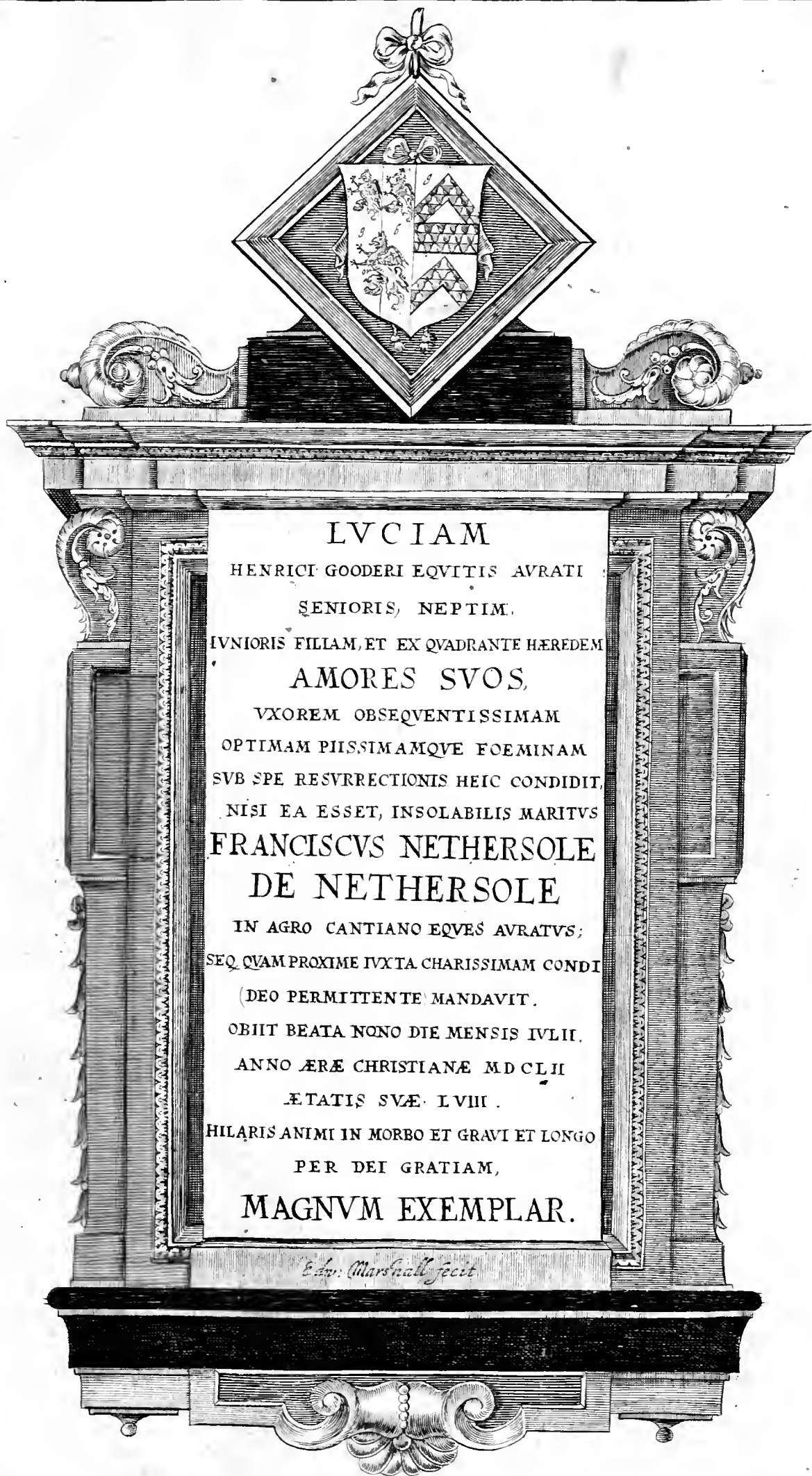
Polesworth

Monuments in
the Church.

Armes in the Church Windows.



1. The Abby of Polesworth.
2. Botetourt.
3. Frevill.
4. Herrhull.
5. Cokeyn quartering Herrhull.



LVCIAM

HENRICI GOODERI EQVITIS AVRATI

SENIORIS, NEPTIM.

IUNIORIS FILLAM, ET EX QVADRANTE HÆREDEM

AMORES SVOS,

VXOREM OBSEQVENTISSIMAM

OPTIMAM PIISSIMAMQVE FOEMINAM

SVB SPE RESVRRECTIONIS HEIC CONDIDIT,

NISI EA ESSET, INSOLABILIS MARITVS

FRANCISCVS NETHERSOLE

DE NETHERSOLE

IN AGRO CANTIANO EQVES AVRATVS;

SEQ QVAM PROXIME IVXTA CHARISSIMAM CONDI

(DEO PERMITTENTE MANDAVIT.

OBIIT BEATA NONO DIE MENSIS IVLII.

ANNO ÆRÆ CHRISTIANÆ MDCLII

ÆTATIS SVÆ LVIII.

HILARIS ANIMI IN MORBO ET GRAVI ET LONGO

PER DEI GRATIAM,

MAGNVM EXEMPLAR.

Edw. Marshall fecit

Patroni Vicariæ. Incumbentes, &c.

Langt. f. 6. 7

Northb. f. 48. b.

Ib. f. 62. a.

Swe. f. 25. a

Sh. f. 5. b.

Burgh. f. 19. a.

Ib.

Bull. f. 3. b.

Str. & P. f. 15. b.

Samps. & B. f. 10. a.

Ib. f. 47. b.

Burd. B.

Morton
burd. in-
cert.Abbatissa & Conu. de
Polesworth.Hugo Downe, & alii
ex conceß. Abb. &
Conu. de Polesworth.

Eliz. Regina.

Carolus. Rex.

D. Hen. fil. Joh. de Poles-
worth Pbr. 4. Cal. Dec.
1301.Ric. Granger Pbr. 6. Id.
Julii 1349.Joh. Hitchcock Cap. 3. Non.
Junii 1358.Reg. de Womburne 14. Aug.
1378.Steph. de Overton 7. Febr.
1390.Thom. Wymundham Cap.
24. Aug. 1407.Joh. Hycheikin Cap. 27.
Sept. 1407.Joh. West Cap. 2. Aug.
1419.D. Joh. Bower Cap. 13.
Martii 1537.D. Joh. Akyas Cap. 2. Ju-
nii 1557.Joh. Savage Cler. 26. Mar-
tis 1578.Ric. Lutter Cler. 9. Febr.
1583.Thom. Mills Cler. in Art.
Bac. 12. Oct. 1625.

that lived Heremitically at this place, were women, as it seems; for in the window of this little Cell, are the pictures of such, in surcoats of Armes, as I have here exprest.

The Chapell of **Hoo**, } situate betwixt
Polesworth and
Grendon.

THis (now demolish'd) was dedicated to S. Leonard, and endowed with land by Roger de Grendon, in King H. I. or King Stephen's time, whose successors had the patronage thereof, Roger de Grendon, a younger son of that Familie, being admitted there to by G. Muschamp Bishop of Coventre and Litchfield, in King John's time, at the presentation of Sir Robert de Grendon Knight, whose son, scil. Robert, gave it to the Nunns of Polesworth (as in my discourse of him in Grendon, I have already shewed) for the mainenance of two Priests to celebrate Divine Service daily therein, for the soul of the said Robert, and of William de Bray (his Grandfather, by the mother) sometime Lord of Shenston, and all the faithfull deceased: Which service was accordingly performed, till the dissolution of that Monasterie; for in 26 H. 8. it appears, that the Priests serving therein had a Stipend of ten pounds per annum.

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S. A. eq. aur
f. 55. b.

Badsley-Endsor.

THis is now commonly reputed a Parish of it self, but is, in truth, a member of Polesworth, and in the Conqueror's Survey written Beddeslei, being then certified to contain two hides, having Woods of a mile and a half in length, and half a mile in breadth, all which were then valued at x s. In King Edward the Confessor's days, one Brietric had it; but at the time of the before specified Survey, Turchil de Warwic was possessor thereof, whose Tenants then held it: Soon after which, it came to Henry de Newburgh, the first Earl of Warwick of the Norman line, as the most of the said Turchil's lands did, and was given to the Monks of Geroudon in Com. Leic: by Roger Earl of Warwick, son and successor to the said Henry; which Monks, within a short time after, rendered all their right therein, to William Earl of Warwick, son and heir to the same Roger; in consideration whereof, he gave them ten marks of silver, and released to them the service of half a Knight's Fee, due from Geoffrey de Clinton, and Robert de Burton, and their heirs, for that part of Abtroke, which the said Monks held: So that in 12 H. 2. the said Earl, having it in his own hand, past it soon after, to Helias the son of Geoffrey Sauvage: which Helias died without issue (as I guess) for it appears that the same Earl confirm'd it to Geoffrey Sauvage, Brother to the said Helias & his heirs, to be held by the service of one Knight's Fee.

p Efc. 1.
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q Do-
melf.
r Lib.

f Cartul.
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f. 53. b.

c 5 Ib.
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w Lib. nrb.
f. 104. a.

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y Rot. P. 10.
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z Testa de
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a Efc. 49.
H. 3.

b Efc. 9, E.
of 2.

On the South side of this Church, there is a place for the including of an Anchoreße, of which there was one, called Margaret Salie, who had a Confessor assigned * to her by the Bishop in 35 H. 6.

Before I proceed to speak of the particular Hamlets, formerly mentioned, I must take notice of two other places, situate within the precincts of Polesworth only; the one called the Heremitage, and the other, the Chapell of Hoo.

The Heremitage.

In a window of this Heremitage.



THis, being built of Stone, is still extant, and near the Road-way leading from Polesworth to Tamworth; under the end whereof, is a fair Spring, running from a Rock; which Spring I take to be it whereof I have already made mention by the name of S. Edith's Well in bosco de Poble; for the grounds thereabouts were an Out-wood, Pooley-Park being not made till King Henry the seventh's time, as I shall shew anon. Those

of *Sauvage*, to *Ednesfure*, (and thereupon had the addition of that name, for distinction thereof from another *Wadney* in this Countie) as the Descent in *Waginton* will succinctly shew: as also that it diuolued to *Hertull*, and from *Hertull* to *Cokain*, by the like means. Which Family of *Cokain* had their chief seat at *Pooley* in this Countie (where I have placed their Descent) and continued Lords hereof, till that *Edward Cokain* Esquire (afterwards Knight) about the beginning of King *James* his reign, sold the Mannour and some Fermes to *Francis Leving* Gentleman (whose son and heir *Thomas* now enjoys it) and the rest to severall other persons.

Here is an ancient Chapell, dedicated to *S. Nicholas*, which belong'd to the Nunns of *Polesworth*, and had a Messuage and half a yard-land pertaining thereto.

Dordon.

This being originally a member of *Polesworth*, and therewith posselt by the *Marmions*, of *Lamboroth* Castle, was granted, together with part of *Waberton*, unto *Roger de Grendon*, by *Robert Marmion* in *H. 1.* time, to hold by the service of one Knight's Fee. But in the beginning of *E. 1.* time, it was in the hands of *William Baring*, of *Wode in Com. Staff.* who by his Deed bearing date at *Ecclethale* the Munday next after the Feast of *S. Hillarie*, ann. 1274. (2 *E. 1.*) sold the inheritance thereof, for *XL.* marks of silver, unto *Roger de Meulend* then Bishop of *Cobentre & Lichfield* reserving the Rent of a pair of Gloves or a Penny, at *Easter*, to *Sir Raph de Grendon* and his heirs, for all service, suit of Court, and demand whatsoever. After which, it was not long ere it came to the hands of the Lords of *Grendon* again; for I perceive that in 22 *E. 1.* *Raph de Grendon*, son to the before specified *Sir Raph*, had it: From whom the greatest part of it is diuolued, with *Grendon*, to the Familie of *Cherwin*, and enjoyed by them at this day: But the Inhabitants thereof are within the *Leet* of *Polesworth*.

Frefeley.

This was also very antiently belonging to the *Marmions*, being originally a member of *Polesworth*, as I guess; by one of which Familie I conclude that *Robert de Kaily* or his Ancestor, became at first, enfeoff of it; for it appears that *Robert Marmion*, who lived in *H. 2.* time, calls that *Robert* his Knight, in respect he held of him by militarie service; and confirmed the grant of *Frefeley* Mill; which the said *Robert* had made to the Nunns of *Polesworth*. This *Robert de Kaily* gave and sold to the Canons of *Lilleshull*, in *Com. Salop.* full two parts of this Village, disposing his body to sepulture in that Monasterie; and having no issue, left the inheritance of the rest to his Sisters; whereof one was married to *Simon de Whitacre*, of *Whitacre* superior, in this Countie, and the other to one *Richard de Pakington*, who ratified her Brother's grant: But wanting the like Confirmation from the former, there grew suits betwixt *Sir Simon de Whitacre* Knight, grandchild to the

said *Simon*, and the Canons of *Lilleshull*, for part of that land: which suits being accorded in 25 *H. 3.* he released unto them all his title & claim thereto.

Notwithstanding which Release, *Jordan de Whitacre*, son and heir to the said *Simon*, after his Father's death, taking advantage of those turbulent times, sold the Barons Warrs, entered upon the same lands again, and dyed posselt of them; in so much as *Philippa* his widow, who shortly after became the wife of *James de Astley*, retained them in her hands, till another Agreement being made betwixt the said Canons and her; unto which, *Richard de Whitacre* her son and heir assented, they had quitted their right thereto. And yet did not this binde the said *Richard de Whitacre*, but that he began a new suit for those lands; whereupon a Jury was returned for triall thereof, yet before it came to be so decided, they grew to a finall accord; which being made in 21 *E. 1.* he released, once more, all his right and interest to those lands: So that afterwards they enjoy'd them till the generall dissolution by King *Henry the viii.* but then coming to the Crown, they were granted out, in 35 *H. 8.* by the name of the Mannour of *Frefeley*, unto *James Leveson* Merchant of the Staple, to be held in Capite by the xxth part of a Knight's Fee: which *James*, the same year, aliened part of them, to one *John Beck*.

That which remained to the *Whitacres* (as hath been said) into which the *Free warren* granted to *Simon de Whitacre* in 41 *H. 3.* extended, came at length, to *Alan Waldeisse*, by an heir female of that Familie, as the Descent in *Whitacre* sheweth; and afterwards to *Poultney*, as it seems; but it being so small a proportion, I have not farther taken notice of it.

Hall-End.

Of this place I have not seen any thing till *K. Ric. 3.* time; that it came by a daughter and heir of *Sturmie* to the Familie of *Corbin*, whose antient seat is at *Corbins-Hall*, within *Swinton* Parish in *Com. Staff.* where most of them have had their residence: but their Descent, since they had to do here, I have added.

Nith. Corbin-Johanna filia & hæres
1 R. 3. | Joh. Sturmie.

Ric. Corbin 20. Anna filia & hæres Thomæ Ramsey
H. 8. | de Hitcham in Com. Buck.

Thomas Corbin-Anna filia Will. Repington de Amington
obit an. 1584. | nupta 31 H. 8.

Georgius Corbin-Maria filia Will. Faunt de Foston
ob. 25. Sept. 1636. | in Com. Leic. ar.

Thomas Corbin obit-Winfreda filia Gawini Grosvenor
... Junii 1637. | de Surton-Colfield.

Henricus. Georgius. Thomas Corbin
narus. ... Apr. 1624.
Leucia.

Dodenbale.

THIS is a depopulated place, and did totally belong to the Nunns of **Polestwozth**; part thereof being given ^d to them about *H. 3.* time, by *William Sauvage*, sometime Lord of **Pooley**; and the rett by ^e *Richard Dodenhale* Merchant of **Coventre**, in *21 R. 2.* In consideration whereof, the said Nunns, by their publique Instrument ^f dated *12. Apr. 1. H. 4.* granted, that there should be every day and night, a speciall Collect said for the same *Richard* in their Chapter-House, in such sort as they used to do for their other Benefactors; and at his death, his name registered in their Martyrologe, as also his *Anniversarie* kept with *Placebo* and *Dirige*; and solemn Masse celebrated for the soul of *Henry Dodenhale*, sometime Merchant, and for the said *Richard*, with *Beatrice*, and *Alice*, his wives, their Parents, Benefactors, and all the faithfull deceased, over and besides the night of *S. Thomas* the Martyr: and likewise one Collect once a year, for the said *Henry*, *Richard*, *Beatrice*, and *Alice*, their Parents and Benefactors, for ever. And lastly, that at the celebration of the *Anniversarie* of the said *Henry*, *Richard*, *Beatrice*, and *Alice*, on the Feast-day of *S. Thomas* the Martyr's translation, all the Nunns present thereat, to have *xii.* Eggs in the name of a *Corrodie*, for their faithfull performance of that Office.

Pooley.

THIS, as a member of **Polestwozth**, did anciently belong to the *Marmions* of **Lamwozth**-Castle; and being originally given ^e by *Marmion* to *Burdet* in Fee-Ferme, for the Rent of *x s.* yearly, was soon after granted from *Burdet* to *Sauvage*, as appears ^h by a Confirmation made from *Geffrey Sauvage* to *William Burdet* in *10 H. 3.* Which passages from *Marmion* to *Burdet*, and *Burdet* to *Sauvage*, were about King *Stephen's* time; for *Osanna* then Abbess of **Polestwozth**, with the consent of her fellow Nunns, granted ⁱ to *Helias* the son of *Geffrey Sauvage*, a Chapell here, but without Service, as also a Chapell-yard; in consideration whereof he gave to that Covent, the inheritance of four Acres of the best Meadow-ground in this Village, promising to pay yearly, during his life *xii d.* upon *S. Edm's* Altar, on the day of her Festival; and bequeathed his body, wheresoever he should depart this life, to be buried in the Church of **Polestwozth**. Which Agreement ^k was somade, in the presence of *Roger de Clinton*, then Bishop of this Dioces. But this tenure in Fee-Ferm, did not long continue; for it is ^l evident, that *Robert Marmion* (whom I take to be the man that first granted it to *Burdet*) did, in consideration of *x.* marks in the nature of a Fine; and the yearly payment of a *Sore-Sparhawk* to himself and his heirs, release the said *x s.* annuall Rent, unto *Geffrey Sauvage* (brother and heir of the said *Elias*.) And moreover, that the same *William Burdet* acquitted ^m to Sir *Philip Marmion*, all his right in the Homage and services of *William le Sauvage* (successor to the before specified *Geffrey*) for these lands in **Pooley**; which from thenceforth were held immediatly of the *Marmions*, by the

service of the said *Sore-Sparhawk*, ⁿ or *ii s.* to be paid at the Feast of *S. James* the Apostle, in the nature of a Socage tenure.

But by a daughter and heir of *Sauvage* (as the Descent in **Baginton** manifesteth) it came, in proceffe of time, to Sir *Thomas de Endeshoure*, of **Endeshoure** in *Com. Derby.* who, sometimes residing here, obtained a speciall License ^o from Pope *Urban* the *ivth* for to build a Chapell within the precincts of this Lordship, and to have a Priest for celebration of Divine Service, and administering the Sacraments therein, by reason of the floods at sometimes, especially in Winter, which hindered his accesse to the Mother-Church: Howbeit, in the Family of *Endeshoure* it rested not two Descents, ere by an heir female it came to *Hertkull*, in whose male line it continued for divers ages; and at length, devolved to *Cokain*, by ^p *Eliz.* the daughter and heir of Sir *Richard de Hertkull* Knight, wife to *Edm. Cokain* Esquire. From which *Edmund* and *Elizabeth*, is lineally descended Sir *Aston Cokain* Baronet, now Lord of this Mannour.

Ioh. Cokain de Ashburne in Com.
Derb. 44 E. 3.

Edm. Cokain ar-Eliz. filia & haeres
5 R. 2. Ric. de Hertkull militis.

Ioh. Cokain miles-Isabella filia
obit 16 H. 6. Hug. Shirley mil.

Ioh. Cokain de Burry-Hatley in Com. Bedf.
Regin. Cokain 4 H. 5.

Will. Cokain, a quo Will. Cokain eq. ar. obit 20 H. 7. Ric. ver-non mil. Alicia ux. Rad. Shirley mil.

Thomas Cokain-Agnes filia
cessus per. Rob. Barlow.
Burdet, vivente patre.

Thomas Cokain-Barbara filia Ioh. Fitz-Hermiles obit 28 H. 8. Ioh. Bert Remem. Regis H. 7.

Franciscus Cokain-Dorothea filia & cohæres Thomæ Mar-ar. 28 H. 8. row servientis ad legem.

Thomas Cokain factus-Dorothea filia miles apud Leith per Fumf. Ferrers Edw. Com. Hertf. mil. nupta 31 H. 8. Alicia ux. Edw. Littleton 36 H. 8.

Franciscus Cokain duxit Annam fil. Valentin. Knightley mil. & obit 1. prole 38 Eliz.

Edw. Cokain frater-Iana filia & haeres, obit anno 1606. Nich. Ashby.

Thomas Cokain-Anna filia Ioh. Stanhope ar. de Elvaston mil.

Aston Cokain Baro. filia Gilberti Kniveton de nectus, anno 1655. Mircaston in Com. Derby. Bar.

These *Cokains*, being **Derbyshire** Gentlemen originally, and of a very ancient Family, had their chief seat at **Ashburne** in that Countie: But it seems that Sir *John Cokain* Knight, son and heir to the before

n Esc. 13. E.
1. n. 5.
Esc. 19. E.
2. n. 53.

o Ex autog.
penes pref.
A. Cokain.

p Clau. 5.
H. 5. m. d.
m. 18.

Ex autog.
penes pref.
Aston Cokain Bar.

c Ex coll.
W. Burton ar.

Ex autog.
penes pref.
A. C.

f Ex coll.
pref. W. B.

g Ex autog.
penes pref.
A. C.

h Ex autog.
penes pref.
Ioh. Ferrers, ar.

k Ex autog.
penes pref.
A. C.

d Pat. 21.
R. 2. p. 2. m.
10.

e Esc. 21. R.
2. n. 71.

f Ex autog.
penes Fr.
Nether-
sole eq. ar.

g Ex autog.
penes
Astonum
Cokain
Bar.

h Ab ex
empl. ejus-
dem inter
Collegianca
Will. Bur-
ton ar.

i Ex
autog.
penes
Fr. N.

l Ex autog.
penes pref.
A. C.

m Ex au-
tog-penes
Ioh. Fer-
ters ar.

q T. Wall.
in an. 1311.
r Ex autog.
penes pref.
A.C.

before specified *Edmund* and *Elizabeth*, made his residence here at *Booley*, for some time; for it is evident, that in 13 H. 4. when he was to go into *France* in the King's service (in aid of the D. of *Burgundy*) he made his Will, at this place; which bears date the Thursday next after the Feast of *S. Barnabas* the Apostle, the same year; whereby it appears, that having enfeoffed *Sir John Dabridgecourt* Knight and others, in his Mannour of *Wadley-End* for in this Countie, to the end that a certain summe of money might be raised out of the profits thereof, for payment of his debts; and towards a marriage-portion for his daughter *Elyn*, he directed, that then his said Executors should make an estate thereof, unto *John Cokain* his son and heir, and the heirs of his body; and appointed, that if the said *John* did happen to die without issue, it should be amortized, to find as many Priests, singing to the worlds end, for his soul, his wives, his Children, and all his Ancestors souls, as the Rent thereof would reasonably maintain; viz. in *S. Marie-Chapell* at *Polesworth*, five pounds to one Priest; in *S. Marie Chapell* near *Abburne* seven marks to another Priest, and the remnant to be spent in Wax, Vigils, and Almesdeeds, on the Eve and day of his Obit.

f Pat de
ijfd. an. in d
r Pat. 6. H.
5. p. 1. in d.
m. 8.
u Ex autog.
penes loh.
Ferrers ar.
w Efc.
16. H.
x 6. n. 40.
y Ex Vist.
com. Derb.
in Offic.
Atm.

But after this voyage, he lived many years; for certain it is, that he was a Justice of Peace in this Shire, from 5 H. 5. till the end of that King's reign, and a Commissioner of Array, in 6 H. 5. Thus *Sir John Cokain*, bore the Armes of his Mothers Familie, for the most part, scil. *Argent two Bars vert*, the being an eminent heir; and died in 16 H. 6. leaving issue *John* his son and heir, and *William* a younger son, from whom *Sir William Cokain* Knight, Alderman of *London*, in King *James* his time, deduced his descent. Which *Sir William* was father to *Charles* (erected to the dignity of Viscount *Colein* by the late King *Charles*) now residing at *Rushon* in *Northampton-shire*.

Of the last mentioned *John*, I finde that he had issue *Thomas*; who dwelling here at *Booley*, and having difference with *Thomas Burder* of *Wromcote* Esquire, his neer neighbour, so irritated him with affronts, that he was slain by *Burder*, in his passage to *Polesworth* Church, as the tradition is. Which unhappy accident, fell out in his Father's life time, so that *Thomas* his son, upon the death of *John*, the grandfather, in 20 H. 7. became heir; who being a brave spirited Gentleman, and with King *H. 8.* at the Sieges of *Therobene* and *Tourney*, was then a Knighted. This *Sir Thomas* built the Mannour-House, here at *Booley*, of Brick (as is yet to be seen) having in 22 H. 7. imparked the Woods lying Westwards thereof; but by his Testament bearing date 4 Apr. 28 H. 8. bequeathed his body to sepulture in our Ladyes Quire, at *Abburne* (where his Ancestors lye interred) before the Image of *S. Modwen*, appointing that his Executors should cause a Tombe of Marble to be made there, for him; which was accordingly performed, with this Inscription thereon.

Here chested in this Tombe, and closed in this Clay
Doth lie *Sir Thomas Cokain* Knight, and must till
Judgment Day.

This martiall man so bold, and eke this warlike
might

At *Tyrwyn* and at *Turney* siege was dub'd a worthy
Knight:

Three goodly Houses he did build, to his great
praise and fame,

With profits great and manifold belonging to the
same:

Three Parks he did impale, therein to chase the
Deere,

The lofty Lodge within this Park he also builded
here.

He did his House and name renew, and eke restore,
Which others had with negligence in time decayed
before.

This virtuous Knight had issue male three sons
of manly port,

And eke three daughters virtuous and married in
this sort;

The eldest to her husband had a Knight of worthy
fame,

Sir William Bassett Lord of *Blore* he called was by
name.

To *Vincent Lowe* of *Denby* Squier the second
married was,

The third to *Robert Burdet* Squyer, as fate did bring
to passe,

The body of this worthy Knight shall never come
to Hell,

But yet in Tombe of Marble-stone, till Judgment
day shall dwell.

To which *Sir Thomas* succeeded *Francis*, and to him *Sir Thomas*, who resided frequently here, in Queen *Elizabeth*'s time, being a Gentleman of eminent note in those dayes: but since, his Descendants have seldome dwelt at this place.

I now come to that part of *Polesworth*-Parish, lying on the North side of *Anker*.

Stiperhill.

The place which bears this name, is situate on the Northern side of *Anker*, a little above *Polesworth*, where the ground hath a naturall and steep descent to the River; and by the form of an old entrenchment, seems to have been a little Fortification. Till *Edw. 3.* time, I have not seen any thing of its name; but then being written *Stipurnshall*, it was made use of, by the Lords of *Polesworth*-Castle, for the keeping of their *Three-weeks-Court*, as it had been (I presume) in the *Marmions* time: Which Court continued so kept there, for a long time after, as by severall Records appeareth, all the Tenants of that Fee, doing their suit and service there: but now it is usually kept no more than twice in the yeare.

d Ex au-
tog. penes
loh. Lisle
ar:
c Efc. 2. H.
4. n. 41.
Efc. 6. H.
5. n. 47.
Efc. 14. H. 7
Efc. 20. H.
8.
Efc. 1. & 2.
Pb. & M.

Waverton.

This had it's name originally, from the high situation; *Waver* and *Ober*, importing one and the same with *supra*; and being a member of *Polesworth*, belong'd to the *Marmions* of *Polesworth*-Castle; for it appears that *Robert Marmion* and *Milisent* his wife, gave all their demesne lands lying therein, to the Nuns of *Polesworth* in *H. 1.* time, or thereabouts; and enfeoffed *Robert de Grendon* of certain lands in this Village, which lands

f Pat. 21.
R. 2. p. 2. m
10. per.
Insp.

Inscr.
Tum.
apud.
a Abburne.
b Inq. su-
per Depoz.
9. H. 8.
c Dingley.
9. 4.

lands are by an heir female, come (with *Grendon*) to the *Chetwins*. Several other parcells there were, which sundry persons held afterwards of the heirs of *Marmion*; viz. ^h the *Culies* of *Radelstoc* in *Com. Leic.* The heirs of *John de Langdon*, and *Will. de Fago*, and likewise *Roger Hillarie*, though to whom these were first granted will be hard to discover.

Bramcote.

THAT this was originally a member of *Grendon*, and so consequently posselt by the first *Henry de Ferrers*, need not to be doubted; neither that *Roger de Grendon*, or his Ancestor, was very antiently enfeoffed thereof by the same *Henry*: for I findeⁱ that *Walkeline*, a younger son to that *Roger*, being seated here, assumed it for his surname; and that it was held^k by his Descendants, of the heirs of *Ferrers*, by half a Knight's Fee: the posteritie of which *Walkeline*, bore^l the Armes of *Grendon*, scil. two *Cheverons*, but the colours I know not. Of these, *William*, son to the said *Walkeline*, was a benefactor to the Nunns of *Polesworth*, by the gift^m to them, of one yardland, and four acres, lying in this village (which grant, *Robert* his son confirmed) and bestowedⁿ upon the Monks of *Aucote*, a Meadow called *Bramcote-Meadow*; but with *Proviso*, that he and his heirs, might be Toll-free for the Corn they should grinde at *Aucote-Mill*.

To the said *Robert* succeeded *William*, surnamed *de Grendon*, in the possession^o of this Mannour (whom I take to be his brother.) From which *William* at length descended^p Sir *Thomas de Grendon* Knight, that left issue *Margaret* his daughter and heir, first the wife^q unto . . . *Charnells*, and afterwards of *Thomas Malorie*. Which *Margaret* in her last widowhood, past away all her title in this Mannour, unto *John Charnells* of *Snarkeston* Esquire, her son and heir, and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, as appears by her Deed^r bearing date, here at *Bramcote*, the Monday next after the Feast of *S. Andrew* the Apostle 7 H. 6. From which *John* descended *William Charnells*, who in 6 E. 4. sold^s it unto *Thomas Burdet* Esquire, Ancestor to Sir *Francis Burdet* Baronet, (the present owner thereof) as by the Pedegree in *Arrows* doth appear, where I have spoken historically of that ancient Family, whose Seat was for many ages at that place, till *Conway*, by an heir female, had it: Since which time, till the marriage of Sir *Thomas Burdet* Baronet, with *Jane*, daughter and heir to *William Francis* of *Fozmark* in *Com. Derb.* Esquire (a Ladie of singular endowments) they resided here; but now have made choise of *Fozmark*, before specified, for their principall Mansion.

Austrey.

HAVING now done with that large Parish of *Polesworth*, I come to *Austrey*, whereof I find, that *Wulfrie Spot*, (the Founder of *Burton* Abbey in *Com. Staff.*) was posselt^t in the time of King *Ethelred*, viz. about Lx. years before the Norman Conquest; as also that it was by him

given^u to the wife of one *Mordar*: but afterwards it came to *Leofrike* Earl of *Merca*, (of whom in *Cobentre* I have spoke) which *Leofrike* gave two hides thereof to the Monks of *Burton* before mentioned. Of the residue, after the Norman Invasion, did^x *Henry de Ferrers* hold two hides and a half, and *Nigel de Albingi* five hides and a half; which five hides were^y in the hands of eight *Theines*, in *Edward* the Confessor's for's days, the Church standing within the compass of them: But in the Conqueror's Survey^z, where the value of the whole, is rated at v li. xs. (scil. that which belong'd to *Burton-Abby* xxx s. That which *Henry de Ferrers* had, xx s. and that which *Nigel de Albingi* held, iij li.) it is written *Albalve-streu*; the last syllable thereof being Brittainish, discovering its great antiquitie; and the former, that it was originally so called from some antient possessor thereof.

Of what the Monks of *Burton* had, with other additions given by severall persons afterwards, they continued posselt till the dissolution of that Monasterie: But of the residue, neither were the posteritie of *Henry de Ferrers*, nor of *Nigel de Albingi* long owners: For *Hugo fil. Ricardi* (of whom I have spoke in *Hatton*) had^a it in H. 1. time; In whose male line it rested, so long as the same did last; and afterwards, by *Margerie* and *Maude* sisters and coheirs to *Hugh fil. Willielmi*, grandchild to the before specified *Hugh* (as the Descent in *Hatton* sheweth) it devolved to other Families, the said *Maud*, wife of *Stephen de Nerbon*, making partition^b thereof, with *Thomas de Clinton*, grandson to her sister *Margerie*. Which partition being so made, the moytie belonging to *Maude*, descended to *Margerie de Nerbone*, her daughter and heir, who gave^c all her said purpart to the Monks of *Burton* before mentioned, in pure Almes; *Osbert de Clinton*, a younger son to the said *Thomas* (unto whom, it seems, that the other part was by his Father assigned) confirming^d the grant. Which *Osbert* died without issue, as I guess; for it is plain enough, that his purpart of *Austrey* came^e to the posteritie of *Thomas*, his elder brother, who were Lords of *Marstoke* (as the Pedegree in *Marstoke* and *Colwill* sheweth) and so descended to *Edward Lord Clinton*; who by his Deed bearing date 6 Febr. 31 H. 8. sold^f this Mannour unto *James Leveson* of *Wolberhampton* in *Com. Staff.* Esquire, who gave^g it in marriage (inter alia) with *Eliz.* his daughter, unto *Walter* son and heir of Sir *Edward Aston* Knight: From whom descended Sir *Walter Aston* Knight of the *Bathe*, who in 1. *Caroli* (or about that time) sold it to the Tenants.

But that which the Monks of *Burton* had here, coming to the Crown, at the generall dissolution of the Religious Houses in 30 H. 8. was in 33. of that King's reign, given^h to the Collegiate-Church of *Burton* before specified (for King *Henry*, having outed the Monks, placed a Dean and secular Canons in their room.) But this Collegiate-Church, soon following the fate, which the Abbies had, being likewise dissolved in 37 H. 8. the King, by his Lettersⁱ Patent bearing date 31. Jan. the same yeare, granted this Mannour (for by that name it is past) unto Sir *William Paget* Knight, and his heirs, to be held in Capite, by the xxth. part of a Knight's Fee. Which Sir *William* by the name of *William Lord Paget* of *Bendesert*. (for so he had been created) by his Deed^k dated 30. Dec. 1. & 2. Ph. & M. sold it unto the Lady *Elanore Brereton*, M.

w Do-
x mescd.
y lib.
z T.P.

a Expres.
Regist. de
Burtonf.
71. a.

b 5 lb. f.
c 72. a.

d lb. f. 79.
b.
e Esc. 20. R.
2. n. 15.

f F. levat.
term. Pasch.
32. H. 8.
Ex autog.
penes R.
Leveson
de balneo
mil.

g Alen q.
47.

h Pat. 33.
H. 8. p. 4.

i Pat. 37.
H. 8. p. 16.

k Esc. 13.
Fliz.
F. levat.
term. Hill.
2. Ph. & M.

h Esc. 49.
E. 3. n. 57.

i Ex autog.
penes Fr.
Netherfole
mil.

k Test. de
N.

l Ex autog.
penes
S. Roper.
ar.

m Pat. 21.
R. 2 p. 2.
m. 10. per
Insp.

n Ab exem-
pl. ejusdem
concess. pe-
nes W.
Burton ar.

o Ex autog.
penes D. &
Cap. Lich.

p Ex au-
tog. penes Fr.
Burdet
r Bur.

s F. levat.
crast. Anim.
6. E. 4.

t Ex Regist.
de Burton
penes Will.
D. Paget.

1 Esc. 13. Eliz. ut sup. p. 2.
m Esc. 30. Eliz.
n F. levat. craft.
A cens. 55. H. 3.
o MS. in Scac.
p Stret. f. 70. b.
Pat. v. H. 5. p. 5. m. 9.
q MS. penes S. A. eq. aut. f. 57. a.

Brereton, widow, sometime wife of Sir William Brereton Knight, and to Richard Brereton Esquire her son and heir, to the use of them the said Elianore and Richard, and the heirs of the said Richard. From which Richard it descended ¹ to George his son and heir, late of **Ashley** in **Cheshire**, who died ^m seized thereof in 30 Eliz. leaving William his son and heir above xix. years of age.

The Church (dedicated to S. Nicholas) was in 55 H. 3. given ⁿ by Osbert de Clinton, son of Thomas, to the Monks of **Burton**; and in anno 1291. (19 E. 1.) valued ^o at xvi. marks, as also appropriated ^p to that Religious House, by Pope Urban the sixth, in 2 R. 2. In 26 H. 8. the Vicaridge was rated ^o at viii. l. over and above xs. vi. d. allowed for Procurations and Synodalls.

Patroni Ecclesie.

Incumbentes, &c.

Ex autog. penes D. & Cap. Lich.
Langt. f. 6. b.
Northb. f. 22. b.
lb. f. 24. a.
ib. f. 34. b.
Stret. f. 18. a.

Thomas de Clinton miles, & Williel. de Cherlecome.
 Philippus de Assellis anno 1248.
 D. Will. de la Warde 10. Cal. Febr. 1303.
 Ric. de Statnton Cap. 4. Cal. Junii 1328.
 Rog. de Baukewell Cler. 4. Id. Febr. 1330.
 Joh. de Deping Pbr. 3. Id. Maii 1340.
 D. Ric. Lucas Pbr. 2. Oct. 1369.

Abbas & Conv. de Burton.
 Henr. de Northwell Patronus hac vice.
 Abbas & Conventus de Burton.

Patroni Vicariae.

Incumbentes, &c.

Abbas & Conventus de Burton.

Ric. Coton gen. & alii ex concess. Abb. & Conv. de Burton.
 Sim. Huncot ar.

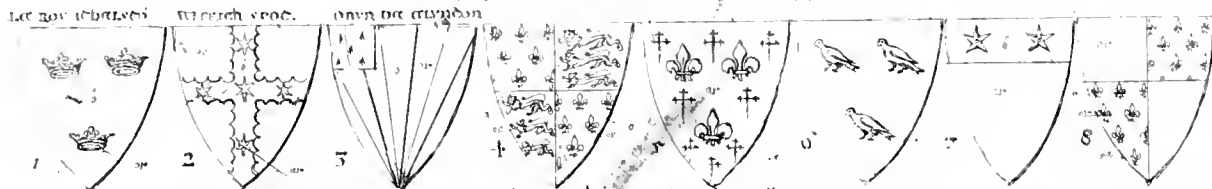
Humfr. Ferrers ar. ex concess. Roberti Comitis Leic.

Jacobus Rex Anglia, &c.

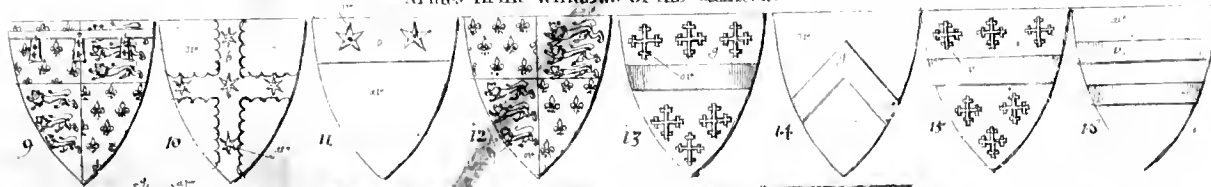
Rob. Lucas Pbr. 2. Oct. 1378. Ib. f. 26. a.
 Joh. Ivelyth Cler. 20. Nov. 1404. Burgh. f. 14. b.
 Will. Barayll Cap. 27. Junii 1413. Ib. f. 33. a.
 Ric. Hafard Pbr. 11. Apr. 1429. Heyw. f. 22. b.
 Joh. Alisandre 9. Febr. 1437. Ib. f. 36. a.
 Ric. Parker 3. Julii 1438. Ib. f. 36. b.
 Henr. Fulcock 5. Martii 1501. Bow. f. 206. a.
 Will. Darley in art. Magr. 12. Febr. 1524. Bl. f. 12. b.
 D. Thom. Farmer Cap. 7. Sept. 1542. Str. & P. f. 18. b.
 Ranulphus Orton 19. Aug. 1567. Str. & P. f. 18. b.
 Rog. Molde Cler. 8. Oct. 1583. Bund. B.
 Rob. Bostok Cler. 10. Junii 1619. } Morten bund. incert.
 Mich. Bostok Cler. 3. Nov. 1620. }
 Joh. Prior Cler. in art. Bac. 7. Nov. 1623. }

Armory

Armes in the Windows of the Church.



Armes in the Windows of the Chancel.



17 Beauchamp E. of Warw.
 18 The Prince of Wales

14 Stafford.
 19 De la Ward.

15 Beauchamp E. of Warw.
 20 Appleby.

17 Hastings and Valence quartered.
 21 Walsby.
 22 Grelley.

Newton.

THis seems to have been originally a member of **Sehindon**, as by what I shall say, when I come to speak of the Church, will appear; for there is no mention of it in the Conqueror's Survey; and till 5 H. 2. it being in the King's hands, was for that respect called **Newton-Regis**; but

then granted to **Geffrey Sauvage**, it continued to his Descendants whilst the male line lasted, and afterwards to the sisters and coheirs to the last **William** (as the Pedegree in **Baginton** manifesteth) Howbeit, the second **Geffrey**, was exposed to a defence of his title thereto, in 7 R. 1. against **Thomas de Arden**; the service by which he held it, being half a Knight's Fee. But by heirs female, coming

1 Rot. P.
 2 H. 2.

1 Rot. P. 7.
 R. 1.
 2 Rot. P. 12. H.
 3 Rot. P. 29.
 H. 3.

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Quo 17.

coming to *Ednesoure and Meinill*, I find, that in 13 E. 1. *Thomas de Ednesoure*, and *Philippa de Meinill*, jointly claimed^w a *Court-Leet*, with *Assize of Beer, Gallows, and Free Warren* therein, by the grant of King *H. 2.* all which were allowed. From which said *Thomas* (son of *Thomas*, by *Lucia*, one of the Sisters and coheirs to the said *Will. le Sauvage*) the one moitie thereof descended to the *Hertbills*, of whom in *Baginton* I have spoke, and from *Hertbill*, after divers Descents, to^x *Cokain*, as the Descent in *Booley* manifesteth: in which Family it continued till Sir *Edward Cokain* (grandfather to Sir *Aston Cokain* Baronet now living) sold it.

x Claus. 5.
H 5. in d.
m. 18.
y E. 43.
H. 3.

z Ex aus
tog. penes
Joh. Ferrers ar.

a Cart. 24.
E. 3. m. 8.

b E. 37. E.
3. m. 49.

c E. 12.
R. 2. m. 35.

d 1b.
c E. 22. R.
2. m. 41.

f Claus. 31.
H. 6. m. 17.
in d.

g E. 22.
R. 2. m.
i 41.

But from the before specified *Philippa* (the second sister and coheir of *Sauvage*) the other moitie came to the *Meinills* of *Derbyshire*, she being the wife^y of *Hugh de Meinill* (of *Langley-Meinill* in that Countie, where the chief seat was) sometime Steward^z to *William de Ferrers* Earl of *Derby*, and continued in that line for divers Descents, Sir *Hugh Meinill*, great-grandchild to the said *Hugh* and *Philippa*, having in 24 E. 3. a Charter^a of *Free Warren* (inter alia) in all his demesne lands here. To which Sir *Hugh* succeeded^b Sir *Richard*, and to him Sir *Raphe*, who died^c in 12 R. 2. without issue male, whereby his four daughters became heirs to the estate; viz. *Joane*^d, first married^e to *John Staunton*, and afterwards^f to Sir *Thomas Clinton* Knight, *Elizabeth* to^g *William Crawshawe*, *Margaret*^h and *Thomasine*ⁱ; betwixt whom Par-

tition being made, it was allotted^k to *Elizabeth*; k by which means it came to Sir *Raph Shirley* of *Staunton Harold* in *Com. Leic.* Knight, with^l *Margaret* her daughter and heir, by the said *John*; m and did continue in that Familie, till that Sir *Thomas Shirley* Knight, a younger son to Sir *George Shirley* Baronet within these few years, sold it to the Tenants.

The Church (dedicated to the *Assumption* of the blessed *Virgin*) was in *H. 2.* time but a Chapell^m to *Sekindon*. and in *an. 1291.* (19 E. 1.) valuedⁿ at *vin. marks*. In 39 E. 3. upon some difference, which arose betwixt the Parson of *Clifton-Carville* in *Com. Staff.* and the Parson of this Church, touching the perception of certain Tithes, I find, that it was by *Robert de Stretton* then Bishop of this Diocess, thus^o accorded; viz. that of all Calves; Colts and Lambs, belonging to the Inhabitants of *Newton*, and falling within *Clifton-Parish*; as also for the Milk of the Kine, there calving, the Parson of *Clifton* should thenceforth receive according to the Custome of the Countrey, id est, for a Colt a penny, a Lambe a half penny, and for a Calf with the Milk of the Cow i d. ob. And that the Parson of *Newton* and his successors, should receive the Tithe Wooll, wholly, and the Tythe of Piggs, and other living things depasturing in the said Parish of *Clifton*. In 26 H. 8. this Rectorie was valued^p at *xiv l. xvi d.* over and above *ix s. vi d.* allowed for *Procurrations* and *Synodals*.

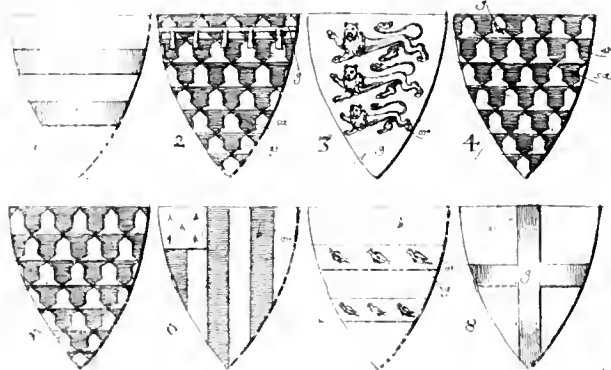
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59. a.

In the east window of the Chancell

Newton



1 Hertbill
2 De la Ward
3 England
4 De la ward
5
6 Shirley
7 Burder
8 George bar Crose
9 De la ward

In the same window



Patroni Ecclesiar. Incumbentes, &c.

Langt. f. 27. b.	D. Ric. de Hertbill miles.	Thomas de Poule Subdiac. 17. Cal. Dec. 1307.
1b. f. 79. a.	D. Hug. de Meygnill miles.	Joh. de la Ward Cap. 6. Id. Apr. 1320.
Northb. f. 54. 7.	D. Ric. de Hertbill miles.	Rob. de Aldeport Cap. Cal. Febr. 1350.
Stret. f. 13. b.		Will. de Blaby Pbr. 2. Cal. Jan. 1364.
1b. f. 26. a.	D. Rex, ratione custod. terr. &c. Ric. Meignil defuncti.	Rob. de Sekindon Pbr. 4. Martii 1378.
1b. f. 28. b.	D. Ric. Hertbill miles.	Nich. de Sekindon Cap. 12. Oct. 1381.

Patroni Ecclesiar. Incumbentes, &c.

Thom. de Sekindon Rector Eccl. de Blechingley, & Ric. de Sekindon Rector Eccl. de Oltor.	Rob. de Sekindon Pbr. 10. Nov. 1388.	Sk. f. 3. a.
Tho. de Grefeley miles, & alii, hac vice patroni.	D. Will. Childecote ult. Jul. lii 1406.	Burgh. f. 18. a.
D. Joh. Cokain miles, hac vice patronus.	Joh. Kempe Pbr. 18. Feb. 1425.	Heyw. f. 17. a.
Rad. Pole Justic. D. Regis & Joh. Grefeley miles.	Joh. Newton 21. Maii 1458.	Bowl. f. 26. b.
Will. Compton miles, ratione minoris atat. Fr. Shirley.	D. Will. Leson Cap. 26. Aug. 1517.	Bl. f. 8. a.

Thomas

Str. & P. f. Thomas Cokain gen. ex D. Edw. Bowear. Cap. 17.
 15. a. concess. Barb. Co- Feb. 1537.
 kain, jure junctura.
 Sampf. f. Franc. Shirley de Stan- D. Rob. Tarleton Cler. 20.
 43. a. son-Harold ar. Apr. 1552.
 Sampf. & Thomas Cokain miles. Thom. Shepard Cler. 28.
 B. f. 30. b. Jan. 1561.
 1b. f. 44. b. Rad. Shirley ar. Christophorus Hodgson Cler.
 22. Oct. 1572.
 Overall Dorothea Barwell vi- Ric. Orgell 17. Nov.
 bund A. dua ratione concess. 1617.
 Georgii Shirley ar.

Sekindon.

q R. Ho- This place is famous for a memorable Battail
 ved, f. 234. fought thereat, in the year from our Saviour's
 a. n. 50. Incarnation DCC LVII. betwixt Cuthred, King
 r 1b. f. 231. of the West-Saxons, and Ethelbald King of the
 a. n. 30. Mercians, wherein the same Ethelbald was slain
 f Hist. In- by Beornred one of his own military Comman-
 gulphi ders, and buried in the Monasterie of Repandune
 Croil. f. (now called Repton in Derbyshire) not far di-
 486. a. n. 20. stant. But Beornred had little enjoyment of that
 t W. Malm. rule, which by the death of Ethelbald, he expected;
 f. 14. b. n. for within a short space, he was cut off by King
 30. Offa, who succeeded the said Ethelbald in the
 Kingdom of Mercia.

In the Conqueror's time, the Earl of Mellent was posselt of the greatest part of this Village, whereof two hides and a half, one Leuwinus then held of him, in which there were Woods of half a mile in length, and three furlongs in breadth, all having been the freehold of Cethred, and Godric, in Edward the Confessor's days: Other two hides and a half, did Godric hold of him, at the same time (whose inheritance it had been before the Norman Invasion.) In which part, there were Woods of the very same extent as aforesaid, and a Mill; Half whereof pertained to this part, and a half to the other. But the last two hides and half, Ingenulfus and Arnulfus held, which also had been of the said Godric's inheritance. Besides these particular parcels, so posselt by the Earl of Mellent, Will. fil. Corbucionis (of whom I have spoke in Stablesley) held at that time, two hides and a half, here, by one Jubellus, his underrenant; whereof one Ernvi had been owner before the Conquest: All which joynted together, were valued at vi li. x s.

But by the said Earl of Mellent, or Robert Earl of Leicester, his son, was the Father of Richard Bruton, as I guess, enfeofft of a good proportion hereof; for I finde, that the said Richard, by the consent of Hamon, his Brother, (about the 24th of King H. 2. reign) sold it to William de Camvile

and his heirs, by the name of Domus de Secchen-dona, for XL. marks of silver, to be held in Capite of the Earl of Leicester: unto which grant, young King Henry (scil. son of H. 2.) gave his assent. To this William de Camvile, succeeded William, who being thus posselt of the Mannour-House (for so I take it, the word Domus here imports) obtained, ere long, a grant from Aubreda Marmion, his mother, of the fourth part of a Knight's Fee in this place, which was of the Fee of Leicester, and then held by the said William in demeln; and another fourth part likewise, from her, of the Fee of Warwick: as also half a Knight's Fee more, lying here, and in Welston, which Simon de Bercheston held: In consideration whereof, he the said William gave her XL. marks, and discharged her of xx. marks more, due to the Monks of Combe, for to perform the Anniversarie of William de Camvile her husband: One of which fourth parts, did Gefrey Marmion (father to the said Aubreda) hold of Robert Bossus sometime Earl of Leicester: But all of them were afterwards held (though by what agreement, I find not) by the heirs of the said William de Camvile, of the Earls of Warwick.

Of these Camviles, the last that had to do here, was Gerard, whose daughter and heir Elizabeth, wife to Robert Burdet, brought this Lordship to that Familie: Which Robert, being so posselt thereof, obtained a Charter for free warren (inter alia) in all his demesnl lands here, bearing date at Worcester 25 Dec. 1 E. 3. From whom (as the Pedegree in Arrow sheweth) is lineally descended Sir Francis Burdet Baronet, now Lord of this Mannour.

Scarce a furlong from the Church, North-wards, & upon an ascending ground, is yet to be seen a notable Fort, made after a circular forme; the dimensions whereof (though much lesse than what they were at first, by reason that the Earth is so shrunk down) are yet, as followeth; viz. The breadth of the outer Ditch, at the top xx. foot, and at the bottome x. foot. The depth of it xii. foot. The diameter within the bank CCXCvii. foot. On the North-side of it (opposite to the entrance) there is a round Hill, artificially raised, of Xlii. foot in height, which at the top is xxxiii. foot in breadth; and whereupon, as it should seem, some Watch-Tower hath formerly stood. By the Countrey people, it bears the name of a Castle; whose tradition is, that it was anciently the Burdets, and pulled down in King Hen. 2. time, by William Burdet, for the structure of that little Monasterie at Aucote (hard by) which, as they report, he founded, to expiate the murder of his wife: But having not seen, that the Burdets were so long since posselt of this Lordship, I somewhat doubt the truth thereof.

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h Cart. 1. E.
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On the North side
of the Church,

Armes in the win-
dows of the Church

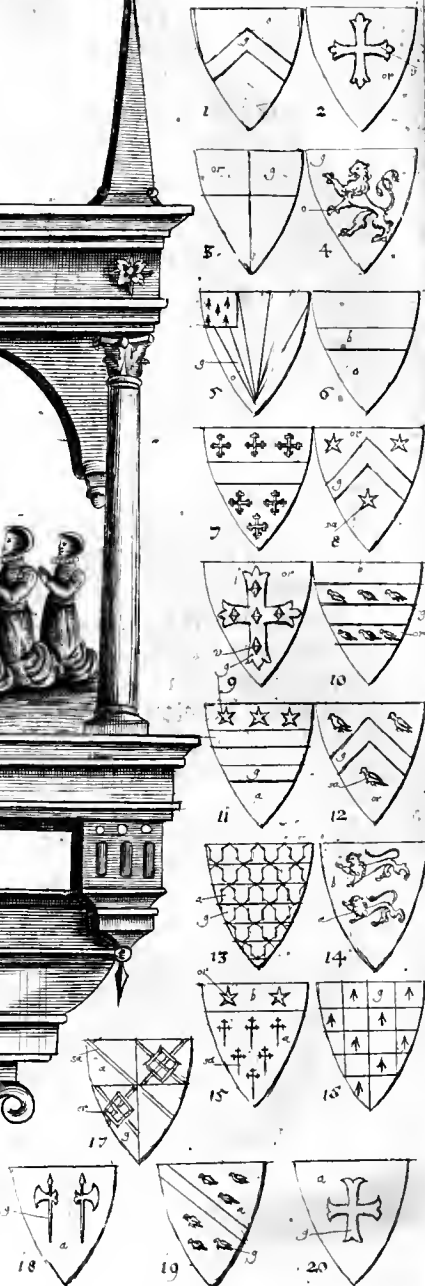


NEC TE SPERANTIS, NEC CENSUS, RELIGIOVE,
NEC PIETAS PROPTER, PATRIS PERITIA LEGVM
QUESTORIS COEDACTVS, NEC MYSTVS SUBSISTE,
IUSTITIA ET EACVM FIDELIVM PVBLICAE MINISTRE
FAVTERIBVS PATRISQVE PATERNI VERITATEM HONORIS
CONTRA IMPROBIVM POTERANT DEFENDERE SOCIETATE

LANGVETEM POENVM VT AUDIO QVOD CEDITVR ASTV
NAMQVE QVATER DENOS QVINGVE ANNOS QVATVOR
PENSORVM VT PATERNI TIVA VITA EST ACTA, PERACTA
QVORVM LONGI, CVL BREVIS HEC CONCLVSIO

OBIIIT XXVI MARTII A DNI, 1603

SACRAE MEMORIAE ROBERTI BYADET DE BRANCOLE ARMOIERI ENOBILI
BYADETORVM PARILLA DE ARON ET SERINDON, MARIE EIVS CONIUGIS FIDELI
LIVSIA FILIA THOMAE WILSON ARMOIERI, SECRETARII E SECRETARIORVM
CONCILII HAVSTRASSIE, MOINE ELICABETHAE, HVMCTVXVLVM SVIS
SVMPTIBVS POSVIT



1 Stafford

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3 Mandevile E. of Essex

4 Albany E. of Arundell

5 Balset of Drayton

6 Vernon

7 Beauchamp

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9 Frevill

10 Burdet

11 Washington

12 Stafford of Pipe

13 Girelley

14 Camvill

15. Clinton E. of
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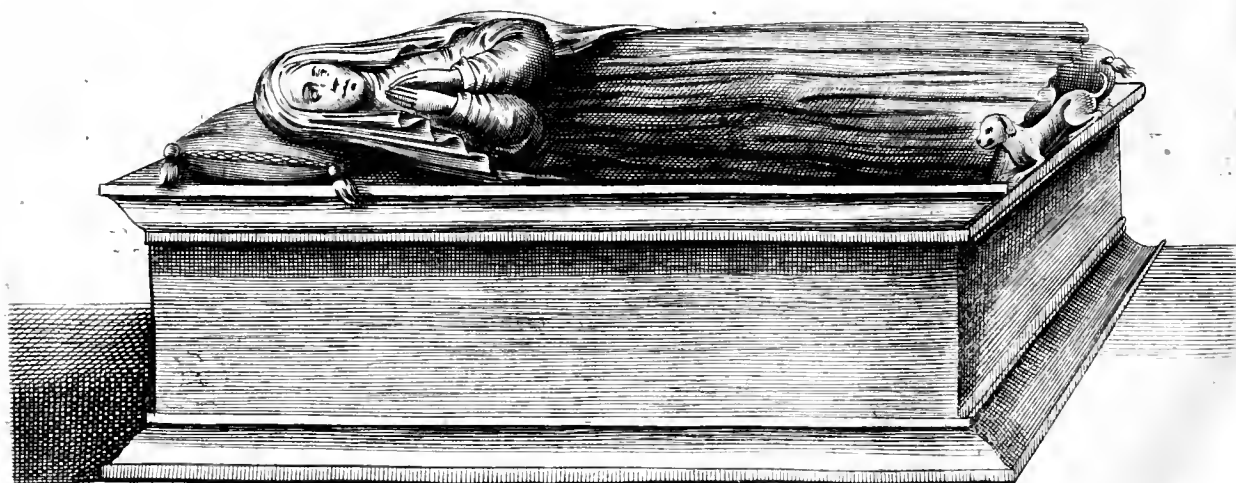
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17 Spenceer

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19 Furnivall

20 Vindale



Patroni Ecclesiæ
de Sekindon.

Incumbentes, &c.

Ex autog. penes D. & Cap. Lich.	Thomas de Kamville Dominus de Sekin- don.	Hugo de Folville Cler. anno 1251.
Langt. f. 7. a.	Guido de Bellocampo Com. Warw. ratione minoris et. filia & her. D. Gerardi de Camville defuncti.	Will. de Brymsgrave Accol. 10. Cal. Apr. 1305.
1b. f. 37. a. 2.	Henr. de Campvill.	Henr. de Newton Pbr. 4. Cal. Nov. 1311.
Northb. f. 27. a.	Job. Burdeth miles.	Job. de Thurstinton 18. Cal. Maii 1333.
1b. f. 49. a.		Ric. Colet Accol. 12. Cal. Oct. 1349.
Street. f. 10. 2. a.	Thom. de Bellocampo Com. Warw.	Henr. de Wirley Pbr. 10. Cal. Dec. 1361.
Sk. f. 2. a.	D. Thomas Burdet mi- les.	Rog. Newbrugg Pbr. pe- nult. Sept. 1387.
Burgb. f. 27. a.	Thom. Mottelow, perso- na Eccl. de Arrow & alii.	Alanus de Thame Cap. 3. Jan. 1410.
1b. f. 28. a.		Will. de Erdington 28. Apr. 1411.
Heyw. f. 4. b.		Rob. Euynton Pbr. 13. Mar- tii 1421.
1b. f. 37. b.	D. Thomas Burdet de Arrow, miles.	Nich. Cowper Pbr. 28. Apr. 1439.
1b. f. 44. a.	Thomas Burdet ar.	Rob. Burton Canon. Regu- laris 10. Martii 1445.
Bowl. f. 131. a.	Job. Burdet ar.	Job. Baker Cap. 13. Febr. 1491.
El. f. 7. b.	Job. Burdet miles.	D. Thomas Chare 6. Julii 1521.
1b. f. 17. b.	Thomas Burdet ar.	D. Will. Lawnslyn 8. Julii 1530.
Samp. & B. f. 29. b.		Will. Heys Pbr. 5. Aug. 1560.
1b. f. 47. b.	Thomas Burdet ar.	Job. Barwell Cler. 13. Febr. 1577.
Overall bund. A.	Tho. Burdet de Bram- cote arm.	Henr. Cowper Cler. 20. Febr. 1617.
Morton bund. inert.	Thomas Burdet Paro- natus.	Sam. Wollaston ult. Julii 1629.

The Church, in anno 1291. (19 E. 1.) was va-
lued at but in 26 H. 8. at * Cxvi s. over
and above ix s. vi d. allowed for Procurations and
Synodals.

Shuttenton.

OF this place there is no particular mention in
the Conqueror's Survey, it being then invol-
ved with **Sekindon**, and of that part (as I guesse)
which the Earl of **Mellent** then posselt; from
whom, or his son **Robert**, surnamed **Bossu**, Earl of
Leicester, was **William Burdet** enfeofft thereof;
who, upon his Foundation of the Monasterie at
Aucote, on the other side the River, gave it
wholly thereunto, excepting those lands called
Coppenhull, which he had disposed of to the Nuns
of **Polesworth**. At that time it was * written
Schetyn-ton, and continued a pretty Village till
about the beginning of King H. 8. time, that the
Monks of **Aucote** depopulated¹ fix Messuages and
two Cotages therein (which I take to be a third

part thereof) After the dissolution of which Mo-
nasterie, it continued in the Crown, till 34 H. 8.
but then did the King passe^m it away, unto **Tho-
mas Lord Audley** Chancelour of **England** (inter
alia) in exchange for other lands; who, the next
year following, soldⁿ it, together with the site of
the said Priorie of **Aucote**, unto **Joane Robinson**, the
widow of **George Robinson** of **London**. Mercer:
Since which time, it hath past with **Aucote** to such
particular persons, as I have there manifested.

The Church was very antiently appropriated^o to
the Monks of **Aucote**, and in 26 H. 8. valued^p at
Xls. But upon the grant of the Rectorie, together
with the site of the Priorie of **Aucote**, unto **Tho-
mas Lord Audley**, in 34 H. 8. there was vi li. per
annum reserved^q for a Curate to serve therein.

I cannot find, that there hath ever been any
more than one Presentation to this Church, & that
was by the Prior of great **Malvern** in anno 1341.
Aucote being a Cell subordinate to that Monaste-
rie. Which Prior of **Malverne** presented one **Ri-
chard**, then Prior of **Aucote**, thereto; who was in-
stituted^r 14 Cal. Aug. in the year abovesaid.

Aucote-Priorie.

THIS place, being originally a member of **Sekin-
don**, and with **Shuttenton** obtained from the
Earl of **Leicester**, by **William Burdet**, was in anno
1151. (scil. 5 H. 2.) granted^f therewith, to the
Monks of great **Malvern** in **Com. Wigorn.** upon
condition, that they should send two of their Co-
vent; to serve in the Church here, from the Feast
of **S. Michaell**, till that time twelve-month; and
the next year following, to adde unto them, two
more: And moreover, that afterwards, so soon as
the building of the Monasterie here, could be com-
pleted; according to the capacitie thereof, more
Monks to be received therein, by the advice of the
Abbot of **Westminster**, and other Religious Per-
sons, of these parts; and the Prior to be constituted
always by the Prior of **Malverne** before specified.
Unto which agreement so made, betwixt the said
William Burdet, and **Roger**, then Prior of **Mal-
berne**, in the presence of the before mentioned
Abbot of **Westminster**, as also the Abbots of **S.
Albans** and **Palmesburte**, **Robert** Earl of **Leice-
ster**, amongst others, was a witnesses.

The occasion whereupon this little Monasterie
was founded, is said to be this; viz. that the said
William Burdet, being both a valiant and devout
man, made a journey to the **Holy Land**, for sub-
duing of the Infidells in those parts; and that his
Steward, whil't he was thus absent, solicited the
Chastitie of his Ladie, who resisted those his unci-
vill attempts with much scorn: whereupon he
grew so full of envie towards her, that so soon as
he had adventement of his Master's arrivall again
in **England**, he went to meet him; and to shadow
his own foul crime, complained to him of her loos-
ness with others: Which false accusation so enra-
ged her husband, that when he came home, and
that she approacht to receive him with joyfull em-
braces, he forthwith mortally stab'd her; and that, to
expiate the same unhappy Act, after he understood
the truth, he built this Monastery. Of this storie
though I have nothing but by tradition, yet that
he was the Founder hereof, is most certain, from
what I have before exprest; and doubtless that Mo-
nument,

nument, situate in an Arch of the wall, on the North side of the Church here at **Aucote**, is for him; which is only a plain Free-stone, covering the Coffin wherein his Body resteth, curiously embossed with the sculpture of a large Crosse.

The Benefactors that this Priorie had, were but few, that I finde; viz. **Robert de Bramcote**, who gave ^a a Meadow called **Bramcote-Meadow**; and **William Burdet**, grandchild to the Founder; who having conferred ^b thereunto the Rent of *xii* d. issuing out of a certain tenement in **Aucote**, for the maintenance of a Lampe, to burne before the Altar of our Lady in the Church here, of **S. Blase**, when he lay upon his death-bed, added ⁱ the grant of half a yard land, and a Water-Mill lying in **Radcliffe** in *Com. Leic.* So that all the revenues belonging thereto, were by the Survey ^k made in 26 *H. 8.* valued at no more than *xxxiv* li. *viii* s. Out of which *Lx* s. being yearly paid to the Priorie of **Malverne** (whereunto it was a Cell) *xx* s.

to Sir **Humphrey Ferrers** Knight, then high Steward thereof, and other Reprizes, which in the whole amounted to *vili. ii* s. *x* d. left the clear yearly value, but *xxviii* li. *vi* s. *ii* d. In so much as it being exposed to dissolution by the Statute of 27 *H. 8.* and so coming to the Crown, was ¹ granted out, in 34 *H. 8.* (together with **Shuttenton**) unto **Thomas** Lord **Audley**, Lord Chancelour of **Eng-land**, and by him to ^m **Joane** **Robinson** widow, who died ⁿ seized thereof in 1 *Eliz.* leaving **William** her son and heir. Which **William** had issue ^o **Thomas**, who mortgaged it with **Dalton-Basset** in *Com. Staff.* to one **William** **Paramour** a Londoner: After which it was not long ere that **Robert** **Dudley** Earl of **Leicester**, coveting that fair Lordship, obtained **Paramour's** title, and so justling out **Robinson**, past this, with **Shuttenton** unto Queen **Elizabeth** in exchange for other lands: so that, ever since, it hath been in the Crown.

1 Pat. 34.
H. 8. p. 3.

m Pat. 35.
H. 8.
n Esc. 2.
Eliz.
o Esc. 5.
Eliz.

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g Ex autog.
jens Fr.
Burdet
Ear.

h Ex autog.
jens Fr.
Nether-
sole, eq. aur.

i Plac. 14.
E. 3. Term.
.... vol. 3.

k MS. pe-
nès S. A.
eq. aur. f.
59. b.

Tamworth.



The Prospect of Tamworth
from Calhall road on the
North thereof.



The Prospect of
TAMWORTH
from the road on the South
East part of the towne.

1 Hopwayhay
2 St. Timberfords
house.
3 Lady bridge
4 The Castle.
5 The Church.

Following the stream of **Anker**, a little lower, I come to its confluence with **Tame**, that gives denomination to **Tamelworth**, the most eminent Town, for situation and ant. quitie on this side the Countie; of which, but the one half, including the Castle, is in this Shire; the Villages of **Wolehall**, **Glasfote**, **Stretford**, **Wlincote**, **Standelf**, and **Amington** lying Southwards of the River, and **Pericroft** on the North, being members thereof. A place this is, participating chiefly of the commodities which the **Wood-land** affordeth, being almost

invirion'd by it, and watered with delightfull Rivers, whereby the bordering Meadows are plentifully inrich; yet not wanting a spacious **Champaigne** near at hand, for farther profit and pleasure; so that divers of the **Mercian** Kings, invited (doubtless) by these advantages, had here a **Pallace-royall**, as their severall Charters do manifest: Of which Kings, the first, that I find mentioned, was **Offa**; who granting lands in **Saple** to the Monks of **Worcester**, concludeth thus *Hanc autem* *prescriptam vicissitudinem terrarum, & mea dona-*

p Ex Re-
gist. wigorn.
in bibl.
Cottoni
tionis 203. 4.

tionis pro Domino libertatem, ego Offa Rex, sedens in regali Palacio in Tamoworthige secundo die Nativitatis Domini, in die Festivitatibus beati Stephani Martyris, concedens donavi, Anno ab Incarnatione Christi DCCCLXXXI. Indictione quarta.

q *ib. f. 10. b.* The next was *Coenulf*, whose Charter thus ends — *Acta est hac donatio anno DCCCXIV. Indict. septima, in vico celeberrimo, qui vocatur*
r *ib. f. 13. a.* *Tamoworthig, &c.* After him *Berthulf* in the year DCCCXLI. and lastly *Burthard* in the year DCCCLIV.

f *ib. f. 19. a. b.*

And as these authorities do shew, that it was by those Kings thus honoured, so is there not want of other, to manifest the large extent, and strength thereof: witness that vast Ditch, to this day called *King's Ditch*; which stretching forth in a straight line, from the River *Anker*, somewhat below *Bolton-Bridge*; then making a right angle, keepeth on its course parallel to the River, for the space of near four hundred paces; and so returning by another right angle, runs into *Lame*, below *Lady-Bridge*; whereby the ground, within the precincts thereof, is of a quadrangular forme. Which Ditch, though much filled up in most places, appears to have been at least *xlv.* foot broad, as by measure I have observed.

t *Lel. Itin. vol. 4. f. 189.*
u *ib.*
w *Annal. Math. Westm. Hist. Angl. Script. col. 834. l. 34.*
x *Hist. MS. l. Rous in bibl. Cotton. p. 111.*
y *ib.*
z *ib.*
a *ib.*
 But such mischief, shortly after, did the Danes make, by their severall invasions, that this place was wasted, and continued desolate, till that renowned Ladie of the *Mercians, Ethelfleda*, (daughter to King *Alfred*, and Sister to King *Edward* the elder) after her husband's death, *scil.* in the year of Christ DCCCCXIV. restored it to its ancient strength and splendour; raising a strong Tower, upon an artificiall Mount of Earth, called the *Dungeon*, for defence against any violent assault thereof: upon which Mount, that building now called the Castle, hath of later times been erected: for the body of the old Castle stood below, towards the *Mercate-place*, and where the Stables at present are. And here it was, that the said famous *Ethelfleda* departed this life *xix. Cal. Julii anno DCCCCXIII. viz.* five years before the death of King *Edward* her Brother: but in the Abbie-Church of *S. Peter at Gloucester*, of hers and her husband's Foundation, she had a sepulture.

The next observable thing, which, in course of time I have met with, that concerns this place, is, that there was a Monasterie here: for by the Testament of *Wulfic Spot* (Founder of *Burton-Abbe in Com. Staff.* about the year of Christ DCCCCXLIX.) it appears, that he gave thereunto certain lands in *Langanborne* (*scil.* *Langdon in Com. Staff.*) But whether it was of Monks or Nuns, or by whom founded, I never could as yet see good testimonie. From these ancient times therefore, whereof so little light by Historie, is to be found, I shall now descend to those after the Norman Conquest; and for my more methodicall discovery of such things as are most memorable; purpose first to speak of the *Burrough*, by it self; for by that name it was heretofore called, and then of the Castle and its possessors.

e *Domest. lib.*
 Of the *Burrough* there is not any particular extent in the Conqueror's Survey, nor farther mention of it, than that ten Houses therein were at that time belonging to the Mannour of *Colthill* in this Hundred, which was in those days part of the King's demesne: neither can I discover any thing of note; for a long time after, relating thereto, be-

sides the Aid, and other advantages, which upon sundry occasions it yielded to the King; from the beginning of King *Stephen's* reign; that part, which is in this Countie, answering two marks for an Aide in 15 H. 2. and in 21 H. 3. *iv li. xvi s.* for the Ferm thereof: yet was it anciently demesne of the Crown (*id est* belonging thereto in the days of King *Edward* the Confessor, or King *William* the Conqueror.) And till about the later end of King *H. 3.* reign, continued in the King's immediate hand; but then was it let to *Philip Marmion* (Lord of the Castle) for life, at the Rent of *xxxiv li. vi s. ix d. per annum.* Howbeit afterwards, the King had it again: Whereupon in 11 E. 2. it was granted to *Baldwin Frevile*, during pleasure, reserving the old accustomed Ferme, *viz. iv li. xvi s.*

Which Lease to *Frevile*, soon determined: For the King, having the same year given to the Inhabitants thereof License to take Toll of all vendible commodities, to be brought thither, for the space of three years; *scil.* for every Quarter of Corn a half penny, &c. towards the charge of Paving the Town, the next year following, made a new grant thereof (I mean all this while, of that moiety in *Warwickshire*) unto the Inhabitants of the *Burrough*, their heirs and successors, reserving to the Crown, the ancient Ferme, as above is expressed, and *xx s.* yearly increase, payable to his Exchequer at the days and termes, when the other used to be received; as also excepting all Tallages, Aids, and Customes, as had formerly been paid out of it, in the times of his Progenitors. And in 14. of his reign, the time being expired for taking Toll, towards the Pavement of the Town, by the former Patent, renewed it for three years more: yet this did not compleat the Pavement, as appears by the sundry other Patents granted to them afterwards, as well by King *Edward 3.* as this King *E. 2.* for the same purpose, which in the margin I have cited.

But besides this for Paving, did the same Inhabitants obtain a Charter from the King in 10 E. 3. for two yearly *Faires* here, the one upon *S. George's* day (*viz. April. 23.*) and three days after; the other on the Feast-day of *S. Edward*, and three days following: and in *xx H. 6.* procured another Patent, for taking Toll of all vendible commodities coming hither, for the space of four years, towards the finishing of the Pavement, and repair of *Bol-brygge*.

After which, I have not seen any thing more of it, that is considerable, till 3 *Eliz.* that the Queen, by her Letters Patent bearing date at *Westminster, 24 Dec.* taking notice, that it had been a very ancient *Mercate-town*, and that the Inhabitants thereof, by the name of the *Bailiffs and Commonalties*, had not only held it, time out of minde, of her Royall Progenitors, in Fee-Ferme, by the Rent of *v. li. xvi s. per annum*, but enjoyed divers Jurisdictions and Priviledges, as well by Prescription as by severall Charters; which Charters, as they then suggested, had been either burnt, or casually lost, imploring her Royall favour, that she would, for the better governing thereof, vouchsafe to make it a *Corporation*; did at that time, ordain it to be a *Burrough Corporate*, consisting of two Bailiffs; the one for that part of the town situate in this Countie, and the other for that part lying in *Staffordshire*, granting them libertie to have a *Common Seal*, and assigning *Peter Bradoke*, and

f *Rot. P. de an. 1. Steph. Et 7. 11. & 15. H. 2.*

g *Rot. P. 15. H. 2.*

h *Ex vet. membr. penes Camer. Scac.*

i *Plac. coram R. tcm. Hill. 19. E. 1. rot. 13.*

k *Inq. per. Hundry. 4. E. 1. penes Camer. Scac.*

l *Pat. 50. H. 3. m. 3.*

m *Rot. F. 11. E. 2. m. 11.*

n *Pat. 11. E. 2. p. 1. m. 31.*

o *Rot. F. 12. E. 2. Pat. 4.*

E. 3. p. 1. m. 32. per. Inq. Pat. 1. R. 2. p. 3. m. 35. Pat. 2. H. 5. p. 3. m. 20.

p *Pat. 14. E. 2. p. 1. m. 18.*

q *Pat. 19. E. 2. p. 2. m. 17.*

Pat. 1. E. 3. p. 2. m. 26.

Pat. 9. E. 3. p. 1. m. 5.

Pat. 14. E. 3. p. 1. m. 24.

r *Cart. 10. E. 3. m. 18.*

s *Pat. 20. H. 6. p. 3. m. 4.*

** Pat. 3. Eliz. p. 1.*

Henry

Henry Draper the first Bayliffs : As also that from thenceforth there should be *xiv.* of the most substantiall Inhabitants, assistants, to the said Bayliffs; and called the principall Burgeses : which said Bayliffs and Burgeses, to have power, as often as they should think fit, to call a Court of themselves, or the major part of them, there to consult and determine of all things tending to the well government of it; and to choose two Sergeants at Mace, for performance of all Proclamations, Arrests, &c. Which Bayliffs to be Justices of the Peace within the same Burrough.

And moreover, that they should have power to keep a Court of Record upon Munday once in three weeks, there to hold Plea, &c. after the usage of the Citie of London. And likewise a Gaole for the imprisonment of Felons and Malefactors : As also a weekly *Mercate* every Saturday; and two *Faires*, the one on the Feast-day of S. George the Martyr and four days following; and the other on the Feast-day of S. Edward the King and Martyr and four days then likewise next ensuing. Granting further unto the said Bayliffs for the time being, that they should be Clerks of the *Mercate*, within the precincts of the Burrough; and to have a *Court-leet* twice in the year; *scil.* within the compals of a month after *Michaelmas*, and the like limit of time after *Easter*; as also power, to purchase, or receive by gift, lands to the value of *Xl li. per annum*, notwithstanding the Statute of *Mortmain*.

† Pat. 30.
Eliz. p. 4.

And by another Patent † bearing date *x^o* Oct. in 30. of her reign, gave the Inhabitants of this Burrough, immunitie from being returned on Juries, except they held lands out of the compasse thereof, and likewise to choose a Recorder; constituting Robert Devereux Earl of Essex their Steward; and granting them another *Faire* yearly, to begin on the Feast-day of S. Swithin, and to endure for four days. At which time she founded an endowed a Grammar School here; but thereof, forasmuch as it is situate on the *Staffordshire* side, it concerns me not to speak. Closing up therefore, I shall observe, that forasmuch as 'tis not apparent by any of our publike Records that the *Saturday-Mercate* was granted by Charter till now, it was held before by Prescription, and questionlesse from the very time that the Saxon Kings had their residence here (whereof I have already touched.) Nor is it to be doubted, but that the Privilege, which they had in sending of Burgeses to Parliament, was of great antiquitie, and used only by the like Prescription, in such sort as other the ancient Burroughs of this Realm did enjoy.

The Castle.

HAVING now done with the Burrough, I come to the Castle, touching the Foundation whereof I have already spoke. This being in the hands of King William, after his Conquest, was by him given (towards the end of his reign, as I guess) unto Robert Marmion, as my Story in *Polesworth* intimateth, and as is verified by an ancient window of this Church, where the same King, being depicted in his Robes of State and crowned, stretcheth forth his hand to him, holding a Charter therein, neer the Gate of a faire Castle, an exact representation whereof I have in page 822. exhibited.

Which Robert had issue Robert, unto whom King

Henry the first, by his Charter dated at Canoc in *Com. Staff.* granted *Free-warren* in all his lands within this Countie, as Robert his Father had, and by name, here at *Wamworth*. This last mentioned Robert was possessor of the strong Castle of *Fontney* in *Normandie* (which Castle Geoffrey Earl of Anjou beleiged and razed ^w, in 4^o Steph. because he held out *Faleis* against him;) and gave ^x the Church of *Queinton* in *Gloucestershire* to the Nunns of *Polesworth*. Being a great ^y adversarie to the Earl of Chester in 8. Steph. he entred the Priorie of *Cobentre* (neer unto which the said Earl had a Castle, as I have elsewhere observed) and expelling the Monks, fortified ^z it, making in the fields adjacent, divers deep Ditches, lightly covered over, to the intent, that such as should make approaches thereto, might be intrapt: but it so hapned, that as he rode himself to view the Earl's forces that began to draw neer it, he fell into one of them, and broke his Thigh; so that he was forthwith seized on by a Common Souldier, who immediatley cut ^a off his Head.

To him succeeded Robert, his son ^b and heir; by whose Certificate ^c in 12 H. 2. it appears that he then held *xv.* Knights Fees, whereof his Ancestor was enfeoffed in H. 1. time; and three, which he had obtained since; for which, in 14 H. 2. he gave ^d *vii li. xvi s. viii d.* Aid, upon the marriage of *Maud* the King's daughter. This Robert was a Benefactor to the Knights *Templar's* as by his grant ^e to them of *Watson Mill*, is manifested: as also in 33 H. 2. a Justice ^f Itinerant in this Countie: and confirmed ^g to the Nunns of *Polesworth*, his Father's gift of the Church of *Queinton*: But in the beginning of H. 3. time, he died, leaving two sons, by severall wives as it seems, both of them bearing the name of Robert. Of which Robert the younger gave ^h the summe of 500 li. to the King, in 2 H. 3. for the custodie of this Castle; and to have possession of the lands, whereof his Father died seized, untill matters should be so settled, as that Englishmen might peaceably enjoy their lands in *Normandie*, and the Normans theirs in *England*, in regard that the Duke-dome of *Normandie* was seized ⁱ on by the French, about the beginning of King John's time, for the murder of Arthur Duke of *Brittanie*; but with this condition too, that if Robert Marmion, his elder brother, should make his peace with the King (for, it seems, he then adhered to the French) and regain his inheritance here, in *England*, that then he should pay back to the said Robert the younger, so much of that summe, as the profits of the lands, of which he had received the issues, did fall short thereof: and that the said Robert should then enjoy the Lordships of *Wttringham*, and *Contingeb* in *Com. Linc.* *Queinton* in *Com. Glouc.* and *Derewte* in *Com. Suff.* As also, that William his younger Brother, should have *Dointon* in *Com. Linc.* and lands to the value of *X li. per annum* in *Derewte* abovesaid; of all which they had speciall grants from their Father.

And further, it was then concluded, that the said Robert the younger, should not only give the King good caution to keep this Castle, to his use, but upon occasion, deliver it up into his hands: For performance thereof, these were his sureties ^k; *scil.* Nicholas de Verdon, Geoffrey de Camville, William de Hardreshull, Raphe fitz Raphe, Thomas de Oferton, John de Culi, Richard Russell, Robert de la Lande, Robert de Passi, William de Fou, and Mathew

† Pat. 27. H.
6. p.
1. m. 30. per.
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x Cart. 20.
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22. per.
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z Bodl.
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20. f.
30. a.

b Pat. 20.
R. 2. p. 3. m.
22. per.
Insp.

c Lib. rub.
f. 104. b.
d Rot. P. 14.
H. 2.

e Ex cod.
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Rem. R.

f Rot. P. 33.
H. 2.

g Pat. 21.
R. 2. p. 3. m.
22. per.
Insp.

h Rot. P. 2.
H. 3.

i Hist. I. du
Tillet. p.
159. &
160.

Hist. Angl.
Script. Col.
2420. n. 30.

Math. Pa-
rif. p. 283.
n. 40.

k Rot. F. 2.
H. 3. in d.
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Mathew de Charnels. All which being effected, he had the King's speciall Precept¹ to *William de Harecurt* (then Governour thereof for the King) to deliver it up unto him. But it was not long after this, that *Robert* the elder made his peace; for in 5 H. 3. he had possession^m of this Castle delivered to him, and the rest of his Father's lands, as appears by the King's significationⁿ of his pleasure therein to all that held of it by Militarie service, or otherwise; as also to the Sheriff of this County. So that here I must leave the said *Robert* the younger, whose posteritie flourish in *Lincolnshire*, for a long time after, and speak of the elder *Robert*.

I am of opinion, that this *Robert* the elder, return'd into *Normandie* in 17 H. 3. for in that year, did he passe^o over the estate of all his lands in *England*, for seven years, unto *Peter de Rupibus* (that potent Bishop of *Winchester*, in those times) together with the custodie of *Philip* his son and heir, for to marry him where he should think fit, without disparagement: whereupon, by the consent of the same *Robert*, and *Philip*, he made an assignation^p thereof, unto *William de Cantilupe*. Of this *Robert*, I finde no more, after that time, than his death, which hapned^q in 25 H. 3. But the said *Philip* became a person of no small account in the world; for having married^r *Joane*, one of the daughters and heirs to *Hugh de Kilpeck*, of *Kilpeck* Castle in *Herefordshire* (whose custodie and disposall in marriage the said *William de Cantilupe* had^s) in 33 H. 3. he was constituted^t Shirriff of this County and *Leicestershire*, and Governour^u of the Castle of *Sauby*; which office he held^v for three yeares, then next following: and at that time obtained a Confirmation^w of the Charter of *Free Warren* before mentioned, granted to his Ancestor by King *H. 1.* But in 36 H. 3. he was questioned^x for sitting with *Richard de Mundevill*, and the rest of the Justices for Gaol-deliverie at *Warwick*, having no Commission so to do: for which, I do not find that the King's displeasure stuck long upon him, in regard he attended^y him so soon after into *Gascon*: upon his return from which voyage, he was taken Prisoner^z by the French in *Poitou*, with *Gilbert de Segrave* and divers other of the English Nobilitie, notwithstanding that they had Letters of Protection from the French King.

The next mention, that I find of him, is, that he was in^b that Welch expedition of 41 H. 3. and the year ensuing, had Summons^c, with divers other great men, to be at *Chester*, on the Eve of *S. John Baptist* well furnisht with Horse and Armes, to march into *Wales*, against *Lewelin ap Griffith*, then in Rebellion. In 45 H. 3. he had the like Summons to^e be at *London*, with all the chief Nobilitie, upon the morrow after *Simon and Jude's* day; in which year it was, that the defection of the Barons began farther to shew it self, by their intrusion upon the King's authoritie, in placing^f Shirriffs for sundry Shires of this Realme: In which respect, this *Philip Marmion*, as a person in whose fidelitie the King reposed much confidence, had by speciall Patent^g the Counties of *Posfolk* and *Suffolk*, committed to his custodie. And in 47 H. 3. had summons^h, amongst other great men, to be at *Hereford*, upon the Munday after *Candlemas* day, well furnisht with Horse and Armes, to resist the power of the before specified *Lewelin*: so alsoⁱ to be at *Worcester* on *Lamas* day next ensuing, in like

sort accountred, to the same purpose. Immediately whereupon, divers of the Barons put themselves in Armes, to force the King's assent to those Ordinances, which they had made at *Osford*, so much derogating from his regall power: who seeing himself over-powred, was necessitated to submit to the determination, which the King of *France* should make therein; and to bring in severall of the Peers, and other eminent persons, to give Oath for his performance thereof; amongst which, this *Philip Marmion* was^j one; who likewise adhered stoutly to him throughout those turbulent times, which soon after ensued: For the next year following, he was at the^k taking of *Poshampton*; and in 50 H. 3. as a reward for his faithfull services, had a^l grant of all the King's demetins here in *Tamworth*, as well in that part, which lyes in *Staffordshire*, as of that in this Countie, as also in *Wyginton*, to hold during his naturall life, for the Rent of xxxiv li. vi s. ix d. And was made Governour^m of *Kenilworth* Castle, immediately upon the render thereof, after that memorable six-months siege, whereof I have elsewhere spoke.

In 13 E. 1. this *Philip* claimedⁿ by Prescription, a Court-Leef, and Gallows, here at *Tamworth*, with all *Weyfs* found in a certain place called *Alle-londe*, within this his Mannour: as also *Free Warren* in his demetn lands here, and in those belonging to the Nunns of *Polestworth*; all which were allowed. And upon his death, which hapned in 20 E. 1. it was certified^o, that he held this Castle of the King in *Capite*, by Knight's service, finding three Knights at his own proper costs, for xl. days in the Warrs of *Wales*; and that *Joane* the wife of *William Mortem*, *Maud* the wife of *Raphe le Boteler*, *Joane* the daughter of *Raph Cromwell* and *Mazera* his wife; and *Joan Marmion*, were his next heirs, as the Descent in the following page doth more plainly shew. Which *Joan Mortem* (being the eldest daughter) had^p this Castle for her share, and died^q seized of it, about three yeares after, leaving no issue, whereupon by Agreement^r betwixt the rest of the coheirs, it was allotted to *Joane* the wife of *Alexander Freville*. Which *Alexander* being brother and heir to Sir *Baldwin Freville* Knight, of whose inheritance he had^s fair lands in *Posfolk* and *Herefordshire*, died^t seized thereof, jointly with his said wife, in 2 E. 3. leaving *Baldwin* his son and heir xxxvi yeares of age; who after the decease of his mother in 14 E. 3. doing his homage to the King, had full^u possession thereof.

Which last mentioned *Baldwin* died^v in 17 E. 3. leaving *Baldwin* his son and heir 26. yeares of age; who the next year following, did his Homage to the King, and had thereupon Liverie^w of all the lands of his inheritance, lying in this Shire as also in the Counties of *Hereford*, *Salop*, *Staff*, *Wilt*, *Wilt*, *Posf*, and *Suff*. In 26 E. 3. he was a^x Knight, and bore for his Armes^y Or, a Crosse fleurè gules; and for his Crest, upon a *Chapeau*, the Leggs of a man, booted, spurred, and reverst, as appeareth by his Seale^z: but not long after this he altered it, and bore^a a Plume of Fethers, in fiede of the other. Of this Sir *Baldwin*, I further find, that he was in great esteem with *Edward* Prince of *Wales* (commonly called the Black-Prince) being tor^b his approved fidelitie and service in 28 E. 3. made by him, his Steward of *Montaigne* in *France*, for life: and in 46 E. 3. retained^c with the same martiall Prince, by Indenture, to serve

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i MS. in
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k Ypod. N.
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l Pat. 50.
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p Esc. 23.
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r Rot. F. 24.
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t Esc. 2. E.
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u Claus. 14.
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Rob. Marmion, temp. Regis Will. Conq.

Robertus Marmion temp. H. 1. Miliscent.

Robertus Marmion 12 H. 2. obiit 2 H. 3. Philippa 5 H. 3.

Rob. Marmion senior ob. 25 H. 3.

Rob. Marmion jun. 2 H. 3.

Will. Marmion 2 H. 3.

Maria ux. Philippus Marmion-Iohanna filia & cohær.
2. ob. 20 E. 1. Hug. de Kilpeck 27 H. 3.Will. Marmion
43 H. 3.Will. Marmion
43 H. 3.Iohanna primò nupta Tho-
mæ Ludlow mil. secundò
Henrico Hillarie.Iohanna ob.
23 E. 1. fi-
ne prole.Mazera
ux. Rad.
Cromwell.Matilda ux. Rad. le
Boteler. 20 E. 1.

Alex. Freville 20 E. 1. Iohanna consangu. & una hæredum Philippi Marmion 20 E. 1.

Baldw. Freville obiit 17 E. 3. Elizabetha 3 E. 3.

Eliz. soror & cohær. Ioh. de Monteforti mil. ux. 1. Baldw. Freville-Ida filia . . . Clinton-Iohanna filia . . . Domini
mil. ob. 49 E. 3. 35 E. 3. Strange 46 E. 3.Iocosa filia Joh. Botetourt mil. 11 R. 2. Baldw. Freville mil. ob. 11 R. 2. Eliz. filia Joh. de Borerourt de Weoley
mil. nupta 27 E. 3. ux. 1.

Baldw. Freville miles, obiit 2 H. 4. Iohanna filia Thomæ Greene mil. 11 R. 2.

Baldw. Freville mil. Thom. Ferrers filius secundo-Eliza-
ob. f. prole 7 H. 5. genitus Will. D. Ferrers de betha
Groby. 7 H. 5.Margareta primò nupta
Hug. Willoughby mil.
secundò Ric. Bingham mil.Iocosa ux.
Rogeri A-
ston.Thomas Ferrers miles obiit 22. Aug. 14 H. 7. Anna filia Leonardi Hastings de Kirby, soror Will.
Domini Hastings.Ioh. Ferrers miles, Matilda filia Ioh. Stan-
obiit vivente patre. ley de Elford mil.Leonardus Ferrers
12 H. 7.Rad. Ferrers Decanus Eccl. Coll. de
Tamworth 12 H. 7.Ioh. Ferrers miles, consangu. & hæres-Dorothea filia Will. Harper de Rushall in Com. Staff. ar.
Thomæ Ferrers militis 14 H. 7.Margareta filia Thomæ-Humfr. Ferrers-Dorothea filia & cohær. Thomæ-Franciscus Cokain
Picot servientis ad le-miles, obiit 13 Martow. serv. ad legem, nupta primus maritus.
gem ux. 1. Sept. 1. & 2. 32 H. 8.
Ph. & M.

Ioh. Ferrers arm. Barbara nupta 31 H. 8.

Dorothea ux.
Edw. Holt ar.Humfridus Ferrers. Anna filia Humfr. Bradburne de
miles obiit 5 Jac. Lee in Com. Derb. nupta 5 Eliz.Edw. Henr. Tho-
mas, Georgius.Walt.
Thomas
Edw.Ioh. Ferrers-Dorothea filia Ioh. Puckering militis
miles obiit Custodis magni Sigilli Angliæ.
.... 1633.Elizabetha
Catherina.
Brigra.
Sufanna.Humfr. Ferrers-Anna filia Ioh. Pakington de Aylesborough in
miles, obiit.... Com. Wigorn. equ. aur. secundò nupta Phi-
Sept. 1633. lippo Comiti de Chesterfield.Francisca
ux Ioh.
Pakington
eq. aur.Anna
ux. Sim.
Archer.
cq. aur.Iana ux.
Thom.
Rous.
Bar.

Ioh. Ferrers natus . . . anno 1629.

him in the wars of France, with six men at Arms; viz. three Knights and three Esquires, taking .xx li. per annum Fee for the Knights, and .v. marks for the Esquires: As also, that he had three wives; viz. ^a Elizabeth sister and coheir to Sir John Montfort Kt. (of which Family I have spoke in Bellesert) Secondly Ida, daughter to . . . Clinton, a

Ladie of Honour to Queen Philippa, and thirdly Joane, daughter to the Lord Strange: and that he departed ^e this life in 49 E. 3. leaving by the said Elizabeth, Baldwin his son and heir xxiv. years of age.

Which Baldwin, being a Knight, in 1 Ric. 2. exhibited his claim ^e to be the King's Champion, on the

e Es. 49. E. 3. 7. 57.

f Ex autog. penes Walt. D. Aston.

g T. Walt. p. 195. n. 30.

Ex au-
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the day of his Coronation, and to do the service appertaining to that Office, by reason of the tenure of this Castle; viz. to ride completely armed upon a barb'd Horse into Westminster Hall, and there to challenge the Combate with whomsoever that should dare to oppose the King's title to the Crown; which service, the *Marmions*, antiently Lords thereof, had heretofore performed: But Sir John Dimock, being then his Competitor, carryed it from him, by Judgment of the Constable and Marshall of England, in regard he was possessor of the Lordship of *Scribvelby* in *Lincolnshire*; which by better authorities, than *Frevile* could produce, appeared to have been held for divers ages, by that service; and that the *Marmions* had the said office, as owners thereof, and not in right of this Castle; it being descended to Dimock, with *Scribvelby*, from an heir female of Sir Thomas Ludlow Knight, husband of Joane, the yongest daughter to Sir Philip Marmion before spoken of.

Which Sir Baldwin, in 3 R. 2. was also one of the Commissioners for arraying of men in this Shire; and in 9 R. 2. upon partition made betwixt him and Sir Thomas Boteler Knight, of Mountfort's lands, whereunto they were heirs, had the Mannour of *Ashfede* in *Com. Surre.* with *Gunthorpe*, and *Loudham* in *Com. Nott.* assigned to him; as also the reversion of the Mannours of *Henley*, *Ben-desert*, and *Haselholt*, in this Countie, after the decease of William de Beauchamp (Lord Bergavenny) in whose hands they then were. And had two wives, both daughters unto Sir John Botetourt of *Woolley Castle* in *Com. Wigorn.* whereof Elizabeth, the first, was married to him in 27 E. 3. but I suppose she was then very young, and died before they lived together; in regard it is plain, that he afterwards married Joyce, her sister, who over-lived him, and took to her second husband, Sir Adam Peshale Knight: which Joyce, at length, became one of the coheirs to Joyce her Neece, daughter and heir to John, son to the before specified Sir John Botetourt (through which means, part of that fair inheritance came to this Familie of *Ferrers*.) By whom he had issue Baldwin, viz. years of age at his Fathers death, which happened in 11 R. 2. But of this Baldwin, I find nothing memorable, excepting his marriage in 12 R. 2. with Joane the daughter of Sir Thomas Greene Knight, and his death, which happened in 2 H. 4. To whom succeeded Baldwin his son and heir, then but two years of age; who departing this life in his minority, scil. 6 H. 5. leaving three Sisters and heirs, the inheritance came afterwards to be thus divided, in 31 H. 6. viz. to Thomas Ferrers, then Tenant by the curtesie, Elizabeth the eldest of those coheirs being dead, and to Thomas, son and heir of the same Thomas and Eliz. this Castle and Mannour of *Tamworth*, the Mannours of *Lee* *juxta* *Perston*, *Stretford* *juxta* *Tamworth*, and *Haverburgh* in this Countie; as also the Mannour of *Stitchall* *juxta* *Cobentre*; the Mannour of *Taddington* in *Com. Heref.* with lands and Rents in *Waberton*, *Allesley*, and *Spereeden* in this Countie, as also in *Wiginton* in *Com. Staff.*

To Robert Aston Esquire, son of Joice, one other of the said Sisters and coheirs, the Mannours of *Ashfede* and *Pewdigate* in *Surrey*, *Becknoze* in *Com. Wigorn.* *Patesburie* in *Com. Wilsf.* *Witley*, within the Liberties of *Cobentre*, and the moitie of the Mannour of *Henley* in *Arden* in this Coun-

tie, with the advowson of the Church of *Preston* *juxta* *Henley*. And to Sir Richard Bingham Knight, then one of the Justices of the King's Bench, and Margaret his wife (formerly the wife of Sir Hugh Willoughby of *Mollaton* in *Com. Nott.* Knight) the Mannours of *Spoleton* and *Whitnash*, with lands in *Willmecote* in this Shire: The Mannour of *Wickin* *juxta* *Cobentre*, with certain other lands and Rents lying within the Countie of that Citie: as also the Mannours of *Gunthorpe* and *Loudham* in *Com. Nott.* with *Bradford*, *Ferne*, and *Malwne* in *Com. Heref.* Which Partition bears date 5. Oct. the year abovesaid.

This Thomas Ferrers was second son to William Lord Ferrers of *Goby*, and underwent the Office of Sheriff for the Countie of *Staff.* in 26 H. 6. but departed this life in 27 H. 6. being then the principall male branch of this line of *Goby* (as the Descent in *Perrevalle* sheweth) in token whereof, he bore his Armes with a Labell of three points Azure. To which Thomas succeeded, as Lord of this Castle, Thomas his son and heir, then xxxvi. years of age, who was constituted Sheriff of this Countie and *Leicester-shire* in 39 H. 6. so also in 1 E. 4. Which Thomas, having been a faithfull adherer to the House of *Bozke*, and taken Prisoner in the battail of *Makesfield*, where he was put to CCC. marks Fine, obtained a speciall Precept from King Edward 4th to the Barons of the Exchequer (wherein is acknowledged his signall fidelitie to Richard Duke of *Bozke*, Father to the said King, and slain in that Battail) commanding them to remit unto him CCC. marks of the summe, for which he was then accountable to them, by reason of his Receipts, whilst he underwent that Office: in which Precept it further appeareth, that the said Thomas was then a Knight, being so made (as it seems) by the same King Edw. in the first year of his reign.

Nay, I find, that after this, he became a Knight of the Bath, at the Creation of the Duke of *Bozke* (14 E. 4.) and from 4 E. 4. till his death, was in Commission for conservation of the Peace in this Shire; as also in 8 E. 4. again Sheriff of this Countie and *Leicester-shire*: and that by his Testament, bearing date 10. Febr. 12 H. 7. he bequeathed his body to be buried on the North side of the Quire, within the Collegiate Church, here at *Tamworth*, by Anne his wife; appointing a marble to be laid over them, with their portraictures and Armes in brasse, and such Inscription, as his Executors should devise, departing this life 22. Aug. 14 H. 7.

To whom succeeded Sir John Ferrers Knight, his grandchild and heir. (For Sir John his son, who in 15 E. 4. was in the King's service in *Normandie*, died in his life time.) Of which Sir John, I find little memorable, other than that he was one of the Knights for the body to King H. 7. and in Commission for the Peace, from 18. of that King's reign, till his death, which happened in 1 H. 8. as appears by the Probate of his Will, whereby he bequeathed his body to sepulture within the Chancell here at *Tamworth*, before the Image of S. Edith. Of whose descendants I shall say no more, than that some of them have been Knights, and in many publick employments, as by divers Comissions appeareth; John, son and heir to the last Sir Humphrey, being now owner of this Castle; referring my Reader to the Pedegree before inserted, which manifesteth their matches, with sundry good & antient Families.

x Esc. 23. H. 6.

y Rot. F. 26. H. 6. m. 10.

z Esc. 37. H. 6.

* Vide Not. in H. Spelm. per Ed. Bill. un ar. edit. 1654. p. 98.

a Esc. 37. H. 6.

b Rot. F. 39. H. 6. m. 6.

c Rot. F. 1. E. 4. m. 32.

d Ex aut. tog. penes pres. J. F.

f L. F.

g Ex cod. MS. in offic. Arm. [L. 8.] f. 4. b.

h Pat. de ijsd. an in d.

i Rot. F. 8. E. 4. m. 18.

k Horne q. 25.

l Esc. 14 m. H. 7.

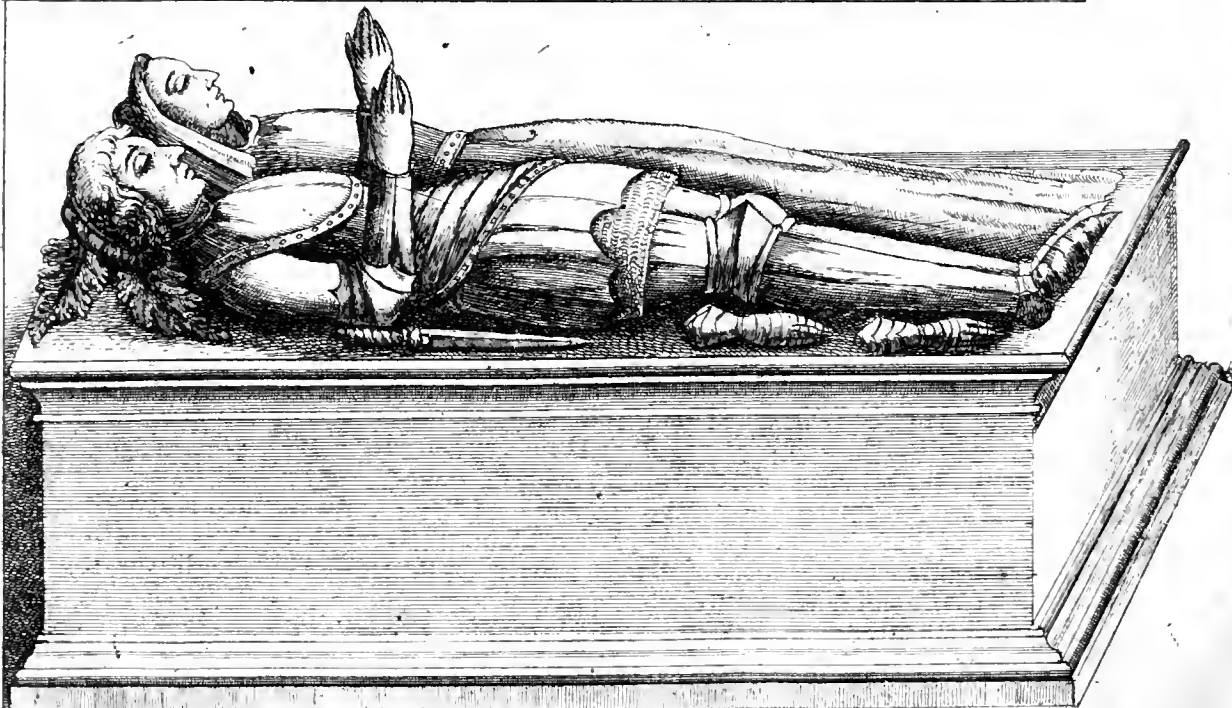
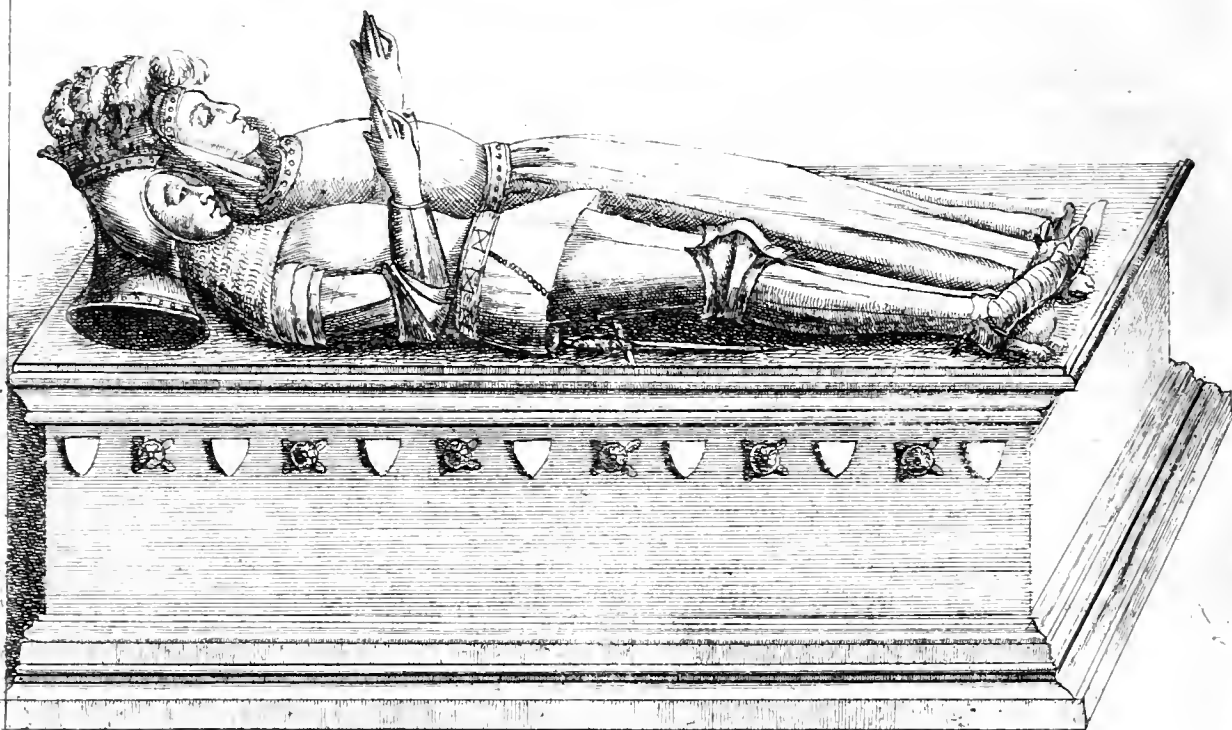
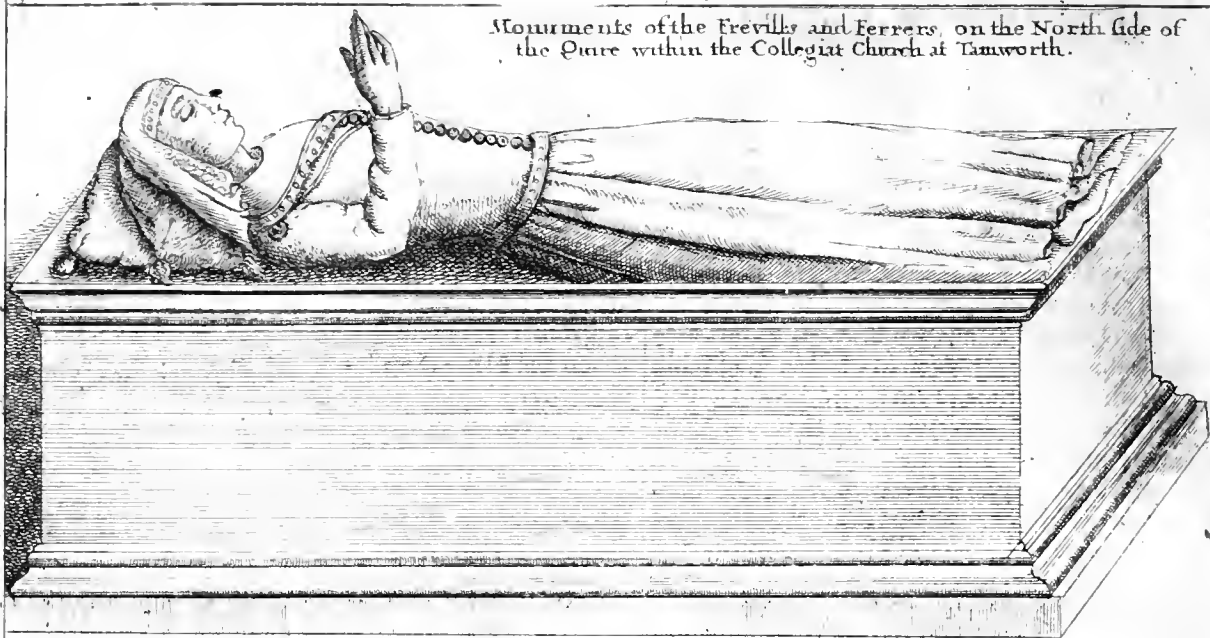
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o Pat. de ijsd. an.

p Fetiplac. 3. 23.

Monuments of the Frevills and Ferrers on the North Side of
the Quire within the Collegiat Church at Tamworth.



Hic iacent corpora Johis Ferrers militis et dñe Dorothee uxoris eius, qui quidem Johes obiit in die mensis July Ædñi M.D. vi. Et dicta dñs Dorothea
obiit . . . die . . . Ædñi M.D. . . . cuius anime propitiatur Deus Amen.



Hic per Willielmum Conquestorem Robertus Marmion Dominus Castelli efficitur.

In a North Window of the Church.



ferrers militis



et dux dorothea

Upon an Alabaster Tombe-stone, lying in the midst of the Chancel at **Tamworth**, under which is buried the body of Sir John Ferrers Knight, is this Epitaph.

If thou hast a minde to know,
Whose Corps interred lye below;
Lest thou thinke these words in stone
Are all that's left of him, being gone;
Give care unto the upright tongue
Of whoe'er he liv'd among,
Then free'd from doubt thou wilt consent
He left a choicer Monument. 1633.

Upon another, lying neer thereto.

Here lieth Sir Humfrey Ferrers Knight, who married Anne, one of the daughters of Sir John Packington, of Hampton-Lovet in the Countie of Worcester Knight: By whom he had issue three daughters and one son. His age was thirty and three years, when he departed this life; and he was here interred on the second day of November, in the year of our Lord 1633.

Eccc 3

Bole-Hall.

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I Now come to the particular Villages before mentioned, which are within this Countie, and in the Parish of **Tamworth**, though the Church be in **Staffordshire**, and first of **Bole-Hall**.

Of this place I have not seen any thing in Record till 13 R. 2. where, with severall other Mannours, Sir **John de Clinton** of **Marstoke** Knight entailed it upon the issue of his body, by **Elizabeth** then his wife: but from severall circumstances I am satisfied, that it was originally a member of **Aining-ton**, which adjoyns thereto, and whereof the same Sir **John** was then posselt: From whom descended **John Lord Clinton**; who about the beginning of H. 7. time, decayed the capitall Messuage here; And from him, **Edward Lord Clinton** and Say, that sold it in 29 H. 8. unto **James Leveson** Merchant of the Staple: which **James** gave it in marriage (inter alia) with **Elizabeth** his daughter, unto **Walter Aston**, son and heir to Sir **Edward Aston** of **Tirehall** Knight; whose grandson, Sir **Walter Aston** Knight of the Bath and Baronet, sold it unto **William Anson** of **Lincolns-Inne** in **Comm. Midd. Esquire**. Of whom it was purchased by **William Comberford** of **Tamworth** Esquire, and **Anne** his wife 2. Oct. 13. Jac. and is now possessed by **Will.** son to the said **William** and **Anne**.

Glascote.

The name of this place, I take to be Brittainish, **Glascott** in that language signifying *Sylvia viridis*: but of it I have not seen any thing, till about the beginning of King H. 2. time, that **Will.** the son of **Hugh de Hatton**, confirmed to the Nunns, of **Polestworth**, all those lands lying here, which **William le Franceis** had given them: By which confirmation it appears, that they were of the inheritance of **Maud**, wife to the said **William de Hatton**. But the next possessor hereof, was **Raph Fitz-Raph**, Lord also of **Pether-Whitacre**, where his seat was: Which **Raph** in 6 Joh. purchased some lands here, of **Hugh de Culi**: From whom descended **Giles Fitz-Raph**, as the Descent in **Pether-Whitacre** sheweth; whose daughter and heir, called **Isabell**, brought it to **Robert**, son of **Philip Marmion**, in marriage: From which time it pass along with **Pether-Whitacre** before specified, as the Records there cited do manifest, till after the beginning of **Edw. 3.** time.

After which, till H. 6. time, I finde no mention of any more than six Messuages, and one yard-land here, belonging to Sir **John de Clinton** of **Marstoke** Knight, which are said to be parcell of the Mannour of **Witicroft**: but upon the Death of Sir **William Clinton** in 10 H. 6. it appears, that he was seized of the moitie of a Mannour, here: Whether his descendants purchased in the residue, afterwards; or whether there be any other member of a Mannour here, saving a fourth part, which the Lord **Ferrers** had, together with **Pether-Whitacre**, as may seem by some authorities, I cannot say: but sure it is, that in 29 H. 8. **Edw. Lord Clinton**, lineall heir to the before specified Sir **Will.** sold it, together with **Bole-Hall**, by the name of a Mannour, or certain Messuages, unto **James**

Leveson Merchant of the Staple: all which, came to Sir **Walter Aston** Knight, in marriage with **Elizabeth**, daughter to the said **James**, and since to **William Comberford** Esquire, in such sort as **Bole-Hall** did.

Stretford juxta Tamworth.

This is now a depopulated place, and had its name originally from the situation thereof, upon that great Roman way, called **Watling-street**, where it thwarts the River towards **Faleley**: But the first mention, that I have seen of it, is in 37 H. 3. at which time **James de la Lande** was posselt of it, and had **Free-warren** granted to him in all his demesne lands thereof. There is no doubt, but that it was, at first, a member of **Tamworth** and granted by one of the **Marmions** to the Ancestor of this **James**, whose surname was **Tamworth** (as the Descent in **Langdon** sheweth) In the line of which **De la Landes** it continued till 19 E. 3. but shortly after, came to the **Frevills**, Lords of **Tamworth-Castle**: for I find that Sir **Baldwin Frevill** the elder Knight, made a Feoffment in trust, thereof (inter alia) unto Sir **William de Beauchamp** Knight, and others; and that, upon the Partition made betwix the heirs of **Frevill** in 31 H. 6. (whereof in **Tamworth** I have spoke) it was allotted to **Ferrers**, in which Familie, together with **Tamworth-Castle**, it continueth to this day.

Wilnicote.

In **Edward the Confessor's** days, this was the Freehold of one **Levenot**; but after the Conquest, it being given unto the Earl of **Mellent**, with a multitude of other Lordships in this Shire, by the generall Survey, soon after made, was certified to contain three hides; the Woods extending to one mile in length, and half a mile in breadth: all which, together with the rest, were then rated at xxx s. whereof v s. was accounted for an Iron-work here, at that time. In that Record it is written **Wilmundecote**, whereby it may seem, that the name originally sprung from some one that posselt it in the Saxons time: Howbeit till 6 Joh. I have not seen any more thereof; but then it appears that **Robert de Valle** (of which Familie I have spoke in **Ludinton**) was in suit for six yard land here, whereof **Robert**, his Father, had been wrongfully disposselt by **William de Longcamp**, Bishop of **Ely**, and Chancelour to King **Richard** the first. But from the Earl of **Mellent**, part hereof came (as the most of those lands, which he had in this Countie did) unto the old Earls of **Warwick**, and so to **Marmion**: for it is manifest, that **Will. de Ludinton** held part of a Knight's Fee here, of **Albreda Marmion**, which devolved to **William de Camville** (then Lord of **Sekinton** in this Hundred) being held of those Earls.

But of another part, which afterwards had the reputation of a Mannour, were the posteritie of the before specified **Robert de Vale** seized, as by an Autograph that I have seen, bearing date in 28 E. 1. is evident, and so continued, till that Sir **Robert de Vale** Knight, in 18 E. 2. sold away the inheritance thereof, in reversion, after his Father's death, un-

to Roger de Culi son to Sir Hugh de Culi Knight:
 q Claus. 35. Which Roger was certified ^a to hold it of Henry
 E. 3. m. 17. Duke of Lancaster (unto whom a great part of the
 Honour of Leicester, heretofore belonging to the
 said Earl of Melfent came) by the fourth part of a
 Knight's Fee. When it past from these Cules, I
 have not seen, but plain it is, that Sir Raph Brace-
 r Efc. 14. H. 6. brige of Kingsbury Knight, died ^a seized thereof
 6. n. 3. in 14 H. 6. From whom it descended to Jane and
 Margerie, daughters of William Bracebrige (as
 the Descent in Kingsburte sheweth) and heirs to
 f Ex Michael their brother: which Jane was the ^a wife
 Rot. of Leonell Skipwith of Calthorpe in Com. Linc.
 Cur. and Margerie, of ^a Waldeffe Willington of Hurley
 w penes in this Countie Gent, who in 8. Eliz. kept ^w Court
 x pref. here, in right of their said wives; and after that
 T. W. Thomas Willington son and heir to the said Marg-
 ric, in ^a 43 Eliz. to whose posteritie this Man-
 nour still doth continue.

Beside this Mannour last spoke of, there is yet
 another, here in Willincote, whereof Sir William
 Brabazon Knight, now Earl of Castlemeath in
 Ireland, is owner. This I take to be it, which
 Roger Brabazon purchased, partly ^a of Adam de
 Wellesbergh, and Maud his wife, in 25 E. 1. and
 partly ^a of Simon de Bruilli and Joane his wife,
 within two years after. But by the name of a Man-
 nour I have not seen it called in Record ^a till 29
 H. 8.

The Chapell here, being a Prebend ^b belonging
 to the Collegiate Church of Tamworth, was in
 14 E. 3. valued ^c at vi. marks.

Kingswood.

The ancientest mention that I find of this place,
 is in 11 E. 2. where Hugh de Meinill ^a entails
 one carucate of land, lying therein, together with
 the Mannour of Kings Beuton, upon the issue
 male of his body, with severall remainders: Which
 carucate was afterwards accounted ^a as parcell of
 that Mannour, having a Messuage situate there-
 upon, called Warbernes, whereof Maud the
 wife of John Charnells died ^a seized in 13 R. 2. leav-
 ing Joane the wife of Robert de Aston, and Cath-
 erine married to William Rodburne, her daughters, by
 Henry Stanidelf a former husband, her heirs. But
 the exact succession thereof, I cannot discover:
 howbeit I finde, that it had the reputation ^a of a
 Mannour, about the later end of H. 6. time, as al-
 so in H. 8. time; and since the Cokains of Booley
 possessed ^a it, though how much sooner I know
 not: But from that Familie it was past away by
 Sir Edward Cokain Knight within our memorie.

Stanidelfe.

This lying within the precincts of Willincote, is
 a Mannour in ^a reputation, and was the seat of
 Henry the son of Geffrey de Stanidelf in E. 3. time,
 who bore for his Armes a Fesse varre betwixt six
 Billets, as by his Seal ^a appeareth. Which Henry
 left issue two daughters and heirs, Joane the wife
 of Robert de Aston, and Catherine of Will. Rodburne
 (as in Kingswood appeareth) Which Mannour

came afterwards to the Ferrers of Tamworth.
 Castle, Sir John Ferrers Knight, dying ^a seized ^a thereof in 20 H. 7. but how they parted with it, I
 know not: for the next notice that I have taken ^a thereof, is a grant ^a made from Q. Eliz. of it, for
 three lives to Sir Christopher Blount Knight, hus-
 band to Leticia Countesse of Leicester.

Aminington.

Of this place, there is no speciall mention in the
 Conqueror's Survey, wherefore I am of opi-
 nion, that it was then involved with Willincote;
 and that by the E. of Melfent, or rather his brother
 the Earl of Warwick, who had so large a share of
 his lands in this Countie, Hugo fil. Ricardi
 (Founder of Wrothall-Priorie) was enfeoffed there-
 of; for that he posselt it is cleer from sundry ^a testi-
 monies: and that it was held by his heirs of the
 Earls of Warwick for half a Knights Fee, is plain
 enough. Which Hugh gave two yard land, with
 all the Royaltie here, on the further part the wa-
 ter, as also some other particular parcells, unto his
 Kinsman Alexander, the son of Atrop, and his
 heirs; covenanting with him, that if he should
 fortune to be impleaded, either in the King's Court,
 or in the Countie or Hundred Court, or any other
 Court, except that in the Chapell, here at Amin-
 ington, he and his heirs, would at their proper costs, de-
 fend the said Alexander and his heirs therein: In
 consideration of which grant, the Rent of two
 pound of Pepper was reserved to be payd yearly,
 on the Feast-day of S. Edith.

But, notwithstanding this grant, the inheri-
 tance thereof returned to the heirs of the said Hugh,
 For Osbert de Clinton, who wedded ^a Margaret
 his sister and heir, to Hugh, granchild to the same
 Hugh, possessed it, and so did his posterity, for ma-
 ny generations, whose Descent in Colshill, and
 Parstoke are to be seen. Of which, John de Clin-
 ton junior, claimed ^a divers Liberties and Priviledges
 here, by Prescription, in 13 E. 1. viz. Courts
 Leet, Gallows, Infangthef, and Weyfs, with Assize
 of Bread and Beer; all which were allowed: whose
 son and heir, John in 28 E. 1. obtained also a Char-
 ter ^a of Free warren in all his demesn lands here:
 but in 1 H. 6. did Sir William Clinton Knight make
 sale ^a of a large proportion here, though the Man-
 nour then past not; viz. one Messuage, five hun-
 dred acres of Land, C. acres of Meadow, CC. acres
 of Pasture, and fishing in the River of Onkere,
 unto William Repington, and his heirs: all which
 particulars had been then lately in the possession of
 Adam St. Clere: And in 29 H. 8. did Edward, Lord
 Clinton grant ^a more lands here unto Francis Re-
 pington Gentleman lineall heir to the said William:
 But in the first grant, as I suppose, the Capitall
 Messuage, or Mannour-House, did passe; for it
 appears that the said Francis died ^a seized thereof
 in 4 E. 6. whose great grandchild Sir John Re-
 pington Knight, now enjoys it: But of this Familie
 I can say no more than what the Descent ^a on the
 next page inserted expresseth.

Will.

Will. Repington de filia . . .
Aminton temp. H. Thurstan,
6.

Will. Reping-Alicia filia Rog.
ton. Aston.

Ioh. Repington-Colletta filia & cohær. Ioh. Goldsmith,
5 H. 7. de Goldsmith-Grange juxta Melton in
Com. Leic.

Will. Repington-Iohanna filia Roberti Stokes de Folke-
obit 36 H. 8. thull, infra libertat. Civit. Coventria.

Maria ux. Ioh. Swinfen gen. worth	Editha monia- lis apud Polef-	Franciscus Reping-ton obit 4 E. 6.	Maria filia R. caldi Cor-ware in Cō. de Lind-	Kath. ux. Rob. Burton de Lind-	Anna ux. Tho. Corbin.
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Will. Ric.	Thom. Repington ar. obit 14 Dec. 1615.	Francisca filia Will. Stanford unus Justic. de Com Ban-co.	Maria pri-mò nupta . . . Ken-dall de Synchby, postea Clem. Fisher eq. aur.
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Joh. Repington-miles obit 23. Jan. 1625.	Margareta filia Edw. Littleton de Pillaton-Hall in Com. Staff. eq. aur.	Humfridus ob. sine prole an. 1622.	Edw.
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Joh. Repington-Eliz. filia Edw. Sebright de
miles. Besford in Com. Wigorn.
Bar.

The Chapell here (*id est* the Glebe and Tithes thereto belonging) was in 14 E. 3. valued " at x. marks.

Piricroft.

THIS hath antiently past by the name of a Mannour, though now it be scarce so reputed; and was originally a member of **Tamworth**, as I guess; for it appears " to have been held of that Castle; and being therewith posselt, was by one of the **Marmions**, about King H. 2. time, given to the Ancestour of **Raphe Fitz-Raphe** (whose Descent I have put, in **Pether-Whitacre**.) the succession of which Mannour, it attended (as by the Records I have there cited may appeare) untill that **Will. de Clinton E. of Guntendon**, in 16 E. 3. * obtained the moitie of it in exchange, for the moitie of the Mannour of **Pether-Whitacre**, from **Richard de Whitacre** and **Amabill** his Wife; by which means it descended to the posteritie of Sir **John de Clinton** Knight, elder brother to the said Earl, in regard of his death without issue (as in **Marstoke** is shewed) Sir **John de Clinton** Knight, dying y seized of it in 20 R. 2. Which moitie, being granted with **Bele-Hall**, and **Glasfote**, to **James Levison**, Merchant of the Staple, in 29 H. 8. and by him past to Sir **Walter Aston** Knight, in marriage with **Eliz.** his daughter, as hath been already observed, was in 1 **Caroli**, or about that time, sold by Sir **Walter Aston** Knight of the Bath, and Baronet, grandchild to the said Sir **Walter**.

But the residue, continuing in the hands of the said **Richard de Whitacre**, descended by an heir female (as the Pedegree in **Birmingham** manifesteth) unto **Edmund Lord Ferrers of Chartley**, who in 14 H. 6. died 2 seized thereof; but it bore 3 the name of no more than a fourth part of the Mannour, and is now possessed, *scil. anno* 1640. by the present Earl of **Essex**, as lineall heir to the said Lord **Ferrers**.

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Curteous Reader.

THough the Printer hath been guilty of some oversights in pageing this Booke; for from 230 the numbers are skipt to 280; and that in some other places, here and there, a figure is mistaken (which the foregoing and following Pages will help) the inconvenience is not considerable: But from page 733 to page 734 the error is greater, the numbers of ten pages being the same as before, I have therefore, for thy better guidance, in my Index, marked the later numbers with an Asterisme thus *

Touching the most materiall faults besides, which have pass'd in the printing, they are to be corrected as in these following Errata is expressed. Others, viz. a Letter, Word, or Point, mistaken or transposed, the sense will demonstrate how they are to be rectified. And for those defects of lines, which may be found in some few of the Pedegrees, I must referre thee to the Historicall part, which relates to them, for their better amendment.

Faults in the printing thus to be corrected.

PAge 5.b. Line 30. leorning. p. 10.b. l. 66. legerprope. p. 103.b. in marg. Cart. 52.H. 3.m. 8. p. 116.a.l. 18. Old and new Testament. p. 147.a.l. 10. within. p. 171.b.l. 40. disseise. p. 176.b. l. 3. instead of wealthy Citizen, read man of Law. p. 229.a.l. 2. dele 4. p. 283.b.l. 32. Praecentor. p. 291.a. l. 56. Prior. p. 306.a.l. 37. pro. p. 367.a.l. 45. read in consideration of his good and faithfull service aswell to her as to K.H. 8. her Father, K. Edw. 6. her Brother, and Sister Q. Mary, granted. p. 431.a.l. 34. dominio p. 497.b.l. 14. viii. s. p. 584.a.l. 49. Roefia. p. 697.a.l. 51. Sacerdos.



Notarum Explicatio.

*In Arce Londinenſi
exiſtentes.*

Rot. Alem.	<i>Rotuli Alemanie.</i>
Cart.	<i>Rot. Cartarum.</i>
Cart. Antiq.	<i>Rot. Cartarum antiquarum.</i>
Clauf.	<i>Rot. Clauſi.</i>
Rot. F.	<i>Rot. Finium.</i>
Pat.	<i>Rot. Patentes.</i>
Rot. Rom.	<i>Rot. Roma.</i>
Rot. Scot.	<i>Rot. Scotia.</i>
Rot. de terr.	<i>Rot. de terris</i>
Notm.	<i>Normannorum.</i>
m.	<i>Membrana.</i>
n.	<i>Numero</i>
p.	<i>Pars.</i>
d.	<i>Dorſo.</i>
Efc.	<i>Bundelli Inquiſitionum vulg. dicti Eſcaëttria.</i>

*Penès Camerarios Scaccarii uſq;
an. ultimum Regis H. 7. po-
ſtea verò in officio Finium juxta
medium Templum Londini.*

F. levat.	<i>Finis levatus</i>
T. Trin. (& familia)	<i>Term. Trinitatis, &c.</i>
F. de div. Com.	<i>Finis de diverſis Comitatus.</i>

Penès Camerarios Scaccarii.

Inq. per Hun- dr.	<i>Inquiſitiones capte per Hundreda.</i>
Rot. de Quo W.	<i>Rot. de Quo War- ranto.</i>
Pl.	<i>Placita.</i>
Plac.	<i>Placita.</i>

*In cuſtodia Rememoratoris Re-
gis in Scaccario.*

Nom. vill.	<i>Rot de nominibus villarum & dominorum ea- rundem 9. E. 2.</i>
Teſta de N.	<i>Codex M S di- ctus Teſta de Nevill.</i>
Lib. rub.	<i>Liber rubens.</i>
Inq. per H. Nott. &c.	<i>Liber MS con- tinens Inquiſ. capt per Henr. Nottingham mil. & alios 7. E. 1.</i>

*Commun. de Rot. Communes
T. Mich. de Term. Mich.
(& familia) &c.*

Hill.	}	<i>Rec. Recorda de Term. Hillarii &c.</i>
Pafch.		
Trin.		
Mich.		

*Penès Remem. Theſaurarii in
Scaccario.*

Lib. ced. Liber cedularum

Penès Clericū Pipa in Scaccario.

Rot. P. Rotuli Pipa.

*Codices MS in Officio principali
D. Archiepiſcopi Cantuar.*

*Arundel.
Chicheley.
Courtney.
Iſlip.
Langham.
Stafford & Kempe.
Sudburie.
Witleſey.*

*Regiſtra Teſtamentorum in Offi-
cio Prarog. D. Archiep. Cant.*

*Rous.
March.
Luſſnam.
Stockton.
Godyn & conſimilia.*

*Q. } Quaternianus.
q. }*

*Epſcopi Wigornia à quibus Re-
giſtra ſic denominantur.*

Alc.	<i>Alcock.</i>
Bar.	<i>Barnet.</i>
Bell.	
Br.	<i>Brian.</i>
Bull.	<i>Bullingham.</i>
Bourch.	<i>Bourchier.</i>
Carp.	<i>Carpenter.</i>
Cliff.	<i>Clifford.</i>
Cob.	<i>Cobham.</i>
Geyn.	<i>Geynsburgh.</i>

*Giff.
Gyg.
Heath.*

Hem.	<i>Hemenhale.</i>
Horl.	<i>Horton.</i>
Jeron.	<i>Jeronymus.</i>
Lat.	<i>Latimer.</i>
Lyn.	<i>Lynne.</i>
Mayd.	<i>Maydſton.</i>
Mount.	<i>Mountacute.</i>
Morg.	<i>Morgan.</i>
Mort.	<i>Morton.</i>
Pev.	<i>Peverel.</i>
Pult.	<i>Pulton.</i>
Ren.	<i>Renaud.</i>
S. Germ.	<i>S. German.</i>
Thor.	<i>Thoresby.</i>
Tid.	<i>Tideman.</i>
Wak.	<i>Wakefield.</i>
Wit.	<i>Witleſey.</i>

*Epſcopi Cov. & Lichfieldia à
quibus etiam Regiſtra deno-
minantur.*

Arund.	<i>Arundel.</i>
Bentham.	
Bl.	<i>Blithe.</i>
Bo.	<i>Boothe.</i>
Bowl.	<i>Bowlers.</i>
Bull.	<i>Bullok.</i>
Burgh.	<i>Burghill.</i>
Heyw.	<i>Heyworth.</i>
Langt.	<i>Langton.</i>
Mort.	<i>Morton.</i>
Neyle.	
North.	<i>Northburgh.</i>
Overton.	
Overall.	
Sampſ.	<i>Sampſon.</i>
Sampſ. & B.	<i>Ric. Sampſon & Rad. Bane.</i>
Scr.	<i>Scroope.</i>
Sk.	<i>Skirlow.</i>
Stret.	<i>Stretton.</i>
Str. & P.	<i>Ric. Street, Da- vid Pole & alii cuſtodes ſpiri- tual. ſede va- cante &c.</i>

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Lel. Col.	<i>Lelandi Colleeanea</i>
Lel. Itin.	<i>Lelandi Itinerari- um.</i>

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